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# THE FAWN LILY

Napa Valley Chapter • California Native Plant Society

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## A New Face on the *Fawn Lily*

The *Fawn Lily* has been in transition for some time, due to the Chapter's search for a new editor. As a result, the newsletters have been sporadic at best, so we felt it was important to let you know what's been happening. First we would like to thank Gunder Hefta for his time, effort and attention to detail as the previous newsletter editor, and wish him the best of luck with his other pursuits.

Second, we have assembled a team of members who will be bringing you the *Fawn Lily* on a regular basis. With six newsletters each year, our goal is to keep you well informed and up to date on the latest hikes, programs, meetings, and CNPS happenings both locally and statewide. We also realize that the only way we can do this is by tapping our greatest resource: CNPS members. So if you attend the spring hikes and enjoy writing about the experience, like to stay up to date on city or county issues that affect our native flora, or have information that you think CNPS members should know, please contact the newsletter team. You can e-mail us directly at [napacnps@netzero.com](mailto:napacnps@netzero.com). Or send your contributions to *Fawn Lily* CNPS – 2201 Imola Ave. Napa, CA 94559. There are events, issues, and stories that take place every day in Napa County, and we count on you to keep us up to date.

In addition to the regularly occurring content included in every issue, we are looking for a variety of contributions to spice things up. Here are just a few ideas: articles on your own experiences with native plants, good locations for spotting local/rare natives, a feature on a CNPS member, illustrations, photographs, poems, summaries of hikes and programs, event dates, and information on local issues concerning CNPS. Our newsletter team currently consists of Jani Greco, Jo Maillard, Jake Ruygt, and Nancy Tamarisk. If you would like to get involved please call 707-253-2665.

### Newsletter Input

The Deadline for the next *Fawn Lily* is **Jan. 15th**. Send contributions to: *Fawn Lily* CNPS Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave. Napa, CA 94559, e-mail [napacnps@netzero.com](mailto:napacnps@netzero.com), or call 707-253-2665.

## Conservation

### Napa County Watershed Conservancy and Information Center

The proceedings of the 1999- 2001 meeting of the Napa River Watershed Task Force led to the Board of Supervisors adoption of a plan to form a Watershed Information Center (WIC) and Watershed Conservancy (WC). During the discussions of the task force, they decided the two entities should play different roles in restoring the river with different levels of autonomy/ connection to special interests and government agencies. During its initial start up phase, the Napa County Planning and Conservation Department has undertaken the process of assembling the WIC and WC structure and finding permanent funding. They have also sought out a potential home base for board meetings and day-to-day functions.

At the present, the WIC and WC meets as a single entity, directed by one board of directors with 14 members. The members were selected by the county and represent the Land Trust of Napa County (1), Napa County Resource Conservation District (1), Natural Resources Conservation District (1), Board of Supervisors (2), Napa County Planning Department (1), and Napa cities (2). Six "at large members" were also selected to represent environmental, agricultural, development and community interests. I currently sit on the board as

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## New Artwork

We would like to express a special thank you to Jolene Gillette for her beautiful drawing of the Fawn Lily, which greatly enhances the cover of this newsletter. Jolene specializes in watercolors, but was generous enough to donate one of her ink drawings for our extended use.

## Message From The Growing Grounds

### -- Fall Plant Sale a Success --

More than 90 different species of California native plants were available to the public during this year's annual Fall Plant Sale at Skyline Park on October 4 and 5. Much to my relief the weather cooperated and our members, plant patrons, and volunteers enjoyed a beautiful day. I saw many familiar faces as well as new ones, and was happy to hear that we had a record number of people sign up to become CNPS members. Welcome to you all! While supplies last the Napa Chapter is giving away the beautifully illustrated *Rare Lilies of California* by Peggy Lee Fiedler with illustrations by Catherine M. Watters to all new first time members. This is an absolutely gorgeous book, and is a great reason to join the Napa Chapter or encourage someone you know to do so.

### -- Special Thanks --

We would like to extend a special thank you to longtime member Susan Rushing-Hart for doing another great job coordinating all of the volunteers for the plant sale! As you know, a lot of time and energy goes into calling volunteers and scheduling activities. It's difficult for our busy members to give up a Saturday or Sunday, but Susan makes sure the shifts are filled and those who do volunteer usually find that spending time in the park, while mingling with other plant lovers makes for a very enjoyable day. Our plant sales wouldn't happen without these dedicated volunteers and we wouldn't have enough of them without Susan. Thanks for all the hard work!

### -- Ruminations on Propagation and the Season --

Once again the greenhouse is filling up with seed trays and cuttings for next season. As the days get shorter and the weather cooler it's only fitting that the activity starts to concentrate in the greenhouse. It's warm and dry in there and is definitely the best spot on a cold day. I've always loved the fall and winter months. Maybe it's because I was born in January, or maybe it's because I love the drama and moodiness of Mother Nature this time of year. The angle of the sun, the autumn leaves, the flurry of

wildlife activity after a storm, and the spectacular clarity of the landscape afterwards all make this particular season so enjoyable. Of course when spring comes along I'll be oohing and ahing at the wildflowers and green hills with as much enthusiasm as everyone else. But for now, I'm happy to go at a slightly slower pace, waiting for the seed trays to sprout and the cuttings to root. Maybe the Matilija Poppy seed I collected this summer will germinate? Will the Salvias root as fast as they did last year? Perhaps the Irises in the nursery will decide to bloom in time for the spring sale and show everyone how stunning they can be. You and I will just have to wait and see...

Until then, Happy Gardening and Happy New Year!  
Jani Greco



## Watershed Conservancy

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the representative of the Land Trust of Napa County. CNPS and Audubon do not currently have seats on the board. The county provides direction for these meetings by assembling data, reports and other literature. They have also outlined the design and functions of a database that will become publicly available on a web site as information is assembled. The county has also assembled a panel of experts in various scientific disciplines to assist in the process of defining the needs and goals of the organization.

The most recent meeting in October included strategic planning to determine the direction of the organization and when or if the WIC will be split from the WC. Some of the broad goals identified include: educating the public about the need and values in preserving the health of the entire watershed; developing partnerships between various agencies and organizations to work on restoring health to the three watersheds of Napa County; securing needed grants to identify problems, find solutions, monitor stream health, track restoration and development projects; and manage the growing abundance of data in a manner that makes it useful to all stakeholders. - Jake Ruygt



## Sudden Oak Death and What it Means to You

As many of you know, native oaks have been dying in California's coastal counties due to a disease known as Sudden Oak Death (SOD). This disease is caused by the pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, which can also infect a number of other plants, referred to as 'host plants.' The host plants may not be killed by the pathogen, but they carry the disease and are therefore important to monitor as well.

Here at the growing grounds we are doing what we can to stop its spread. You may have noticed the SOD information board and SOD signs in the nursery during our fall plant sale. Since cases of SOD have been found in Napa, we are required to follow State and Federal regulations when handling or transporting SOD host material. Our native plant nursery is not allowed to sell host plants if they are to be planted in an uninfected county. If you live in a county that is already infected with *P. ramorum* you can continue to purchase plants on the host list. If you don't know whether or not you live in an infected county here's the list.

So far, plants infected with *P. ramorum* have been observed in 12 counties along the west coast of California. Those counties are, from north the south: Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. Hopefully we can all increase our awareness of how this disease affects our native oaks and the greater landscape and do our part to keep it from spreading. Please refer to the Sudden Oak Death website; [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org), and the California Oak Mortality Task Force for more detailed information.



## News From The Martha Walker Garden

Over the past two months the garden has seen a good number of visitors. We had visitors from five countries and eight states sign our guest book, as well as a lot from our own state. Some of them came just to go birding. They found out about the park and garden on the Internet.

Family members participating in 'A Walk to Remember', a community outreach program put on by the Queen of the Valley Hospital, planted eight California fuchsias in the Children's Garden in memory of their small loved ones. Another family had one of their sons blessed in the Children's Garden.

Fifty students from Robert Louis Stevenson Jr. High in St. Helena toured the garden on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October for

a field class, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November eight Cub Scouts and their leader were guided through the garden.

Chapter member Carla Lanus has prepared a plot of ground for a butterfly garden to plant native plants to attract different species. Work is still progressing on the meadow and R.V. slope. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November Ralph Inglos and family members planted in one part of the area, and cleaned up another area. Volunteers are still needed in the garden, as there is always something to do with the fall and winter season here.

If you would like to take care of an area or do a plot like Carla please let me know or come out on Mondays or Wednesday mornings between 8am and 1pm when I'm there. - Terry Chappell



### WISH LIST

- Greenhouse
  - Copy Machine
  - Rakes, Shovels & Pitchforks
  - Garden gloves in all sizes
- Please call (707) 253-2665 if you have a donation to make. Thank You!

Long time member Ralph Ingols will be turning over his position as curator of the Martha Walker Garden to Terry Chappell. They have been co-curators of the garden for some time, and have both contributed a tremendous amount of time and energy to the garden. Ralph will continue to be involved with future developments, but please contact Terry Chappell with all your garden inquires. He can be reached at 707 446-3910 or leave him a message at the growing grounds 707 253-

# C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N

## N e w s l e t t e r

**We are on the Web - Check it Out!**

<http://www.skylinepark.org>

Would you like to contribute an article or have an event you would like to see in our newsletter? Submissions must be received by **January 15th** for the next *Fawn Lily*.  
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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of the Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership is open to all.

Membership includes the quarterly journal, *Fremontia*, the quarterly *Bulletin*, which gives statewide news and announcements of Society activities and conservation issues, and the *Fawn Lily* chapter newsletter.

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New Membership       Renewal

Return check (payable to **CNPS**) and application to:

**Richard Panzer: Membership Chair**  
**1315 Loma Vista Dr.**  
**Napa, CA 94558**

## CNPS Membership Category

	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Student or Retired .....	\$ 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Library .....	\$ 35
<input type="checkbox"/> Family or Group .....	\$ 45
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting .....	\$ 75
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Lover .....	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron .....	\$ 250
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor .....	\$ 500

I wish to affiliate with the Napa Chapter so that it may receive a portion of my dues.

Dues and gifts to CNPS are tax deductible.

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## WHAT'S BLOOMING

With the onset of winter, the flowers of summer and fall are replaced by berries, hips and colorful foliage. Here's a sample of what to look for in and around Napa.

**California Wild Rose**      *Rosa californica*

The bright rosehips of this rambling shrub are beautiful in holiday wreaths and bouquets. Check out the specimen outside the garden shade structure in the Martha Walker Garden.

**Snow Berry**      *Symphoricarpos rivularis*

This deciduous shrub holds onto its clusters of white berries in winter. The berries dangle at the ends of the branches weighing them down like fresh snow.

**Coffee Berry**      *Rhamnus californica*

Varying in color from red to midnight blue, these berries provide local wildlife with food over the winter.

**Toyon / Christmas Berry**      *Heteromeles arbutifolia*

Often seen on roadsides and our local hills, the red berry clusters stand out this time of the year.

## VOLUNTEER

The Growing Grounds and the Martha Walker Garden depend on the volunteer efforts of CNPS members and nonmembers alike. Their hard work and enthusiasm are at the core of what we do. If you would like volunteer your time and enjoy the outdoors give us a call!



For the Martha Walker Garden contact Terry Chappell at 707 446-3910. Contact Jani Greco for the Growing Grounds at 707 253-2665. Contact Susan Rushing-Hart if you're interested in helping with our two annual plant sales at 707 225-4810.



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Field Trips**

**MUSHROOM HIKES**

All walks will meet at the **Blockbuster Video** on Trancas (4020 Bel Aire Plaza) at **9 am** and will car pool from there. Walks are generally 2-3 hours long and not strenuous because of the slow pace used in the search. Bring a rain jacket and wear layers. Contact Milan Pittman for additional information: (707) 255-6834.

- December 6th**      **Skyline Wilderness Park**  
Leader - Milan Pittman
- December 20th**    **Bothe State Park**  
Leader - Milan Pittman
- January 3rd**      **Rockville Park**  
Leader - Dan Tillie
- TBA**                **Las Posadas**  
Leader - Joe Callizo

**Programs**

The chapter programs begin again in February and continue through October. They are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at **7:30 pm** at the Senior Center at 1500 Jefferson in Napa and are open to all. Details are still being finalized for this year’s speakers, so look for the entire line up in the February *Fawn Lily*. We would like to welcome Karen Draper as our new program chair. She is taking over for John Pitt, who has provided the Chapter with years of engaging speakers on a wide variety of topics. Thank you John for all of your hard work and organizational skill. Please contact Karen for additional information (707) 252-8445.

- February 5th**      **Vernal Pool Ecology**  
*with Carol Witham*
- March 4th**        **Wildflower Pollination**  
*with Ron Russo*