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Dismantling The National Environmental Policy Act

by Peggy Robinson, Emerald Chapter

Since it was enacted in 1969, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has been crucially important for environmentalists trying to prevent destructive actions by federal agencies, including the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. This act requires the agencies to prepare and seriously consider in detail a **range of alternatives** for each environmentally significant action they propose. The law requires that "all reasonable alternatives" to an action be included. Findings are then published in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or, for less far-reaching actions, an Environmental Assessment (EA). The agencies are **required by law** to solicit public input before a final decision is made. After the Record of Decision (ROD) is issued, citizens have further rights to appeal and to sue.

The cynical among us believe that the agencies usually just do what they

wanted to do in the first place, but there have been important instances when environmentally-beneficial changes to alternatives have been chosen. In any case, this process has resulted in widespread public discussion of important actions before they occur.

But it looks like the public is about to lose this essential opportunity to participate in the environmental decision process in many important instances. The Bush administration is proposing to eliminate EISs and EAs from a wide range of Forest Service and BLM activities, including what it calls "post-fire rehabilitation" which includes removal of hazard fuels, salvage and sanitation logging up to **250 acres!** Also exempted would be so-called small timber sales. Instead such activities will be classified as Categorical Exclusions, a designation used for actions with no significant

environmental impact.

Another aspect of this destruction of the rights of citizens to participate in forest planning is the administration's intention to amend or revise its individual forest management plans under the categorical exclusion clause of NEPA, without preparing EISs. No public notice, comment or appeal period would be required on these changes to the 15-year plans which guide the management of each national forest. Perhaps ironically, we do still have the right to submit comments on this proposed change. Comments are due by April 7 to:

USDA FS Planning Rule Content Analysis Team, PO Box 8359, Missoula, MT or planning_rule@fs.fed.us

For more information on this, contact www.americanlands.org/bush_regulations.htm.

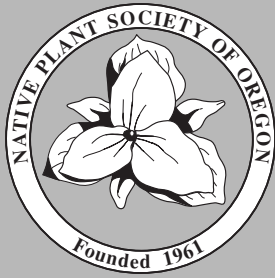
Next State Board Meeting is April 5th

The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on the OSU campus in Richardson Hall, Room # 115, Saturday, April 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Parking is available to the west of 30th street in the School of Forestry parking area. Access the parking area off the southbound side of 30th or off Washington Way. A full OSU campus map can be found at <http://oregonstate.edu/visitors/tour/campusmap.htm>.

From the parking lot, enter the west door of Richardson Hall. This door is locked, but someone will be there to let you in until the meeting starts. If you are late, first try the north entrance to Richardson, or failing there, the north and east doors to Peavy Hall courtyard are open. Those doors are accessed off Jefferson Way or 30th St., respectively. You then need to navigate to the southwest corner of Peavy where it connects to the lobby of Richardson. "NPSO" signs will be posted to assist you. It is recommended that you bring your lunch, though food is available nearby in West Dining Hall.

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NEW MEMBERS

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Cynthia Lafferty
Erin Page
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High Desert

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Ellen Hammond

Klamath Basin

Sue Malone
Victoria Tenbrink

Mid-Columbia

Marge Byrne
Cecelia Goodnight
Gay Jervey
Peter & Susan Julian
Hanna Metzger
Frank Thiess

North Coast

Janet Henkel
Jim Reeher
Hope Stanton

Portland

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Leandra Cleveland
Anne Hayes
Pete Holloran
Alisa Ramakrishnan
Rachael Roberts
Linda Simmons
Tracy Trandum

Siskiyou

Phyllis Gustafson
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Mabel & Robin Jones
Michael Murray
Anita Seda
Robin Taylor

Wm. Cusick

Roger Ferriell

Willamette Valley

Rosamund Irwin
Janet R. Ross



A close up of the spadix of Skunk Cabbage (Lysichiton americanus) showing numerous small beetles pollinating it.

TANYA HARVEY

State

April 5, Saturday, 9:00 am

State Board Meeting combined with Strategic Planning Session.

The next State Board Meeting will take place 9:00 am–3:00 pm, Richardson Room #115, OSU in Corvallis, (note early start). A relatively short board meeting will be followed by the strategic planning session with moderator where we will discuss specific long range plans and goals for NPSO. We hope as many board members as possible will make every effort to attend this important meeting. See front page for more information and directions.

June 20–22, 2003

Annual Meeting: The Portland Chapter will host this year's meeting in John Day. Registration and field trip and lodging information were included as an insert in the March issue of the *Bulletin*. For more information go to <http://ghs.gresham.k12.or.us/science/ps/nature/bloomtime/centralo/trips/jday/johnday.htm>.

Blue Mountain

April 7, Monday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Subtropical Vegetation.

Charlie Johnson, USFS Ecologist from Baker City will give a slide presentation based on his travels in Venezuela, Ecuador, Columbia, Guatemala, and Mexico. Small Business Development Center, at SE 1st and Dorian in Pendleton.

Cheahmill

April 13, Sunday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Mid-Columbia Chapter's Wildflower Show and Tom McCall Preserve. Join us for our annual trip to view the mid-Columbia Chapter's wildflower show followed by a moderate hike at The Nature Conservancy's Tom McCall Preserve at Rowena Dell

in the Columbia Gorge. See many beautiful Gorge endemics, vernal pools and spectacular views. Meet at the Linfield Ave. entrance to Murdock Hall at Linfield College. For information or to pre-register call Karen Sturgeon at 503-472-0866.

April 23, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Lecture: Ethnobotanical Explorations in Mexico's Copper Canyon and in Oaxaca. Linfield College and the Cheahmill Chapter are co-sponsoring this lecture. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF REGULAR DATE & LOCATION. This special event is 'in lieu of' Cheahmill's April meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Bring water and lunch. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for many field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason is to limit human impacts on these fragile areas. Groups using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

Robert Bye, ethnobotanist and professor at UNAM, (National Autonomous University of Mexico) will discuss his field experiences in Mexico where he's worked extensively with native peoples. Jonasson Hall, Linfield College, McMinnville. Contact Susan Williams 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@attbi.com or Karen Sturgeon at 503-472-0866.

May 24, Saturday, 9:00am

Field Trip: Trask Mountain—Inventory of Plant Species for the Oregon Atlas Project. This 3450' peak is located in the northwest corner of Yamhill County in Oregon's Coast Range. Dan Upton, retired Willamette Industries forester, will lead us on a moderate hike to see grassy meadows, oak groves, and ancient conifers and will teach us about the fascinating history of this area, which includes extensive fires and an old stage coach line. Meet at the Linfield Ave. entrance to Murdock Hall at Linfield College. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For information and/or to register, call Karen Sturgeon at 503-472-0866.

Corvallis

April 14, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: A Guide to the Wildflowers of the Corvallis Area. A slide show and talk by Phil Hays, author of the local field guide to hikes in the Corvallis area. Meet at the Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information please contact Esther McEvoy 541-754-0893.

May 12, Monday 7:30 pm

Meeting: Speaker to be announced in next *Bulletin*.

May (date in next Bulletin)

Field Trip: Owens Farm. Trip to help compile a plant species list of the plants in the Greenbelt Land Trust portion which includes oak woodlands, riparian and wetland habitats.

Emerald

April 23, Wednesday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Tour of Big Island in the

McKenzie River. McKenzie River Trust recently acquired a 100-acre island to protect an outstanding example of pristine floodplain habitat. Ryland Moore of MRT will lead the field tour. The hike is moderately difficult and some wading and climbing over rocks and logs may be involved. Meet at 9:00 am at Amazon Community Center to carpool or 9:15 am at Albertson's near 58th and Main in Springfield. RSVP. Call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531.

April 28, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: What the Floodplain Stratigraphy of the Southwestern Willamette Tells Us, Eugene. Karin Baitis, BLM Soils Scientist, with an MA in geography/geomorphology, provides technical advice for soil watershed management for the BLM Siuslaw Resource Area, which includes the West Eugene Wetlands. Karin will talk about the creation of the wetlands in west Eugene, from the development of the floodplain in the last 10,000 years through today. Floodplain stratigraphy indicates possible catastrophic events and includes a massive gray clay unit, 6 to 20 inches below the topsoil, which is

why there are valley floor wetlands. Karin also promises to discuss where all the clay came from. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th Ave.

May 4, Sunday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Spencers Butte. A local landowner will host a visit to his property on the southeast side of Spencers Butte. The land consists of more than 100 acres of grass prairie and oak-pine savannah. Meet 9:00 am at South Eugene High School and return before 3:00 pm. Bring lunch. For more info call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531.

May 12, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Kalapuya and Respect for the Earth. Esther Stutzman works with various arts-in-education councils throughout Oregon and is currently developing a culturally-correct curriculum. She'll talk to us about the Kalapuya view of the Earth and the resources, say something about the practice of burning in the valley, and give some plant uses. Esther, who's been telling stories of her people for over 40 years, will also tell us some stories. Room 115, Science, Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th. Ave. Note: May's meeting will be on the 2nd Monday (not the 4th as is usual).

High Desert

April 22, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: The Special Status Plant Program and Species of the Prineville BLM District. Ron Halvorson, Botanist for the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, will highlight the district's special status plant program, with a focus on species known to occur on BLM land. These will be discussed in depth, including their abundance, distribution, ecology and BLM's management concerns and strategies. Plenty of time will be allowed for audience interaction. Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas, Bend.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby, 541-884-5703, smalaby@cs.com; or Mike Cutler, 541-850-9012, cutler@cvc.net.

Mid-Columbia

April 2, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: How to Put on a Plant Show. Several local NPSO veterans of many native plant shows will present a workshop on collecting, preparing, labeling and displaying specimens in order to maximize the educational and aesthetic aspects of a plant show. Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Exit 82 off I-84 in The Dalles and follow the signs.

April 13-27, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Event: Annual Wildflower Show at Mosier School. Expect to see over 300 species with names displayed. Everyone is welcome! Exit 69 (Mosier) off I-84. The school is the first large building on the right, parking is behind (south of) the school building.

May 7, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: SECRETS program. Ever wonder what makes the shrub-steppe ecosystem unique? Bring the whole family and join the Northwest Service Academy's Mosier Field Team for a fun



Phlox speciosa blooming in April under a manzanita by the Illinois River.

and informative evening demonstrating parts of the science curriculum taught by the SECRETS program. SECRETS is a non-profit, Columbia Gorge based organization dedicated to teaching children about their surrounding environment. Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Exit 82 off I-84 in the Dalles and follow the signs.

North Coast

For information on the North Coast Chapter, contact Janet Stahl at 503-842-8708 or jjs@oregoncoast.com or John Gerke at 503-842-5366 or johnroyal@juno.com.

Portland

April 8, Tuesday, 7:00pm

Meeting: Wildflowers of John Day.

Paul Slichter, one of our favorite members in the Portland chapter, will be presenting part of his slide collection of flora species that we may expect to see at the annual meeting in John Day. He'll take us from the dry soils of the Blue Basin through the coniferous forests and up to the alpine ridgetops in this area. Join us for a preview of the beauty and diversity that we'll experience in June at the annual meeting! Fireside Room (#355) of the First United Methodist Church located at 1838 SW Jefferson St. in Portland. For more information contact Dee White, 503-775-2909.

April 12, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Memaloose Hills. This beautiful east Gorge trail near Mosier has gently rolling hills, oak groves, basalt outcroppings, and fields of Shooting Stars, Larkspur, Blue-eyed Marys, and buttercups. We may also see *Suksdorfia violacea* and *Trifolium macrocephalum*. About 6-7 miles and 800 ft. elevation gain. We will meet at Gateway at 8:30 am, but please call trip leader Beth Magnus at 503-226-7919 if you are planning to come on this trip. The second meeting place will be the Hood River McDonalds near the Bridge exit at 9:45 am.

April 19, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Catherine Creek. See fields of Camas, Rosy Plectritis, and many other species in this classic East Gorge wildflower area. We'll also look for such oak woodland treasures as *Dicentra cucullaria*, *Viola sheltonii*, and *Cynoglossum grande*. The trip will be 120 miles round trip by car, and 3-4 miles easy hiking with about 700 ft. elevation gain. Leave at 8:30 am, Gateway/NE 99th Ave Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. Second meeting place, 9:45 am at Catherine Creek parking lot. Call Paul Slichter at 503-248-9242 for information.

April 27, Sunday, 4:30 am

Photography Trip: Dry Creek Road.

Meet at 4:30 am in Mosier across from the Mosier Market, and drive to the Dry Creek Road area to catch dawn at about 5:00 am on vast hillsides of Balsamroot. With a clear dawn we may catch the first light on Mt. Hood or Mt. Adams before settling into flower photography with early morning lighting. Those who wish may camp Saturday night with the leader at his property on Dry Creek. Please contact Mike McKeag, 503-430-2693 or mmckeag@attbi.com for details.

April 27, Sunday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Weldon Wagon Road. 7.5 miles and 1,500 ft. elevation gain. This beautiful trail above the White Salmon River Valley winds up flowerly hillsides with oak groves. With luck, Chocolate Lilies, Ball-head Waterleaf, Balsamroot, blue Hound's Tongue, and the rare *Cypripedium fasciculatum*, *Viola sheltonii*, and *Lomatium suksdorfii* will all be in bloom. Meet at Gateway at 8:30 am, but please call leader Beth Magnus at 503-226-7919 if you plan to come. It should be possible to do the photography trip and then this one too, by meeting Beth at the Hood River McDonalds near the Bridge exit at 9:45 am.

May 4, Sunday, 4:00 am

Photography Trip: Memaloose Hills.

Meet at 4:00 am in Mosier across from the Mosier Market. Drive to the Memaloose area and climb a balsamroot, lupine, and Indian paintbrush

covered hill in the predawn light to catch the first light on Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, and the Columbia River from the hilltop. Then enjoy wildflower photography in the early morning light. Those who wish may camp with the leader at his property on Dry Creek near Mosier. Contact Mike McKeag, 503-430-2693 or mckeag@attbi.com.

May 3, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Hood River Mountain and Mosier Creek.

Both easy hikes as we drive up to the ridge to start a trail with spectacular views of the Hood River Valley with Mount Hood presiding and color abound, then Russ will lead us to Mosier Creek to hunt for the rare *Linanthus bakeri*, along with *L. bicolor* and *Trifolium eriocephalum*. Leave 8:30 am, Gateway/NE99th Ave Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. For more information call Greg Stone at 503-233-4761 or Russ Jolley at 503-286-2350.

May 10, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Warren Creek.

Collinsia grandiflora, *Dodecatheon poeticum*, and *Mimulus guttatus* will be supplying fields of color. You will surely want to sing! Easy hike but there is a steep downgrade at the end of the loop and Russ recommends a walking stick if you have one. There will be other stops depending on what the group wants to do. Leave 8:30 am, Gateway/ NE 99th Ave Park and Ride, southeast corner of lot. For more info call Russ Jolley 503-286-2350 or Greg at 503-233-4761.

Siskiyou

April 5, Saturday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Limpy Creek Botanical Trail.

Meet at 10:00 am in the US Forest Service Bldg., 200 NE Greenfield Rd in Grants Pass just north of Exit 58 on I-5 for carpooling; alternate meeting place: Limpy Creek at 10:30 am (limited parking). Leader: Linda Mullens, 541-479-3243. We will visit both wet and dry serpentine habitats and a riparian area in this botanical hotspot. This is a family-oriented trip with a children's focus. Easy 1-mile hike.

April 12, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Star Flat. Meet at the south side of the Selma Market parking lot in Selma. Leader: Don Heinze 541-955-7247. A myriad of rare or once-considered rare plants, such as California Lady's Slipper, California pitcher-plant, large-flowered rush lily, Waldo rockcress and Siskiyou Mountains pennycress, along with other not rare, but nevertheless beautiful lilies and orchids in an intriguing serpentine fen. Easy 2-3 mile hike.

April 12, Saturday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Lower Table Rock. Meet at the Lower Table Rock Trailhead. Follow Table Rock Road from Central Point 7.7 mi; then turn left onto Wheeler road and follow the signs 0.6 mi to the trailhead. Leader: Barbara Mumblo, 541-899-3855. This field trip is part of The Nature Conservancy's sponsored hikes, limit of 30 people, so reservations are required. Call the BLM reservation line 541-618-2200. Visit the best place in the valley to see a variety of early blooming wildflowers. If the weather is right we should see the rare dwarf meadowfoam blooming on top. Easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike to the top; portions of the trail are rocky.

April 17, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Wildflowers of Mt McLoughlin. A beautiful slide show by Tyler Duvall will showcase the flowers and photos that he featured in a field guide he recently created for his MS in Environmental Education at SOU. A good chance to review our southern Cascade wildflower species! Room 171 of the SOU Science Building, Ashland. For more information call Shannon Clery at 541-201-0909.

April 19, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Serpentine Flora in Josephine County. Meet at Illinois Valley Visitor Center, Cave Junction, half a block from Hwy 199 on Hwy 46 on the way to Oregon Caves National Monument. Leader: John Roth 541-592-2100 x 254. First stop is

Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside on Hwy. 99. Next stop will be serpentine fens up Wimer Rd. Geologic age, habitat, and number of genera explains high biodiversity and endemism and why fen and dry serpentine plants survived an asteroid's lateral blast while dinosaurs didn't. Aimed at general public. Easy half-mile hike.

April 26, Saturday, 1:00 pm

Field Trip: Waters Creek. Meet US Forest Service Bldg, 200 NE Greenfield Rd, Grants Pass, just north of Exit 58 off I-5; Leader: Don Heinze 541-955-7247, birdhaus@cdsnet.net. Excellent all-access trail (wheelchair accessible) that traverses three Southwest Oregon habitats: riparian, oak savanna, and Douglas fir. Fairy slippers and mariposa lilies are among many wildflowers that we will see. Aimed at general public. This trip is wheelchair accessible. Easy 1-mile hike.

May 3, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Illinois River Canyon Meet on right (south) side of Selma Market parking lot in Selma, 20 miles south of Grants Pass on Hwy 199. Leader: Don Heinze 541-955-7247, birdhaus@cdsnet.net. Along with other flowers, we will see the most accessible stand of *Kalmiopsis* (namesake of Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area) and Western Sopora, rare plants discovered by and named for one of Oregon's best known pioneer botanists, Lilla Leach. Easy 4-mile hike on good trail, but slope from trail to Illinois River is high and precipitous. Recommended reading: Don Begnoche, *Siskiyou Sundays* pp. 91-100; Kirkpatrick, Holzwarth, and Mullins, *The Botanist and Her Muleskinner* pp. 63-103.

May 4, Sunday, 9:00 am

Workshop: Wildland Grasses. Meet at the left (east) side of Fred Meyer parking lot on the Parkway in Grants Pass. Alternate meeting place and time: 9:45 am, north side parking lot of Fish Hatchery Park. Leader: Don Heinze; reservations required—call Don at 541-955-7247. Learn to key and identify common grasses of southwest Oregon;

find out natural history and historical facts about grasses. Bring pencil, paper, clipboard, hand lens, and digging tool. Easy 1-mile hike.

May 17-18, Saturday and Sunday

The May Redwoods and Coastal Flora trip that was announced in the March issue of the NPSO *Bulletin* has been CANCELLED. We again call your attention to the following Memorial Day weekend trip, since it requires advance planning on the part of interested participants.

May 24-26, Saturday to Monday

Field Trip: Thompson Reservoir (east side of the Cascade Mountains) Meet Saturday at 4:00 pm in the office parking lot of the Silver Lake Ranger District of the Fremont National Forest in the (more or less) town of Silver Lake, 76 airline miles south southeast of Bend and 73 airline miles northeast of Klamath Falls. Alternate meeting place and time: 5:00 pm, Forest Service Campground on the west side of Silver Lake. This will be a plant listing trip for the Oregon Plant Atlas Project that is working on a new computerized technical manual of Oregon plants. Data collected on this trip will feed directly into the OPAP database. Thompson Reservoir is located in an area where no data have been collected for the project, so we will be on the "cutting edge".

Stay at USFS Thompson Lake Campground on west side of lake with space for tents and RVs as well as water and toilets. Motel accommodations are available at the Silver Lake Store. Per night, one person: \$21.20; two people: \$31.80; call 541-576-2131. A good opportunity for people to come to an unbotanized block (#145). It would make a good Memorial Day excursion for the entire family. Family members who don't want to botanize can go birding or boating. Fishing in Thompson Reservoir is reputed to be good. Call or e-mail Don at 541-955-7247 or birdhaus@internetcds.com to let him know that you're thinking of coming and to obtain more information.

Umpqua Valley

April 10, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Slides of Iris, Lilies, Orchids and Violets. Key Hydrophyllaceae, Ranunculaceae, Saxifragaceae. Bring specimens. 7:00 pm at the Mercy Medical Center Community Education Building 2459 Stewart Parkway (bright blue sign between Stewart Park Pharmacy and Office Max). For more information call Richard Sommer at 541-673-3709.

April 12, Saturday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Look for the Early Bloomers. Destination depends on the bloom. Assemble for caravan or carpool at BLM parking lot, 777 Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg prior to 8:00 am departure. For more information call Richard Sommer at 541-673-3709.

April 26, Saturday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: View the North Umpqua River *Kalmiopsis* near Dry Creek or alternate field trip to view them on the Tiller Ranger District, near Boulder Creek, a tributary of the South Umpqua River. Fires in both areas this last summer. Assemble for caravan or carpool at BLM parking lot, 777 Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg prior to 8:00 am departure. For more information please call 541-673-3709.

Willamette Valley

April 5, Saturday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Restoration of Native Plants in Bush Park. Wilbur Bluhm and other Willamette chapter members will lead a botanical exploration of the native wildflowers of Bush Park. The public is invited to come learn how to identify several spring blooms, plus native shrubs and trees among remnant wet prairie, oak woodland, and riparian

zones. Bush Park has 89 acres including a surprising diversity remaining in a very accessible urban area. There are some projects underway to restore native plants along the creek, and opportunities for more volunteers to help. We have been offered a chance to use the greenhouse at Deepwood to propagate natives for the Bush Park restoration. The chapter hopes to re-ignite interest in chapter activities by distributing a list of summer field trips and restoration projects as well as a survey of member (and potential member) interests at this event. Meet at the Deepwood Historic House parking lot, at the southwest corner of Mission Street and 12th Street, Salem. Dress for the weather, and bring a notebook or camera if you wish. For more information contact Dana Field at 503-581-6073.

William Cusick

For information on the William Cusick Chapter call Frazier Nichol at 541-963-7870.

NPSO Items for Sale

Vascular Plants of Lane County, Oregon: An Annotated Checklist by C. Simpson, J. Koenig, J. Lippert, R. Love, B. Newhouse, N. Otting, S. Sundberg, D. Wagner, and P. Warner. Emerald Chapter, NPSO. This new county checklist includes more than 1,740 species and varieties representing 39 percent of the 4,460 plants currently recognized by the Oregon Flora Project at Oregon State University. It also includes a color map of Lane County's five major ecoregions; and information about rare and endangered species, noxious weeds, and escaped cultivated plants. Information is included for every species on habitat, ecoregion, occurrence frequency, and native or non-native origin. To order, send **\$15** payable to Emerald Chapter, NPSO to Lane County Checklist, Emerald Chapter, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.

Camas Tee Shirt from Cheahmill Chapter. Beautiful moss green or tan tee shirts with botanical drawing in color of *Camassia quamash* by Carlton, OR artist and Cheahmill chapter member Marilyn Karbonski. Short sleeve, high quality, **\$15 plus shipping**. For ordering information call 503-852-7230, or send order to PO Box 291, Carlton, OR 97111.

The "Atlas of Oregon Carex" was NPSO's first Occasional Paper. The Atlas has 128 location maps, one for each Carex taxon in the state of Oregon. Also included are a synonymy, fun facts about sedges, a history of the project, and Oregon geography maps. **Price: \$5.**

"Louis F. Henderson (1853-1942): The Grand Old Man of Northwest Botany" by Rhoda M. Love. NPSO's second Occasional Paper is the only existing publication with detailed coverage of the long and fascinating life of this John Muir-like western character. Included: 56 pictures, 133 notes, chronology, list of plants named for Henderson. Third printing nearly sold out. Order your copy today! **Price: \$10.**

To order either or both Occasional Papers, send check for the appropriate amount (made payable to NPSO) to: **Occasional Papers, Native Plant Society of Oregon, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.**

NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2001). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. **\$3 postpaid.**

The Siskiyou Field Institute 2003 Field Season

by Sue Parrish, SFI Director

One fall day a couple of years ago, my five-year-old daughter and I were looking at a sparkling mountain lake, soaking in the sun and the cliffed walls that rose above it to the sky. She sat snuggled on my lap, watching the scene, and said "Mama, you see those sparkles out in the lake?... That's where the stars go in the daytime". Her innate connection and understanding of the natural world (mixed in with a five-year-old sense of magic of course!) felt sage-like to me that day.

The staff at the Siskiyou Field Institute strives to bring that sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural world to people through a wide assortment of natural history programs for students aged 6-80. Participants can learn all about the Klamath-Siskiyou through botanizing, birding, hiking, backpacking, rafting...with expert naturalists eager to share their knowledge and passion for this botanically diverse and unique mountain system. Read on for this year's program offerings—we hope you'll join us!

Our season will officially kick off with Illustrating Klamath River Wildflowers with dynamic Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik from May 15-18 at Sandy Bar Ranch in Orleans, CA. Linda, a professional illustrator and botanist, will offer participants the chance to learn about Klamath River plants through field exploration, watercolor, and field sketching.

SFI is convening its Second **Conference on Klamath-Siskiyou Ecology: Biodiversity and Habitat Restoration** this year from May 29-31, 2003. The first conference in 1997 led to our annual offerings of courses as it stimulated such dialog and enthusiasm amongst attendees. Leading researchers from universities, land management agencies, and other organizations will be sharing the latest scientific findings about the region. Topics discussed include Forest Ecology; Fire-adapted

ecosystems and management; Phytophthora (Port Orford Cedar Disease and Sudden Oak Death); Riparian, Aquatic Ecology and Fish Restoration; and Sensitive Species. Presentations will be followed by field trips with conference presenters to local sites. The conference will end with our annual banquet on Saturday May 31st in the Illinois Valley. A social hour and delicious vegetarian meal will be followed by a keynote presentation from Cathy Whitlock, entitled "Fire, climate and vegetation in Oregon's forests: an examination on multiple time scales."

Our Western Siskiyou session is taking place before and after the conference from May 24-28, and June 1. Based in the Illinois Valley near Cave Junction, participants can choose from a large array of courses that take them venturing all over the Western Siskiyou. The Eastern Siskiyou session, based out of Ashland, will take place from June 27-29th, offering participants the chance to explore the Eastern Siskiyou. Join us for courses that chronicle the Biscuit Fire's regeneration, and cover botany basics and forays to medicinal uses of plants...to

name just a few of this year's offerings. Four- and five-day courses offer college credit and a rather comprehensive introduction to plant identification with Linda Ann Vorobik, bryophytes with David Wagner, and forest mycology with Dan Luoma.

Other programs throughout the summer are bountiful and spread throughout the region. These programs offer a variety of experiences, such as a Family Naturalist Rafting trip down the Klamath River, Birding and Redwood Ecology at the coast, or Birds, Bats, Bed and Breakfast weekend at Buckhorn Springs Resort, to name just a few. New this year are rafting and backpacking programs that will take you into the backcountry alongside trained naturalists and wilderness guides to immerse yourself further in the wilds of this region.

If you're not on our mailing list and want to receive our catalog, please contact us at institute@siskiyou.org, or by phone at 541-592-4459 or 541-482-1417. It can also be viewed and a registration form downloaded online at www.siskiyou.org. Come join us in the Siskiyou!

Tualatin Hills Park Native Plant Sale and Earth Day Event

Native Plant Sale Saturday, April 19, 10am - 2pm

Attention All Gardeners! Don't miss the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's Native Plant Sale at 15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton. Select from a wide variety of trees, shrubs and flowering plants in all price ranges for every spot in your garden! Once established, native plants need little care and water! All proceeds go toward future park improvements. Contact 503-644-5595 or www.thprd.org for more information.

2003 Earth Day Event Saturday, April 19, 10am-1pm

Join us for a celebration of the plants and animals that live in our forests. Through mini-workshops, booths, and activities you'll find out about Northwest native plants, wildlife gardens, and some of the critters that live in our region. There will be free mini-land workshops, interpretive walks, kids activities and refreshments as well as booths from local conservation groups and a native conifer tree display.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Events

Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene, call 541-747-1504 for information or to register.

Gardening with Nature: Native Plant Gardening Workshop Series

These popular classes offer a complete tutorial in how to choose native plants that will thrive in your garden's micro-habitats, attract and sustain wildlife, and design a natural garden that fits into your personal landscape. Taught by Evelyn Hess of Lorane Hills Farm and Nursery. Sign up for the whole series or individual classes and prepare your garden for some ecologically beneficial changes. Class fees: \$85/\$60 for the entire series, or \$20/\$15 per class.

Native Plant Propagation

April 5, Saturday, 1-4 pm

Designing Your Natural Garden

April 19, Saturday, 1-4 pm

Spring Wildflower Walks

April 12, 19, Saturdays, 10 am-Noon

Immerse yourself in the splendor of the Arboretum's native spring wildflowers. Learn about the ecology and how to identify the flowers in bloom on these walks led by botanist David Wagner (4/12) and local naturalist Susan Morasci (4/19). Meet at the Visitor Center. Suggested donation \$3.

The Art of Nature Photography

April 13, Sunday, 1-4 pm &

April 17, Thursday, 7-9 pm

Learn to go beyond the snapshot to capture the essence of natural scenes and subjects on film. David Stone, local photographer and LCC instructor, teaches this class for individuals with some nature photography experience. Sunday's session focuses on instruction in composition and field photography. Thursday's session allows for discussion and feedback of your developed work. All camera types welcome. Fee: \$30. Pre-registration required.

Native People, Native Plants: a guided walk

April 13, Sunday, 10 am-Noon

Ever wonder what plants were used by the native Willamette Valley people? Join nature guide Adrienne Schartz on

this walk and learn about important medicinal, cultural, and food plants for the Kalapuya. Meet at the Visitor Center. Suggested donation \$3.

Earth Day Nature Readings

April 19, Saturday, 3-4:30 pm

Join in a community reading in celebration of Earth Day and the birthday of pioneer environmentalist John Muir. Rejoice in the beauty of nature writings by Muir, William Stafford, Barry Lopez, Gary Snyder, Mary Oliver and other inspired environmental writers. Bring your favorite passages to share, or just come to listen and enjoy refreshments. Held at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette Street in Eugene. Co-sponsored by Mount Pisgah Arboretum and Nearby Nature.

Medicinal Herbs Walk

April 26, Saturday, 10 am-Noon

Learn about Northwest medicinal herbs with herbalist and teacher Sherri Brown. She'll explore the medicinal properties, traditional uses, and ecology of the various herbs and flowers found on your walk. Meet at the Visitor Center. Suggested donation \$3.

Spring Field Botany Workshop

May 2-4, Friday-Sunday, 9 am-3 pm

Learn to use Gilkey & Dennis' *Handbook of Northwestern Plants* to key out common wildflowers and other plants of the Willamette Valley in this intensive 3-day botany class. Use the handbook in the field and the classroom, and apply your botanizing skills in three major plant communities—the Willamette Valley floor in the Arboretum, the unique mountain floras of Spencer Butte, and the West Eugene wetlands. Led by Dr. Rhoda Love and Judith Manning. This is a great way to learn our native plants or to brush up on keying and identification skills! Co-sponsored by the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Fee: \$100 (\$90 for MPA & NPSO members). Fee includes handouts. Pre-registration required.

Leach Botanical Garden Plant Sale

April 19, Saturday, 9:00am-3:00pm
Floyd Light Middle School,
SE 108th & Washington, Portland

The sale is offered in time to get those gloves and shovels out to begin spring planting. Leach Garden Friends will have 15-20 vendors offering new species, natives, ferns, conifers, trough plants, and perennials in addition to our own plant tables featuring natives and hardy perennials grown by volunteers in the Leach nursery.

Nearby Nature

Folklore of Wildflowers Walk

April 26, Saturday, 10am-noon

Discover the stories behind the names of local wildflowers on a walk through the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park in Eugene. Open to all ages, rain or shine, meet at the Alton Baker Park Host Residence (just west of the new dog run). Free for members, \$3 donation for non-members. For more information, call 541-687-9699 or check out Nearby Nature's web site: www.nearbynature.org.

Oregon Rare Plant Status Meeting

April 11, Friday, Room 103,
Bexell Hall, OSU, Corvallis

The triennial meeting to discuss rare plants in Oregon will start promptly at 9:30 am and end no later than 5:30 pm. All interested parties are welcome to attend. At the meeting we will be discussing plant species in preparation for the next revision (2004 publication) of the Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center's (formerly Oregon Natural Heritage Program) lists that appear in the "Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals of Oregon". Please go to the ORNHIC website at <http://oregon-state.edu/ornhic> to see a PDF copy of the latest booklet/list, February 2001.

Berry Botanic Garden Events

Portland's Berry Botanic Garden has a number of native plant oriented events. To register or to get more information on these and other events at the garden call Kris at 503-636-4112x22 or visit their website at <http://www.berrybot.org>.

**Native Plant Gardening Series—
Register for all or individual classes. Each class \$15 or \$45 for all four.**

Gardening with our Favorite Native Plants

April 3, Thursday, 10 am-12 pm

A great introduction to our favorite plants, chosen because they are attractive, beneficial to wildlife and great garden specimens. Slides, discussion, and handouts provide lots of information.

Native Plant Garden Field Trip

April 10, Thursday, 9:30 am-1 pm

Learn by other native plant gardeners' examples. On this field trip, you'll see how 2 knowledgeable gardeners have fit natives into the home landscape.

Propagating Native Plants

April 17, Thursday, two sessions, 10am-12 pm or 12:30-2:30 pm

Grow your own plants! Gain hands-on experience in our greenhouse taking and rooting hard and soft cuttings, making divisions and collecting seed. Find out which media and techniques work best to propagate the native plants you wish to have in your yard. Take home cuttings and seeds from BBG's nursery stock.

Designing with Native Plants

April 24, Thursday, 10 am-12 pm

Having an overall plan for your garden is crucial to its success. Amy Whitworth, of Plan-It-Earth Designs, is a Portland garden designer and enthusiastic instructor, who will share with us some great exercises for designing a space using PNW natives. Bring photos of your yard for personal assistance.

Spring Plant Sale

April 6, Sunday, 11 am-3 pm

We are looking forward to this year's plant sale. Whether your love is rhododendrons, primulas, penstemons, alpines, or native plants, plan to be there early for the best selection. It is held at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center in Beaverton. Call Kris at 503-636-4112 ext 22 if you can help us out as a volunteer! BBG Members get in early at 10 am!

Weldon Wagon Road Hike

April 16, Wednesday, 9 am-3:30 pm

This is a hike of historical as well as botanical interest. As its name indicates it is an old homestead road. On this easy April hike we may see lomatiums, big-headed clover and other meadow flowers. In particular we'll be looking for two lady-slippers that are known to lurk along the trail here. This is a 2-3 mile hike, about 500 ft. elevation gain. \$10.

Crash Course in Flower ID

April 25, Friday, 3-5 pm

April 26, Saturday, All day

In this two-part class, learn how to dissect flowers, speak the language of botany and hone your identification skills. The first session meets at The Berry Botanic Garden where we start with the basics using slides, handouts, live plants and discussion. For the second session, we'll go on an easy hike to test our plant ID skills in an area of spring flowering beauty. If you own them, please bring to both sessions a plant ID book, a hand lens, and a clipboard. \$25.

37th Annual Glide Wildflower Show

April 26 & 27, 9 am - 5 pm

Glide Community Building, 20062 N. Umpqua Highway (17 miles east of Roseburg, Oregon on Highway 138).

This annual show features over 600 species of plants from southwestern Oregon. Included are exhibits and specimens of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, lichens, liverworts, mosses, ferns, and grasses, all arranged and identified by botanical and common names. Photographs of rare and endangered species are also on display. Botanists will be on hand to answer questions and a floral book and identification guide will be available for a nominal charge.

General public hours are from 9 am to 5 pm, both Saturday and Sunday. The hour between 8 and 9 am on both days is reserved for photographers only. On Monday the 28th, the show will open to school groups by advance reservations. For more information call 541-677-3797

“Rickett” For Sale; Help the Oregon Flora Project

Wildflowers of the United States: The Northwestern States by Harold William Rickett, is Volume 5 (in 2 parts) in the New York Botanical Garden's series covering the entire United States, published in 1966. It includes color photographs of nearly 1,800 wildflowers, and covers Washington and Oregon west of the Cascades, and California southward to the deserts.

A set in excellent condition has been donated to NPSO by Mary May of Lake Oswego, a member for many years. Proceeds will be given to the Oregon Flora Project. This out-of-print set is offered for sale by used-book sellers for approximately \$250.00. Please send your offer to Jan or Dave Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland OR 97212; or jddobak@pcez.com.

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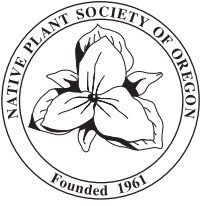
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The Eastside Conservation Coordinator/Chair position is still vacant, and NPSO needs someone to fill that role. Responsibilities include working with chapters to identify and participate in public input on federal, regional, state, and local conservation-related issues that affect Oregon east of the Cascade crest. Letter writing, research, and occasionally meetings with officials or agency staff are typical duties of the position. A large time commitment is usually not required. If you are interested in serving NPSO in this position, please contact the president at president@NPSOregon.org.