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Oregon's Heritage Forests at Risk! Write, Call, E-mail Today!

by Rhoda Love, Emerald Chapter Conservation Co-chair

The Bush administration and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are currently taking comments on a plan to log much of our last remaining heritage forest. The Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) Preferred Alternative would boost logging of old growth trees on BLM lands by 700%! This dangerous plan would also degrade habitat for fish and wildlife and threaten the quality of our drinking water.

Take action now to stop this WOPR of a bad plan!

(Thanks to Oregon Wild for above text.)

The following is my summary of changes in acreage of old growth preserves based on BLM's preferred alternative as shown on the WOPR Draft Management Impact Statement maps:

Salem District Summary (Includes Corvallis):

BLM Late Successional Preserves would drop from the present 54% of the base to 23% under WOPR. Land removed from Preserve status would be available for cutting. Timber management areas would increase from 13% to 44%.

Near Corvallis, much of the old growth harvest, under BLM's Preferred Plan would occur near Mary's Peak.

In the Coast Range west of Salem, many of the BLM Adaptive Management Areas would be slated for clearcutting.

Virtually all BLM Old Growth Reserves would be eligible for cutting in the Cascades east of Salem and Corvallis in Clackamas, Marion, and Linn Counties. Near Salem, the Walker Flat Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC), site of the Threatened Nelson's Checkermallow, could be clear cut.

Eugene District Summary:

Lane County's protected old growth forests on BLM land would drop from 44% of the base to 26%.

Many of the BLM O&C holdings in Lane County are in the Coast Range. A second area of Lane County that would be heavily affected would be in the Western Cascades near the border with Linn County to the north near the town of Marcola.

Also slated for clearcutting would be BLM lands in southern Lane County on the border with Douglas County near Bohemia and Fairview Mountains.

Coos Bay and Roseburg Summary:

Both the Coast Range and the Western Cascades would be affected, with the greatest impact in the Coast Range.

BLM old growth protection in the Roseburg District would drop from 44% to 31%.

In the Coast Range near Coos Bay, protection would drop from 39% to 17%, and clear cutting would increase on BLM holdings in the Smith River drainage, specifically in Riparian Reserves.

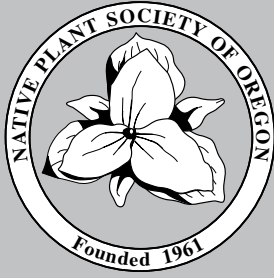
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Editor's Note

SPECIAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION for Next Issue of the *Bulletin*

The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be a double issue, covering the end of December as well as January. This is because I will be on vacation in South America for most of December(!). The submission date will be pushed back two weeks to **NOVEMBER 24**. You should receive this issue the second week of December. The following issue will return to the usual schedule with a submission date of January 10th and should arrive by February 1st. I regret any inconvenience this may cause. Be sure to check the Calendar on the NPSO website for updates on Chapter events.

Please send all submissions electronically to Bulletin@NPSOregon.org and put information in the same order as it is in the *Bulletin*. Remember to include contact information. **Put NPSO and the Chapter or organization name in the subject.** This helps keep them from getting lost with the spam. Thanks!



TANYA HARVEY

Merten's sedge (Carex mertensii) is an elegant sedge of mountain wetlands, seen here growing at Twin Lakes in eastern Douglas County. If you want to learn more about sedges, mark your calendars for the Emerald Chapter's January 21st meeting with Carex expert Barb Wilson.

State

January 26, Saturday, 10 am

State Board Meeting: The Corvallis Chapter will host the next quarterly state board meeting at OSU. Look for more details in the next *Bulletin*.

Blue Mountain

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

Cheahmill

For more information visit the chapter website: www.oregon-nativeplants.com

November 4, Sunday, 8 am

Field Trip: Fungus Foray to Coast Hwy 22. Meet at the corner of Blaine and Linfield, McMinnville at 8 am. We will begin at the summit of the Coast Range and work our way west on a gravel service road. Dress for the weather, bring a basket or sack, knife, and wax paper to preserve specimens for identification. Call 503-474-0775 for more information.

November 29, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Wildflowers of the Siskiyou and Surrounding Area. Phyllis Gustafson, author of *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest*, will present a colorful PowerPoint presentation on the wildflowers from her home territory. Phyllis has been actively gardening and exploring in search of native plants, primarily in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest for the last 35 years. She ran a small seed-collection business specializing in Northwest natives and is well acquainted with the wide flora of the region. She will bring copies of her book which was selected as a 2007 American Horticultural Society Book Award recipient just in time for holiday gifting. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Library, 225 NW Adams Street

Corvallis

To join the Corvallis e-mail list, see a list of upcoming events, or read trip reports, please visit our new Google Group, <http://groups.google.com/group/corvallis-npso>, or simply click the "more" tab in Google, select "groups" and search for "Corvallis NPSO".

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.

November 3, Saturday, 1–4 pm

Workshop: Shrub Propagation. Bring pruning shears, gloves and a few gallon pots and potting mix. At the Avery House Garden. For more information please contact Esther McEvoy at 541-754-0893.

November 12, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Through an Amber Looking Glass—Skirmishes Between Insects and Dinosaurs. Dr. George Poinar, famous for popularizing the idea of extracting DNA from insects fossilized in amber, will explain how insects impacted the lives of dinosaurs. He will present slides of rare angiosperm flowers which may have been displacing dinosaur food plants some 100 million years ago. Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information or directions contact Matt Blakeley-Smith at 541-231-9861.

Emerald

November 19, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Knapweed Research will be discussed by Andrea Thorpe. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Ave. East, Eugene. Please note this will NOT be held at EWEB this month.

December 10, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Holiday Social and Slide Show. Bring 10 to 12 slides and a snack to share if you wish. Come and socialize with others who share your interest in native flora. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Ave. East, Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

January 21, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Sedges of the Pacific Northwest. There are 130 species of sedge in Oregon. Barb Wilson of the Carex Working Group will discuss the ecological importance of these plants. EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

High Desert

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

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

November

No meeting is scheduled for November.

December 13, Thursday

Meeting: TBA. Speaker and topic information in the next *Bulletin*. For information about the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Hanna Metzger at hannam@gorge.net or 541-386-3268.

North Coast

For information on the North Coast Chapter contact Janet Stahl at 503-842-8708.

Portland

The semi-official e-mail newsletter of the Portland Chapter is The Calochortus. If you are not receiving it and would like to, send an e-mail to Don Jacobson at: donjphoto@gmail.com

November 8, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Northern Beauties—Flowers of the Yukon, presented by Laura and Steve Gasaway. We'll meet in our **NEW LOCATION at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church** on SE 54th Ave. between SE Belmont and Morrison Streets. Enter the church parking lot from SE 54th Avenue.

December 13, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Our Annual Members' Night. Bring photos and/or stories to share with the other members. Slides or digital format is ok. We'll meet in our new location at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church on SE 54th Ave. between SE Belmont and Morrison Streets. Enter the church parking lot from SE 54th Avenue.

Siskiyou

SOU Herbarium Public Hours

The SOU Herbarium will be open from 7–7:30 pm immediately preceding the NPSO meetings on the third Thursday of each month (except December). The Herbarium is located in the SOU Science Building, Room 206. Call Connie at 541-488-0368 for information or to schedule another time.



TANYA HARVEY

Baccharis pilularis, known as coyote brush or chaparral broom, is a dioecious shrub in the family Asteraceae. It is a very late bloomer. These photos (left: female, right: male) were taken in early October in Fall Creek. An interesting conversation took place last spring on the NPSO e-mail discussion list (see the left column on p. 100 for instructions on how to join) about the distribution of coyote brush in Oregon. More widespread in California, it was originally limited to the coast in Oregon. In the last few decades it has expanded its range east as far as the Cascade foothills. Theories proposed included global warming and wind-borne seeds spread by the Columbus day storm of 1961.

November 15, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Native Insects of the Pacific Northwest. Pete and Judy Haggard will present a slide show featuring some of the native insects that are in their field guide *Insects of the Pacific Northwest* (2006). Part of the discussion will include the role native plants play in gardens to provide the stable environment needed to maintain healthy populations of insects. Insects, in turn, help maintain the health of the plants, and the plants attract other wildlife such as birds and frogs. If possible, they will provide a display of live insect specimens. They'll have copies of their book available for purchase and will be happy to sign them. Room 171 of the SOU Science Building, Ashland. For more information, contact Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964

Umpqua Valley

November 8, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Plants and Animals of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery. The Umpqua Valley Chapter will host naturalist David Shea to talk about the plants and animals of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery. David worked for more than thirty years as a back-country ranger and wildlife biologist in Glacier National Park. He recently retired as a biologist and botanist from the Siskiyou National Forest, Powers District in Southwestern Oregon. David has presented programs on this fascinating subject at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Billings, Montana, and for the Montana Historical Society. The presentation is a naturalist's look at the travels of the Lewis & Clark expedition from St. Louis, Missouri to the Pacific and back. Meet upstairs in the Mercy Education Bldg., 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. For information call Sam at 541-673-0589.

Friends of the Oregon Flora Project



www.oregonflora.org

The end of the year marks the time of our annual fundraising event. Here is your opportunity to acknowledge another year of unlimited access to the most current botanical information which the Flora Project has provided. It costs us about \$9,000 each month to keep existing resources functional and up-to-date, and to do the research that develops our new Flora of Oregon and additional tools. In order to keep these freely available, we need your support! The OFP is funded by competitive grants and individual donations—we do not receive any ongoing support from federal, state, or university sources. Help us continue to provide crucial information about plant biodiversity to the public through your generous donation.

Checks for the Flora Project can be made out to NPSO, with "OFP" on the memo line, and mailed to: Friends of the Oregon Flora Project, P.O. Box 402, Corvallis, OR 97339-0402.

November 10, Saturday, 9 am

Workday: Native Plant Garden.

Please join us for more weeding and planting at the VA Hospital Native Plant Garden. Feel free to spend a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon. Bring a sack lunch, gardening tools, and garden gloves. Meet at the VA Hospital, in the west side parking lot of the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) off Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg. For more information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

Willamette Valley

November 1, Thursday, 7–8:30 pm

Program: Map and Compass Basics.

Josh Travers, with the Oregon Department of Forestry, will teach an introductory class on how to use a compass and read topographic maps. Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A street NE in Salem (next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High). A field session scheduled for November 3, from 10 am to noon at Minto-Brown

Park is also planned. Sponsored by the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center, the class costs \$5 and registration is required. Please call 503-391-4145.

November 15, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Bloom of the Century

Part II. Enjoy a photo journey through deserts of Southern California depicting the spectacular winter wildflower display of 2005. Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart share their experience of what has been described as a "once-in-a-lifetime" explosion of floristic abundance. Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A street NE in Salem (next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High). For more information, please call 503-399-8615 (after 7 pm). Free and open to the public.

William Cusick

For information on the William Cusick Chapter contact Sandy Roth at 541-963-7870 or vroth@oregontrail.net.

OTHER EVENTS

4th PNW Native Plant Conference

November 27–29
Hilton Eugene and Conference Center Eugene

The agenda will cover the topics of plant conservation and diversity, as well as species reintroduction, restoration techniques, and propagation. Native plant exhibitors and displays will be available. A pre-conference field trip will be offered on November 27 to view the Friends of Buford Park nursery, Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery and the Dragonfly Bend Habitat Enhancement Project all located in and around Eugene. The intended audience is native plant professionals, botanists, restoration project managers, nursery personnel, and environmental managers. The full agenda is located at www.westernforestry.org or additional information is available from: richard@westernforestry.org, Richard Zabel 503-226-4562. The event is sponsored by: Emerald Chapter, NPSO, OSU Nursery Technology Cooperative, Institute for Applied Ecology, and Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

WREN Events

For more information about Eugene's Willamette Resources & Education Network visit www.wewetlands.org

**Mountains to Meadowlarks:
A Geologic History of the
West Eugene Wetlands
November 7, Wednesday 7–9 pm**

In the last several years a group of local scientists have been making some fascinating discoveries about the origin of the unique soil found in the southern Willamette Valley. It is this soil that makes the West Eugene Wetlands habitat what it is today. Join Karin Baitis, BLM Soil Scientist, and Liz Myers, WREN educator, as they present the newest theory that relates the wetlands to a very famous local Oregon landmark. Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt at 7 pm. Suggested donation: \$2 member and \$4 non-member. Contact Holly McRae at hmcrae@wewetlands.org or 541-683-6494 for more information.

Friends of Buford Park's 16th Annual Fall Celebration

November 15, Thursday, 6:30 –9 pm
**First United Methodist Church,
1376 Olive Street, Eugene**

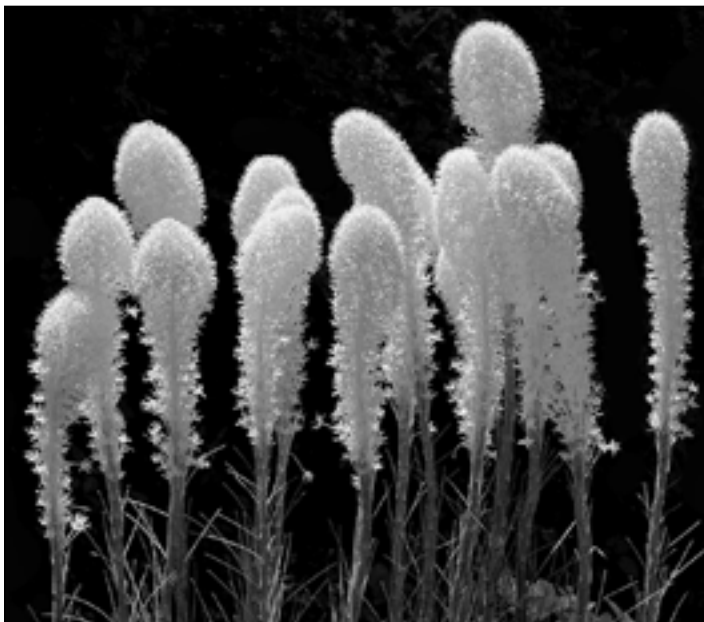
Enjoy fine food, good company, and bid on exciting goods and services at our Silent Auction. You'll also get updates about what Friends of Buford Park is doing to protect and enhance native ecosystems and recreation at Mt. Pisgah, including an update on the effort to purchase the 1200-acre Wildish lands next to the park. Noted author William Sullivan, best known for his books about hiking in the Pacific Northwest, will keynote the evening's festivities with a presentation about natural disturbances that have shaped places like Mt. Pisgah and will highlight success stories in preserving some of the Northwest's natural areas. Suggested donation: \$3 to \$25 (no one turned away). For more info, call 541-344-8350 or visit www.bufordpark.org

27th Annual Wild Arts Festival

November 17, Saturday, 10 am–6 pm
November 18, Sunday, 11 am–5 pm
**Montgomery Park,
2701 NW Vaughn St. Portland**

The Wild Arts Festival, the Portland Audubon Society's yearly fundraiser, celebrates nature in the work of regionally and nationally-known artists and writers. Now in its 27th year in Portland, the Festival has become the northwest's premier show and sale of nature-related art and books. The participating artists and craftspeople represent a wide variety of media, and the authors present are a mix of novelists, photographers, poets and writers of non-fiction.

This year's Wild Arts Festival will feature over 70 artists (including NPSO members Sue Allen, Don Jacobson and Tanya Harvey) and 25 authors in a festive atmosphere. Entertainment, a silent auction, information about the programs and work of Portland Audubon, a café and other surprises round out the Wild Arts Festival experience. For more information about the event, visit the Audubon Society's website at www.audubonportland.org/fundraising_events/waf.



DON JACOBSON

*Come to the Wild Arts Festival in Portland to see this gorgeous photo of beargrass (*Xerophyllum tenax*) as well as other works by Portland Chapter member Don Jacobson.*

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Events

34901 Frank Parrish Rd. (I-5, exit 189 to Seavey Loop Rd.), southeast of Eugene. For more information or to register call 541-747-1504 or visit www.efn.org/~mtpisgah.

Mushroom Walk

November 3, Saturday, 12–2 pm

It's mushroom season! Take a walk through the Arboretum's forested trails with experienced mycologists, Chris Melotti and Molly Widmer of the Cascade Mycological Society, and hunt for these fascinating fungi. Discuss identification, habitat, characteristics, natural history and the role of fungi within an ecosystem. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$5 (MPA members free!) Limit 20 participants—first-come, first-served.

Herbal Remedies Workshop

November 4, Sunday, 10–12 pm

Join local herbalist Sue Sierralupe and learn to identify medicinal autumn plants for treatment of humans and pets. Students will sample specific herbal medicines, and Sue will demonstrate how to make a tincture from Oregon Grape root (*Berberis* spp.) Students will make their own herbal glycerite to take home. This class is geared towards students that have a general understanding of herbal medicine. Fee: \$20 (\$15 MPA members.) Pre-registration is required.

Dried Flower Wreathmaking

November 4, Sunday, 2–4 pm

Create beautiful wreaths for your door, mantle, or wall using colorful, locally grown dried flowers. Florist Bethany Little, of Sparhawk Farms on Seavey Loop Road, leads this workshop that sends participants home with a unique creation. All materials are provided, but participants may bring their own wreath base, if desired. This workshop is a fundraiser for the Arboretum's Education Program. Fee: \$25 (\$20 MPA members.) Pre-registration is required.

Party in the Pearl: Benefit for Oregon Wild

November 9, Friday, 6:30–9 pm

Keen Footwear Headquarters, 926 NW 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Portland

Please join us for a celebration that will benefit Oregon Wild's efforts to protect and restore the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that make Oregon a special place. This event will feature:

- An appearance by Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio (Invited), Champion for Copper Salmon Wilderness and Wild Rivers
- The Unveiling of Our Annual Oregon Outdoor Photo Contest Winners
- An Outstanding Silent Auction
- Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres and Fine Beverages including Beer & Wine

This event will sell out! Reservations are necessary by November 5th at 9 am and will not be available at the door. Please reserve your spot today by visiting www.oregonwild.org and clicking on the Party in the Pearl link at the bottom of the home page or by calling 503-283-6343 ext 0. \$30 per person. Dress is casual.

Institute of Contemporary Ethnobotany

For more information contact Tobias Policha in Eugene at 541-513-8263 or contemporaryethnobotany@yahoo.com or visit www.foodnotlawns.com

Bioregional Herbalism

November 1, Thursday, 6–9 pm

Learn when, how and why to use pervasive weeds, native plants, and common garden herbs for health and nutrition. With Nome McBride & Tobias Policha. No experience required. Upstairs at the Growers Market, 454 Willamette St., Eugene. By donation.

9th Annual Food Not Lawns

Seed Swap

November 4, Sunday, 2–6 pm

Build community by sharing surplus harvest bounty with your friends and neighbors at this annual event. Bring your seeds, plants, canned goods, brews, tinctures, food, instruments, friends, or just yourself! The Community Room at the East Blair Housing Coop, 940 W. 4th st. (Btwn. Adams & Jackson also accessible from W. 4th alley). Free. www.seedambassadors.org

Botanical Medicine

November 11, Sunday, 12–5 pm

We'll introduce herbal actions and when they would be applied to specific symptoms. Basic physiology, botany and plant ID will be introduced. Learn when, how and why to use pervasive weeds, native plants, and common

garden herbs for health and nutrition. The Strawbale at the Maitreya eco-village (On N. side of Broadway between Almaden & Chambers) With Nome McBride & Tobias Policha. \$20–80.

Herbal Preparations:

From Field to Pharmacy

November 18, Sunday, 12–6 pm

Learn the many ways to prepare herbs to increase their efficacy. We will cover harvesting, handling, and storage and discuss the specifics of preparing fresh and dried plants in many forms. This class will include demonstrations and hands-on activities. We'll make something to take home. The Strawbale at the Maitreya eco-village (on N. side of Broadway between Almaden & Chambers). With Nome McBride. \$20–80.

Winter Twigs

December 1, Saturday, 1–4 pm

Learn to identify trees and shrubs without leaves and flowers. Winter identification requires observing many unique characters that are often overlooked, discover hidden beauty while learning a new skill! We'll use *Winter Twigs* by Gilkey and Packard. OSU Press, 2001. Meet at Amazon Parkway and 24th, Eugene. With Tobias Policha. \$10–50.

Call For Papers

The new issue of *Kalmiopsis* has been published, which means that I'm looking for articles for next year. All materials submitted should pertain to Oregon's native vegetation and flora. *Kalmiopsis* publishes two series articles: Plant of the Year, and Oregon Plants, Oregon Places, as well as articles about historical botanists and other features related to native plants or plant communities in Oregon. Please refer to previous issues of *Kalmiopsis* for length and content of articles; maximum length is 5,000 words. I would like to extend a particular invitation to authors writing about parts of Oregon not recently covered in *Kalmiopsis*. Contact the editor (me) for a copy of "Instructions to Authors" or to place your name on a call list for writing book reviews.

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Siskiyou Field Institute Courses

To learn more about courses or to reserve your place, visit www.thesfi.org or call 541-597-8530.

Mushroom Workshop November 9–11

Autumn is mushroom season! The Siskiyou Field Institute invites you to explore our native fungi with botanist David Lebo (NPSO State President). Come learn field identification, ecology, life cycles, and preferred habitat of our plentiful mushroom flora. This three-day course includes field outings in the Illinois valley and along the southern Oregon and northern California coast. All skill levels are welcome! Course fee includes one night at the Redwood Youth Hostel. Tuition: \$140. For more information or to register, please contact SFI at 541-597-8530 or visit www.thesfi.org

2008 NPAW Poster Photo Contest

It's time for NPSO's annual photo contest to select a photo for the 2008 Native Plant Appreciation Week poster. So, pull out your best shots! The contest is open to everyone. Photos should showcase an Oregon plant community or a portrait of an Oregon native plant. Photos may have been taken at any time but should be from a site in Oregon.

Entries must be submitted online on the NPSO Photo Gallery, in the album titled "2008 NPAW Photo Contest." You may have a maximum of two entries per person. The entry deadline is December 15, 2007. Complete submission instructions can be found at www.NPSOregon.org/photos/2008npaw.html.

Initial judging will be from preview-size digital images, but the winning photographer(s) must provide a high-resolution image (at least 300 ppi) and must allow NPSO to reproduce the image free of charge for our poster, website, and related publicity. E-mail questions to Judi Sanders at judi.sanders@gmail.com.

NPSO Items for Sale

NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of NPSO members (April 2007). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. \$4 postpaid.

Vascular Plants of Lane County, Oregon: An Annotated Checklist Emerald Chapter, NPSO. More than 1,740 species and varieties representing 39% of the 4,460 plants currently recognized by the Oregon Flora Project are listed with information on habitat, ecoregion, occurrence frequency, and native or non-native origin for every species. To order, send \$15 payable to Emerald Chapter, NPSO to Lane County Checklist, Emerald Chapter, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.

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. **Nearly sold out, now reduced to \$8.00 per copy.** To order, send check for the appropriate amount (made payable to NPSO) to: **Occasional Papers, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.**

Salal T-shirt. Attractive forest green t-shirts with botanical drawing of *Gaultheria shallon* in cream-colored ink by Carlton, OR artist and Cheahmill Chapter member, Marilyn Karbonski. High quality t-shirts, S–XL, short sleeve **\$15 plus \$5 shipping.** To order, call Jennie Sue Dunn-Dixon at 503-472-1745.

"Land of Umpqua" T-Shirt featured at the 2005 Annual Meeting is still available. It depicts the delightful *Calochortus umpquaensis* illustrated by Dorothy Schattenkerk and in cream, purple, yellow, and green. The shirts are **\$16 plus \$5 shipping** and come in light gray, beige, pink or light blue in sizes M, L, and XL. To order call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

In Memoriam

Georgia Mason (1910-2007)

by Rhoda Love, Emerald Chapter

I am sad to report that Oregon botanist Georgia Mason died in Eugene-Springfield Oregon on October 8, 2007 at the age of 97.

Ms. Mason played an important role in Oregon botany. She was Curator of the UO Herbarium from 1969 to 1976. She earned a BA degree from Montclair State University in New Jersey in 1941, and an MS from Oregon State University in 1960. She was an expert on the flora of the Willowas and was also interested in wetland plants of the Willamette Valley. After her retirement from the UO, she led many educational botany walks in the Eugene area. Otherwise she lived a quiet life with her beloved dogs. She has approximately 2,230 herbarium sheets at the OSU Herbarium. In 1979 she established the Georgia Mason OSU Herbarium Fund with an endowment that supports student research in botany at the University.

Georgia published two books: *Guide to the Plants of the Willowa Mountains of Northeastern Oregon* (UO Museum of Natural History, 1975), and *Plants of Wet to Moist Habitats in and Around Eugene Oregon* (self-published, 1982).

A niece from New York traveled to Oregon to handle arrangements. Cremation took place at Major Family Funeral Home in Springfield; there was no funeral.

If you wish to send a letter of condolence, get back to me (rglove@uoregon.edu) and I will send you her niece's New York address. You may also wish to consider a donation in Georgia's name to your favorite non-profit such as the Oregon Flora Project.

Oregon's Heritage Forests at Risk!

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Medford District:

In the Medford District, BLM old growth protection would drop from 24% to 10% of the base.

How NPSO Chapters and individuals can take action:

NPSO's detailed Forest Policy is published online at www.npsoregon.org/pos/fore.htm. It states in part: "Approximately 90% of our Westside old growth forests have been cut ... NPSO advocates protection of all remaining Westside old growth forests in reserves...."

If NPSO members go to the website www.oregonheritageforests.org they will find links which will lead them to descriptions of the BLM's WOPR plan and what citizen and organization activists can do to try to sidetrack this latest onslaught on old growth forests.

Our best action at this time is for the State NPSO as well as chapters and individuals to send the BLM written comments opposing the WOPR plan and stating our preference for the No Action Alternative. Encourage the BLM to thin their many overstocked tree plantations, which could offer more than 2 billion board feet of commercially valuable timber. Send your mailed comments to Western Oregon Plan Revisions, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208. You may also make comments online at the following website: www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr.

Also, as many NPSO members as possible should call US Senators Ron Wyden (503-326-7525) and Gordon Smith (202-224-3753) with similar messages. To e-mail our senators, visit their websites.

Deadline for public comments has been extended to December 10.

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Highlights of the October 6th NPSO State Board Meeting

By Harold Zald, NPSO Secretary

The Portland Chapter hosted the October Board meeting at the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church in Portland. The Board heard reports on activities from chapters and committees, in addition to focusing on numerous subjects—membership numbers, website design, the open positions for Westside/Eastside Conservation Chair, and the Bureau of Land Management's proposed Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR).

Membership numbers have declined slightly, due to a combination of low recruitment numbers and lapsed memberships. Renewal reminders sent to individuals members, combined with recruitment of new members, have been crucial to maintaining membership numbers. Board discussion regarding membership declines focused on improving new member and renewal numbers by providing membership services via the NPSO website. In the meantime, individual chapters should

do their best to attract new members and retain existing ones. Online membership and renewal capabilities were related to a general desire of the Board to significantly refurbish the NPSO website in the following months.

The Board voiced its desire to continue the addition of rare and endangered (R&E) species descriptions and photos on the NPSO website. The R&E committee is looking for people interested in assisting in the creation of these species descriptions.

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing the Bureau of Land Management's Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). Please see the separate article regarding the WOPR in this issue of the *Bulletin*. The NPSO Board is unhappy with numerous components of the WOPR, and will be submitting a letter to the BLM detailing the Board's views. The Board also strongly encourages members and non-members of NPSO to read infor-

mation regarding the WOPR, submit a comment to the BLM before December 10th, and contact your elected representatives to voice your opinions. The complete plan can be found online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/index.php>. Evaluations of the WOPR from numerous non-profit organizations can be readily found online.

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 26th, 2008 on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis.

Rare Plant Descriptions Wanted

The Rare and Endangered Plants Committee has initiated a project to describe briefly each of the rare and endangered Oregon plant species listed by the Federal and Oregon State governments. So far, three descriptions with photographs have been posted on the NPSO website under the committee's heading: *Stephanomeria malheurensis*, *Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens*, and *Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii*. Since many NPSO members have significant and often first-hand knowledge of Oregon's rare plants, we invite you to join with us to provide additional write-ups. The descriptions should be about 1–2 pages long, photographs may be either your own or obtained from various public venues (Oregon Flora Project, Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center, etc.). Already posted write-ups are suitable as models for your own presentations. Each write-up will be posted for about three months and then will remain available on the site. I will be happy to facilitate preparation of the write-ups by helping you find source materials and by editing your text when appropriate. Les Gottlieb, Chair of the R & E Plants Committee; contact me at Leslie@ashlandhome.net.



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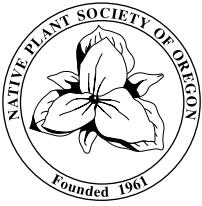
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Education Chair and Committee Members. This committee focuses on creating outreach opportunities to engage and educate the public about native plants—their conservation, diversity, ecology, and importance to our natural heritage.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please contact NPSO state president, David Lebo, at president@NPSOregon.org.