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President's Message

Greetings, Fellow Native Plant Enthusiasts!

by Bruce Newhouse, Outgoing President

What a cool, damp late spring we have had here in the Willamette Valley! And what a contrast to the warm, dry early spring. Plant growth is lush, and the weeds seem particularly robust now. My friends over the mountains say that it has been unusually cool and wet this spring over there as well.

This column represents for me the culmination of 5 years as NPSO State President. It has been a tremendous learning session for me, and I think the organization has grown and matured a lot as well. There are quite a few remarkable people who have been keeping the organization humming for a long, long time, but they have been stretched too far for too long. It is very inspiring to see some young blood step in and take on the task of President, Secretary, and other positions. This is key to NPSO becoming more of a force for protecting native plants and habitats.

I feel the need to mention at least a few of the names of NPSO activists that have made my tenure enjoyable, and at the same time, furthered the causes of the organization tremendously: Dan Luoma, Dave and Jan Dobak, Tanya Harvey, Cindy Roché, Jim Duncan and Elaine Pleasance, Veva Stansell, Charlene Simpson, Rhoda Love, Michael Hartman, Candice Guth, Stu Garrett, Shane Latimer, Karl Anderson, Karen Sturgeon and many others have been great people to work with—and that is just a start. There are so many more names that belong on that list,

but here I am, the last article holding up the newsletter, so I need to keep it short! My apologies to those of you not listed here, and I thank you all for your involvement in NPSO!

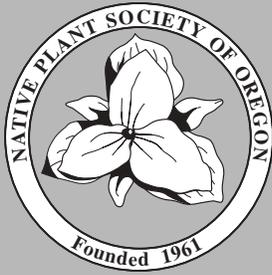
My five years (so Dan Luoma tells me) as NPSO President is done (at least this time around—who knows?!). During this time, in addition to many of the regular granting and conservation activities we do, we have adopted a field trip waiver and guidelines, updated our bylaws, got *Kalmiopsis* restarted, built a web site, become a major supporter of the Oregon Flora Project, adopted a native gardening policy, prevailed in two lawsuits protecting Oregon's rare plants, and completed many other tasks and improvements.

I am ready to pursue a different role for NPSO, which will unfold shortly, I'm sure. I think I would like to continue to work with our chapter and state webmaster to get more information posted, and in the hands of the public—members and non-members alike. I think I would like to help other chapters start on invasive species lists, native plant lists, native gardening information and developing their own web sites. As "Immediate Past President," I remain a voting board member until the current President is replaced, and then have the option—as do all of you—of attending board members as a non-voting member, or running again for a board position, or leaving the board and focusing on local chapter work.

Whichever way I go, I will enjoy myself. I always enjoy myself when I am working and experiencing nature with NPSOers—fellow plant lovers and activists who care about the quality of Oregon's life. I wish our new President, Kelli Van Norman, the very best, and will continue to hang out here in the background and offer support to her and the board in any way I can. We will be in great hands with Kelli at the helm—she has already proven herself invaluable to NPSO at the chapter and state levels. Thank you all for a fantastic 5 years. I couldn't have spent it with a nicer bunch of people!

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Editor's Note

Submission Information for Next Issue

A reminder that next month's *Bulletin* will cover the last half of August and September. The submission date will be pushed back two weeks to **July 24**. You should receive this issue the second week of August. The following issue will return to the usual schedule with a submission date of September 10th and should arrive by October 1st.

And I'd like to remind you one more time: Please send all submissions electronically and put in the same order as they are in the *Bulletin*. **Put NPSO and the Chapter or organization name in the subject.** This helps keep them from getting lost with the spam. **Please include the copy in the body of the e-mail** as attachments are sometimes difficult to read. Thanks and have a wonderful summer!

Great Opportunity to Serve NPSO!

Do you love NPSO? Do you live or work near the Portland area? NPSO is looking for someone to serve as our NPSO representative at EarthShare. What is EarthShare? EarthShare is a federation of leading non-profit environmental and conservation organizations that work to promote environmental education and charitable giving through workplace giving campaigns. NPSO receives a large proportion of its annual income from EarthShare. We need a representative that will attend EarthShare meetings (in Portland) every month. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Shane Latimer at slatimer@jsanet.com.



Turkey peas (Orogenia fusiformis) is a diminutive member of the Carrot family (Apiaceae). This photo shows why it is called a snow-melt species. It emerges as soon as, or even before, the snow finishes melting. It flowers and completes its whole lifecycle very quickly before other taller plants emerge and take over. Turkey peas can be found in open areas in the Western Cascades.

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Blue Mountain

For information on the Blue Mountain Chapter call Jerry Baker at 541-566-2244.

Cheahmill

For information on the Cheahmill Chapter call Marilyn Karbonski at 503-852-7230.

Corvallis

July 10, Saturday, 8:00am

Field Trip: Iron Mountain. Forest and meadow wildflowers will be the main attractions at this spectacular, botanically-rich area west of Santiam Pass. 4-5 miles, moderately difficult all-day hike. Meet at 8:00 am OSU parking lot, SW of The Beanery, 26th and Monroe, Corvallis. Call Dan Luoma, 541-752-8860, for more information.

Emerald

July 10, Saturday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Conifer Identification Walk. Rob Weiss will lead a trip to Smith Ridge near the McKenzie River headwaters. Smith Ridge may have more conifer species in one small area than anywhere else in Oregon—rivaling the Klamath Mountains of California. Among 17 species are Alaska yellowcedar, silver fir, dwarf juniper and Engelmann spruce. We will walk 2 to 3 miles. Bring hand lens and lunch. Meet 8:00 am at South Eugene High School or 9:15 am at Harbick's Store 7 miles east of Blue River on Highway 126. For more info call Rob at 541-563-3947 or Dave at 541-345-5531.

July 11, Sunday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Botany, Birds, and Butterflies of Bohemia Mountain. Join Bruce Newhouse for a long natural history day up in Bohemia country, to view wildflowers, butterflies and birds

in the most diverse area of Lane County—and the views are spectacular, too! Bring water, lunch and sturdy shoes (some hiking likely will occur). Also bring a hand lens, binoculars, field guides, sunscreen and sunglasses. Some of the driving is over gravel road. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot at 8:00 am to carpool. We'll return by 6:00 or 7:00 pm, although some may opt to return earlier. www.naba.org/chapters/nabaes/hot-spots.html has a list of butterflies to be expected in the Bohemia area. For more info call Bruce at 541-343-2364.

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.

July 18, Sunday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Blair Lake Trail high above Oakridge. Barbro McCree will take us up the Blair Lake Trail to view summer wildflower displays near 5000' elevation. Meet 8:00 am at South Eugene High School or 9:00 am at the Middle Fork Ranger Station. Return to Eugene by 6:30 pm. Questions, call Barbro at 541-782-3919 or e-mail at k_mccree@efn.org. Visit Barbro's web page at www.efn.org/~k_mccree/Blair-LkTrail.html.

July 24, Saturday, 8:00 am

Field Trip: Calapooya Divide. Visit the beautiful Calapooya Divide separating the Willamette and Umpqua River watersheds on this easy hike co-sponsored by the Native Plant Society and the Willamette National Forest. The main goal will be to relocate rare species at Bristow Prairie. Interesting species in the wet meadowland include *Sidalcea cusickii* and *Veratrum insolitum* and other species common in southern Oregon. Meet to carpool 8:00 am at South Eugene High School or 9:00 am at the Middle Fork Ranger Station west of Oakridge. Bring a hat, lunch, water and comfortable walking shoes. For more information contact Jenny Lippert at 541-225-6440.

September 9, Thursday, 9:30 am

Herbarium Work Party: Assist with mounting and organizing specimens in the Rowe-Love Herbarium at Lane Community College. Meet in the LCC Science Building (Bldg 16) Rm 117 from 9:30 am to noon. Refreshments provided. No background necessary and all assistance is appreciated. Learn some valuable collection and preparation skills and contribute to adding to our collection of over 3000 specimens. Contact Gail Baker, Science, Lane Community College, 541-463-5085 or bakerg@lanec.edu.

High Desert

July 3, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Iron Mountain/Cone Peak. We will walk 3 to 4 miles along the Cone Peak/Iron Mountain trail through conifer forests up to mountain meadows overlooking Tombstone Pass. This trip will be a joint affair with Audubon Society and will entail both birding and plant ogling. Be prepared for a moderate hike. Bring good boots, lunch, sunscreen, water and a good attitude. This is a beautiful place. Call trip leader Reid Schuller (541-317-1901) to reserve a spot or for more information. This trip will depart the Pilot Butte State Park parking lot promptly at 8:30am and return late afternoon.

July 10, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Wildfires and Wildflowers. Explore the fire landscape of the Metolius Basin and unique wildflower habitats with US Forest Service ecologist, Maret Pajutee. We'll visit the 2003 "B & B Complex" wildfire area and discuss fire ecology and restoration issues. Meet at Sisters Ranger District Office in Sisters (west end of town) at 9:00 am. Be prepared for off-trail hiking. Please wear long pants and good boots. Call trip leader Maret Pajutee for more information 541-549-7727 (days).

July 17, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Restoration of Local Weedy Natural Areas. David Bowers has been restoring areas of knapweed, toadflax, and cheat grass invasion locally. This easy hike will look at several areas in Bend and Sunriver that he has restored over the last 4 years. This trip will depart the Pilot Butte State Park parking lot promptly at 8:30 am and return late afternoon. For more information call Stu Garrett, trip leader, 541-389-6981 eves.

July 24, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Canyon Creek Meadows. Flowing off the north face of Three Fingers Jack, this montane/subalpine forest/meadow mosaic is a favorite wilderness destination for hikers and wildflower enthusiasts alike. Join us for

this 7-mile (round-trip) easy-to-moderate hike in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness. Group size is limited to 12 people and priority will be given to NPSO members. Pre-registration is required! Call trip leader Reid Schuller for sign-up: 541-317-0199 (days), 541-317-1901 (evenings) for more information. This trip will depart the Pilot Butte State Park parking lot promptly at 8:30 am and return late afternoon.

August 14, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Broken Top Volcano. Our annual trek to view the spectacular glaciated scenery and alpine wildflowers in the High Cascades west of Bend is a six-mile round-trip, moderate-to-strenuous hike with a 1700' elevation gain. We'll do mostly off-trail hiking through the Three Sisters Wilderness, so hiker numbers are limited to 12. Meet at Pilot Butte Lot at 8:30 am. If we can't go to Broken Top we will hike Black Crater. Pre-registration is required! Call trip leader Stu Garrett for sign-up: eves 541-389-6981. The sooner the better!!

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby, 541-884-5703, smalaby@cs.com.

Mid-Columbia

July 7, Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Potluck Picnic: at Afton Foot's Home, 616 E. Scenic Dr., The Dalles.

August 4, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: On Top of the Cascades: Sub-alpine wildflowers, Shrubs & Trees. Bring your favorite specimens and some ripe huckleberries. Also ongoing seed collection information for native plant gardening. The Dalles Chronicle Meeting Room, 317 E. 3rd, The Dalles.

North Coast

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

Portland

July Meetings Discontinued

In December 2003 the Portland chapter approved discontinuing meetings in July and August. Attendance is low and field trips are keeping members active.

Siskiyou

All trip participants will be required to sign a disclaimer. For more information about any trip, call the trip leader.

July 10, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Young's Valley. Moderate 5-mile hike to a beautiful high elevation valley just inside the Siskiyou Wilderness with spectacular views of Preston Peak, El Capitan and surrounding mountains. The drive to the trailhead passes through a wide variety of plant communities typical of the western Siskiyou, including diverse conifer forests, serpentine ridges and fens, a stop at Sanger Lake, and great views of rugged mountains. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for a short part of the route to the trailhead. Expect to be back at the Visitor Center around 5:00 pm. Meet 9:00 am at Illinois Valley Visitor Center in Cave Junction, Hwy 46, half a block from Hwy 199. Leader: Karen McCullough 541-592-4032.

July 17, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Red Mountain (west of Mt Ashland). Enjoy a moderate four-mile hike along the flank of Red Mountain, identifying unusual wild flowers like *Ipomopsis aggregata* and *Anemone drummondii* along the way. Bring lots of water! Meet 9:00 am in Ashland Bi-Mart parking lot next to fence along Tolman Creek Rd. (Ashland St and Tolman Creek Rd near I-5 exit 14). Leader: Lusetta Nelson 541-301-3799.

July 24, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Chrome Ridge and/or Flat Top and/or Chinaman's Hat (Siskiyou Mountains). The exact whereabouts of this trip will depend on what is in bloom! Expect a long drive deep into the heart of the Siskiyou

Mountains to explore higher elevation flora. We may see Lobb's eriogonum, a *Darlingtonia* fen, Bolander's lily, Englemann's lomatium, Sadler's oak, as well as landscape views of the Biscuit Fire and returning vegetation! Moderate hike. Bring plenty of food and water! Meet 9:00 am at US Forest Service Bldg, 200 NE Greenfield Rd, Grants Pass, just north of Exit 58 off I-5, east side of freeway. Leader: Cecile Shohet, 541-592-4052.

July 31, Saturday, 4:00 pm

Field Trip: Bigelow Lakes Botanical Area and Mount Elijah. This is the classic late afternoon-late night hike that Lee has been leading for many years. We will watch the sunset and may see everything from rare plants to resident long-eared owls. Bring water, dinner, warm clothes, flashlight, and good hiking shoes. Moderate 5-mile hike. Recommended reading: Don Begnoche, *Siskiyou Sundays*, pp. 101-106; Mary Paetzl, *Spirit of the Siskiyou*, pp. 118-155. Meet 4:00 pm at Illinois Valley Visitor Center, Cave Junction, Hwy 46, half a block from Hwy 199. Leaders: Lee Webb 541-479-6859, Karen McCullough, Cecile Shohet.

August 7, Saturday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Dutchman Peak/Observation Peak (west of Mt Ashland). Visit two easily accessible Botanical Areas in Rogue River National Forest and see rare plants and beautiful wildflowers still in bloom when lower elevations are hot, dry, and bloomless. Short, easy walks. Meet 10:00 am at Star Ranger Station in the Applegate Valley, 7 miles south of Ruch on Upper Applegate Rd. Leader: Barbara Mumblo 541-899-3855 (w).

Umpqua Valley

July 10, Saturday 11:00 am

Potluck: At Katherine Hausotter's place on 4925 North Myrtle Road, Myrtle Creek. When going out North Myrtle, read addresses from mailboxes. View *Lilium occidentale*. For the latest contact Ron Hatt at hattr@citlink.net or 541-863-7024.

Willamette Valley

July 10, Saturday, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Field Trip: Cone Mountain/Iron Mountain. Join us for one of the best wildflower hikes in Oregon. Slow pace over a seven-mile loop. For more information or to register, call John Savage (503-399-8615).

July 17, Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Work Party: Seed Collection at Kingston Prairie Preserve. The local chapter will collect seed at the Kingston Prairie Preserve for the Oregon Nature Conservancy. Bring a lunch. For more information or to register, call John Savage (503-399-8615).

August 14, Saturday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Field Trip: McNeil Point. We will view mountain meadow flowers in the Mt. Hood area. Plan for a long day and bring a lunch. For more information, call John Savage (503-399-8615).

William Cusick

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

Conservation Coordinator Still Needed

We still need a Conservation Coordinator/Chair for the Eastside. Responsibilities include working with chapters and the state board to identify and participate in public input on federal, regional, state, and local conservation-related issues that affect Oregon. 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 the position, please contact the president at president@NPSOregon.org.



Viola macloskeyi is a cute little white violet of montane wet meadows. These were photographed June 12 at Quaking Aspen Swamp south of Cougar Reservoir in the Western Cascades.

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OTHER EVENTS

Zigzag Ranger District Wildflower Hikes

For further information phone 503-622-3191, ext. 0.

Top Spur to Bald Mountain July 16, Friday, 10am – 2pm

This destination was last year's most popular wildflower hike! Join Mt. Hood National Forest botanists, Marty Stein and Carol Horvath, to view the early summer display of wildflowers as you hike the Top Spur trail to Bald Mountain. Enjoy the spectacular view of Mt. Hood as you gaze upon a vivid display of forest and meadow wildflowers. The trail is rated moderate in difficulty, gains 300' and is four miles round trip. Meet at the Zigzag Ranger District at 70220 E. Hwy 26 at 10 am, then carpool 12 miles to the Top Spur trailhead parking area. Bring water, lunch, rain gear, warm clothing, and supportive shoes or boots for walking on the uneven terrain of a forest trail. A Northwest Forest Pass is required for parking and may be purchased at the Zigzag Ranger Station. The number of participants will be limited to 2 groups of 12 each, including the hike leaders, so arrive early and check in with the leaders to secure your spot.

Timberline Lodge July 30 & August 13, Fridays, 10am – 2pm

Join Mt. Hood National Forest botanist, Carol Horvath, to view the sizzling display of subalpine wildflowers as you leisurely walk 2 miles of trails in the vicinity of Timberline Lodge. Experience the high elevation majesty of Mt. Hood, as you learn how the plants have adapted to survive the extreme environment. Meet at the Forest Service Information Desk at Timberline Lodge. Bring water, lunch, rain gear, sunscreen, appropriate clothing, and supportive shoes or boots for walking on the uneven terrain of a forest trail.

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Volunteer Opportunities

Eugene, 541-344-8350, office@bufordpark.org, www.bufordpark.org
To volunteer, please call the number listed with the event or e-mail volunteer coordinator Val Rogers: volunteer@bufordpark.org.

Summer Seed Collecting July & August, Fridays, 7 am – 12 pm

Join Stewardship Coordinator Jason Blazar for Friday morning seed collecting! A great opportunity to see the park, learn the plants, and gather seeds. Meet at the Arboretum parking lot. Contact Jason to confirm dates: ecoblazar@msn.com, 541-543-6869
RSVP REQUIRED!

South Meadow, Seed Collecting Group Work Parties July 17 & 31, Saturdays, 9 – 12 pm

The native plants are at their peak! See

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>.

Elk Meadows Hike July 29, Thursday, 9am-5pm

Much of the trail leads through a sheltering forest with trillium, vanilla leaf, arnica and huckleberries, See Engelmann spruce, more common in the Rockies than in the Cascades, along Clark Creek. We'll walk by summer favorites: bear grass, lupine and queen's cup lily, red Indian-paintbrush, columbine and more. The high point features outstanding views of Mt Hood, so close you can almost touch it, and a lovely alpine meadow. This hike is almost 7 miles round trip. And while the elevation gain is less than 1000 ft, there are several small, and one larger stream crossings that require caution. \$10 (\$8 BBG Members).

and feel the marvelous variety of seeds they produce. Meet at the Arboretum parking lot. Bring water!

"Adopt A Plot" (at the Native Plant Nursery) "Adopt A Reach" (of the Restored Side Channel)

Self-motivated types can make a huge difference! Keep these areas free of weedy invasive plants. Use your tools, on your time, at your pace, about 3 hours per month. What a way to take ownership of your public park! For more info, call Val at 541-344-8350.

Siskiyou Field Institute Course

For more information about this course or any of SFI's upcoming 2004 programs go to www.siskiyou.org/sfi, e-mail institute@siskiyou.org, or call 541-592-4459 (or in Ashland 541-482-1417).

Crater Lake Biome: Natural Systems on the Flanks of Mt Mazama July 10-12

This two and a half day course offers the incredible opportunity to explore various ecosystems at Crater Lake with terrestrial park ecologist Dr. Michael Murray. Dr. Murray will guide you through the parks varied ecosystems, focusing on the processes and dynamics of change and the effect on sensitive ecosystems. Day trips will be combined with evening presentations to maximize your experience. Park resource scientist John Salinas will also assist and offer his insight from over 20 years of research on the lake itself. Park entrance fee is included with \$80 tuition, camping or lodging is extra.

Willamette National Forest Offers Numerous Outings

The Willamette National Forest is offering various guided hikes to pick berries, view wildflowers, enjoy scenery and learn about the history of the area. Some hikes are free and some have a nominal fee to cover costs like transportation. Costs for the four-day trip includes meals and overnight accommodations. To participate contact Joanne West at 541-367-9206

A Trek Through Time Heritage Expedition July 12-15

Discover the history, geography, geology, flora and fauna of the Santiam River Basin. Learn about the culture and history of the people who lived within and used this scenic landscape. The journey covers rock art caves to historic travel routes to early European contacts. Hiking is an integral part of this program with moderate to difficult terrain for a total of 16 miles over three days. Trip Leaders: Archaeologists, botanists, biologists, geologists and representatives from local American Indian Tribes. Fee: \$395.

Echo Basin Wildflower Hike July 16, Friday, 9 am

Moderate two-mile hike leads to a wet meadow teeming with wildflowers. There is an optional one-mile hike to North Peak which is straight up, difficult and off-trail. Meet at Sweet Home Ranger District at 9 am. Bring lunch and water. Also sturdy footwear and long pants are required for the hike to North Peak. Transportation is provided. Trip Leader: Botanist Alice Smith. Fee: \$10 (\$5.00 with Golden Age/Access card).

South Pyramid Trail August 20, Friday, 8 am

As a link between the Old Cascades Trail network and the Middle Santiam Wilderness trail system, this difficult 5.4-mile trail drops off the base of South Pyramid and follows the creek that shares the same name. Hikers will experience younger forests until the trail drops through a beautiful old-growth forest. Meet at Sweet Home Ranger District at 8 am. Bring lunch and water, hiking boots, appropriate clothing. Transportation is provided. Fee: \$10 (\$5.00 with Golden Age/Access card).

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.

NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2003). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. **\$3 postpaid.**

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. Fourth printing, February, 2004. 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.**

Oregon's Rare Wildflower Poster depicts Punchbowl Falls and three of the Columbia River Gorge's endemic wildflowers. Text on the back describes the natural history of the Gorge and the mission of the NPSO. Available from Stu Garrett, 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend, OR 97701, 541-389-6981. Individuals may order posters at **\$12 each**, plus \$3 per order for shipping. Posters are mailed in tubes.

Sidalcea Summer Two: Continued Efforts to Save Henderson's Checkermallow

by Rhoda Love, Vice President, rglove@darkwing.uoregon.edu

I last wrote in January informing *Bulletin* readers that NPSO's petition had been mailed to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Plant Conservation Biology Program. Because Henderson's checkermallow has apparently vanished from 9/10ths of its historic locations in our state, we made a strong case for listing *Sidalcea hendersonii* as threatened in Oregon. Our Board was pleased to receive the following reply from Dr. Robert Meinke, leader of the ODA program: "In our estimation, the petition presents sufficient scientific and related evidence to justify a full status review." (2/11/04.)

NPSO sent a similar petition to United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); their reply was less positive. The Acting Regional Director in Portland wrote, "Our initial review of your petition does not indicate that an emergency situation exists... We anticipate making an initial finding in Fiscal Year 2005 as to whether your petition contains substantial information indicating that the action may be warranted." (2/2/04.) Despite the delay in action, NPSO looks forward to working with both agencies to assist with the recovery of Henderson's checkermallow in Oregon.

Meanwhile, field work goes forward. Here is a brief outline of what is now taking place. Teams are making plans to be out again in both Clatsop and Tillamook Counties searching historic locations and noting possible reintroduction sites. As for locating Henderson's checkermallow, the 2003 season taught me that the plant, despite its tall stems and showy pink flowers, is not easy to spot in its estuarine habitat.

This checkermallow blooms relatively late (July) at a time when tall associated grasses and other species have over-topped it. Some of its associates (native and introduced) are: *Angelica lucida*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Carex lyngbyei*, *Deschampsia caespitosa*, *Distichlis spicata*, *Heracleum lanatum*, *Rumex cris-*

pus, *Scirpus maritimus*, *Scirpus acutus*, *Festuca arundinaceae*, *Vicia nigricans*.

These plants can be so concealing that in walking through the flat estuary one does not see the sidalcea until one is but a few yards from it.

Reintroduction

With the help of the Nature Conservancy, Melanie and Steve Gisler of Corvallis collected seed last summer in the Siuslaw Estuary and have grown this in the greenhouse into sturdy young plants. They will be undertaking research this summer to find protected reintroduction sites. Their work will be partly funded by NPSO's Leighton Ho Memorial Field Research Grant.

Purchase of Habitat

The McKenzie River Trust of Eugene will continue its efforts to purchase known *Sidalcea hendersonii* habitat in Lane County estuaries. Set-asides for the checkermallow can also be managed to implement recovery of anadromous fish such as steelhead and salmon.

Kalmiopsis article

Melanie Gisler, our Oregon expert on this species, who understands all aspects of its reproduction, biological requirements, pollination, and predation, is now writing an article for the next issue of *Kalmiopsis*. I am assisting by adding some brief information on historical collections and the campaign for state and federal listing. Melanie will need some spectacular photos to accompany her article. Photographers in Washington and Oregon are urged to submit photos to me by the end of July. Hint: the checkermallow's bright pink flowers look gorgeous against a clear blue summer sky. Be sure to take a macro lens to capture pollinators—mostly bumblebees—and look for weevils eating pollen and seeds. Try to photograph the differences between perfect and female-only flowers. Cindy Roché, *Kalmiopsis* editor, reminds us that photos in portrait mode look stunning on a magazine cover. Here's to *Sidalcea Summer Two* and *Flowers Forever!*



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Sidalcea hendersonii, Cox Island, Lane County. Photo taken June 2003.

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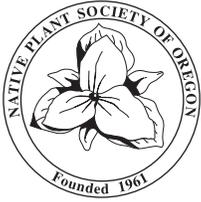
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Lewis & Clark Wilderness Proposal

by Peggy Robinson, Emerald Chapter

In this era of environmental doom and gloom, here is some promising news!

This exciting proposal floated by Senator Wyden would add 160,000 acres of officially designated wilderness to the Mt. Hood National Forest as well as adding 36.9 miles to the national Wild and Scenic River System. Public meetings have produced a good deal of support for the proposed legislation, however, it is important that Oregon's whole Congressional delegation support it and that it not be watered down significantly. There was a recent meeting of various stakeholders at Timberline Lodge to discuss the proposal, as well as some other proposals including creating a national park in the area. Please follow the news about this issue and let Senator Smith (503-326-3386) and Rep. Walden (541-389-4408) know that you favor as much wilderness as possible on Mt. Hood and ask them to co-sponsor the legislation, which is already supported by the Democratic members of our Congressional delegation.

Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Awarded

A winner has been selected to receive the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Award for 2004. Congratulations are in order for Therese Biboux. She has been attending Lane Community College, but will be heading to OSU in the fall. She was chosen on the basis of her strong motivation, her diligence in academics, and her involvement with conservation activities. She received high praise from her references and we agree that she is highly deserving of this recognition and support. She has received a Certificate of Award, and at the fall term \$1,000 will be made available toward Therese's tuition at OSU. We on the Scholarship Committee hope this award helps her to achieve her goal of receiving a biological science/teaching degree, and becoming an instructor. We encourage her to continue this pursuit and wish her every success along the way. Congratulations Therese!

The Scholarship Committee this year consisted of Bruce Newhouse, NPSO President, John Savage, Willamette Valley Chapter, and Thomas Jenkins, Willamette Valley Chapter.