

Milo Baker Chapter

California Native Plant Society

December: Wreath-Making Packets

Wreath Materials pick-up
 Tuesday December 15 from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. only
 Parking lot of Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
 2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the Chapter will not be holding the Wreath Making Workshop this year. However, we have arranged for packages of greens, rings and wire to be available for pickup. We will have tables set up outside. If you want to come by, please email Liz: lizpar8993@aol.com or call her at 707 833-2063 to reserve your package and to insure there is enough for all. Thanks to Alan Brubacker for supplying greens despite his upper garden burning this year. We hope you enjoy putting together a beautiful fresh wreath for the season. Please take photos and send them to Wsmit8000@gmail.com.

January speaker: Dr. Renetta Garrison Tull

UC Davis Vice Chancellor of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

"Shifting the 'Diversity in Science' Mantra"

- A Discussion for 2021 Action

January 19th, 2020 7:30pm | Zoom link at milobaker.cnps.org

As we move into 2021, we draw upon lessons learned in 2020 about diversity, equity, inclusion, and how we must make sure that these concepts are connected to the ways in which we conduct science. For this talk, Renetta Tull will draw upon discussions that she is having with scientists about the importance of connecting human diversity to biodiversity, and how inclusive excellence facilitates discovery.



Speaker Biography: Dr. Renetta Garrison Tull is Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at the University of California, Davis. She previously served as Associate Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Before joining UC Davis in 2019, Dr. Tull was Associate Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), and Professor of the Practice in UMBC's College of Engineering and IT (COEIT). Dr. Tull is the Founding Director and Co-PI for the 12-institution National Science Foundation University System of Maryland's (USM) PROMISE AGEP, and Co-Director/Co-PI for the NSF USM's Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP).

Speaker Series (General Meetings) are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month via Zoom (or at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa when meeting in-person). Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, via Zoom or at the Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!

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Speaker Series: More Info

Dr. Renetta Garrison Tull Bio Cont.

An international speaker on global diversity in STEM, Dr. Tull has led discussions around the world on topics such as “Inclusive Engagement – Engineering for All,” “Cultivating Inclusive Excellence within Science, Engineering, and Technology,” work/life balance, family, and prevention of domestic and work-place abuse. Her recognitions include: 2015 O’Reilly Media “Women in Data” cover, 2015 Global Engineering Deans Council/ Airbus Diversity Award Finalist, and the 2016 ABET Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity.

Past Presentations

Did you miss the November presentation with Brook Edward and the Jenner Headlands Preserve? Want to watch any of our previous presentations? Visit our [YouTube channel](#) page!

Upcoming Zoom Presentations:

February: Wendy Herniman,

MB Scholarship Recipient

March: Amelia Ryan,

Pinnacles National Park

April: Lorraine Parsons,

Microbial Communities in Dune Restoration

May: Trish Tatarian,

Ecology of California Tiger Salamander

June: Shane Hanofee,

Botanizing Nevada and Placer Counties

Chapter News

A Message from our Chapter President

Being involved with the Milo Baker Chapter of CNPS has been a very rewarding, educational and fun time. The Board is a group of dedicated and lively volunteers who enjoy different aspects of the CNPS mission. Even though we are now meeting over a screen connection through our zoom account, there is always laughter and new ideas. We have a few new people becoming involved and we hope more will attend in the New Year. New ideas and energies keep an organization like ours fresh and moving forward. All input is welcomed and appreciated.

One subject that was new to us has to do with insuring that all Sonoma County groups and communities know about our work and feel welcomed to participate, whether on plant walks, at meetings, volunteer events or on our Board. It may take a new approach to reach our underrepresented folks, and the Board is going to be exploring in more depth how to plan this approach. In addition, our January speaker Renetta Garrison Tull will be talking about Diversity in Conservation. As always, please step forward if you have suggestions on this topic.

As winter rolls in, our native plants will be washed off and glistening in the southern light. The roads will beckon us to explore new corners of our lovely county. Hopefully the parks too will be open to hikers and photographers. Send us your photos as you notice emerging shoots and flowers. Hopefully by February we will be back enjoying hikes together. Happy Holidays and the New Year 2021!

🦋 Wendy Smit Milo Baker Chapter President

While our Plant Walks and Field Trips are on hold in 2020, we hope to be back in the great outdoors in 2021. Sign up for Email Alerts for our Plant Walks and Field Trips. Contact Ruthie Saia: ruthiegardengirl@gmail.com

🦋 Ruthie Saia
Fieldtrip/Plant Walk Chair

In the Winter Garden

I know many people love their beautifully flowering California native perennials - full of flowers in the Spring (me too!). But during this time of year, I adore the gorgeous shrubs that hold the garden together --and our birds, bees, butterflies -- until spring. Here are a few favorites:

Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon or Christmas Berry)



My family took a long (masked) walk along Chrissy Field this morning in San Francisco enjoying the sunshine and beautiful revegetation of a formerly forgotten waterfront. What a success story for California natives! The Toyon along the trail was showing off - as our plants do in their season. Toyon's berries are so festive this time of year (see our wreath making materials pick-up this newsletter).

I've always been more of a native plant enthusiast than a birder; however, I'm loving learning more about the birds that love our amazing flora here in California. Waxwings, Woodpeckers, Crows and Jays, Mockingbirds, Thrashers, Thrushes, Nuthatches and Orioles use this plant - WOW!

This shrub is also so easy to maintain and takes hard pruning. Toyon has come back beautifully in the fire zones of the past few years supporting habitat in the burned landscape.

Frangula californica (coffeeberry)

I probably talk too much about this Shrub- it's my favorite. Always green and beautiful covered in pollinators when in bloom. Look closely and see the biodiversity buzzing in its subtle but prolific flowers. Coffeeberry is a large shrub with many cultivars. I find that one of them fits in any garden. They need little water and hold your garden together when other plants are dormant.

I've been leaning on this beautiful cultivar in most of my landscapes. Below is an image of *Frangula* 'Mound San Bruno'.



Arctostaphylos spp. (Manzanita)

What is a California native garden without a Manzanita? They are just about to pop, and some are blooming now in early December. Talk about a plant with a lot of cultivars to choose from. I suggest you pick some that are closest to occurring naturally in your area. Here in Sonoma County there are many to choose from. *Arctostaphylos*

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'Howard McMinn' is a garden tolerant cultivar selected from a West county naturally occurring *Arctostaphylos densiflora* population. I find it easy to work with in the landscape. It's also fun to play with Manzanita from other areas in your garden too. *Arctostaphylos* 'Sunset' and *pajaroensis* are lovely with amazing fall and winter color. Below is an unidentified Manzanita in Sebastopol, blooming in early December.



Shrubs hold a California native garden together and are available in California native plant nurseries now. It's still a great time to get them in the ground in December and January. Hopefully, we'll get some rain sometime soon!

Please email your stories, plant adventures, successes and failures to cnpsmilobakerhorticulture@gmail.com

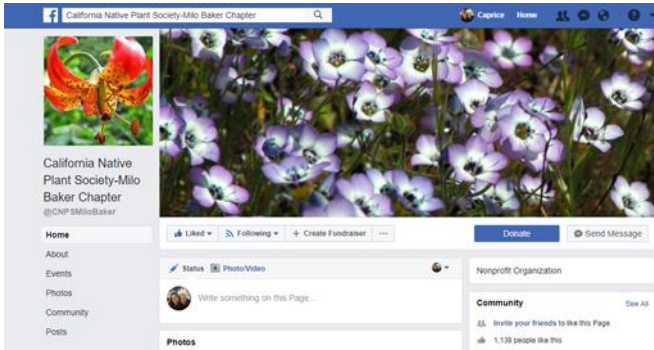
Humbly and Peacefully,
🍷 April Owens
The Horticulture Committee

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Please note that if you don't check the box, then by law we cannot email you notifications about our events and such, for example online plant sales and virtual presentations, unless you contact us to explicitly give us permission to email you for each specific notification.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Sonoma County Living Learning Landscapes** first Friday of the month at 10am meet 1808 Albany Drive Santa Rosa email or call April Owens aprilleewens@gmail.com, 707.331.2070.
- **Invasive Ice Plant Removal** Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 at Doran Beach. Text Invasive Plant Chair Jan 707.569.4724 to find out where they are working let her know you are coming!

Raise Money for our Chapter!

You can help the Milo Baker Chapter raise funds by shopping at local stores!



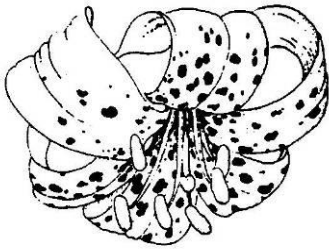
All you have to do is register and shop. It doesn't cost you anything additional. To register: go to escrip.com, choose "Milo Baker-CA Native Plant Society" and complete the enrollment steps. This is an easy way to help support our chapter!

Shop at the following stores and help us raise money for the Chapter:

Fircrest Market (Sebastopol)
Glen Ellen Village Market
Oliver's Markets (all)
Petaluma Market
Sonoma Market

Membership Housekeeping

Whether you have just joined, are renewing your membership, or haven't looked into the details of your membership in a long time, please update your mailing preferences to make sure you are subscribed to receive email from our local chapter by 1) going to www.CNPS.org, 2) logging in to your membership profile to manage your email preferences, and 3) checking the box!



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