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THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MOSIER

The 1981 annual meeting of our Society we held in Mosier, located in the awesome Columbia River Gorge, May 9-10. Following a nice day of botanizing in the field, approximately 50 people attended the banquet, which was served by the Mosier Grange. Filling in for ailing President Frank Lang was Vice President Herb Armentrout, who called upon each state chairperson and each chapter president to report on their year's activities. New state officers and directors were sworn in, and then the program, beautiful slides of wildflowers from the Wallowa, Blue, and Steens Mountains, was ably delivered by Karl Urban, botanist at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton.

A special "Thanks" to Keith Chamberlain and the Mid-Columbia Chapter for all their effort to make the annual meeting the success it was. I, for one, will want to return to the Mid-Columbia country for more botanizing with our members in that area.

Vern Crawford

CHAPTER CALENDARS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHAPTER

Field Trips

Carpool at South Salem K-Mart, north side of parking lot, 8:00 a.m. except as noted.

Sat., June 6 -- Little North Fork, George Schoppert, leader (859-2613)

Sat., June 13 -- Bruno Meadows, Jack Bailey, leader (394-2414)

Sat., June 20 -- South Peak, Heike Eubanks, leader (581-9569)

Sat., June 27 -- Saddle Mountain, with Salem Audubon. Bob Buchanan, leader (926-1896)

Sat., July 11 -- Iron Mountain, with Salem Audubon. Irma Bunnell, leader (393-6159)
Carpool at K-Mart at 7:30 a.m.

Sat., July 18 -- Cascades. Wilbur Bluhm, leader (393-2934), **Carpool at K-Mart at 7:30 a.m.**

PORTLAND CHAPTER

Meeting: Monday, June 8, 7:00 p.m., Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th, Portland, Succulent Plant Families. The program will deal with the families, describes their makeup and the different genetic relationships. The program will be given by Betty Ferguson, a NPSO member, photography and lecturer.

Field Trips

Sat., June 6 -- Blue Lake Ridge. George Lewis, Leader. Meet at OMSI parking lot at 8:00 a.m. for carpooling or 9:00 a.m. at the Wilson River Summit on Highway 6. This must be one of George's favorite spots. He has a long list of things to see (including wolves). Some of the plants he hopes to find include: Lewisia columbiana, Cladostamnus pyroliflorus, Synthryris schizantha and Chamaecyparis nootkatensis (Alaska Yellow Cedar) all of which are locally rare and at least two of which are on the Federal "watch" list.

Sat., June 13 -- Buck Creek. Elizabeth Handler, leader. Meet at State Motor Vehicles Department parking lot, NE 60th and Glisan at 8:00 a.m. Buck Creek is near Mt. Adams in the Klickitat River Drainage. The 3-4 mile hike is easy, very scenic and is likely to be flower laden.

Sat., June 20 -- No trip scheduled.

Sat., June 27 -- Cascade Head. Kathryn McDonald/John Richter, leaders. Both Kathryn and John are botanists for the Nature Conservancy which owns and manages Cascade Head. One of the recurring problems at the Head is off-trail trampling of endangered plants such as Sidalcea hirtipes and Silene douglasii oraria.

T.N.C. has closed these areas. This should provide us with a first hand grasp of sensitive area land management problems and to our appreciation of the unique qualities of Cascade Head. Expect many flowers and incomparable ocean views.

Sat., July 4 -- No trip scheduled.



HIGH DESERT CHAPTER

Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 -- Techniques of Close-up Flower Photography. Meet in Room B-10, Bend High School, at 7:30 p.m.

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

Field Trips

Sun., June 7 -- Morgan Lake, Union County. Carpool Hermiston HS 8:30 a.m. Carpool BMCC Pendleton 9:15 a.m. Rendezvous in Safeway Parking Lot in LaGrande at 10:15. Fantastic flowers atop the Blues! Should the unusually dry weather adversely affect the wildflowers of the Morgan Lake area we will go to Mount Emily instead. Members will be notified of the change in plans.

Sat., June 20, 1981 -- Wildflowers of the Tollgate Area. Carpool Hermiston HS at 8:30 a.m. Carpool BMCC Pendleton at 9:15 a.m. Rendezvous at Woodward Campground (west shore of Langdon Lake) at 10:15 a.m. Morning botanical walks at Woodward; afternoon walks at Target Meadows beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Fri-Sun, July 3,4,5 -- Wildflowers of Steens Mountain, Harney County. Meet at Frenchglen Hotel at 3:30 p.m., July 3. We will camp out at either Page Spring Campground or the Camper Corral (3 miles east of Frenchglen on Steens Mountain Loop Road). If there are sufficient participants we will attempt to rent a 15 passenger van from the Malheur Field Station for the trek over the Steens Loop Road. Plan ahead for this one!

Important Information: You should bring appropriate clothing, footwear, lunch, beverages, etc. on each trip. Carpools form in the parking lot at Hermiston High School (Front Entrance Parking Lot) and in the South Parking Lot at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

SISKIYOU CHAPTER

Meeting: Thursday, June 4 -- Where, When, and How: Favorite Botanizing Areas by chapter members who have been there. A slide program, last one until September. Bring your friends. Meet in Room 171, Science, SOSC, Ashland, at 7:30 p.m.

Field Trips

Sat., June 13 -- Lost Creek Falls and Lost Lake near Shale City Road in the Cascades. Moderate one day hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a lunch and water. Meet Medford K-Mart, 8:00 a.m., Ashland Bi-Mart 8:30 a.m.

Sat-Sun, June 27-28 -- High Siskiyou Flora. We will hike 2-3 fairly level miles from Oregon Caves N.M. to Bigelow Lake (6000 ft.). Those wishing to continue will hike to Greyback Mountain, spend the night, and explore the mountain on the following day. If anyone wishes to rendezvous with us on Sunday for Greyback Mountain only, contact Jennifer Riefler, 482-1500. Meet Ashland Bi-Mart, 7:00 a.m., Medford K-Mart 7:30 a.m.

Sat., July 11 -- High Elevation Lakes and Mt. Etna. Easy one day hike in California's Klamath Mountains. Bring lunch and water. Darlene Southworth, leader. Meet Medford K-Mart 8:00 a.m., Ashland Bi-Mart 8:30 a.m.

EMERALD CHAPTER

Meetings:

Mon., June 1. Freeman Rowe, botany instructor at Lane Community College, will present a program on the "Natural History of Baja California." We will see slides and hear a discussion of the plants, animals, and habitats of this area. Freeman has just returned following a three-month visit to Baja California, where he has been a frequent visitor in early Spring. Meet at 7:15 p.m., Eugene City Library.

Mon., July 6. "Fernastic Ferns and other Pteridological Trivia". A program of fern things: fern biology, fern identification; and fern varieties, with fern expert, David Wagner. Meet at 7:15 p.m., Eugene City Library.

Field Trips

Sat., June 20 -- Woahink Bog and other sphagnum habitats around Heceta Beach. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot, 8:00 a.m. Limited participation. Call John Christy, 344-2400, leader, to sign up.

Sat., June 27 -- Iron Mountain on the South Santiam (an Obsidian trip). Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot, 8:00 a.m. Led by Robin and Ken Lodewick, NPSO members. Sign up required. Registration board is located at the Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St. or call the Lodewicks, evenings, 344-6533.

Sat., July 11 -- Fairview Mountain - Bohemia Saddle in the Calopooya Mountains above Cottage Grove. Meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot, 8:00 a.m. Call Dave Wagner, leader, 686-3033, for additional details.

Sat., July 18 -- Blair Lake Meadows. In the foothills of the old Cascades above Oakridge, elevation 4,800. Meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot, 8:00 a.m. Leader, Charlene Simpson, (days) 686-3221.

SISKIYOU CHAPTER/SOSC NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Siskiyou Chapter and Southern Oregon State College have jointly begun a garden of native flora from southern Oregon. The garden is located next to the campus' new greenhouse. Trees and shrubs for a woodland, serpentine, and mixed plot have already been planted. Ground-cover and wildflowers will be added in the future. The majority of plants have been obtained from a local nursery owned by a Siskiyou Chapter member. Suggestions and sources of other plants and seeds are welcomed; contact Dr. Nitsos at the SOSC Biology Department. A "Thank you" to chapter members, Dr. Nitsos, and other SOSC staff for their time in planning, landscape design, planting, and their monetary donations.

Cynthia Roberts

THE EDITOR'S VIEW

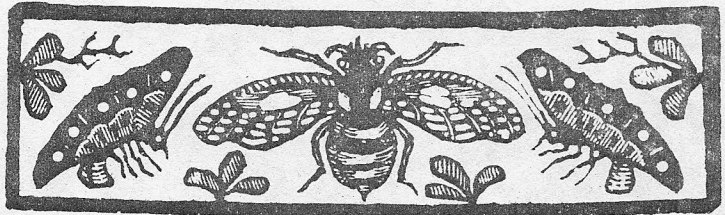
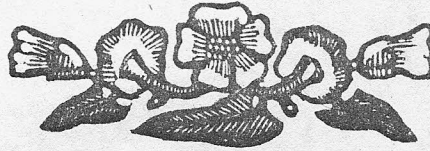
For just over two years, your NPSO Bulletin has been prepared and mailed from Ashland. Despite the time and effort it has taken each month to gather, edit, illustrate, paste up, fold, label, and mail out the 600 or so copies, we who have published the Bulletin have enjoyed a lot of satisfactions and rewards. Now it is time, however, for our new NPSO President, Dr. David Wagner, and his Editor, Linda Vorobik, to take over where we leave off.

We editors have been extremely fortunate to have had willing writers. Only a few times in these two years did we fear a shortage of copy. Not only have we enjoyed the labors of our regular contributors, but many other NPSO members have now and then sent in articles and news notes. This is as it should be--a Bulletin everyone contributes to--and we thank you all, very much, for your support over the past months.

I feel fortunate to have had Dr. Frank Lang, NPSO Past President, as co-editor. My job has been to gather and edit the copy and help with folding and mailing; Dr. Lang has done overall editing and provided numerous superb sketches, a real plus for our Bulletin, as well as helping with the task of mailing. I has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Lang, and I know I speak for all NPSO members in wishing him well during his sabbatical year at Harvard University, soon to begin.

Dr. Lang and I succeeded Florence Ebeling of Portland Chapter, as editors. As we began, we felt free to meld the many suggestions of NPSO members with our own ideas as we built upon the work of Mrs. Ebeling. Likewise, we hope Dr. Wagner and Linda Vorobik will also feel free to guide the Bulletin in their best judgment, making it an ever more effective voice for our Society. We wish the new editors well. Along with the Society as a whole, we will lend them our strong support.

Vern Crawford



MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

It has been my pleasure to serve two terms as president of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and as co-editor of the Bulletin. I am grateful for the opportunity to meet and work with many fine people from throughout the state who share my enthusiasm for and interest in the flora of the Pacific Northwest.

Thanks to all of you for making my experience an enjoyable one, especially my fellow officers, members of the Board of Directors and my co-editor, Vern Crawford. Without Vern's help, my job would have been most difficult. The Society is very fortunate to have many dedicated, hard-working members like him.

I hope that our newly-elected president, Dave Wagner, and our new Bulletin Editor, Linda Vorobik, receive the same level of support and cooperation that Vern and I received from the NPSO membership. It made our efforts a pleasant experience.

My family and I are looking forward to an exciting year in the East. I will be working with Dr. Rolla Tryon at the Gray Herbarium at Harvard University getting recharged and refreshed.

My best wishes to the Society in its efforts on behalf of the native plants of Oregon in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Lang

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Past President, NPSO





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