

# Milo Baker Chapter California Native Plant Society

## Calendar

12/6	Iris Workshop
12/18	Wreath Workshop
1/15	Submissions deadline: February Newsletter
1/15	January General Meeting

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## December General Meeting: Wreath-Making Workshop December 18, 2018 7:30 PM

Our December meeting will once again be our traditional wreath-making workshop. Liz Parsons will give you a few simple instructions and you will discover how easy it is to make a spectacular wreath for your home and family. The Milo Baker Chapter will provide wreath rings, paddle wire, and greens for the wreaths. To add special personal touches, please bring anything that you want to use for your wreath: pine cones, lichen, ribbons, etc. No red berries please--they are very hard to clean up after. Remember to bring your clippers. There will be cookies and hot cider for holiday cheer. Call Liz 833-2063 if you have any questions. Note: We will not meet for dinner before the December meeting.

## January General Meeting: January 15, 2019 at 7:30 PM. Part 4 of a 6-part series:

In Our Own Backyards- Landscaping with California's Amazing Native Plants

## Thinking like an Oak: Two Centuries of Vegetation Change in Sonoma County with Arthur Dawson

**Abstract:** What were Sonoma County's trees, forests, and woodlands like 200 years ago? How have human activities altered them and shaped the patterns we see today? What changes might we expect to see in the next 100 years?

With a focus on oaks, historical ecologist Arthur Dawson of Baseline Consulting will share the insights and perspectives gained from historical vegetation studies in several parts of the county and the implications of this knowledge for climate change, 're-oaking' and other restoration efforts.



**Join us for Dinner before the January Meeting:** We'll gather for dinner at 5:45 pm at Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. We hope our speaker will join us, but we always have an enjoyable group of fellow members and a delicious Northern Chinese meal in any case. Please contact Liz Parsons at 833-2063 or lizpar8993@aol.com before noon on the day of the meeting, if you plan to attend.

**General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa.** Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings start at 7 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa. **The next Board meeting is January 8th.** Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!

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## Chapter Elections

The Milo Baker Chapter holds elections every two years for the following positions: President, Vice President, three Directors at Large, Treasurer, and Secretary. Upcoming Board Elections for the 2019 & 2020 term will be held at the 2018 December business meeting (also known as the December general meeting).

The nominations for the 2019 and 2020 term are as follows:

President: Wendy Smit  
Vice President: Liz Parsons  
Secretary: Kerry Winingger  
Treasurer: Jim Piercy  
Director at Large: Penny Dalton  
Director at Large: OPEN  
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Other nominations may be submitted by Chapter members, in writing, and with written permission of the nominee(s) and will be received from the floor before the annual business meeting. Officers will be elected by a majority of members present at the December general meeting, or by mailed ballot, or both.

Interested candidates should consider running for office as we have a few open positions! The Director at Large position is a great way to be introduced to the board and no previous board experience is required. See description below for more information on the Director at Large position.

### Director-at-Large Position

- Attend board meetings (9 per year)
- Guide direction of the Milo Baker Chapter and vote on relevant board issues
- Act with care & loyalty to the chapter
- Experience the operations and activities of the chapter
- Opportunity to lead and/or join committees



Another opening is the field trip coordinator position. We are searching for a member to become the new coordinator starting in 2019. This person is responsible for arranging dates and locations with field trip leaders, publicizing and acting as a resource for people wanting information about upcoming field trips. The field trip coordinator keeps a list of field trip leaders and their contact information, destinations for different times of the year. Field trip notices are sent to the website manager and to the newsletter editor in the month prior to the trip. The coordinator attends all trips unless arrangements are made for a substitute. The coordinator becomes a voting member of the chapter board. There are many resources available to guide new coordinators to leaders and locations for trips. Access to email and the internet is recommended. For questions about the field trip position, please contact: Wendy Smit, 707 481-3765.

For more information or to announce your candidacy please contact:  
Sarah Gordon, sarahpgordon@gmail.com or 707-833-1243

☞ Sara Gordon  
Vine Hill Preserve Chair

## Plant Nursery Update

Our nursery is up and running. But there is still one critical component to add to our work area, in the corner shown in the photo – an office/shed.



We have donation commitments from our members totaling \$4000. We took a leap of faith and ordered the shed in hopes of having it complete before heavy rains begin. We hope, as you consider your year-end contributions, that a donation to the chapter may be possible. It will help fill the remaining \$1700 needed for the shed, (similar to the one shown below).



Send to CNPS-Milo Baker Chapter, PO Box 892, Santa Rosa 95402 or at our website [www.milobaker.cnps.org](http://www.milobaker.cnps.org), click on Donation at the top of the page. Be sure to enter Milo Baker Nursery in the Direct Donation To box. Otherwise it goes into the central CNPS fund.

We were able to secure a grant to cover most of the cost of a steam generator that will pasteurize all of our media and pots. This essential tool is critical to insuring disease free plants at our plant sales as well as insuring that the Laguna Foundation is planting disease free native plants in their restoration sites in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. We will be treating our first batch of potting media before our December division workshops.



I am still astounded by the many people in the chapter who made the nursery possible because of their volunteer work or donations. To each of you, I give my thanks and the appreciation of the chapter Board. The nursery would not have happened without it. It was an inspiration and a pleasure to work with each of you on this important project.

I look forward to continuing to work with our propagation team as we move into production for next year's sales AT THE NURSERY on May 4 and October 12. Thanks to everyone for this tremendous team effort.

🍷 Betty Young,  
Propagation Chair

\*All photos courtesy of Betty Young

## Help our Milo Baker Chapter raise funds by shopping at local stores!

Our Milo Baker Chapter is now a part of the eScrip program! eScrip is a program where merchants donate a percentage (usually 3%) of your purchase to local schools and non profit organizations.

You can shop at the local stores listed below, and the stores donate a percentage to the Milo Baker Chapter. For this to be successful for our chapter we need member support. All you have to do is register and shop. It doesn't cost you anything additional.

To register: go to [escrip.com](http://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

Food Maxx (all)

Molsberry Market (Santa Rosa)

Oliver's Markets (all)

Petaluma Market

Sonoma Market



## General Meeting cont.

Join the Milo Baker Chapter of CNPS for our Six-Part General Meeting series:

### "In Our Own Backyards: The Joys and Benefits of Gardening with California's Diverse Native Plants"



**January 15, 2019:** *Arthur Dawson*, the historical ecology of our iconic native oaks and their ecosystems.

**February 19:** *Breck Parkman*, retired Ca. State Archaeologist and *Docia Dodds*, SSU grad student: - A presentation about some unusual plants identified in ancient soils of Sonoma County.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Round table/panel discussion with experienced native plant specialists, including horticulturalists, landscape designers, and experienced native plant garden owners.

**Dates:** The third Tuesdays of the month September through November and continuing January through March, 2019.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 3050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, Ca.

Virginia Hotz-Steenhoven,  
Programs & Lectures Chair  
Education and Outreach Co-Chair

## General Meeting Plant Raffle

For 2019 general meetings, any member bringing a non-member to the meeting will receive an extra 5 raffle tickets! Ask when you sign in.



## Events

### Iris Workshop

December 6, 2018, 10:30 AM  
Laguna Foundation Greenhouse  
900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa



There will be a workshop to pot-up the Pacific Coast Native Iris. These are very popular at our sales and bloom in the spring. November and December are the best time to divide these irises. The workshop will be held at the Laguna Foundation Greenhouse (900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa) at 10:30 AM on December 6, 2018. If you have iris to divide, bring them to the workshop. Even if you do not have your own iris, we need help with this important workshop.

Contact Liz Parsons at 707-833-2063 or [lizpar8993@aol.com](mailto:lizpar8993@aol.com) for more information.

👤 Liz Parsons,  
Vice President

### Weekly Ice Plant Removal

Wednesdays 9:30-1:00 PM  
Doran Beach



Meet at Penny Dalton's house, 1201 Garden Lane, Sebastopol by 9:30. Return before 1 pm.

One of the most pleasant workdays happens every week – a trip to Doran Beach to pull ice plant. We are clearing out the ice plant that is in the marshland to make room for natives. It is very visual and quite satisfying, with the sound of the waves, birds and foghorn. To join us on a Wednesday, Please text Jan to let her know that you are coming: 707-569-4724.

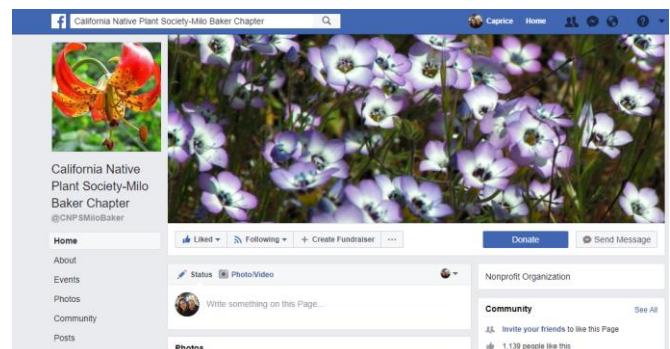
👤 Jan Lochner,  
Invasive Plants Chair

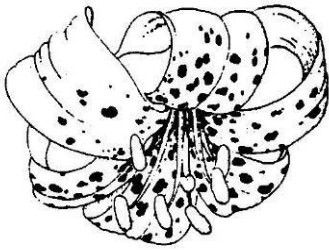
### Follow us on Facebook!

Find updates about field trips, events, volunteer opportunities, and other important information. It's a good place to get up-to-date information about what is going on with the Milo Baker Chapter of CNPS.

Find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CNPSMiloBaker>





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Pitkin lily

## Newsletter & Web Site Info:

Send newsletter submissions to:  
Editor, cnpsmbnewsletter@yahoo.com  
Deadline for inclusion in the February  
Newsletter is January 15th.  
The chapter website milobaker.cnps.org  
contains a wealth of information plus  
current and archived newsletters.  
For newsletter mailing/membership issues,  
contact: cnpsmbmembership@gmail.com

### Milo Baker Chapter Officers & Board of Directors 2017/2018

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### We invite you to join CNPS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter affiliation:

Milo Baker (Sonoma County)

Other county \_\_\_\_\_

Membership category:

Student or Limited Income..... \$25

Individual.....\$45

Family, Group or Library.....\$75

Plant Lover.....\$100

Patron.....\$300

Benefactor.....\$600

Mariposa Lily.....\$1500

New Member     Renewal

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