

## Highlights of the October 16 Quarterly NPSO State Board Meeting

by Leslie Rossmell, Secretary

The Siskiyou Chapter hosted the well-attended October NPSO Board meeting on the campus of SOU in Ashland. Reports and discussions from the revived Conservation and Legislative committees were a welcome addition to the meeting. Darlene Southworth, West Side Conservation chair, continued her work with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on NPSO concerns about proposed mountain goat reintroduction into the Columbia River Gorge. NPSO is concerned about the lack of baseline monitoring surveys. Darlene also sent a letter to ODFW on wild turkey management, gathered information for a reply to USFS regarding an Off-Highway vehicle plan, and received a reply

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from Senator Wyden on wilderness protection on Mt. Hood (no mention of wilderness protection for Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument). Rhoda Love circulated letters sent to the Eugene *Register Guard* on the Biscuit fire, Measure 34 and protesting Greg Walden's (R,OR) attempt to weaken the Federal Endangered Species Act (August 29, 2004).

Les Helgeson is the new chair of the Legislative committee. Les works with conservation groups to weigh in on legislative policy in Salem. Often groups will share resources and help with nominal legal fees to promote protection of the environment in policy matters. Currently Les is working with the Native Fish Society and other conservation groups to ensure that Measure 66 funds earmarked for natural resource conservation are not diverted for other purposes.

Kelli Van Norman, NPSO President, discussed her goals to strengthen NPSO internal processes. An important component of internal operations is the work of committees. Healthy functioning committees spread NPSO's reach and effectiveness by focusing on specific areas. A list of committees and members involved was distributed, a first for NPSO.

The Board received the first report from the newly-formed Invasive Plant Committee chaired by Mandy Tu. Mandy pointed out that NPSO needs to be active with invasives work, since invasives threaten dwindling native habitat in Oregon. The committee is reviewing the USFS draft Invasive Plant EIS for Region 6, and will send a letter with comments to USFS.

Candice Guth, treasurer, reported NPSO is under spending, probably due to chapter delay in submitting reimbursements. Membership numbers have changed little from last quarter. The Emerald Chapter's reminder mailing to late renewing members was very effective and the materials have been requested by other chapters seeking to produce similar campaigns. Clay Gautier requested the extension date for renewing members be changed from Sept 1 to July 1, which was approved by the Board. The change will simplify renewals. Kalmiopsis editor Cindy Roché reported five articles for Volume 12 have been submitted or are under discussion. Cindy hopes to publish next spring. A discussion of actively selling and marketing Kalmiopsis was tabled for lack of a dedicated marketing volunteer willing to maintain inventory, manage and track sales, and work with the public and chapters.

Webmaster Michael Hartman, Cheahmill and Portland chapters announced launching of new chapter websites linked with NPSO website. Be sure to check out our new additions! Jerry Igo, Education Committee, welcomes speaking requests and/or can provide assistance with presentations, please contact him. Next May is slated for Oregon's first celebration of Native Plant Awareness Week. Chapter volunteers are needed, contact Matt Blakely Smith, mattbs@peak.org or 541-752-1091.



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Opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors of the articles. They do not represent the opinions of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, unless so stated.

### Grant Proposals Requested

**N PSO** will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are: 1) to stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state, and 2) to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

For a copy of the program policy and guidelines contact Dan Luoma, Field Research Grants Committee Chair, 3740 NW Harrison Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330, 541-752-8860 or visit NPSO's web site, www.npsoregon.org/ comm/FRGC.htm. Research proposals are due by March 1, 2005.

## Native Plant Appreciation Week

The date for Native Plant Appreciation week has been set for May 1st through May 8th. This week will be designated by the Washington Native Plant Society as well, which we think will increase the visibility of the event. We hope that the NPSO chapters will be able to plan activities that coincide with these dates. Other organizations are also encouraged to participate. Please don't hesitate to contact Matt Blakely-Smith (mattbs@peak.org or 541-752-1091) if you have questions or are willing to help coordinate this special event.



Exploring rocky outcrops in late autumn can actually be quite rewarding. Many plants that that dry up or disappear during the summer drought come back to life with the fall rains. In this photo taken in mid-November, *Lomatium hallii* (upper right) has reappeared and *Selaginella wallacei* and *Saxifraga aequidentata* are a fresh, succulent green once again.

## **NPSO CALENDAR**

## State

### January 22, 2005, Saturday

**Board Meeting:** The Cheahmill chapter will host the winter board meeting which will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the McMinnville Library, 225 NW Adams St., McMinnville.

## **Blue Mountain**

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

# Cheahmill

#### December

Cheahmill Chapter has no scheduled events in December. Happy Holidays!

January 27, Thursday, 7:00 pm Meeting: Zumwalt Prairie Preserve. Linda Hardie who has just completed her sixteenth year working for the Nature Conservancy will give a program on TNC's Zumwalt Prairie Preserve in Wallowa County. Linda's slide presentation will include many of her own photos of Zumwalt's scenic landscapes and will focus on the plants that grow there. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. McMinnville OR. For more info contact Susan Williams 503-538-1865 or email helgesusan@comcast.net.

## Corvallis

December 4, Saturday, 9:00 am Workshop Series: The Ferns of Oregon and beyond with Dr. Dave Wagner. Please bring dissecting equipment, and copies of Hitchcock & Cronquist and the Jepson manual. Due to physical limitations, class size will be limited to 20 people and participants will be required to have current NPSO memberships (new memberships encouraged). Workshops will be held in 1070 Cordley Hall, OSU campus, enter through northwest door by herbarium. Register in advance by contacting John Syring at 541-752-0414.

### December 13, Monday 6:30 pm

Meeting: Annual Holiday Party at Loren and Flo's abode, 3420 SW Willamette, Corvallis. Come one, Come all! Please bring 15-20 slides to show if you would like and a dessert or drink to share. For more information contact John Syring at 541-752-0414.

# Emerald

**Officers Needed** In February, 2005 the Emerald Chapter

### 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. will hold an election by mail for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have any nominations submit them by mail to Nominations Committee Chair, Bruce Newhouse at P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440 or to newhouse@efn.org before the January 24 meeting.

**December 4, Saturday, 10:00 am Field Trip: Tour of Native Plant Nursery at Mt. Pisgah.** The Friends of Buford Park have recently established a native plant nursery just southeast of Eugene. The organization is raising native plants to harvest seed for habitat restoration projects. A nursery tour will be followed by a 2mile hike to inspect restoration areas. Meet at 10:00 am at the North Trailhead parking at Mt. Pisgah. We'll be

back around noon. For more info call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531.

December 13, Monday, 7:30 pm Meeting: Annual Members Slide Show/Holiday Gathering. Bring 5-10 slides and a snack to share, if you wish. Come admire others' slides if you do not have your own. See you there! For more information call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Avenue East, Eugene.

January 24, Monday, 7:30 pm Meeting: Honduran Plant Life - A Slice of the Tropics. Jena Price and Ryan Turner are local botanists who have spent the past 3 years living in Africa and Central America as Peace Corps Volunteers. They will share stories and images from a year spent writing a botanical field guide (to be published by USAID in February) for one of Honduras's National Parks, The Sierra de Agalta. For more information call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Avenue East, Eugene.

February 6, Sunday, 11:00 am

**Field Trip: Winter Twig Walk.** Enjoy a brisk winter walk at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum led by Botanist Dr. Rhoda Love and learn to identify deciduous trees and shrubs when leaves and flowers are absent. For more information call the Arboretum at 541-747-3817.

## **High Desert**

For information on the High Desert Chapter contact Reid Schuller at 541-317-1901.

## **Klamath Basin**

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

# Mid-Columbia.

#### **December 1, Wednesday, 7:30 pm Meeting: Rare Plants of Our Area.** Identification of sensitive listed or endemic species in the Mid-Columbia area. Jerry & Michael Igo speakers. The

*Dalles Chronicle* Meeting Room, 317 E. 3rd Street, The Dalles.

#### January 5, Wednesday 7:30 pm Meeting: Winter Twigs. Learn to identify most of our trees, shrubs and some woody forbs when they bare their souls to the winter winds. Mystery plants welcome. Mike Igo speaker. The *Dalles Chronicle* Meeting Room, 317 E. 3rd Street, The Dalles.

## **North Coast**

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

# Portland

Monthly meeting room/date change? Due to the small size of our current meeting room, we are contemplating changing the day of our monthly meetings so that we can return to the larger Fireside Room. Please leave Mandy a message at physo.carpus@verizon.net (with "NPSO" on the subject line) or at 503-640-1764 and specify your preferred weekday to meet for our monthly meetings or if Tuesday is still fine.

# Friends of the Oregon Flora Project

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE DRIVE

If you had the opportunity to accomplish twice as much on a task as you put into it, would you? Your donations to the Oregon Flora Project Challenge Drive can do just that! Several generous supporters will



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match \$26,000 in donations made to the OFP through Jan 31, 2005.

Please take advantage of this opportunity for your gift to fund twice the work that your dollars alone could do.

Send checks (made out to NPSO, with "OFP Challenge" on the memo line) to:

Friends of the Oregon Flora Project P.O. Box 402 Corvallis, OR 97339-0402

#### **Opportunities Abound!!**

Portland Chapter is looking for enthusiastic people to pick up the ball, and to serve in the following positions starting next year:

- **Chapter President** Give the 5 minute intro at monthly meetings, reply to inquiries.
- **Chapter Secretary** Keep a few notes, pass around the sign-in sheet.
- **Program Committee** Find and arrange for our monthly speakers.
- Field Trip Leaders We will not have field trips, unless someone leads them!

Please let Mandy (physo.carpus@verizon.net or 503-640-1764) know if you are interested in serving in any of these capacities.

### December 14, Tuesday, 7:00pm Meeting: Changes in Portland's flora

over the last 100 years. What do Carex aurea, Cephalanthera austiniae, Clintonia uniflora, Cypripedium montanum, Elymus cinereus, and Lycopodium clavatum have in common with Portland? They were once here and have since disappeared or are very rare in the Metro area. We know that Phalaris arundinacea and Hedera helix were once infrequent and now ubiquitous, but how many other species are in the same boat? Help uncover these and other botanical secrets contained in a 100-year-old manuscript documenting Portland's flora in the days of horse-drawn traffic. Join John Christy and Angie Kimpo to help document changes in Portland's flora between 1910 and 2004. This will be a working session to evaluate species whose distributions have increased or decreased over the last century. Help document the Portland Chapter's collective knowledge of the current abundance or rarity of these species. Because the list of species is long, we may need to form a working group to continue evaluation in several subsequent meetings. Location: Classroom #134, First United Methodist Church, 1938 SW Jefferson St., Portland. Located just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX stop.

## Siskiyou

December 17, Friday, 6:30 pm Meeting and Annual Holiday Party: An update on Sudden Oak Death Disease. Join Ellen Goheen, US Forest Service Plant Pathologist at the S.W. Oregon Forest Insect and Disease Service Center, for a presentation on the history and threats posed by Sudden Oak Death. We will hear the latest information on how the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum* spreads, what are current disease avoidance strategies and control practices, known locations in SW Oregon, and ecological con-

## **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 Marilynn 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. 20% off Holiday Sale! Special price \$8.00 on all orders received before January 31, 2005.

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. cerns. Tour the rock museum after the program. Please bring a festive dish, dessert, or drink to share. Holiday meeting at Crater Rock Museum, 2002 Scenic Ave., Central Point. (If coming from Medford, take Hwy. 99 north, through Central Point, past the high school, and turn right at Scenic Ave.. Go two blocks.) For more info contact Cynthia Maclaren at 541-482-0899.

## **Umpqua Valley**

**December 9, Thursday, 7:00 pm Holiday Party: Potluck meal followed by sharing our favorite slides.** Bring a dish and bring some slides for an evening of friendship and socializing. Mercy Education Bldg., 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. We will not have a business meeting this month. For information call Judy Kent or Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024. The 2005 NPSO Annual Meeting Committee will meet at 6:00 pm prior to the potluck dinner.

## Willamette Valley

**December 16, Thursday, 7:00 pm Meeting: Ethnobotany.** Dr. Morris Johnson will discuss the historic uses of native plants. The program, cosponsored by The Friends of the Straub Environmental Learning Center and the Willamette Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Watch the NPSO web site for more details about this presentation and the meeting place.

## William Cusick

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

### Mount Pisgah Arboretum Events

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

#### Evergreen Wreaths December 4, Sunday, 10-11:30am

Create your own seasonal wreath using native evergreens, cones, and other natural materials. Bethany Little, talented local florist and wreath maker, teaches this annual fundraiser for the Arboretum's Education Program. You1ll come away with new skills and a beautiful wreath to give as a gift or decorate your home for the holidays. Fee: \$20 nonmembers/ \$15 members. Pre-registration required.

#### Wilderness Survival Course: Emergency Shelters December 5, Sunday, 10:30 – 2 pm

Gain vital basic outdoor survival information and strategies with Steve Kriegh and Linda Redmon. Participants will construct a shelter from natural materials found at Mount Pisgah Arboretum. Ages 10 and up. Adults: \$15/Families\$20. Pre-registration required.

## North American Butterfly Association Talk

#### Meeting Butterfly Caterpillars from Near and Far December 6, Monday, 7:30 pm Room 21, Jefferson Middle School, 1650 W. 22nd, Eugene

OSU Professor Dr. Jeffrey Miller is the author of several volumes on moth and butterfly caterpillars, including *Caterpillars of Pacific Northwest Forests* and Woodlands, and the recent *Lepidoptera of the Pacific Northwest: Caterpillars and Adults*. He will share his unique and beautiful caterpillar photos from Oregon and the tropics. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Neil Bjorklund at 541-344-2053 or neilb@efn.org or visit www.naba.org/chapters/nabaes/index.html

### Third Pacific Northwest Native Plant Conference

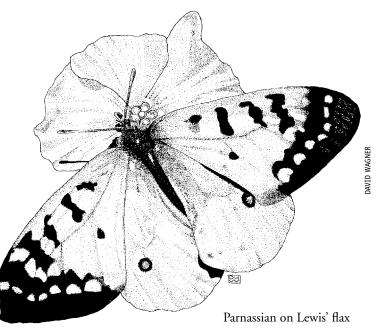
#### December 14-16, Tuesday - Thursday Hilton Hotel, Eugene

NPSO is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Third Pacific Northwest Native Plant Conference! The first two highly-successful conferences were jointly sponsored by the Western Forestry and Conservation Association and the OSU Nursery Technology Cooperative, who are co-sponsoring this conference as well. It has come together beautifully, and looks to be an exciting and worthwhile event! Tuesday, December 14, there will be a field trip to two different sites. The first stop will be to a 250-acre floodplain restoration project, the second to a wetland restoration. Wednesday and Thursday there will many speakers discussing varied topics involving restoration and propagation. For more information see the November *Bulletin*. See complete conference and registration information at www.westernforestry.org (scroll down to "Third Pacific Northwest Native Plant Conference") or call 503-226-4562 or 888-722-9416 (toll-free).

### 2005 Willamette Valley Nature Calendar Just Out!

**D** avid Wagner's 2005 Willamette Valley Nature Calendar features twelve original illustrations in pen and ink. The calendar functions as a natural events almanac throughout the year, focusing on western Oregon. Gardening hints are included. The calendars can be ordered directly from Dave Wagner (541-344-3327). Send check for \$15, made out to Northwest Botanical Institute to:

Dave Wagner P.O. Box 30064 Eugene, OR 97403-1064



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# **IT'S RENEWAL TIME!**

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Now is the time for members to renew for 2005. To find out whether you need to renew, please look at your address label on a recent *Bulletin*. If it shows 2005 along the top edge of the label, you are all set and do not need to renew until the end of 2005. If it shows 2004, you need to renew between now and February 15, 2005 to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the Bulletins or on the 2005 issue of *Kalmiopsis*.

Please use the remittance envelope in this issue of the *Bulletin* to send in your dues, or use the membership form on the inside back page if the envelope is missing.

It's also a good time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds. The Leighton Ho Memorial Award is used for research projects in western Oregon. The Rare and Endangered Plant Fund supports work with our most threatened plants. The Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a botany student at an Oregon college or university. You can also include a contribution to the Oregon Flora Project along with your dues.

**Note for Earth Share Contributors:** If you are receiving the *Bulletin* because you have designated part of your contribution to NPSO, your membership will continue for one year from the time of your contribution; you do not need to send a renewal payment now.