

Milo Baker Chapter California Native Plant Society

Calendar

Nov 17 General Meeting,
Speaker Series Zoom Meeting

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General Meeting: Speaker Series

Brook R. Edwards
Sonoma Coast Regional Manager
The Wildlands Conservancy

Brook was born and raised in Santa Rosa, California. His love of the outdoors was instilled in him at an early age by his father who would take the family up to the high Sierras every summer. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University and Master's Degree from Humboldt State University in Natural Resource Planning. He has worked throughout California including the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Great Basin, Upper Sacramento River watershed, Point Reyes National Seashore, and overseas in Sichuan, China and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry located on the island of Puerto Rico. He now works for The Wildlands Conservancy as the Sonoma Coast Regional Director and manages three Preserves, the Jenner Headlands, Estero Americano, and Spyrock



Preserves. He also teaches watershed management classes at the Santa Rosa Junior College.

Talk Description:

Stewardship of the Jenner Headlands Preserve

Brook's talk will focus on the management of the major habitat types found on the Preserve. He will cover aspects of restoration forestry, wildfire fuel reduction, grassland management, and riparian restoration.

See our website milobaker.cnps.org for login information for the zoom meeting. The speaker will be live and take questions from the remote audience.

Group dinner is suspended for now.

General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa. Milo Baker Chapter Board meetings start at 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday nine months of the year, Environmental Center, 55 Ridgeway Ave, Ste A, Santa Rosa. The next Board meeting is October 13. Anyone interested in the work of the chapter is welcome to attend!

49th Annual CNPS - Milo

Baker Fall Plant Sale

It was a whole new world and we had to stretch out the plant sale from our traditional 4 hours to 6 days. We didn't get to chat and educate folks interested in native plants. But we still managed to send 1800 plants out to our communities to create habitat and corridors for our local wildlife. And we put almost \$14,000 into the Milo Baker fund that will support our rare plant preserves, educate kids and the community about the importance of native plants, and continue our monthly speaker series. Over half of that amount was purchased by all of you, our loyal and dedicated members.

Those 1800 plants would not have happened without the incredible Nursery Team. Thanks for hanging in there through Covid protocols and many more nursery days with fewer volunteers each; Cindy Tancreto, Denise Kelly, Jan Lochner, Kristi Cain, Louise Riedel, Natasha Granoff, Penny Dalton, Wendy Smit, Barbara Coe, Judith Rousseau, Liz Parsons, Marcia Johnson, Patricia Sesser and Wendy Born made our sale possible.

As almost 200 orders came in on-line – Cindy Tancreto, Natasha Granoff and Pat Sesser compiled the orders, sometimes aided by Wendy Smit, Wendy Born, Ann Howald or Walter Earle. Guests were greeted at the gate by hardy individuals; Judith Rousseau, Marcia Johnson, Bob Tancreto, Cynthia N Kayser, Linda Webster, Paul Fuerst, Helen Howard, Steve Smit and April Owens. To be sure each order was exact; Wendy B, Louise Riedel, Ann H, Denise Kelly, Terry Loveton, Heidi Herrmann, Wendy S., April Owens, Cody Ender, Leia Giambastiani, and Ruthie Saia-Braziel, checked and rechecked and assured that our loaders got the right order. Last, our strong plant loaders, Penny Dalton, Bryan Sesser, Laura Kudla, Judith, Jan Lochner, Steve Smit, Wendy Born, Karen Thompson and Deb Dobish. What a spectacular group of folks to work with. It was wonderful catching up and seeing you all.

A very special thanks to the plant sale team without whom we never would have been able to organize

this whole new system. Cindy Tancreto and Pat Sesser contacted you all and organized everyone into assignments and times over the 6 days of the sale. Natasha Granoff was invaluable entering plants, t-shirts and books into the website, then printing and organizing orders. April Owens, Allison Titus, Susan Dean and Caprice Disbrow did a wonderful job on publicity – they truly got the word out, essential when we were having an online sale. Judith Rousseau produced a lovely new Pitkin lily t-shirt. Liz Parsons kept Plant Sale committee informed with her great notes. Marcia Johnson - always ready with her trusty broom and willingness to help. Penny Dalton set new records for collecting cardboard boxes and helping Betty with the dirty jobs that had to be done. Kathi Dowdakin kept us pointed in the right direction with her signs. And last but not least, I want to thank Wendy Smit so much for her great support, always checking in, and giving nudges where needed, not to mention great volunteer snacks and cold beverages. Thanks to you all.

None of this would have happened without your support, time and effort. We thank you so much for your willingness to come out and help. It would not have happened without you.

Betty Young, Nursery Chair

Message from the Chapter

President

As the days shorten and the evenings cool, we look forward to a new growing season in Sonoma County. The summer dormancy will hopefully be ended by nice gentle rains in the coming months. The burned areas will green up and the trees and shrubs will resume their annual flush. As we walk the roads and trails, we will be watching for the earliest wildflowers, maybe milkmaids in the shade.

Message from the Chapter

President -continued

October was a busy month for the chapter. The most amazing online plant sale was executed by a wonderful team of volunteers. The members and workers were our best customers, buying most of the plants in a few days. We missed the camaraderie of the traditional plant sale, mingling with all the chapter members who come to help and to discuss plants in their gardens. Perhaps we will be back to a more typical retail environment next year. Thank you to all who bought plants and volunteered.

The Scholarship Committee reviewed 9 applications and made recommendations to the Board for this fall awards. At the October Board meeting, 7 students were granted merit and research scholarships. Our generous donor who has supported us for many years will be proud to know that we have supported students from SSU and SRJC at this difficult time for many.

The Milo Baker Board also voted to be a sponsor of this year's California Invasive Plant Council's Symposium. The Invasive Plant Chair Jan Lochner and Cody Ender are attending. There is much work to be done in the county on weed abatement and prevention. The weekly ice plant pulling sessions continue at Doran Beach Park. For now, the Board has voted to continue the monthly Speaker Series on the Zoom platform. Virginia, Leia, and Cody have started pulling together a list of speakers for the next 6 months. Keep an eye out for news of each program.

Finally, it is the time for Milo Baker Chapter Elections. Every two years we elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 At-Large members. If you are interested in serving in any capacity or know of someone who is interested, please contact Leia Giambastiani to let her know. She is pulling together a slate of candidates.

We will be voting on them at the November Speaker Series Zoom meeting.

November also brings a National election and the start of holiday hoopla. I hope that you will be able to enjoy the beautiful areas of our county where native plants still prosper and landscapes are wild and untamed. Getting outside will always raise the spirits, no matter what the current challenges bring. It's an overused cliché, but I wish for you all a healthy and happy November.

Wendy Smit, Chapter President

Election of Officers

The following is the slate for nominated officers of the Milo Baker Chapter of CNPS. Terms begin January 2021 and are for two years. The election will take place before the next chapter speaker begins on November 17 at 7:30 P.M. All members are eligible to serve; nominations are open until that time. In addition there are Member at Large positions available.

Proposed slate:

President Wendy Smit
Vice President Liz Parsons
Secretary Kerry Winingar
Treasurer Karen Thompson

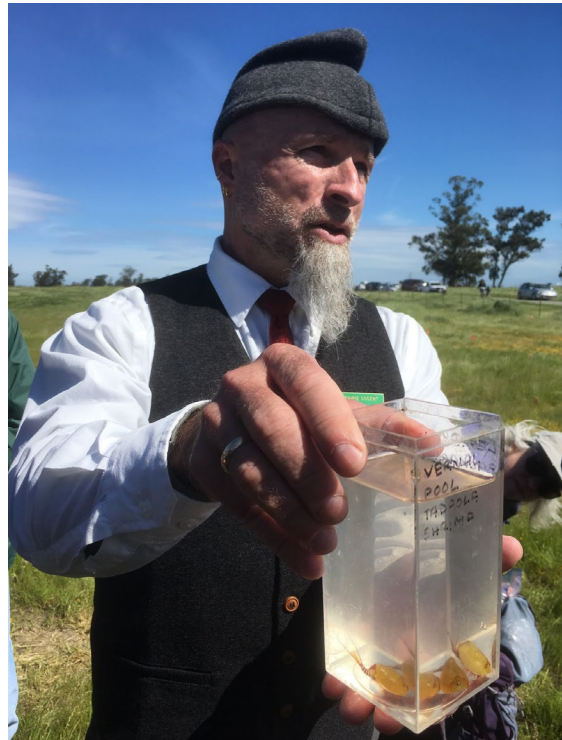
Members at Large (5 positions open)
Cody Ender
Natasha Granoff
Trish Tatarian

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 aprilleeowens@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

Plant Walks/Field Trips

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



The 'dipper' is C.J. Addington at our Jepson Prairie field trip
Picture by Doug Wirtz

Membership Housekeeping: Email Preferences

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!

Email Preferences

Yes, I would like to receive email from California Native Plant Society.
Deselect to unsubscribe from all CNPS emails.

Once checked and that preference is saved, you'll be subscribed to receive the types of emails you can select on the same page under the section of "Email Interests," such as your Local Chapter News. Don't check the "Email Preferences" box if you do not want to receive any emails at all from CNPS, and this includes your local chapter's emails even if you've checked that box under "Email Interests."

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.

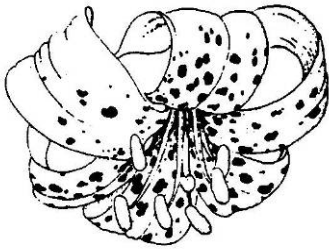
You can help the Milo Baker Chapter raise funds by shopping at local stores!



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, 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



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 Pitkin lily

Newsletter & Web Site Info:

Send newsletter submissions to:
 Editor, cnpsmbnewsletter@yahoo.com
 Deadline for inclusion in the November
 Newsletter is October 15th.
 The chapter web site milobaker.cnps.org
 contains a wealth of information plus
 current and archived newsletters.
 For newsletter mailing/membership issues,
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We invite you to join CNPS

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Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Chapter affiliation:

- Milo Baker (Sonoma County)
 Other county _____

Membership category:

- Student or Limited Income..... \$25
 Individual.....\$50
 Plant Lover.....\$120
 Patron.....\$1,000

New Member Renewal

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 card or for more info call
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