

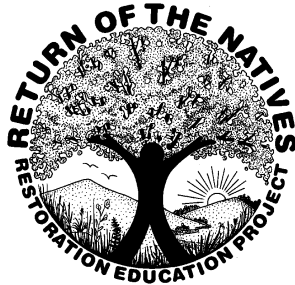
RON Teacher Training Planned for October 6-7

Optional campout!

Mark your calendars now if you have never attended one of RON's beginning trainings in native plant and habitat restoration. Or, if you know of someone who really "should" attend one of these trainings, ask them to save the dates.

Topics include: native plant ecology and propagation, school garden design and installation, school and community involvement in the Natividad Creek Restoration and CSUMB Projects, and curriculum sharing and networking. Workshop: presenters include RON teachers and staff, landscape architect, Joni Janecki, BLM Botanist, Bruce Delgado and other restoration specialists.

The cost for the two day training is \$50 which includes, dinner Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday and the large RON binder of materials.



If more than one person per school or program attends the workshop the second and subsequent persons need pay only \$25 which, however, will necessitate sharing the RON binder.

Training times are:
Fri., Oct. 6, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Optional: Sleeping under the stars on the former Ft. Ord.
Sat, Oct. 7, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Registration is limited to 30 teachers and will be on a first come first served basis. Last date to register is September 28, 1995.

To register send a check for \$50 to RON at CSUMB, c/o Watershed Institute, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955-8001. FAX: 393-3691 or TEL: 393-3689.

Veteran RON teachers invited to join new RON teachers at October 6, campout.

Returning RON teachers are invited to join new RON teachers for the Friday, October 6 campout following the evening training. We are currently making arrangements with the powers that be to find a beautiful and safe site in Ft. Ord's backcountry for our overnight. Veteran teachers would join the group on Friday evening and would have to leave before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 7th because we will not be able to allow unaccompanied folks in the backcountry.

Details should be available after September 1st. Call Laura Lee Lienk at 393-3689.

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WEOP Changes Name:

Watershed Institute is Born

Though the name had a nice sound to it, everyone had a hard time with the acronym, so in early August during a lengthy goal setting retreat and following a sometimes heated debate, WEOP evolved into the Watershed Institute for Restoration, Education, Research and Policy. RON is one of the founding organizations of the Watershed Institute and is charged with coordinating the Institutes educational programs.

RON Staff Busy Over the Summer with Intern Program

RON staff were busy this summer helping to conduct an 8 week summer work/study internship on the new CSUMB campus. Funded by a large Department of Defense grant to the WEOP program, 29 Monterey Bay Area young people worked together with graduate student mentors Moss Landing Marine Lab scientists, and resource agency personnel on numerous restoration projects throughout the area.

Students completed massive amounts of seed collection, seeding and transplanting at the WEOP greenhouse, conducted exotic plant

eradication projects, constructed greenhouses, restored native dune vegetation, maintained drip irrigation lines, prepare field herbarium sheets, mapped GPS points, conducted wildlife surveys, stenciled storm drain warnings in Salinas, monitored plantings in Natividad Creek Park, and a myriad of other projects.

Students had the opportunity to work with personnel and on the sites of: Bureau of Land Management, California State Parks, Naval Postgraduate School, Moss Landing Marine Lab, Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary, Natividad Creek Park, Elkhorn Slough the City of Salinas Storm Drain Stenciling Program, and several private landowners. We thank these generous folks for their time and patience in working with our young people.

The summer interns came from Salinas, Alisal, Monterey, North Monterey County, North Salinas high schools and Hartnell and Cabrillo Colleges.

Funding for the Internship program is currently exhausted and staff are currently searching for other funds for school year and summer intern positions.

RON Greenhouses Progressing

Students from the summer internship worked with RON staff in the construction of RON's first six greenhouses dedicated to the propagation of native plants for the Natividad Creek Park in Salinas. Funded by a grant from the City of Salinas' Department of Parks and Recreation, the greenhouse are an experiment to see if school students and teachers can produce significant numbers of plants for large restoration projects such as that of Natividad Creek Park.

Greenhouse construction should be complete in the following schools by September 15: Sherwood (Peter Moras), Boronda (Nancy McDowell), Los Padres (Lynn Hamilton), Virginia Rocca Barton (Rita Uribe), Frank Paul (Janel Yamasaki et al) and Alisal High School (Pat McNeill).

These teacher cooperators have scheduled inservices for their schools during September, so that their entire staffs will be able to utilize this wonderful resource. Later in the school year, all RON teachers are invited to help in the planting of the school-raised native grasses and wildflowers.

RON involved in Service Learning Courses at CSUMB

The RON program through the Watershed Institute will be one of the first community agencies to receive CSUMB Service Learning Students. It is hoped that 6-8 university students will work alongside RON teachers and staff this autumn. They will be shadowing RON teachers in the schools, assisting with teacher trainings, and helping in the coordination of two community planting days prior to Christmas break.

Students participating in this RON sponsored Service Learning course will also be taking a Watershed Course as part of the new Earth Systems Science major. Other watershed related Service Learning options may include: ecosystem monitoring, watersheds and computers, landscaping and restoration.

In the Spring 1996 semester, university students will continue to work with RON teachers and with the Seaside Boys and Girls Club and Seaside High School in a specially funded test case for Service Learning. RON has received a small amount of University support to fund participation of

these two Seaside based groups.

Community Planting Days

Mark your calendars, alert your colleagues, prepare your students, contact the parents. Get ready for fun and action.

Community Planting #1
Saturday, November 11.
Veterans Memorial Park. Celebrate Veterans Day with the Vietnam Veterans Of Monterey County in Salinas' newest park on East Laurel Drive. RON received funding for the restoration planning of this small park from the Harden Foundation.

Community Planting #2
Saturday, November 18.
CSU Monterey Bay
Participate in the first public restoration day on the CSUMB Campus, learn about the plans to restore native plants throughout the entire campus, and practice greenhouse propagation techniques at the Watershed Institute's greenhouse complex. Watch for more details about the forthcoming RON/CSUMB program "Send a Plant to College".

Community Planting #3
Saturday, December 2
Natividad Creek Park. Lots of trees and other school grown transplants will start to be planted in the ground on this the

first planting day of the new "rainy" season at Natividad Creek Park.

Community Planting #4
Saturday, February 10.
Natividad Creek Park
By then, we'll have thousands of plants to place in the ground.

1996 Student Planting Days Scheduled

RON looking for funds to pay for student buses.

Start planning ahead now to bring your students to one of RON's Spring 1996 planting days at Natividad Creek Park. Classes remain on-site for one of three daily 60 to 80 minute work sessions. This year over 1000 students participated in the three days of planting. Reservations for participation will be made in December and Early January.

The 1996 Planting Days will be:

- Wednesday, January 17 for High Schools
- Thursday, January 18 for Elementary Schools
- Friday, February 9 for Elementary Schools.

Landscaping Your Classroom??? RON has plants for you!!!

Need some green in and around your classroom? Want to help RON at the same time? All RON teachers are urged to consider propagating plants for eventual outplanting in Natividad Creek Park. We have rush and sedge seeds which can be planted for transplanting along the lower creeksides. Also available are one gallon trees in need of transplanting and readying for winter outplanting. Finally, we need shrubs such as coyote brush, black sage and sticky monkey flower grown out.

Natividad Oaks Suffering

Tricia Lowe and the City of Salinas arborists are monitoring the oaks in Natividad Creek Park which have evidenced protuberances on the leaf veins, called a Live Oak Gall, caused by a small wasp. Tricia and the summer interns have been tending the plantings in the park and with the exception of the oaks, the trees appear healthy.

RON Seeks Further Funding

RON staff are busy writing grants and tracking down funding leads in efforts to keep the teacher training, high school intern, and university service

learning components of our education program moving.

RON hopes to receive funding from CSUMB to support the restoration of three native plant demonstration areas on campus. RON landscape architect, Joni Janecki will head a team of university students and high school interns in the restoration. Joni will be coordinating the "Send a Plant to College" if this program goes through. Standby for more news.

The BASKET Project part of Watershed Institute

The BASKET Project (Beginning Again with Sustainable Knowledge, Ethics, and Tradition) incorporates indigenous perspectives of watershed management and restoration into the Institute. Management of native plant species is facilitated by local California Indian Tribes to enhance their production of basketry food, and medicinal materials, and increase the overall biodiversity of specific habitats. The BASKET Project is also a charter organization of the Indigenous Peoples Restoration Network, an international consortium of indigenous organizations and communities dedicated to the preservation and restoration of indigenous lands and cultures.

The BASKET Project's Director is Chuck Striplen who can be reached at 393-3687. We hope that Chuck will be able to participate in RON's Enrichment Seminars sometime this school year.

RON Enrichment Seminars Being Scheduled-*Sorry No dates yet!*

All RON teachers will be invited to participate in these bi-monthly enrichment seminars. Topics for this year include: Restoration Monitoring-Student Participation. Introduction to the *Internet*. . The Creative and Performing Arts and Restoration Projects. And the BASKET Project.

RON Calendar Sept 95-Feb 96

Oct 6-7 New RON Teacher Training
Nov. 11 Veteran's Park Community Planting
Nov. 18 CSUMB Community Planting
Dec. 2 Natividad Creek Community Planting
Jan 17-18 Natividad Creek-Student Plantings
Feb. 9 Natividad Creek-Student Planting
Feb. 10 Natividad Creek Community Planting