

## Fall/Winter RON Community Planting Days:

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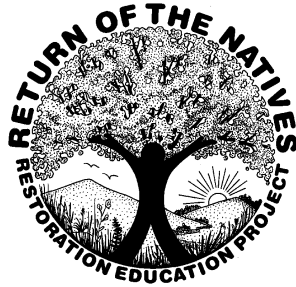
**#1 Tell us if you have  
plants ready for  
outplanting**

**#2 Share Opportunity  
with colleagues,  
parents, and students**

**#3 Come and  
participate as group  
planting leaders**

Mark your calendars now, prepare your colleagues and students and get ready to restore some habitat in the upcoming rainy season. We really do need your participation.

For all RON community planting experiences, children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are bringing a child, other than your own child you must bring a signed note from the child's parent saying that you are responsible for their child, or you can request a waiver from the RON program



### **Community Planting #1 Saturday, November**

**11. 9 am -11:30 am  
Veterans Memorial  
Park.** Celebrate

Veterans Day with the Vietnam Veterans Of Monterey County in Salinas' newest park on East Laurel Drive (between Constitution and Sanborn Roads) If you are coming as a volunteer leader plan to arrive at 8:00 am to receive an orientation to the site and your responsibilities. RON received funding for the restoration planning of this small park from the Harden Foundation.

### **Community Planting #2 Sunday, November 19 10 am-12 noon.**

**“Send a Plant to  
College”**

Participate in the first public restoration day on the CSUMB Campus, as the University

students host this fun family event. Teachers who participated in a RON orientation workshop on October 9 will be sending with student representatives, trays of native grasses which they have nurtured and prepared for outplanting under the oaks of our restoration site.

### **Finding the CSUMB Oak Woodland**

**Restoration Site** on the corner of 6th Avenue and 3rd Street: Enter the post and continue to North South Road (the first stop light). Turn left on North South. Go to 3rd Street and turn right. Follow to 6th Avenue. Parking at the corner of 6th and 3rd.

*From Salinas:* Blanco Road to Reservation Rd., turn right. Turn left at first light into Ft. Ord. At second stop sign turn left onto 8th Street Extension. Go to next stop sign and turn right onto 6th Avenue. Proceed to 3rd Street and park at corner of 3rd and 6th.

Plan to come! We really can use your help! Call 582-3689 to confirm.

## **Natividad Creek Park Plantings.**

*Community Planting #3*  
**Saturday, December 2.**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

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. We are hoping for a large turn-out for this event, so encourage everyone to come out and initiate the holiday season with a gift to the planet-a morning of restoration work.

If you are coming as a group leader please plan to arrive at 8:00 am for the leader orientation.

*Community Planting #4*  
**Saturday, February 10.**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
**Natividad Creek Park**  
By then, we'll have thousands of plants to place in the ground. Save this date!

## **1996 Student Planting Days Scheduled**

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 January.

***RON looking for funds to pay for student buses.***

## **The 1996 School Planting Days:**

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

## **RON e.mail addresses**

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## **RON Teacher Trainings Big Successes**

RON's Introductory Teacher Training Workshop on October 6 & 7 allowed participants a sampling of RON programs from our ever popular "Native Plant Lab", greenhouse planting and transplanting experiences, to guest presentations by native plant expert, Bruce Delgado of the BLM, and Native American Master Basketweaver, Linda Yamane.

RON would like to welcome the following workshop attendees into our circle of friendship and commitment:  
*Seaside High:* Jessalee LaPatra, Holly Shewbridge, Mike June, Alice Weigel. *Soquel High:* David Casterson, Gail Alaimo. *Los*

*Padres:* Terese Boronda. *Sherwood:* Mary Cunov. *King City High:* Sally Fisher. *Harden Middle:* Joanne Velman. *Laurel Wood:* Penny Immel. *Moss Landing Middle:* Michael Baer. *Independent School:* Irene Montagna. *Amesti School:* Mary Flodin. *Monterey Park:* Dave Frederick. *Fremont:* Edith Frederick. *Seaside Boys and Girls Club:* Margary Wheaton.

## **RON Participates in Monterey County Teacher Inservice Day October 9**

RON staff, Bruce Stewart, Tricia Lowe, and Laura Lee Lienk presented a three hour RON intro session to 25 teachers on October 9. Teachers participated in the "RON Plant Lab", transplanted plants for the "Send a Plant to College" Program and browsed through the many environmental curriculum materials gathered by RON staff. Teachers came from the following schools: Monterey Park, Bardin, La Gloria, Mission Park, Oak Avenue-Greenfield, Washington Union, La Mesa, Roosevelt, Elkhorn, and Santa Rita.

## **RON Enrichment: All invited**

Thursday, November 16  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### ***Restoration Monitoring Natividad Creek Park***

Led by Watershed Institute monitoring specialists, Ross Clark and Melinda Mulitsch, teachers are invited to learn and share techniques for monitoring our successes in habitat restoration. This will be the first in a series of enrichments on this theme.

We will meet in the parking lot of Virginia Rocca Barton School (Las Casitas Street) and walk to one of our restoration sites from there. Since our daylight hours will be limited we will start promptly at 4:00 and when it becomes dark we will retreat to the Las Palmeras restaurant for a no-host dinner and a follow-up discussion. Las Palmeras is located at the corner of Natividad and Laurel behind the Chevron Station.

### **RON Greenhouses Greening Up!**

The new RON greenhouses located on the six Salinas school sites are becoming green as thousands of tiny grass and wildflower seedlings are appearing. RON staff, teachers, and students alike are thrilled with being so intimately involved in the large scale

growing afforded by the greenhouses and all are eagerly awaiting outplanting the seedlings in Natividad Creek Park starting with our December Community Planting Day. Coordinating teachers include: Lynn Hamilton (Los Padres), Janel Yamasaki (Frank Paul), Rita Uribe (Virginia Rocca Barton), Peter Moras (Sherwood), Nancy McDowell (Boronda) and Pat McNeill (Alisal HS). Good work teachers and students.

### **Salinas Union High School Math and Science Teachers to visit CSUMB**

On Friday, November 3 a large group of science and math teachers from the Salinas Union High District will visit the CSUMB district to meet with the faculty representing integrated sciences, teacher education, and technology. Alisal High teacher, Pat McNeill is coordinating the trip from the district level while RON is proud to have been able to have helped bring the group to the campus.

### **RON Enrichment: All invited**

Wednesday, January 17  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

### ***School Landscape Design with landscape Architect, Loni Lanecki***

This hands-on training will take place at Peter Moras' Sherwood School Native Plant Garden--110 South Wood Street (at John Street exit off Hwy 101 in Salinas While there is light we will work outside and then go inside to work on techniques of design and on making those first steps on individual school plans.

Registration will be limited to teachers who have attended a RON training, though they may bring a colleague, parent, or administrator, if that person is involved in the school's native plant restoration plans.

**Registration fee:  
\$5/person. And, pre-  
registration is  
required**

To preregister send a check for \$5 to RON c/o Watershed Institute, CSUMB, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955-8001.

### **It's Not Too Late For Fall School Plantings**

It's not too late to start plants at your school for outplanting a year from now.

1. Acorns to oaks. Refer to you RON Binder for information on proper selection and treatment of acorns.
2. Buckeyes should be planted in the tall one gallon containers (or a Pringles potato chip can with lots of drainage holes). Leave 1/3 of the seed exposed to the air to prevent the formation of mold.
3. Coffeeberry seeds should be extracted from the fruit and planted directly into rosepots as transplanting can be risky.
4. Seed collection and planting can take now place for coyote brush, sticky monkey flower, and California sagebrush. Watch for the red berries of Christmas Berry (Toyon).
5. Grasses. Tricia Lowe has some grass seeds remaining. If you are interested give her a call at 582-3683.

### **RON Cooperating With Other Groups**

Through our many connections, the RON Program will be beginning to offer joint programs with other environmental and restoration groups, such as the Bureau of Land Management for Ft. Ord Public Lands, the Monterey Regional Park District, and perhaps in the coming year with the Beach Garden Project.

### **CSUMB Service Learning Students work with many Restoration Projects**

Service Learning Students involved in the Applied Watershed Service Learning Course are working in two RON schools (Sherwood and Boronda). Film major, Jennifer Freeman is producing a RON-Service Learning Video while Charlie Howland is working with Laura Lee in planning future projects with the Seaside Boys and Girls Club and Seaside High School. RON is excited to be initiating working relationships with schools and programs in the Monterey Peninsula.

### **Grants in Process**

RON staff are busy writing grants to further RON programs. Our hope is that through partnerships with other organizations such as the Bureau of Land Management, the Beach Garden Project, the Monterey Regional Park District, and the City of Salinas we can generate funds to involve more schools in more restoration projects.

### **RON Representatives Get Front Row Seating to See President**

....Well, not exactly in the front row, but very, very close. Because of our

collaborative work with the Bureau of Land Management's Americorps Program, RON some teachers and students were able to attend in the VIP Seating, the President's opening of CSUMB. Sporting our RON logo T-shirts we made for a great visual news-bite.

### **Bruce Stewart, RON Director, to Wed**

On Saturday, November 4, somewhere in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe, Bruce and Roberta Dean of the MARE, marine education program will join together in marriage. He's describing it as "eloping with 70 people." For those of us unable to be present to help hold the ladder of elopement, we wish the couple a wonderful lifetime together.

### **RON Success Stories Needed for Next Newsletter**

Contact Laura Lee at 582-3689 with news on your work with native plants.