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in Eugene

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Candidates for NPSO Board Positions

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State offices. Ballots must be returned to the Ballot Counting Committee postmarked by July 1, 2008. Newly elected individuals assume office during the Annual Meeting.

President:

David Lebo (Portland) is former president of the Klamath Basin NPSO chapter and has given presentations on lichens, fungi, and bryophytes to the Portland and Siskiyou NPSO chapters. He earned an M.S. in forest ecology from the University of Washington and currently works as the westside zone botanist for the Mt. Hood National Forest. David has taught courses in botany and ecology at the Oregon Institute of Technology, Marylhurst University, and the Siskiyou Field Institute, and has been hiking, climbing, and botanizing throughout the Pacific Northwest for 25 years.

Vice-President:

Dan Luoma (Corvallis) has been a member of NPSO since about 1980. He has previously served as State President and Vice-president. His academic training is in ecological plant geography. Dan is a professor, specializing in forest mycology, with the Department of Forest Science at Oregon State University. Dan's teaching includes a course on forest mycology, intermittently offered through the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University. Primarily, he pursues research on the diversity of truffles and mushrooms in the forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Secretary:

No candidate. As per the NPSO By-Laws, the vacant position will be filled by a vote of the board of directors when a member willing to serve has been identified.

Treasurer:

Cyndi Dion (Siskiyou) a 32-year resident of Ashland, grew up in Oakland, California. Cyndi's grandmother, a cactus enthusiast and inveterate gardener, instilled in her granddaughter a great love of all plants. Cyndi's favorite memory of her grandmother is accompanying her in the evening to watch the blooms open on a 20'+ nightblooming cereus planted by her grandmother next to the chimney at their home in Oakland. Cyndi is incumbent Treasurer and has 25 years of experience in bookkeeping and accounting. Cyndi was Treasurer of the Board for the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy for 5 years in the nineties, owned her own bookkeeping and accounting service in Ashland for 14 years, and was the former Accounting Manager for Jefferson Public Radio. Currently, Cyndi is the Business Office Manager for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, overseeing all accounting functions for a \$22 million not-for-profit corporation. She has held this position for the last 8 years.

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Editor's Note

Time For a Change

Change is the buzzword in politics these days. After almost 8 years of neglect and abuse to native plants and wildlife and their habitats from the current administration, there's hope on the horizon. Change can't come soon enough.

Now in my 9th year of putting together the NPSO *Bulletin* (almost) every month, I'm in need of a change as well. I've enjoyed getting to know so many NPSO members and have learned a great deal about our state's native plants and spectacular natural areas and some of the issues that affect them. It is time to pass the torch onto some other volunteer(s) and move on to other projects. This a great help to NPSO and an opportunity for someone or perhaps two people who would like to pull together the articles and calendar submissions and lay out the newsletter for printing. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Tanya Harvey at Bulletin@NPSOregon.org or 541-937-1401.

Annual Meeting Update

After a longer than normal winter and unusually cold spring, there are signs that the snow is finally melting and summer is on its way. We expect the mountain bloom period to be delayed this year, but it is still too early to make any predictions about how far behind we are and whether all our planned field trips will be possible. There is a very good chance that we will have to make changes at the last minute, but we will try to keep you informed via the NPSO and Emerald Chapter websites (www.emeraldNPSO.org). The extra moisture should make for great wildflowers though, so if you haven't signed up for the meeting yet, don't wait! The registration fee will increase to \$40 after May 31.

We will have some space available at the Annual Meeting for art and book sales. If you are interested in displaying or selling at the meeting, please contact Bruce Newhouse at 541-343-2364 or newhouse@efn.org.



As the snow finally starts melting in the Cascades, one of the first plants to bloom is Sierra sanicle (Sanicula graveolens). Often mistaken for a lomatium, its prominent leafy bracts and strong cilantro-like odor help identify it. It starts blooming while quite flat but is much taller in seed.

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NPSO CALENDAR

State

July 11-13, Friday-Sunday

Annual Meeting: Information and registration materials were included in the April *Bulletin*. They can also be found along with additional information through the NPSO web site.

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

May 31, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Field Trip: Baskett Slough. Learn to identify some native grasses (and other plants) in this National Wildlife Refuge south of Amity. By the end of May, most of six to eight common prairie/ savanna grass species should have inflorescences sufficiently developed to allow identification. Karl Anderson, a Willamette Chapter member, will lead us and bring some handouts on basic grass morphology. Meet either at the refuge parking lot at the foot of Baskett Butte at 9 am or in McMinnville at 8:15 am to depart at 8:30 am at the Blaine and Linfield street parking lot by Linfield College. For carpool, RSVP to Marna Porath at 503-835-1042.

June 7, Saturday, 8:30 am-1 pm Field Trip: Kingston Prairie. John Savage, Willamette Chapter president and Nature Conservancy volunteer, will lead this joint Willamette and Cheahmill chapter walk through the best example of tall-grass prairie remaining in the central Willamette Valley. Meadow and wetland species in bloom may include *Dodecatheon hendersonii*, *Camas* sp., Bradshaw's lomatium, Willamette daisy, Oregon larkspur and white-topped aster. The

prairie is a Nature Conservancy site and accessible only by permission. Meet at 8:15 am to carpool from the Blaine and Linfield street parking lot by Linfield College, or be at Kingston at 10 am. For carpool, RSVP to Susan Williams at 503-538-1865 or Jennie Sue Dunn-Dixon at 503-472-1745.

June 15, Sunday, 8 am-1 pm Field Trip: Drift Creek Falls. A

moderate 3.5-mile round trip trail, appropriate for all family members, crosses a long suspension bridge to get to the beautiful waterfall. Along the way, hikers will identify plants and

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 some 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.

mushrooms. Since the turnoff to the falls is only 10 miles from the coast on Highway 18, people who want to could visit the beach after the field trip. Meet at 7:45 am for an 8 am carpool departure from the Blaine and Linfield street parking lot by Linfield College, or meet at the Drift Creek Falls trailhead at 9 am. For carpool or information, RSVP to Jake Hurlbert at 503-474-0775.

July 6, Sunday, 8 am

Field Trip: Kings Mountain. NPSO member, long-time Oregon Mycological Society member, and former science teacher Jake Hurlbert has been studying ecological and mycorrhizal relationships between plants, fungi, and insects on Kings Mountain for one year. His interest was sparked by a large fruiting of phantom orchids at the top of the 3,200' mountain, which receives 100-200" of rainfall a year. The results of this study will be shared at the April 24 chapter meeting in McMinnville. Hikers will help create plant lists on one of two trail options: a difficult 2.5-mile climb to the top or a shorter, more level loop trail ending at Elk Creek Campground. Participants can camp overnight and meet at the campground at 9 am or carpool from McMinnville. For carpool, meet at 7:45 am for an 8 am departure from the Blaine and Linfield street parking lot beside Linfield College. Information and RSVP: 503-474-0775.

July 19, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip and Work Party: Kingston Prairie. We will join a Nature Conservancy work party to collect seed on this all-day trip with a carpool from Mc-Minnville. Some restrictions apply, so RSVP as early as possible to Marna at 503-835-1042 if you are interested.

Corvallis

To join the Corvallis e-mail list to receive notification of upcoming events, please e-mail matths@peak.org

June 9, Monday, 7–8:30 pm Work Party: Avery House Native Plant Garden Clean-up and Dessert Potluck. Come help clean-up the native plant garden and share a dessert with fellow native plant folks. For more information call Esther at 541-754-0893.

June 21, Saturday, 9:30 am

Field Trip: Marys Peak with Phil Hays and Esther McEvoy. Meet us at the parking lot across from the Monroe Beanery for a trip up to Marys Peak. Bring rain gear, good walking shoes, lunch and water. We will carpool and be back by mid afternoon. Call Esther for more information at 541-754-0893.

July 10, Thursday, 8 am

Field Trip: Iron Mountain. Spectacular wildflowers with well over 200 species of vascular plants recorded along this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. 5 miles, moderately difficult all-day hike. Meet at 8 am at the free OSU parking lot east of the Forage Seed Research Center (3450 Campus Way). Call Dan Luoma, 541-752-8860, for more information.

Emerald

June 7, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Mt. Pisgah Oak Habitat Management Tour. Oak Savannah is one of the most imperiled ecosystems in the Willamette Valley. Friends of Buford Park will give a tour of a pilot project to manage oak woodland habitat near the summit of Mt. Pisgah. Bring water. Wear good hiking shoes. Meet at 9 am at South Eugene High School or 9:15 am at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. Call 541-345-5531.

June 14, Saturday, 9 am Field Trip: Bryophyte and Wildflower Walk at Horse Rock Ridge in the Coburg Hills. We will search for mosses and other plants on moderatelysteep rock outcrops and meadows. Walk 3 miles round trip. Bring hand lens,

water and lunch. Meet at 9 am at South Eugene High School. Call Rob Weiss at 541-752-1362.

High Desert

To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming events, please contact Maria Britton at mebritton@bendbroadband.com. For questions or additional information, please contact Eileen Obermiller at hd_president@NPSOregon.org

June 14, Saturday, 8:15 am-5 pm

Field Trip: Big Summit Prairie. We will visit a variety of habitats in and around Big Summit Prairie in the Ochocho Mountains east of Prineville. Reid Schuller will lead this hike and will answer all our botanical questions "what is this?" Meet at Baldwin Industrial Park on Hwy. 126 and Tom McCall Rd. between Redmond and Prineville at 8:15 am; we will meet in the gravel lot by Power Sports. Contact Reid Schuller to sign-up for the hike at 541-598-4870 (days).

June 28, Saturday, 8:15 am-4 pm

Field Trip: Lookout Mountain. We will look at wildflowers and native plants in this area with member M.A. Willson; she may even give us some great photography tips. Meet at the BLM headquarters in Prineville at 8:15 am. This 7-mile hike includes a 1200' elevation gain. Contact: Please RSVP to M.A. Willson at willsma@bendbroadband.com.

July, TBA

Field Trip: Wildflowers of Glaze

Meadow. We will look at more wild-flowers as the season really begins to pop. Details of date and time and meeting place will be e-mailed to members as we get closer to the date. Meet at the Sisters Ranger District. Contact: mpajutee@fs.fed.us.

August 16, Saturday, 8:15 am

Field Trip: Broken Top Wildflowers. Stu Garrett will lead a hike through spectacular glaciated scenery and alpine wildflowers in the Cascades, west of Bend. Meet at the north end of the Pilot Butte State Park parking lot at 8:15am to arrange carpools and get directions. Return around 5 pm. This 6-mile loop hike is one of our more strenuous and our field trip size is limited to 12. A NW forest pass will be required for parking. Pre-registration is required, please contact Stu Garrett at 541-389-6981 (evenings) to secure your spot.

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

June 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Vernal Pools. Dave Braun, who teaches freshwater biology at Columbia Gorge Community College and whose Ph.D. is in Forest Ecosystems Analysis, will talk about vernal pools, the plants and animals associated with them and their place in the ecosystem. Board Room, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

North Coast

For information on the North Coast Chapter call Vivian Starbuck at 503-377-4141.

Portland

If you would like to receive the semiofficial, Chapter e-mail newsletter, The Calochortus, e-mail Don Jacobson at donjphoto@gmail.com

June 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Soil Crusts and Critters—Doing the Dirty Work of Plants in Eastern Oregon. Nicole DeCrappeo, an ecologist with the US Geological Survey in Corvallis, will explain how communities of soil organisms perform like plants in desert ecosystems. Lichens, mosses, fungi, and other critters are essential in keeping water, nutrients, and the soil itself in place in these harsh environments. Mt. Tabor Presbyterian

Church on SE Belmont Street at SE 54th Avenue. Enter the church parking lot from SE 54th Avenue.

June 14, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip: Columbia Hills/Stacker Butte. Hike into the Columbia Hills north of the Dalles to visit one of the best native grasslands in the Gorge. With good weather, we should have great views, lots of prairie birds and butterflies and should see *Chaenactis douglasii*, *Penstemon deustus*, 3 hawksbeards, several lupines and many other early summer blooms. 150-mile drive & moderate hike of 7 miles with 1500' elevation gain. Contact Paul Slichter at 503-661-3292 or pslichte@teleport. com for info.

June 22, Sunday, 8 am

Field Trip: Grassy Knoll. Forest, rocky outcrops, the bald summit of Grassy Knoll, and scree slopes—plenty of botanical diversity and great views. 130-mile round-trip drive (20 miles on gravel); 8 miles of hiking with 1000' of elevation gain. USFS parking permit required. Call Jan and Dave Dobak at 503-248-9242 for info.

Siskiyou

June 14, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Grizzly Peak (Dead Indian Memorial Rd., east of Ashland). See the mid-spring flowering at this popular site, maybe even some early flowers this late spring. Easy-to-moderate 5-mile round trip hike on BLM trail, 700-foot elevation gain (5200–5900'). Meet near Taco Bell in Ashland BiMart/Shop 'n Kart parking lot at the corner of Ashland Street and Tolman Creek Rd. Leader: Jim Duncan, 541-482-7629.

Umpqua Valley

June 21, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip: Popcornflower Counting at Sutherlin Park. This event involves monitoring rough popcornflower at the Sutherlin City Park. Meet BLM parking lot at 8 am, leave by 8:30 am. Contact Richard Sommer at 541-440-0642.

June 28, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip: Bilger Ridge. To view the beautiful crinite or Cox's mariposa lily (*Calochortus coxii*). We will plan a trip to see Cox's mariposa lily on a serpentine rock outcrop that is northeast of Myrtle Creek about 10 miles. Meet at BLM parking lot at 8 am leave by 8:30 am. Meet at Tri-City Mcdonalds at 9 am, leave no later than 9:30 am.

July 12, Saturday, 7:30 am Field Trip: Shore Acres (tentative).

To see the amazing western lily (*Lilium occidentale*). Meet BLM parking lot at 7:30 am. Leave by 8 am.

Willamette Valley

June 1, Sunday, 7 am

Field Trip: Dog Mountain. View wildflowers on Dog Mountain on the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge. John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter will lead the hike. This is a difficult all-day hike, but the pace will be slow. Bring lunch and water. To register, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm. Free and open to the public.

William Cusick

All announcements about chapter meetings and field trips are also posted at www.williamcusick.npsoregon.org.

July, TBA

Field Trip: Cypripedium fasciculatum in the Wallowas led by Gene Yates. This trip will also look at Botrychium and Ophioglossum. Details to be determined.

August 16, Saturday, TBA

Field Trip: Cougar Meadows RNA. Cougar Meadow is located near Anthony Lakes and was recently dedicated to the memory of Charlie Johnson. It has a large sedge and tufted hairgrass component, and contains one or more species of moonworts/grapeferns. There is a small aspen stand that is not regenerating, with young conifers establishing in the understory. The lack of aspen regeneration may be related to wild ungulate grazing, but the cause is unknown. Led by Jenifer Ferriel to look at the aspen regeneration issue and also try

out the new sedge key.



Lupines and mules ears (Wyethia angustifolia) brighten up the edges of Big Summit Prairie in the Ochocos. Join the High Desert Chapter on June 14 for a trip to this special place.

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OTHER EVENTS

Siskiyou Field Institute Classes

For more information or to register for courses call 541-597-8530 or visit www.thesfi.org

Introduction to Watershed Restoration June 7, Saturday

Mike Sanders, Greg Gibbs, and Neal Youngblood, at Redwood National Park South Operations Center, Orick, CA.

Redwood Forests of Northern California June 8, Sunday

Jason Teraoka, MS, at Redwood National Park South Operations Center, Orick, CA.

Identification of Oregon Sedges (Carex) June 19 & 20, Thursday & Friday

Barbara L. Wilson, PhD, at Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR.

The Ecology of Serpentine Darlingtonia Fens June 21, Saturday

Jennie Cramer, MS, at Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR.

Berry Botanic Garden

11505 SW Summerville Ave., Portland. To register or to get more information, visit www.berrybot.org or call 503-636-4112x102.

Silver Star Mountain Hike June 12, Thursday, 9 am-4 pm

Re-vegetation of this peak in the Gifford-Pinchot Forest has been slow due to a history of fires. This means open meadows full of wildflowers in the Spring. The drive to this hike includes a stretch of unpaved forest road, but the color and the 360° view make it all worth it! Moderate hike of 5 miles roundtrip with 1500' elevation gain. Kris Freitag, leader. Donations welcome. Limit 30.

Mary Paetzel—Her Special Places in the Siskiyou Mountains—an Appreciation and Remembrance Tour June 21, Saturday

Lee Webb, MS, at Chromr Ridge and Mud Spring.

The Literary and Spiritual Riches of "Nature" June 22, Sunday

Kathy Krauss, PhD, at Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR.

Exploring Nature Youth Day Camp June 23–27, Monday–Friday

CeCe Bowerman and Jim Janousek, at North Mountain Park, Ashland, OR.

Trees & Shrubs of the Rogue Valley June 28, Saturday

Kristi Mergenthaler, at Ashland, OR.

Siskiyou Rocks, Part 1 June 29, Sunday

John Roth, MS, at Ashland, OR.

Botany 2008 Annual Meeting

Botany without Borders July 26–30, 2008 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

A Joint Annual Meeting of Canadian Botanical Association/L'Association Botanique du Canada, American Fern Society, American Society of Plant Taxonomists and the Botanical Society of America. Speakers include including Nobel Prize recipient Carl Wieman. Also workshops, field trips, exhibitions, guided tours of Van Dusen Botanical Garden and much more. For more information and to register, visit www.2008.botanyconference.org or call 614-899-9356.

Nearby Nature

Alton Baker Park, Eugene. For more information, call 541-687-9699 or visit www.nearbynature.org

Almost Summer Work Party June 7, Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

Join Nearby Nature to work on naturescaping, park trails, gardening, and more. Dress for the weather! We'll provide tools and gloves. Meet at the Park Host Residence.

June No School Day Adventure June 13, Friday, 8:30 am-3 pm

Enjoy a day of exploration, hiking, and art in Alton Baker Park and at Nearby Nature's Yurt. \$30 members/\$35 non-members, ages 6-9, maximum of 12 kids. Register at 541-687-9699. Discover the forest web of life. Look for tracks and traces, tell tall tree tales, and create handmade paper. Go on a hunt for Alton Baker Park's coolest trees—the tall, the twisted, the wide, and the weird!

Summer Daycamps June 23-August 29

Do your kids like exploring, riding bikes, telling stories, canoeing, catching bugs, or creating nature art? Then they should participate in our summer daycamps! Kids 3 to 11 years old are invited to enroll in camps that feature small classes, experienced educators, half and full day options, local parks, and everything from bugs to bikes. EWEB scholarships are available! For a registration brochure, call 541-687-9699, e-mail us at info@ nearbynature.org, or see www.nearbynature.org. Register by June 2nd for \$5 off on each camp!

Both adult and teen volunteers are also needed for our summer daycamps. Call 541-687-9699, ext. #2 for an application and more information.

California Native Plant Society Field Trips

Join the North Coast Chapter of California Native Plant Society for Del Norte weekend. See other field trips on our Web site: www.northcoastcnps.org. We welcome nonmembers and people with all levels of botanical knowledge on our trips.

Crescent City Marsh short hike June 28, Saturday, 8 am

This hot spot of rare species is a treasure in our midst, currently suffering from too much protection and too little grazing. Come see Western lily, bogbean, marsh violet, great burnet, bog orchid, Arctic starflower, and more, with rare plant expert Dave Imper. Walking is short distance but soggy; rubber boots recommended. Bring lunch and water; dress for the weather. Meet at 8 am at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata) or at 10 am in Crescent City at the end of Waldo Rd. (From 101 turn inland on Elk Valley Rd. After about a mile turn right on Howland Hill Rd. After about half mile turn right on Waldo.) Probably finish about 1 pm. Please tell Dave 707-444-2756 or Carol 707-822-2015 that you are coming.

Rock Creek Ranch, South Fork Smith River June 28–29, Saturday–Sunday

Day hikes and overnight. Beautiful river, diverse flora, comfortable camping or lodging, great campfire, friends from NPSO, all thanks to and supporting the Smith River Alliance, a great conservation organization. This is their new facility on a 15-acre ranch only 30 minutes from Crescent City. We will go there after the Crescent City Marsh tour and botanize the ranch area until dark or we drop, whichever comes first. Think *Darlingtonia* and butterworts, inland Douglas-fir forest, and more. We will have use of a large, covered, outdoor kitchen and of a ranch house. You may sleep in the ranch house (\$30) or in your tent outside (\$20). Some info at www.smithriveralliance.org. On Sunday we will have to choose from the many fun drives or hikes close by. Bring your own food. We can plan a cooperative dinner for those who want. We will head for home some time Sunday afternoon. Please tell Carol if you are coming or might come, all or part: 707-822-2015.

HJ Andrews Experimental Forest Annual HJA Day

June 18, Wednesday

You're invited to HJA Day, the annual field day at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest near Blue River. HJA Day is a kind of "show and tell"—we tour interesting sites and researchers share information about science, education, and research-management interactions centered at the Andrews Forest. Vans leave west parking lot of Forestry Sciences Lab, Corvallis at 7:30 am. Activities begin at 9:30 am. A barbecue caps the day.

Please go to the "What's New" section of the Andrews Forest website at http://www.fsl.orst.edu/lter for more information and to register. Directions to the Andrews Forest can be found in the "About Andrews" section of the same website. Register online by June 13. Contact Tami Lowry at 541-750-7488 if you need an accommodation in order to attend this event. We hope to see you there!



A hoverfly feasts on pollen from the long stamens of Pacific waterleaf (Hydrophyllum tenuipes).

Candidates for NPSO Board

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Directors-at-large:

Sam Friedman (Umpqua Valley) was raised in Tucson Arizona. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1988 with a B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and in 1996 earned an M.S. in Botany at Arizona State University. Sam has worked as a botanist for private consultants in both Arizona and Oregon; The Nature Conservancy, the Forest Service; and the Bureau of Land Management. His Masters' thesis work involved characterizing the vegetation structure and cataloging plants from a relatively undisturbed "Sinaloan Thornscrub" habitat located on a coastal strip of land in northern Mexico. Currently he is a botanist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For his job, Sam oversees the recovery of threatened and endangered plants in southwest Oregon and provides technical assistance to other federal agencies in ways they can help conserve and recover these imperiled plants. Sam still finds time to enjoy native plants when he can. Sam is currently the president of NPSO's Umpqua Valley Chapter.

Laurel Moulton (Corvallis) has spent the better part of her years enjoying the outdoors and botanical wonders

of the Pacific Northwest. Before moving to Corvallis and joining NPSO in 2006, she completed two seasons of detailed botanical surveys and plant community classifications in Olympic National Park, WA. Since arriving in Oregon, Laurel has studied native prairie restoration techniques in the Willamette Valley and Puget Trough ecoregions, taken part in rare plant population monitoring, taxonomic studies, and growing rare and endangered plants for restoration work with the Institute for Applied Ecology. Laurel is also an avid gardener and is looking forward to starting a Master's program at OSU this fall. Her chosen research topic is seed predation by granivorous ground beetles.

Judi Sanders (Corvallis) is originally from the Roseburg area and received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. She did her graduate work in California and spent her career there. After retiring from the Communication Department at Cal Poly Pomona, she returned to Oregon and was drawn to join NPSO by her interest in wildflowers and gardening. Judi has been chair of the Native Plant Appreciation Week committee the last two years and is looking forward to continuing her leadership contributions to NPSO (particularly getting more people involved with the NPAW "committee").



Expanding Our Reach Through Earth Share's Website

Earth Share of Oregon's (ESOR's) new and improved website offers useful information for a variety of visitors. If you are a NPSO donor, you'll want to see more about how we and other members of ESOR invest your contributions. If you want to get outdoors or attend an event, you can visit the site to see upcoming activities and events happening at NPSO in the environmental community. Is it about time to volunteer? ESOR includes volunteer opportunities with its 38 member groups all over the State of Oregon.

Do you just want to make a donation? You can do that at the ESOR website too. Or read about how to lead a giving campaign at your place of work and get it started. The ESOR website has all kinds of helpful tools for workplace giving campaign managers and enthusiastic employees.

Need to catch up on environmental news? Get up-to-date news about environmental issues, subscribe to ESOR's electronic newsletter or just peruse the list of conservation groups and see all of the amazing work they are doing to keep people healthy, preserve wildlife habitat and reduce global warming. Go to our website at www.earthshare-oregon.org.

NPSO Items for Sale

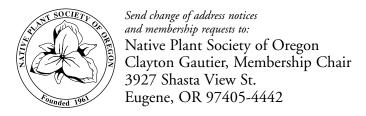
NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2007). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Ave., Portland OR 97212. **\$4 postpaid.**

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.

"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.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON MEMBERSHIP FORM

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As of July 1, the Oregon Flora Project will be unable to pay its three staff members, and the coordinator's position will be reduced to 8 paid hours/ week. Unsurprisingly, the consequence is that work will slow dramatically. Research will stall until funding can be secured. We are working diligently with the Oregon State University library and colleges

to create relationships that will include staffing support. Our need for financial support from individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies continues to remain urgent.

The Oregon Flora Project has accomplished a phenomenal amount of work given its limited resources. Our monthly operating budget is minimal: \$8,800 per month covers all our expenses and salaries. With 96% of our budget going to salaries

(2.28 FTE), this funding crisis will be shouldered more or less exclusively by the four scientific staff members.

What would be accomplished if we obtain the money to become sustainable? In the second half of 2008, we can keep the Atlas online and current, complete the Checklist and publish it online, and finish the multiple entry key to the grasses. With more support, we can augment our overextended staff and earnestly begin work on the new *Flora of Oregon*.

How will you be impacted if the Atlas is not available? Where will you find taxonomic data and photographs of our state's plants? Whom will you ask to provide you with statewide plant distribution data?

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