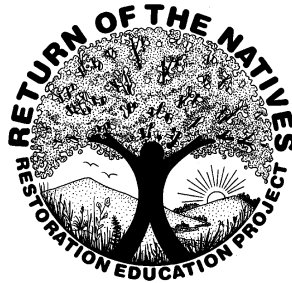


Help Available for School Native Garden Landscaping CSUMB Service Learning Students Ready to Help - School Proposals Being Accepted

Service Learning Students from the Applied Watershed Community Service Learning Course will be available to implement native gardens on your school sites this Spring 1997 semester. Under the direction of RON Landscape Architect, Joni Janecki, students will work with your school and students in the planning, citing, and actual planting of a native garden on your school site.

CSUMB student involvement will be from early February to mid May and should result in a completed planting project for the student. Thus, in order to receive the help of a student, interested schools need to insure the following prior to requesting



assistance:

- commitment from school administration.
- sufficient funding to pay for native plants (\$300-\$500), student tools, and possibly an irrigation system
- and firm commitment from your district's landscape maintenance director that they will assist in the maintenance and watering of the garden-especially during school breaks.

It is anticipated that 6-8 students will be available to work with the schools. In addition to the commitments related to the garden mentioned above, cooperating RON teachers will assist in mentoring the CSUMB Service Learner as he/she works in your classroom. To place your name on the list to receive a CSUMB Service Learning Student call 582-3689.

RON Calendar On Back

Second RON Teacher Workshop Scheduled for February 6-7, 1997

This is a repeat of our popular intensive two day training. It is the best way to get fully integrated into the RON network and brings together teachers, CSUMB students, and other educators.

Workshop topics include native plant ecology and propagation, an introduction to school garden design and implementation, habitat monitoring, Native American perspectives on habitat and plant usage, and community involvement in the many watershed based RON projects. Workshop presenters include RON teachers and staff, landscape architect, Joni Janecki, BLM Botanist, Bruce Delgado, and RON staff members, Bruce Stewart, and Laura Lee Lienk.

The cost for the two day training is \$50 which includes, dinner Friday, **RON TRAINING CONTINUED:** breakfast and lunch

Saturday, and the large binder of RON materials.

Training times are:
Friday, February 7 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Sat. Feb. 8, 8:00 am to 5:30 p.m.
All sessions will take place at the Watershed Institute, CSUMB and on nearby Ft. Ord Public Lands.

Registration is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Last date to register is February 3, 1997

To register send a check or Purchase Order for \$50 to RON, c/o Watershed Institute, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955-8001.

**Share this great
RON opportunity with
others**

RON and Americorps working together

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and our grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to bring our program to the Ft. Ord Public Lands, RON is working closer with the BLM sponsored Americorps volunteers. These volunteers will be increasingly important in our many restoration projects and together we plan to increase public

enjoyment of and participation in the new Ft. Ord Public Lands.

Three Americorps Interns have been assigned to work with RON and the Watershed Institute. Drew Ready will be helping coordinate the Watershed Institute's greenhouse propagation programs, Amanda Quintero will be working with Laura Lee in serving RON schools, and Omar Nagarszy is working with Bruce Delgado in plant monitoring.

RON Greenhouses Springing Up

Three new RON greenhouses have or soon will be constructed this fall.

North Monterey County High School's greenhouse was raised with funds from a the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and a Watershed Institute grant for work on the Moro Cojo Slough. North County High teacher, Tracy Matfin is in charge of that greenhouse. Tracy is receiving help from Troy Challenger, CSUMB Service Learner, and from RON restoration assistant, Maya Kedizor.

Central Coast High School, MPUSD's newest high school has also received a RON

greenhouse, this time supported by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funds. The Central Coast leadership team is composed of Principal, Brian Morton, and teachers, Pat Ray, Kyla McCollam, and Dana Hall.

Soon, Jesse Sanchez Elementary School in the Alisal District, too, will have its own greenhouse--purchased by the school! Greenhouse coordinator and new RON teacher, Dana Mills have pushed through this project.

Welcome to these new greenhouse coordinators and their projects.

Report: Phase I Greenhouses

Thanks to lots of volunteer help, last September 7, RON was able to refurbish the year old greenhouses from our initial building phase. Those greenhouses are up and running--more or less--since vandalism continues to take it's toll. Big thanks go out to Pat McNeill-Alisal High, Janel Yamasaki-Frank Paul, Angela Beauchamp and Carlos Mariscal-Virginia Rocca Barton, Nancy McDowell-Boronda, Peter Moras-Sherwood,
Phase I Greenhouses Continued:
and Lynn Hamilton-Los Padres. RON teachers from other schools are

encouraged to visit these Phase I greenhouses and see how this year's native flower and grass seedlings are doing.

Watershed Institute Building - An Art Piece

The Watershed Institute Building will soon sport the busiest and most interesting facade on the otherwise somewhat drab CSUMB campus. The outside walls will depict the many habitats surrounding the campus, the natural forces shaping these habitats, and our role in correcting past wrongs. The bright colors and exciting scenes will be a great addition to the campus. This painting project is the "work in progress" or CSUMB faculty member, Johanna Poethig and her advance class of art students.

RON Curriculum Library - A Busy Place

With over 600 volumes of relevant and useful materials the RON Library is in constant use. Teachers, educators, and CSUMB students alike use their "honor system" borrowing privileges to take out materials for one week periods. New additions to the library include: [A Child's Place in the Environment](#)-teachers guides and literature

selections, the entire collection of CSIN integrated science units, the National Gardening Association's [Grow Lab](#) manual, several water quality monitoring materials as well as water monitoring quality test kits (CO2, DO, PO4, pH).

LLL Splits Time with Service Learning Institute

RON Program Coordinator, Laura Lee Lienk, is now working part time with CSUMB's Service Learning Institute (SLI). This RON-SLI marriage will be great for RON, for it should help to cement the relationship between RON and CSUMB and will insure that CSUMB students will consistently be involved in RON programs. Laura Lee's role with the SLI is to coordinate placement of students from the Earth Systems Science and Policy and Computer Science and Technology Centers out in the community.

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Welcome New RON Teachers

The RON Teacher Training on October 25-26 brought new and returning teachers into our fold. Welcome to: Keith Gonzales and Deirdre Roberts-NMCHS, Tom Nelson-Fitch Middle, Gloria Najera and Dana Mills-Sanchez, Angela Beauchamp-VRB, Penny Immel and Lynda Kamrath-Laurelwood, Barbara Baldwin-Bardin, Julianne Duffy-Lagunita, Victoria Benetua-Moss Landing, and Mary Livingstone-Reed, Del Rey Oaks

**RON
PLANTING
EVENTS**

**Work and
Planting Day on
Saturday,
November 23 for
Children's
Discovery Garden**

Bring your friends, family and students out to Natividad Creek Park on November 23 to start the fun planting of the new Children's Discovery Garden in the Park. Thanks to the early rains this year, we hope to establish lots of the backbone plants for the garden which promises to be a "work in progress" for RON for years to come. We will also be pounding in metal stakes that will be lining the trails so there is lots of work to be done. We hope to work from 9:30-12:00 and as always there will be muffins, juice, and great company to reward our labors.

**BRING A
PLANT TO
COLLEGE
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7, 1996
10 am-noon**

Join CSUMB Service Learning Students and Landscape Architects Joni Janecki and Jack Keisel as we start a new native plant garden at the Earth Systems Science and Policy Laboratory Building at 6th Avenue and 1st Street on the CSUMB campus.

Native grasses and wildflowers grown by RON schools will be planted in the first phase of this student coordinated project.

**Cesar Chavez
Park - First
Community
Planting Day
December 14, 1996
9:30-12**

Join the RON team in planting student grown native grasses, sedges, and rushes in RON's newest park project, Chavez Park. Directions: From East Market Street, turn north onto Madera and follow down into the Parking Area. (Look for the Wendy's on E. Market, and the Hebronn Heights Community Center on Madera as landmarks.)

**RON Community
Plantings on the
Ft. Ord Public
Lands**

This rainy season starts RON's restoration work on the New Ft. Ord Public Lands. Community members are invited to come out and help revegetate scared sites on this 14,000 acre native plant reserve. Dates include:

Saturday, January 18
9:00-noon
Meet at BLM
Headquarters

Saturday, January 25
9:00-noon
Toro Section of Ft. Ord
Public Lands. Call 394-
8314 for directions.

Saturday, February 1
9:00-noon
Meet at BLM
Headquarters

School Planting Dates
for Ft. Ord Public Lands
will be announced
shortly.

Directions to BLM
Headquarters. Enter
Main Gate of Ft. Ord
and proceed to North-
South Road. Turn right
on North-South Road
and go exactly 2 miles.
Turn left at the large
unmarked road on the
left (across from Coe
Avenue and Fitch Middle
School). Proceed about
3 miles to the BLM
Headquarters on the
right.

**RON Dates to
Remember**

Sat. Nov. 23 Natividad
Sat, Dec. 7 CSUMB
Sat, Dec. 14 Chavez
Sat, Jan 18 Ft. Ord
Sat, Jan 25 Ft. Ord-Toro
Sat, Feb. 1 Ft. Ord
Fri/Sat, Feb. 7-8 Teacher
Training