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Highlights of the January 22 Quarterly NPSO State Board Meeting

by Leslie Rossmell, Secretary

Cheahmill chapter warmly hosted our January Board meeting and provided a great lunch. This was the first meeting under a new format geared toward addressing issues and business first, with some reduction in time reviewing committee reports (the reports are distributed to Board prior to the meeting). Indeed, the meeting adjourned on time (last year's was 45 minutes longer) and the participants concurred the new meeting format was successful.

The Board reviewed the 2005 proposed budget, presented by Dan Luoma and Candice Guth. Increases in categories discussed and approved include earmarking \$300 to support Native Plant Appreciation Week, additional Institute for Applied Ecology intern support (\$1000), and creation of promotional materials for ESOR and other public events (\$600). The total budget approved is \$41,190 (\$38,835 was the actual the 2004 figure). Candice reported NPSO ended the year in better shape than expected with a \$6,300 surplus from membership dues and larger ESOR contribution, though much of this may be due to timing. Membership figures are stable according to Membership Chair, Clay Gautier.

Matt Blakely-Smith reported increased contact and coordination with chapters planning events for our first annual Native Plant Appreciation Week. Matt worked in collaboration with Washington Native Plant Society to create a proclamation for the week, approved by the Board and to be presented to Governor Kulongoski for signature. Ron Hatt and Judy Kent, Umpqua Chapter, reported the Annual Meeting preparations are in great shape. Arrangements for hikes, speakers, and leaders are complete. Finalizing a few details such as publicity and T-shirts were made at the meeting.

In an effort to ease the possible financial burden of serving on the NPSO Board of Directors, the Budget committee's proposed revision to the travel reimbursement policy and added funding to this category were approved. The revised policy clarifies that state board members and committee chairs may apply for reimbursement for mileage over 100 miles at 10¢/mile up to \$50/person per board meeting. Chapters are encouraged to develop policies that help cover travel costs of the chapter representative to attend board meetings. Carpooling is encouraged.

Veva Stansell is working with the

USFW service staff to monitor the sale of a Borax company owned land parcel containing a population of Western Lily, *Lilium occidentale* near Brookings. Rhoda Love received a letter from Bob Meinke, ODA, about our NPSO petition to list *Sidalcea hendersonii* as state threatened. It does not sound likely that it will be listed. Rhoda is working with others involved in such conservation issues—Les Helgeson, Ester McEvoy and Tom Kaye—to consider responses.

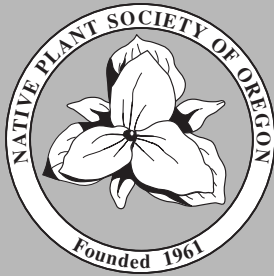
The slate of state officers for next year has been published in the *Bulletin* and election ballots will be in an upcoming *Bulletin*. As always, members are encouraged to join committees or the board! It's not too early to think about 2006. Please contact any board or chapter officer to learn more.

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2005 ANNUAL MEETING IN ROSEBURG

June 24-26, Don't miss it! Information is enclosed



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HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

If there is a "2004" at the top of your address label, this is the last *Bulletin* you will receive ... until you send your membership renewal for 2005.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

The 2005 edition of the *NPSO Membership Directory* will be published in April. If you wish to receive a copy, add Two Dollars to your renewal payment. If you wish to have your address or telephone number or both withheld from publication in the Directory, please make a prominent note on your renewal form.

Bulletin Mailing Coordinator Needed

Our present mailing coordinator, Mike Hartman, has served well in this position ever since the *Bulletin* printing moved to Eugene in 2000. Mike wears many other volunteer hats for NPSO including webmaster so we need to find a volunteer to take over this position. We are looking for someone who lives in the Eugene-Springfield area and is willing to put in one day a month (during the next-to-last week of each month) organizing the mailing of the *Bulletin*. To find out more information about the position contact Mike Hartman at 541-485-5202 or webmaster@NPSOregon.org.

Friends of the Oregon Flora Project



www.oregonflora.org

The Tenth Anniversary Oregon Flora Project Challenge drive has been a great success, bringing in donations of \$39,597. With the matching funds of \$26,000 which provided the impetus for this fundraiser, the Oregon Flora Project has received \$65,597! We extend a special thanks to the anonymous contributors of our matching funds. Their faith in the Project and generosity promoted a similar support from 300 individual donors and NPSO chapters.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the many kindnesses that the NPSO membership has given to my family and me upon the death of Scott Sundberg. The many donations made to the Oregon Flora Project in his honor are a most fitting tribute to this botanist who dedicated his life's work to developing a new flora for our state. Thank you all for your generosity and support. ~Linda Hardison

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

State

June 24-26, Friday - Sunday

Annual Meeting: The Umpqua Valley chapter will host the Annual Meeting at the Phoenix School on Diamond Lake Blvd. in Roseburg. More information and registration materials are included in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

Blue Mountain

The Blue Mountain chapter meets during the fall-spring months the first Monday of the month through May, at 7:00 pm, in the Community Meeting Room at the Pendleton City Hall; enter the back door of City Hall at the SE end of the building. Call Bruce Barnes for more information, 541-276-5547.

March 7, Monday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: To be announced.

April 4, Monday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Plants of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Charlie Johnston of Baker City, recently retired Area Ecologist for USFS, will give this slide presentation.

Cheahmill

March 17, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: How *Romanzoffia thompsonii* got its name—Meditations on the Progress of Science. Portland botanist and photographer Vern Martala will blend his scientific and artistic expertise in a slide presentation on Thompson's mistmaiden—a rare plant endemic to the western Oregon Cascades. Vern works at Citizens Photo in SE Portland and has taught several 'close-up' photography classes. For years he has used photography as an aid in his study of plants. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Library 225 NW Adams St., McMinnville OR. For info contact Susan Williams 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net

Corvallis

March 14, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Recovery Following the B&B fires of 2003. Bob Ross, an avid naturalist, professional photographer, and professor at LBCC, will deliver this exciting talk. Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information contact John Syring at 541-752-0414.

March 13th, Sunday 9:00 am

Field Trip: McDowell Creek Falls. Among other things, we'll be hunting for *Scolioopus hallii*, the remarkable

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. Bring water and lunch. 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. Dogs are not allowed. 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.

Fetid Adder's-tongue. It's an early bloomer so we have to get out now! Loren Russell will be leading the trip. We'll meet in the university parking lot, SW of the Monroe Beanery at 8:45 am and work out carpooling details. Bring lunch and proper gear, we'll return around 2:00 pm. For more information contact John Syring: 541-752-0414.

Second Annual Corvallis Chapter Spring Plant Hunt!

Looking for the first flowering perennial native plant of 2005 growing in a natural setting (no parking lots, landscaped yards, etc.) within the confines of the Jackson-Frazier wetland. Photo documentation and correct identification required, please email/get photo no me no later than March 13th, 5pm. Contact: John Syring, syringj@science.oregonstate.edu, 541-752-0414. To the victor the spoils: A gorgeous plant press and a gift certificate to Willamette Gardens!

Emerald

March 19, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Spencers Butte. Bruce Newhouse will lead us to the summit of Spencers Butte to search for early flowering plants. Parts of the trail are rocky and steep with some poison oak. Round trip 3 miles. Meet 9:00 am at South Eugene High School. For more information call Bruce at 541-343-2364.

March 26, Saturday, 9:00 am

Field Trip: Sweet Creek. An easy walk beside cascading Sweet Creek in a beautiful Coast Range valley settled in 1879 by Oregon Trail pioneer Zarah Sweet. We'll see the pink coast fawn lily, *Erythronium revolutum*, and much more. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot, 9:00 am. Leader: Charlene Simpson, 541-465-1059.

March 28, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Forests, Fire, and Politics: Lessons from the Wild Siskiyou.

Rolf Skar of the Siskiyou Regional Education Project has recently returned from Washington DC, where he and others successfully lobbied Congress to modify harmful salvage plans for the Bisquit Fire region. He will discuss special qualities of the wild Siskiyou, current political issues and fire ecology. For more info call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Avenue East, Eugene.

April 25, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Adaptations of Oregon Native Plants.

Tanya Harvey will show slides and talk about some of the many ways our native plants have adapted to deal with such things as the climate, pollinators and reproduction. Tanya is an artist and the current editor of the NPSO *Bulletin*. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Avenue East, Eugene.

High Desert

For information on the High Desert Chapter contact Berta Youtie at 541-447-8166.



TANYA HARVEY

An early sign of spring, tiny annual Gold Stars (Crocidium multicaule) have already started to bloom in southeastern Lane county.

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

March 2, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Winter Twigs or Spring Buds. 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.

March 7, Monday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Rowena Plateau. We will enjoy early blooming plants in the Gorge, which this year seem to be extra early. Meet at Rowena Plateau (Hwy 30) at 10:00 am, dress for the capricious spring weather, and be aware that there are no facilities. We may hike up to McCall Point, a 1.5-mile climb through oak woodlands and open areas. Call Carolyn Wright at 541-506-5001 for more info.

April 6, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Wildflower Show Preparation. Tonight we'll take stock of where we are for the plant show this weekend. We'll go over specific information for collection and other materials needed for set up on Saturday, April 9th. Mike Igo Leader. The *Dalles Chronicle* Meeting Room, 317 E 3rd St., The Dalles.

April 10, Sunday, 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Event: Annual Wildflower Show at the American Legion Hall in Mosier, Oregon. The Hall is adjacent to the post office and across the street from the Wild Flower Cafe in downtown Mosier. Over 200 species will be displayed and labeled for your enjoyment.

North Coast

March 26, Saturday, 10:00 am

Field Trip: Saddle Mountain State Park. Look for signs of spring in the

northern Oregon Coast Range and learn to identify common lichen genera too. This is a joint hike between North Coast Chapter and Portland Chapter. The hike is 6-miles round trip, strenuous, and probably slippery. Bring a handlens and the field guide *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest* if available. Meet at Saddle Mtn. State Park parking lot at 10:00 am. For carpooling information from Clatsop County call Nancy Eid at 503-861-1837. For hike information call Kelli Van Norman at 503-236-8787.

Portland

Portland Chapter has a new meeting night: second Thursday of each month.

March 5, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Catherine Creek. The premiere early flower spot in the Gorge, with *Olsynium douglasii* in profusion, *Fritillaria pudica*, *Lithophragma glabra*, several *Lomatiums*, and many others. Leave at 8:30 am, Gateway/NE 99th Ave. Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. Second meeting place at 9:45 am at Bingen Post Office on SR-14. 120 miles round-trip drive; easy walking 3 to 4 miles, with 500 ft. elevation gain. Call Jan and Dave Dobak at 503-248-9242 for more info.

March 10, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Conserving and Restoring Oregon White Oak Habitats. In celebration of the new release *A Landowner's Guide for Restoring and Managing Oregon White Oak Habitats*, Portland Chapter is proud to host a presentation by Brad Withrow-Robinson (OSU Forestry Extension) to give a basic introduction to oak woodland ecology, the values that white oaks bring to the landscape, and some practical steps that can be taken to maintain them. Protected Oregon white oak savannas currently occupy less than 1% of their historic area in the Willamette Valley! Learn how you can work to protect and restore this unique Oregon habitat type. Fireside Room, First United Methodist Church, 1938 SW Jefferson St., Portland, just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX stop.

2005 NPSO ANNUAL MEETING IN ROSEBURG

Roseburg, Oregon is the Land of Umpqua. Founded by Aaron Rose in 1851, the city offers plenty of history. Heading west one can find numerous vineyards with wine tasting experiences. Roseburg's historic downtown area offers interesting retail shops, art galleries and unique restaurants. Heading west on 138 takes one on a picturesque route past campsites, waterfalls and hiking paralleling the North Umpqua River. Hwy. 138 travels to Diamond Lake and on to the turnoff for Crater Lake. The Umpqua Valley Chapter is happy to share our beautiful area and hopes everyone is able to experience some of the history and scenery we cherish.

SCHEDULE

Friday, June 24

Optional short field trips. Registration begins at 5 pm at Phoenix School, 3131 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., Roseburg. Appetizers at 6:30 pm, will be followed by a presentation.

Saturday, June 25

Field trips during the day will be followed by a banquet in the evening. Dan Luoma, Corvallis chapter member and Professor of Forest Science at OSU, will give a presentation on "The history of botanizing in Douglas County" that also incorporates floristic highlights and the biogeographic affinities of the county's flora.

Sunday, June 26

NPSO Board Meeting, all are welcome. Optional short field trips.

LAND of UMPQUA



Calochortus umpquaensis

ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE ROSEBURG AREA

For more information on the Roseburg area, including restaurants, shopping, lodging, attractions and maps visit: <http://www.visitroseburg.com/index.php>

Motels in Roseburg, Exit 124 (listed first is closest to our meeting place)

Best Western Douglas Inn
511 SE Stephens,
541-673-6625

Roseburg Travelodge
315 West Harvard Ave.,
541-672-4836; 800-578-7878

Holiday Inn Express
375 Harvard Ave., 541-673-7517;
800-898-ROOM (7666)

The Dunes Motel
610 Madrone St.,
541-672-6684; 800-260-9973

Howard Johnson Express Inn
978 NE Stephens,
541-673-5082

Best Western Garden Villa Inn
760 NW Garden Valley Blvd.,
541-672-1601; 800-547-3446

Motels in Roseburg off of Exit 123, Garden Valley Rd.

Econo Lodge
760 Garden Valley Blvd.,
541-673-6000

Quality Inn
427 NW Garden Valley Blvd.,
541-673-5561

Windmill Inn
1450 NW Mulholland Dr.,
541-673-0901

Comfort Inn
1539 NW Mulholland Dr.,
541-957-1100

Camping

Whistler's Bend
10 miles up Diamond Lake Blvd.,
4 miles off the main road from our
meeting place. Showers. No electrical
hookup. First come basis.

UMPQUA VALLEY ANNUAL MEETING T-SHIRT

Order a T-shirt of the event. The design is of Douglas county endemic *Calochortus umpquaensis*, illustrated by Umpqua Valley Chapter member Dorothy Schattenkerk. T-shirt is available in medium blue, light gray/green, light beige and maroon. The price is \$16 for most sizes, but \$17.50 for XXL and \$19.00 for XXXL.

Please use the space on the registration form to place your order. If you can't make it to the Annual Meeting but would still like a t-shirt or would like a long-sleeved one, contact Ron Hatt at hattr@citlink.net or 541-863-7024.

FIELD TRIPS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Bring water and lunch, sturdy shoes, sunglasses and be prepared for any weather. Hikes may be changed if necessary.

1. Popcornswale Preserve and BLM North Bank Habitat Management Area

First we'll visit the Popcornswale Preserve near Wilbur in North Douglas County and then drive to the North Bank Habitat Management Area. We'll look for *Plagiobothrys hirtus* (rough popcornflower) at two wet meadow prairies in Oak woodlands, also *Sidalcea cusickii* (Cusick's checkermallow), *Limnanthes douglasii* (Douglas meadowfoam), and unique prairie grasses and graminoids. Easy hikes (with water resistant boots). 15-30 minute drive from Roseburg. Leaders: Molly Sullivan of The Nature Conservancy and Julie Knurowski of Roseburg BLM, Swiftwater Resource Area.

2. Donegan Prairie and Callahan Meadows on the Umpqua NF

Botany enthusiasts can see many rare plants in the southern part of the county. Meeting at the Tiller Ranger District, first we'll visit the Callahan Meadows to see *Calochortus umpquaensis* (Umpqua mariposa lily) and *Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii* (Kincaid's lupine). Then we'll drive to Donegan Prairie and see many other rare plants like California globe mallow (*Illiamna lactibractata*) and Umpqua swertia (*Frasera umpquaensis*), tall bugbane (*Cimicifuga elata*) in grass-dominated meadows. Easy hikes. 1-1/2 to 2-hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Chris Rusch, Tiller Ranger District botanist.

3. Limpy Rock RNA, Steamboat Falls and Apple Creek Camp Ground and Ragged Ridge-Dry Creek Loop

Participants will be treated to an excellent tour of the Limpy Rock RNA to learn about hemiparasitic plants and see unusual and endemic flora like *Kalmiopsis fragrans* (fragrant kalmiopsis), *Asplenium septentrionale* (grass fern) and *Sarcodes sanguinea* (snow plant). High topped boots on rocky

slopes at 4000'. 1-1/2 hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Dan Luoma, OSU Forestry Professor

4. Squaw Flats

Participants can spend hours botanizing the Squaw Flats and see plants, mosses, and lichens from three different microhabitat areas: open meadows, rock outcroppings, and forests. Plants include *Hieracium greenii*, and many lichens and mosses. Easy hike. 2-hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Richard Helliwell (tentative), Umpqua N. F. botanist

5. Hemlock Lake, Yellowjacket Springs (tentative)

Enjoy a scenic short hike around Hemlock Lake and see a great variety of Umpqua Valley flora such as *Aster radulinus*, *Penstemon cardwellii*, and *Castilleja pruinosa*. Light hiking shoes. 1-1/2 hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Sam Friedman.

6. King Mountain Rock Garden Research Natural Area

King Mountain Rock Garden is a wonderland of stunning small rock garden type plants that are able to make a niche in seemingly inhospitable, rocky habitat. We'll look for *Penstemon anguineus*, *P. azureus*, *P. rupicola*, *V. hallii*, *V. nuttallii*, *Phlox diffusa*, *P. adsurgens*, *Silene hookeri*, *S. lemmonii*. Easy-to-moderate full day trip. 1-3/4 hours from Roseburg. Leader: Ron Hatt.

7. Bilger Ridge

Join Russ Holmes, Forest Service Regional Botanist and Marvin Cox, for whom the crinite mariposa lily at Bilger Ridge is named, and enjoy many unique serpentine plants such as *Calochortus coxii* and *Sisyrinchium hitchcockii*. We may also have time to visit an Umpqua mariposa lily site near Tiller. Easy-to-moderate full-day trip. 1-1/4 hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Russ Holmes.

8. Fall Creek Falls

This short half day hike will look at typical lichens, mosses, and plants of the Southern Willamette Ecological Province like *Tritelia hendersonii*, *Asarum caudatum*, *Streptanthus*, and a wide variety of onions. Short easy hike. 45-minute drive from Roseburg. Leader: Neal Hadley

9. Dunes Research Natural Area

See estuaries, deflation plains and tideland flora and beach dune plants in the Coast Ecological Province such as *Phyllospadix torreyi*, *P. scouleri*, eel grasses, and *Cackile maritima*. Bring binoculars to scout for *Sidalcea hendersonii*. Less than two-hour drive from Roseburg. Easy beach walking. Leader: John Christie.

10. Cedar Springs Mountain

Look at some amazing serpentine plants and geologic features while hunting for the northernmost range of the elusive *Lewisia leana* (quill-leaved lewisia). We'll also look for *Phacelia peckii* and *Arabis subpinatifida*. A two-hour drive from Roseburg. Moderate-to-difficult hike, bring plenty of water. Leader: Dana York, Umpqua National Forest botanist

11. Shoestring Road, East of Riddle

A drive down to Riddle to a diverse mixed forest in Southern Douglas County of the Siskiyou Ecological Province. A 1-1/2 hour drive from Roseburg. Easy-to-moderate hiking and strolling. Leader: TBA.

12. Lake in the Woods

Approximately 7 orchid species, as well as a number of non-chlorophyll plants abound at this forested area. Botanists are sure to enjoy the wonderland of plants and endearing wildflowers that will leave a lifelong impression. Moderate hike. A two-hour drive from Roseburg. Leader: Ken Carloni, Umpqua Community College botany instructor

March 12, Saturday, 8:30 am

Work Party: Bridal Veil, Columbia Gorge, with Friends of Columbia Gorge from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. From Portland, take I-84 Eastbound to "Bridal Veil" Exit 28, follow exit road to stop sign and turn right onto Historic Highway, drive 1/2 mile to park entrance on the right). Leave from Gateway/NE 99th Ave Park and Ride, SE corner of parking lot at 8:30 am, or meet at Bridal Veil State Park at 9:00 am.

March 26, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Saddle Mountain State Park. Look for signs of spring in the northern Oregon Coast Range and learn to identify common lichen genera too. Join Portland Chapter member and NPSO State Board president Kelli Van Norman. The hike is 6-miles round trip, strenuous, and probably slippery. Bring a hand lens and the field guide *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest* if available. Leave at 8:30 am from west Portland at the Sunset Transit Center (10470 SW Barnes Road) at the southwest corner of the parking structure on Level 1. Second meeting place is Saddle Mtn. State Park parking lot at 10:00 am. For more information call Kelli at 503-236-8787.

Siskiyou

February 28, Monday, 7:00 pm

Extra Program: The Biscuit Fire and the Flora of Serpentine Darlingtonia Fens (Can they stand the heat or did they get out of the kitchen?). Jen Cramer, graduate student at the University of Vermont, will be sharing the results of her master's research examining differences in species composition, diversity and rare plant populations in burned and unburned serpentine Darlingtonia fens of the Klamath-Siskiyou region following the Biscuit Fire. Jen will be sharing her results, beautiful photos, and creative speculation on the evolutionary significance of fire in the fens. The Siskiyou Chapter partially funded Jen's research grant for this project. Note the change of time to 7:00 pm. Room 171 of the SOU

Science Building, Ashland. For more information, contact Cynthia Maclaren, 541-482-0899.

March 17, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Wildflowers of Southwest Oregon. John Erwin, chapter member and local photographer, will highlight some of southwest Oregon's diverse wildflower spots through his great collection of flora slides. We will visit the Illinois Valley, King Mt., and various areas in the Siskiyou and Cascades mountains. The bloom is not far away. Dave Garcia, first president of our Siskiyou Chapter, will speak briefly about the Pacifica Botanical Garden in Williams, Oregon. The 260-acre Pacifica Botanical Garden is a celebration of the unique flora of the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion. Over 6,000 different kinds of plants arranged by habitat and geology will showcase Western natives and horticultural stars from throughout the world. Room 171 of the SOU Science Building, Ashland. For more information, contact Cynthia Maclaren, 541-482-0899.

April 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Unique Features of Old-Growth Forests in Southern Oregon Cascades. Spend an evening with John & Diane Cissel, authors of *Old-Growth Forest Hikes, 100 Day Hikes in the Cascade Range of Oregon and Washington*. John is a forest ecologist and BLM science liaison for western Oregon. He will share diverse old growth hikes, mostly in our region, and explore the dynamics, diversity, and beauty of our amazing native forests. Diane will share some of her experiences hiking, illustrating, and creating the book. Room 171, SOU Science Building, Ashland. For more information, contact Cynthia Maclaren, 541-482-0899.

Umpqua Valley

March 5, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Winchester Dam to see *Arabis koehleri* and *Saxifraga* spp. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 8:30 am. Bring lunch

and water. Dress appropriately. For information about field trips or the upcoming programs call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

March 10, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. Jim Lee of the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District will explain the plans for restoration and use of this 1100-acre ranch that was donated to the people of Douglas County in 1983 by Mildred Kanipe. The presentation will be held at the Mercy Education Bldg., 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. A field trip to visit the park will be led by Jim Lee on March 12.

March 12, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 8:30 am.

March 19, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Sutherlin Airport to see the *Cicendia quadrangularis*. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 8:30 am.

March 26, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Wolf Creek Falls to see the *Coptis laciniata*. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 8:30 am.

Willamette Valley

March 26, Saturday, 7:30 am

Field Trip: Catherine Creek/Dalles Mountain Road. This all-day, easy-paced hike will give participants a chance to identify and view early blooming wildflowers in the Gorge area under the guidance of John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter. Plan to walk one or two miles and bring a sack lunch. Back by 6:00 pm. For more information on where to meet or how to register, please call 503-399-8615. Free and open to the public.

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.

First Signs of Spring

March 5, Saturday, Noon – 2pm

Come hike the trails with experienced nature guide Tom Bettman and explore the first leaves and flowers of the season along with other signs of the spring awakening—from new growth to the return of wildlife. Suggested donation: \$3 for non-members/members free.

Single's Hike

March 12, Saturday, 1 – 3 pm

Join Tom LoCascio, Site Manager of 23 years, on this hike for outdoor-loving singles of all ages. We'll take some time to enjoy the trilliums, fawn lilies, camas, and bleeding hearts that appear at this time of year. Then we'll head to the southwest plateau to explore Mount Pisgah's less traveled areas. After the hike, enjoy warm drinks and snacks. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes for this vigorous hike. Suggested donation: \$4.

Spring Equinox Hike and Nature Readings

March 20, Sunday, hike: 1 – 3pm, readings: 3:30 – 5pm

Join us for a hike to the summit of Mount Pisgah to revel in Nature's vistas

with Nature Guide Tom Bettman. After the hike come to the Visitor Center and celebrate the equinox through the beauty of the written word. Refreshments provided. Participants are welcome to attend either the hike, the readings, or both. Suggested donation: \$2 for hike or readings and \$4 for both.

Free Nature Guide Training: Explore Nature with Kids!

March 31, Thursday, evening

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is currently recruiting volunteers who enjoy working with children and want to learn more about the natural world. Guides lead small groups of 6-8 elementary school students on tours, exploring the plants and animals of our forests, meadows and waterways. Guide Training covers natural history, teaching techniques, group management and storytelling. Volunteers are required to lead a minimum of one morning tour or afternoon activity session per week (April 22-June 9). Credit available for U of O and LCC students. For information or an application, call the Arboretum Education office at 541-747-1504 or e-mail, mtpisgfr@efn.org.

Spring Wildflower Hikes in the Columbia Gorge

In cooperation with Friends of the Columbia Gorge, ONRC's naturalist Wendell Wood will be leading a series of seven wildflower hikes this spring in portions of the Columbia River Gorge proposed for Wilderness protection. The hikes will be in some of the Gorge's most scenic and best (as well as lesser) known locations. Wildflower walks are scheduled on week days and weekends between April 14 to June 5 and will vary in length and time. Complete plant lists, with both common and scientific names, of plant and wildflower species to be seen will be provided for participants. Wendell will also discuss natural history information relating to many species. For more information, and to reserve a place on one or more hikes see ONRC's website at www.onrc.org and click on "events" (near top of the page) or else go to: <http://www.onrc.org/alerts/s05.wildflower.hikes.htm>.

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>.

Catherine Creek Wildflower Hike

March 10, Thursday, 9am – 3:30pm

Over ninety species of wildflowers can be found at Catherine Creek over the course of the blooming season. The hike is an easy 3-4 miles round-trip and offers outstanding views of the Columbia Gorge. This hike is timed to give us a good shot at seeing a carpet of purple grass widows on the rolling meadow. This area can be very windy (and cold in March!) so plan accordingly. We'll send instructions to registrants. Donations accepted!

Basic Propagation with Natives

March 12, Saturday, 9am – noon

Theory and hands-on practice of techniques (seed, cutting, division) provide a solid foundation in plant propagation. Learn how to prepare plant materials, obtain supplies, manage pests and more! Dress for the outdoors and in your greenhouse grubbies. Bring sharp, clean pruners and a propagation knife if you have one. \$16.50 (\$13 BBG Members)

Nearby Nature Events

Spring Volunteer Orientation

March 9, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8 pm

Learn about becoming an Alton Baker Park nature guide, helping with school programs, working on ecological restoration and more! 6:30-8 pm at the Nearby Nature Yurt in Alton Baker Park (just past the new community gardens) in Eugene, 541-687-9699.

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Plant Conservation Biology Internships Available

During the 2005 field season, the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE) and NPSO will co-sponsor internships in plant conservation biology. This program is intended to provide an initial research experience to individuals considering conservation biology as a career choice. It is especially appropriate for students who have recently completed or will soon finish their undergraduate degree and desire field experience before attending graduate school.

Open to anyone, priority will be given to life science (especially botany or biology) undergraduates, recent graduates, or individuals seriously thinking of a change in career towards conservation. Applicants must be available in early May (preference will be given to applicants who can start by May 2, 2005 or earlier).

We are currently recruiting for full-time summer interns to assist with our ongoing field projects, including the Native Comeback Initiative (a new program focusing on restoration of endangered plant species). The internships typically run 12-14 weeks from early May through mid-August, and will be involved with a diversity of field and lab projects dealing with plant demography, population monitoring, habitat management, species re-introduction, and plant taxonomic studies.

Interns receive a net hourly wage of \$7.35/hr in addition to reimbursement of travel expenses associated with fieldwork (food and lodging). Extensive fieldwork (often including overnight car-camping or motels) will be required, so applicants should be in good physical condition. Approximately 50% of the work is conducted out-

of-town/overnight. All activities will be coordinated out of Corvallis, requiring interns to live in the mid-Willamette Valley area. Housing is not provided.

The deadline for internship applications is March 18, 2005. To apply, send a letter of interest, résumé, relevant college transcripts or course list, and two letters of recommendation to the address below. Be sure to state when you would be available to start work (this is a **must**). Finalists may be interviewed in Corvallis or by phone. For more information, visit us at www.appliedeco.org. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Kaye at:

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