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NPSO: The First Fifty Years

Billy Don Robinson, NPSO Legislative Chair

Today, our society is an active group of people who do a lot of good work, and have a lot of fun doing it. For example, I just read on our new Facebook page, "The Corvallis Chapter, with the help of several OSU students, builds a native plant garden for butterflies at the Avery House Nature Center." There are some great pictures of very recent good work and fun! That's who we are, so let's give ourselves a pat on the back, and sit down and take a walk down memory lane. Let's look at how we got started, and revel in some of our many accomplishments.

In an article titled, "Remember When...?" in the *Bulletin*, Vol. 29,

No.1, Jerry Igo, NPSO Archivist, quotes The Oregonian "Wildflower Group Begins. February 6, 1961. A meeting was held in the Portland Public Library. The purpose was to "Disseminate knowledge of wild flowers... their distribution, ecology, culture and other subjects. Mr. Leonard Wiley organized this first meeting. Plans were formed to have programs, field trips, and study groups." Thus was initiated a step which produced the Native Plant Society of Oregon.

Louise Godfrey wrote in the June 1986 issue of the *Bulletin*, "The history of NPSO, in year-by-year
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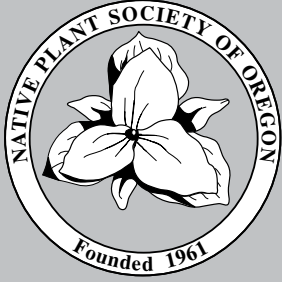
From L to R: Rhoda Love, Veva Stansell and Charlene Simpson singing botany lyrics to the Whiffenpoof Song at the 2001 NPSO Annual Meeting

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UPDATE: Annual Meeting Registration

The Annual Meeting registry is filling up fast and may already be full by the time you read this. Confirmations will be sent about May 15th.

There was an error on the registration form included in the April *Bulletin*- the amount for the package, field trips, 2 nights lodging and 6 meals should be \$95, NOT \$55. Please send in \$95 if you want the complete package. The on-line registration form is correct. If in error, you did not submit the full \$95, you will be kindly notified. Thank you in advance for your

cooperation with this matter.

Also, updated information available online indicates which hikes are closed (or nearly so) to give people a chance to select something else that might be of interest to them. Please look at the website and choose hikes that are still open (most of which still have plenty of room for participants).

Registration information, a list of field trips with space remaining, and other Annual Meeting information can be found at <http://2011.npsoregon.org>.

ERRATA

I made a big mistake in the article I wrote in the last *Bulletin*, "STOP the Planting of Giant Cane (*Arundo donax*) in Oregon!" Thanks to Bob Meinke for pointing out that ODA has no role in allowing or regulating the commercial use of potential crop plants such as *Alyssum murale* or *A. corsicum*. ODA neither promoted their use nor were aware of the plans for their introduction. ODA efforts to combat the spread of these species are led by Kelly Amsberry and Ken French- they've been the real driving force, along with Suzanne Vautier (Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Network). Susan is coordinating volunteer efforts in the Illinois Valley and is active with NPSO. So, I apologize for this error. I send heartfelt thanks to these unsung heroes, Bob, Kelly, Ken, and Suzanne for all their fine work!

-Billy Don Robinson, NPSO Legislative Chair



A member of the buttercup family (*Ranunculaceae*), *Anemone occidentalis* is found growing in gravelly soils on slopes and in moist meadows. *A. occidentalis* flowers mid-spring to mid-summer and the blooms are composed of 5 to 7 sepals. It is native to far western North America including British Columbia to California and Montana.

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NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

June 24-26, 2011

Annual NPSO Meeting: The Portland Chapter will be hosting the 2011 annual meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Logan Valley, located on the south side of the Strawberry Mountains. This area has an extremely diverse ecological makeup, including five of the seven major life zones in North America. Nearly every type of alpine wildflower found west of the Rockies can be observed here. The rich flora is complemented by diverse wildlife and geological history. Join us in Logan Valley this June, and you too will agree that this is a special place worthy of holding the annual meeting, and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of NPSO. More information is available at <http://2011.npsoregon.org/>.

June 26, Sunday, 9 am-1 pm

State Meeting: The State meeting will be held at the Annual NPSO Meeting in Logan Valley.

Blue Mountain

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

Cheahmill

For more information, visit the chapter Web site, www.oregon-nativeplants.com. To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming programs and events, please contact cheahmillchapternps@frontier.com.

May 7, Saturday, 10 am

Field Trip: Grand Island / Willamette Mission State Park Celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Week. Trip Leader, Craig Markham, a wetlands ecologist and nature photographer, will guide us over undeveloped portions of the park located on Grand Island in Yamhill County. The area is typical of forested riparian zones in the lower Willamette River Valley. We will also view and discuss the potential impacts of a proposed 175-acre gravel mining operation that

would consume prime agricultural land adjacent to the park. Carpoolers meet at the Linfield College parking lot on the northwest corner of Linfield Ave. & Blaine St., McMinnville at 9:30 am to depart at 10 am. For those driving directly: From Dayton, drive 6.7 mi. south on Hwy 221 toward Salem, turn left to Grand Island at Unionvale, drive 1.3 mi, crossing the Lambert Slough Bridge, turn right onto Upper Island Road, drive 2 miles to the park access on the right. Meet at 10:30 am. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch and

water. Information: Jim Culbert, 503-472-8501 or jhcultbert@yahoo.com.

May 21, Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Special event: Wildflower Show. NPSO Cheahmill Chapter's annual wildflower show will include hundreds of labeled native plant samples, a microscope to help everyone identify plant parts, other educational displays, and a native plant sale. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. More information to follow.

May 26, Thursday, 7-8:45 pm

Program: Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants. Lindsey Wise, botanist with the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center at Portland State University, will familiarize us with species that are rare, endangered, and/or threatened in nearby locales in Oregon. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. (Highway 99W). Parking lot entrances on Adams and Second streets. Information: 503-835-1042, livesimplymarna@frontier.com.

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Laurel Moulton at lamoulto@yahoo.com.

May 6-June 4, 2011

Exhibition: Oregon's Botanical Landscape. Long time NPSO member, M. Frances Stilwell will be exhibiting her paintings of native plants in their natural habitat at the Benton Historical Museum in Philomath, OR. The paintings will be organized by ecoregions, offering an aesthetic experience and environmental education for adults, children, and families. There will be an opening celebration, including Celtic music and food, on Friday, May 6th from 5-7pm at the museum. For more information call the Benton County Museum 541-929-6230.

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.

May 7, Saturday, 3-4 pm

Field trip: Family Nature Walk at Finley Wildlife Refuge. Esther McEvoy and Laurel Moulton will be leading a family wildflower and nature walk for Corvallis Natural Areas Week. Woodpecker Loop is one of Finley's premier trails, winding for 1 mile through prairie and oak woodlands. This hike will be fun for all ages with many species of plants and wildlife to observe along the way. Information: email lamoulto@yahoo.com or see Natural Areas calendar at www.co.benton.or.us/parks/natural_areas_celebration_events.php.

May 9, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Touring World Biodiversity Hotspot-the Southwest Australian Floristic Region. The Southwest Australia Floristic Region (SWAFR) is internationally recognized for its exceptional plant diversity. It's also renowned for its stunning spring wildflower displays. Gail Baker and Clay Gautier will take us on a tour through the amazing vegetation of the SWAFR. We'll take a close look at the plants of the kwongan heath, mallee shrublands, and wandoo, jarrah and Karri woodlands. We'll visit some important botanical reserves along the way including Badgingarra National Park, Kalbarri National Park, Stirling Range National Park, Fitzgerald River National Park and Dryandra Woodland Reserve. We'll also consider the question of why a landscape with so little topographic relief and such old, highly weathered soils has so many species. Meet at the Avery House Nature Center. For more information contact Laurel Moulton lamoulto@yahoo.com

May 21, Saturday, 1 pm

Field Trip: Witham Hill proposed conservation area. This is an easy walk of up to two miles looking at the land Corvallis community members would like to see kept as open space. Meet at 1 pm at the Witham Hill Natural Area parking lot at the very end of the Circle Blvd Extension, south of the Witham and Circle intersection. Information: call Louise at 541-740-1497.

June 18, Saturday, 1-5 pm

Tour: In search of *Delphinium pavonaceum* in local sites around Corvallis. Gaylee Goodrich and Esther McEvoy will take us to some of the sites where this rare Peacock's Larkspur is still surviving in remnant populations. Meet at the parking lot across from the Monroe Beanery at 1 pm to carpool. Information: contact Esther at 541-754-0893.

Emerald

Visit the Emerald Chapter Web site at <http://emerald.npsoregon.org> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them.

May 11, Wednesday, 3 pm

Field Trip: Habitat Restoration Tour of Coyote Prairie near Fern Ridge Reservoir. Trevor Taylor of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces is leading this tour of 2 miles. To carpool, meet 3:00 pm under the fir trees in the parking lot at the northeast corner of West 11th and Bailey Hill Rd. For information call 541-746-9478.

May 14, Saturday, 9 am

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival collection and setup. If you you'd like to help collect flowers for the show please contact David McClurg at dpm@efn.org or call 541-746-9478. To help set up displays, come to the Arboretum at 9 am, Saturday.

May 15, Sunday, 10:00 am-4 pm

Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival. A plant sale and hundreds of native wildflowers will be on display along with live music, information booths of many local organizations, and food! Sponsored by the Mount Pisgah Arboretum, Lane Community College's botany department, and Emerald Chapter, NPSO. Information: 541-747-3817.

May 16, Monday, 7:30 pm (Note: This event was originally scheduled for February.)

Meeting: Historic and Current Ethno-botany as Practiced by Native and

Rural Americans. Eric Jones shows us the uses of native and naturalized plants combined with implications for management and restoration of habitats. He cites the West Eugene Wetlands Ethnobotanical Project as an example of the challenges and benefits. Location: EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: 541-746-9478.

May 22, Sunday, 12-5 pm

Garden Tour: Green Tracks: Community Service in the World of Native Plants. This garden tour showcases the outstanding Horticulture Program at the Martin Luther King Education Center, Lane County Department of Youth Services. This fun-filled educational event includes live music, food, and a native plant sale. Food prepared by the young people in MLK's Culinary Arts Program as well as native plants propagated and grown at MLK will be for sale. All proceeds benefit the vocational programs at the Department of Youth Services. Free. Location: 2700 MLK Blvd at the John Serbu Youth Campus. Information: ngap@emerald-npsoregon.org.

High Desert

The High Desert chapter is inactive at this time. If you are interested in participating in organizing chapter events, please contact membership@nps.org.

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at wusara96@yahoo.com.

North Coast

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

Portland

If you would like to receive the chapter's semi-official e-mail newsletter, The Calochortus, e-mail Don Jacobson at donjphoto@gmail.com.

May 1, Sunday, 9 am

Nature Walk: Native Plant Appreciation Week Nature Walk. Ginny Maffit will lead our celebratory nature walk through the Tualatin River Refuge. We will start early on MayDay in order to enjoy birding opportunities as well as the lovely spring bloom. To sign up, call Billy Don at 503-515-1708.

May 8, Saturday, TBA

Hike: McCord Creek. We will celebrate Native Plant Appreciation week with a hike to McCord Creek. This hike will be 2-3 miles with a 600 foot elevation gain. The McCord Creek trail offers a variety of habitats resulting in a large number of different plants. The lovely hanging gardens along the cliff trail are home to five endemic plants. We may stop to see the camas patch at Bridal Veil State Park on our way home. Please wear layers, come prepared for rain, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Bring your lunch. Contact Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com to get information about when/where to meet.

May 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge. Join us for an evening focused on the Columbia River Gorge and some of its 800 native wildflower species. This presentation will include a brief geologic history, a look at the rain pattern within the gorge and an overview of flowers from March to July. Portland Garden Club member and Co-president of the Portland Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Angie Moore, will have a plethora of photos of endemics, some rare and some common flowers found within this national treasure. Be inspired to get out there and start hiking while the flowers are still blooming! Location: Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, Southeast Belmont at 54th Avenue. Church lot parking OK. Information: Billy Don, 503-515-1708.

May 31, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm (Classroom)

June 5, Sunday, TBA

Plant ID Class: What id that plant?

How many of us have come across the most wonderful plant only to discover that we can't figure out what it is? For those of you who wish to be able to place the correct scientific name with your most treasured find, this is the class for you. Christine Ebrahimi, botanist and plant taxonomist, has spent 30 years studying, hiking and enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest flora. She is delighted to share her passion for plant identification with you in a two part class. First, an evening of slides, plant family characteristics, keying strategies, terminology and flower dissecting. This will be followed by a full day field trip to practice your new skills, or enhance those you already possess. Feel more confident with your identification skills, share your knowledge, and have fun delving into the wonderful world of plants and their names. Location: Hoyt Arboretum Classroom. Fieldtrip location and time to be announced during class. Please note-passengers will need to reimburse drivers \$10 for gas. Supplies needed for class: hand lens, Hitchcock & Cronquist "Flora of the Pacific Northwest", (some copies may be available for the classroom, but bring your own if you have one.), and paper and pencil for taking notes. Optional supplies: dissecting needles and cutting utensil. Cost: \$35 for one classroom and one field trip, due at time of sign up and non-refundable. Please make checks payable to NPSO Portland Chapter. Space reserved on first come first served basis. Limited space available. Contact Angie Moore at MLM@teleport.com or 503-292-2093.

Siskiyou

The Siskiyou chapter e-mails meeting reminders and last-minute information such as field trip cancellations. To be added to the list, please send your e-mail address to Kristi Mergenthaler at coprolitemergie@yahoo.com.

May 7, Saturday, 10 am

Field Trip: Fielder Mountain. George Van Vetchen invites you to share his personal trail to the top of Fielder Mountain, north of the town of Rogue River. This moderate-to-strenuous 8 mile (roundtrip) trail passes thru private and BLM land on its 2500' gain to the summit of Fielder Mountain. There are views of Rogue River, Grants Pass & Mt. McLaughlin and an abundance of plant life. Wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. Directions: Exit 48 Rogue River. Turn towards town, over rr tracks and turn Left. At 4-way intersection turn Left. Take a Right onto West Evans Creek Road after crossing bridge. Take Left at #2583. Mailbox is by itself on a log post with 3 red reflectors. Drive is about 0.3 miles long and house is at end of drive against the foot of the hill. Optional and unguided carpool meeting behind Oil Stop in Ashland (next to BiMart-leave by 9:00). Take I-5 north to Exit 48 Rogue River. Information: George at oldrecordguy@gmail.com or 541-582-8980.

Thursday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Program: Wildflowers of Andalusia: the familiar and the unfamiliar. Dr Alex Maksymowicz's presentation will emphasize plants in the southwest corner of Spain that have close counterparts in southwest Oregon as well as those belonging to genera that do not occur in our region. He will also discuss some common Oregon garden plants and widespread "exotics" that are native to the southern Mediterranean. Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Building, RM 171. Refreshments served at 7:15pm. Information: Kristi at 541-941-3744.

May 22, Sunday, 10 am

Field Trip: Cascade Morel Hunt. John Teem will lead this spring foray to look for black morels in the Howard Prairie area. Morels are the most abundant edible spring mushroom near the valley and there will be others to see but not with the diversity of the fall season. Meet behind Oil Stop on Ashland St, next to the Ashland BiMart/Shop'n Kart, about ¼ mi west of I-5, exit 14. Information: John Teem at 541-621-6137 or john@continuumfarm.com.

June 11, Saturday, 9:00am

Field Trip: Woodcock Bog RNA / Rough and Ready Creek Preserve.

See late spring serpentine flora at two special locations in the Illinois Valley, hopefully including all the species of rush lily (*Hastingsia*), a genus found only in Southern Oregon and Northern California. Viewing the rare large-flowered purple rush lily covering Woodcock Fen is one of the great Klamath Mountain botanical experiences. Limited to 15 participants. Email leader Norm Jensen, normjensen@gmail.com, to register. Meeting location details will be sent in the week prior to the field trip.

Umpqua Valley

Visit www.umpquavalley.npsoregon.org for more information on chapter activities.

Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-399-8615 or Alexandra Ninneman at 503-391-4145. Sunday,

May 1, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

Field Trip: Tom McCall Preserve. Participants in this all-day field trip will view wildflowers at the Tom McCall Preserve, overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, near Rowena, Oregon. This 270-acre Nature Conservancy preserve features spectacular spring blooms including balsamroot, lupine, and many others. Bring food and water. To register call 503-399-8615 after 7 p.m. The field trip is free and open to the public.

William Cusick

Visit our Web site at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> or contact Laurie Allen at 541-805-0499 for updates and general information.

Announcement: The William Cusick Chapter is planning some great activities this month in celebration of Native Plant Appreciation Week. Please watch your e-mail or contact Laurie Allen at 541-805-0499 for further details.

OTHER EVENTS

Audubon Society of Portland

May 14-15, Saturday-Sunday, 10 am-5 pm

Native Plant Sale: Spring is sprouting and blooming once again at the Portland Audubon Native Plant Sale! Over 100 species of Oregon wildflowers, shrubs, and trees will be available to enhance your yard, woodland, or stream bank. Location: 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland. Information: Tom Costello, Audubon Sanctuary Manager; 503-292-6855 or tcostello@audubon-portland.org.

Benton County Museum

May 6, Friday, 5-7 pm

Art Exhibit/Opening: Oregon's Botanical Landscape, an exhibition of artwork by M. Frances Stilwell, May 6- June 4, 2011. For over 25 years Frances has painted plants in their native habitats. Join her for a wonderful opportunity to experience the diversity of plant life that existed prior to European settlement. Title cards provide documentation of representative locations of species within Oregon, general North American distribution, and information about growing conditions. The exhibition is supported in part by the Corvallis Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and the Corvallis Environmental Center and it coincides with Native Plant Appreciation Week. Location: Moreland Gallery of the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath, Oregon. Information: <http://www.bentoncountymuseum.org/exhibitions.cfm>.

Columbia Hills State Park

May 7, Saturday, 9:30 am-3 pm

Event: 7th Annual Wagons and Wildflowers at Dalles Mountain

Ranch, Columbia Hills State Park and Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve. Come listen to talks on native cultural history and ice age floods; join short field trips to learn about native wildflowers and wildlife; enjoy living history activities and fun activities for kids of all ages; participate in 'Celebrating Wildflowers Week' in Washington. The Columbia Hills are at the east end of the Columbia River Gorge, across from The Dalles. Free. Driving directions: from the junction of Hwy 197 and Hwy 14 drive east on Hwy 14 for 1 mile. Take a left on Dalles Mountain Road. Follow for 3 miles. The Dalles Mountain Ranch is on the left. For more information contact Washington State Parks at 509 767 1159 or WA Dept. of Natural Resources at 509 925 0940.

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

May 7, Monday, 9 am-2 pm

Plant Sale: Hardy Plant Group 20th Annual Plant Sale at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene. The sale has 30 specialty vendors and non-profit groups selling both new and familiar perennials, trees, shrubs, grasses, hostas, rock garden plants, peonies, heather, clematis, fuchsias, succulents, rhododendrons, ferns, native plants, food plants and herbs of all kinds. There will also be worm bins and a collection of birdhouses and feeders for sale, as well as information about butterfly gardens. A portion of the proceeds from the sale helps fund other 501(c)(3) groups' activities. For more information about this event, contact Pam Perryman at 541-344-0896 or visit www.thehardyplantgroup.org.

May 10, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Talk: Eugene's Urban Forest. The Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group will present Whitey Lueck. Whitey will cover the variety of trees in Eugene's urban landscape and suggest possibilities for trees in our own yards. A mini

clinic following the talk will showcase the Extension Service and all the benefits available to us through their programs. Doors open at 6:30 for book sales and viewing botanical samples. Admission is \$6 for non-members and \$3 for members. Location: University of Oregon, Agate Hall, Agate Street at 18th Avenue, Eugene. For more information about the group or this event, visit the website at www.thehardyplantgroup.org or call 541-344-0896.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Sunday, May 15th, 2011, 10 am-5 pm

Mount Pisgah Arboretum's 31st Annual Wildflower and Music Festival.

For the 31st year, staff at Mount Pisgah Arboretum invites the community to come enjoy wildflowers, live music, food, crafts and more, at their Annual Wildflower and Music Festival. Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum at Howard Buford County Park off of Seavey Loop Road in Eugene. Take exit 189 off of I-5 and follow signs. Contact: Peg Douthit-Jackson, Events Coordinator, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 541-747-1504 or visit MountPisgahArboretum.org.

Siskiyou Field Institute

May 8, Sunday

Course: Conserving Nature: Exploring a Conservation Easement. Participants will visit a property protected by a conservation easement to see the relationship between protecting land and abundant wildlife. We will traverse several habitat types; identifying spring wildflowers, resident and migrant birds, and small mammals captured through a live-trapping effort. We will also check baited trail cameras for images of larger mammals. Information collected will supplement on-going species lists. Instructors will also share information about implementing a conservation easement as we explore this biologically diverse property. Tuition for this class

is \$50, advance registration is required. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. Information: Phone 541-597-8530, or visit www.thesfi.org.

May 15, Sunday

Course: Serpentine 101: Evolution and Ecology on a Strange Soil. The Siskiyou Mountains are known for a rich flora found on serpentine soils. Join instructor Susan Harrison, PhD to learn about serpentine soils and what have scientists learned from serpentine about the origins of new species and possibly even the origins of life on Earth. Tuition: \$50, advance registration required. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. Information: Phone 541-597-8530, or visit www.thesfi.org.

May 19-May 22, Thursday-Sunday

Course: Crash Course in Flowering Plant Families: Western Siskiyou. In this intensive, four-day plant identification class, taught by Linda Ann Vorobik, PhD, we'll create a framework for learning plants by comparing traits of ~50 plant families, learn how to key using The Jepson Manual. We'll discuss changes in plant taxonomy occurring with the release of the new edition. Tuition: \$200, advance registration required. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. Information: Phone 541-597-8530, or visit www.thesfi.org.

May 28-29, Saturday-Sunday

Course: Wildland Grasses: Identifying native and Naturalized Species. Hone and refresh your skills in keying and field recognition of native and introduced grasses of southwestern Oregon, taught by Cindy Roché, PhD. Learn to recognize local grasses by sight, smell, or even touch. Become adept at keying unknown specimens - in the classroom and in the field - so that you can continue to learn after the class. The class will use current botanical names, so this is a great opportunity to update your grasp of grass taxonomy! Tuition for this class is \$100, advance registration is required. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. Information: Phone 541-597-8530, or visit www.thesfi.org.

June 3-5, Friday-Sunday

Course: Wildflower Photography with Mark Turner. You love wildflowers and the natural landscape. You have a digital SLR, but aren't quite sure how to use it to make great wildflower and scenic photos. Photographer Mark Turner will help you discover new ways to see wildflowers, create dramatic compositions, separate subjects from distracting backgrounds, and utilize natural lighting. Illustrated lectures and demonstrations - and extensive field practice with individual guidance and feedback - will help you learn new photographic skills. Tuition for this class is \$150, advance registration is required. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. Information: Phone 541-597-8530, or visit www.thesfi.org.

Wild Food Adventures

May 20-23, Friday-Monday

Event: 9th Annual Native Shores Wild Food Rendezvous. If you are interested in learning about, harvesting, and feasting on all manner of edible seaweeds, shellfish, other seashore and inland edible wild plants, then come join us. Everything is experience oriented - we go where the plants and animals are and harvest in efficient and sustainable ways. We all share in food preparation so you know what to do when you are on your own. Cost: \$330 or less depending on early registration and other discounts. Camp free or rent a room in the lodge. Location: Rockaway, Oregon. For details, early-bird discounts, and directions visit <http://www.wildfoodadventures.com/nativeshores.html>.

Shady Cove and Trail Wildflower Association

April 30-May 1, Saturday-Sunday, 10 am-4 pm

Wildflower show: The Shady Cove and Trail wildflower Association is hosting the 30th Annual wildflower show. The Show will include 200+ "LIVE"

wildflower specimens, a big plant sale, a cozy tea room, BBQ, raffles, door prizes and more. Admission by donation. Location: Shady Cove School gymnasium, Cleveland St in Shady Cove. Proceeds go to Fire District #4. For information, contact wildflowershow@gmail.com.

The Nature Conservancy, Oregon

Ongoing Work Party Events throughout Oregon

The Nature Conservancy has announced its 2011 volunteer work party opportunities, where people can work with TNC Staff and other volunteers to maintain and protect critical habitats across Oregon. For information and schedules, visit: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/oregon/volunteer/workparties.xml>. To sign up, call 503-802-8100 or send an email to orvolunteers@tnc.org (unless otherwise noted). After registering, the TNC will send you all the particulars.

Writing a field guide to the Pacific Crest Trail



Ecologist and author Justin West will be hiking the Pacific Crest Trail over the next two summers collecting vegetation mapping data, as well as gathering information for the publication of a hard copy and digital handheld naturalist's field guide to the PCT. There currently is no such resource available, in either format, for the many thousands of annual hikers of the PCT to learn about the highly varied ecosystems through which the trail passes. Please check out his Kickstarter campaign to see a brief video clip explaining the project. You can be involved! Pledge there in order to make the book project possible and in return there are various gift opportunities in exchange such as a signed copy of the book. See: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/866011503/writing-a-field-guide-to-the-pacific-crest-trail> for more information. The campaign ends May 12th so please don't delay!

Like Us on Facebook!

Those of you who are regular Facebook users know that Facebook technology has changed. The NPSO location was a "group" and now is called an "old group." To keep up with evolving technology and to allow greater visibility, we are switching to a page. We'll keep both the group and the page sites for the time being but will eventually just support the page. So "like us" on Facebook where you can add photos, comments, and native plant happenings around the state! Visit www.facebook.com/NPSOregon today!

New NPSO Members

Between November 12, 2010 and April 10, 2011, NPSO added these new members:

Cheahmill

Mike & Kay Fagan
Marilyn Mathis

Corvallis

Mark Boyd
Katie Gallagher
Laurie Halsey
Kimberley Higgs
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Emerald

Karma's Forest Wholesale
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Hannah Wilson

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STUDENTS, TAKE NOTE:

Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarship

The Willamette Valley Chapter is once again offering scholarship awards for 3rd and 4th year students who will be enrolling in plant systematics or plant ecology at an Oregon college or university for the 2011-12 school year. The Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund will award \$1,000 to the selected student. An additional student will be awarded \$1,000 from the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Rules for both scholarships are identical, and only one application is necessary to be eligible for either scholarship award. However, only one award will be given to any one candidate. That means two recipients for the 2011-12 school year. Applications will be accepted by mail until **June 1, 2011**. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

RULES FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

1) Scholarships are available to students in Oregon colleges, planning their major study in plant systematics or

plant ecology.

2) Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1000 to worthy students who will complete at least two years of satisfactory college work by July 1 of the year of receipt of application and are full time students. Graduate students may be eligible if they meet all qualifications except that of full time student.

3) Awards are made in the following manner:

a) A certificate is presented to the recipient.

b) A check in the amount of the award is submitted to the school of choice, as set forth in rule 1, to be used toward tuition within the following academic year.

4) If an award recipient fails to enroll, changes his or her major, or leaves the school before completing the period for which the award was granted, the full amount or unused part of the money shall be returned to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

5) Applicants are required to submit:
a) In their own words, a statement of academic and career intent.

b) Two letters of reference from persons able to judge the student's ability to successfully complete study in the area of plant systematics or plant ecology.

c) Full academic record (transcript).

6) The Scholarship Committee Chair must receive all applications, together with items listed in rule 5, no later than June 1. The award will be made by July 1.

7) Scholarships cannot be granted to Scholarship Committee members or their relatives.

Please mail applications and the required documentation to:

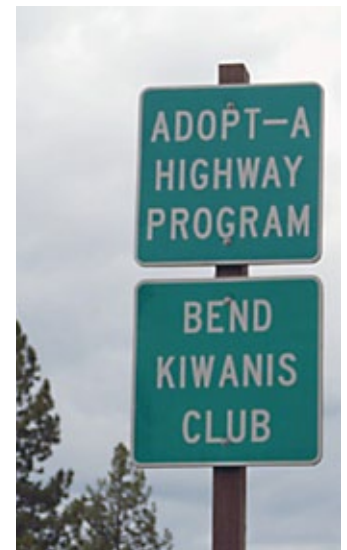
Thomas Jenkins
Scholarship Committee Chairman
14380 Salt Creek Rd.
Dallas, OR 97338

Oregon Department of Transportation: Adopt-A-Highway and Weeds

You've heard of Adopt-A-Highway for cleaning up litter. Now the Oregon Department of Transportation is inviting volunteers to help remove noxious weeds. A volunteer organization or neighborhood can choose litter, weeds, or both. A sign will be provided for weed volunteers to recognize their efforts and also to encourage others to help out.

ODOT's new program is the result of HB2424 which was passed in the Oregon House in 2009. It was subsequently passed in the Senate and was signed into law. Roadway shoulders are noxious weed highways. Once transported, they can outcompete native plants destroying habitat for many animals. Once spread, they are harder to eradicate and may require herbicides. Unfortunately, ODOT does not have the means to adequately control listed weeds or to spot and eradicate new invaders before they become established. Volunteers can help control the spread of noxious plants by repeated manual removal or clipping of weed seed heads and be additional eyes on the ground to report new infestations.

Forms and information needed to volunteer are at www.oregon.gov/ODOT under Subject Index and Adopt-A-Highway. There is an application and a release form for all volunteers. For weeds, volunteers must also fill out a weed plan which contains the type of weed and other basic information. The weed contact agency for your location is listed at www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/county_contacts.shtml. The weed contact agency can help with a weed plan and obtain its approval. If a volunteer has problems, they can contact jtpace@bendcable.com for assistance.



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chronicles, has been compiled by Ruth M. Hansen, first president of the State Society, from her own files and those maintained by Rhoda Lewis as NPSO archivist. This material, on file for reference, has been condensed by Louise Godfrey for publication." There is a hand-written note in pencil, "NPSO *Bulletin* June 1986".

Godfrey goes on to say, "Ruth Hansen, who surely deserves the title of founder for the State Society, was named its first president at the first annual dinner, May 15, 1977, in Portland." Following presidents were Frank Lang, David Wagner, Rhoda Love, and Herm Fitz. So what type of society did these pioneers preside over?

Our core principles have remained consistent since the outset. If you look at our *Bulletin's* masthead, you will see we are still "Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats." In that first article cited by Godfrey and Igo, Godfrey writes, "Leonard Wiley, amateur naturalist and writer, in issuing that summons said the purpose was 'to disseminate knowledge of wild flowers, their distribution, ecology, culture, and other subjects'."

Godfrey said of our founders, "They were also alert to protect plants" An Oregonian item in November 1961 noted "that the Society might police state parks and similar areas to prevent digging and vandalism of plants (no record that the patrols ever took place, however). Godfrey also recalls "State officers and directors meet often. A typical session may determine a position to be taken at various hearings, direct attention to threatened habitats, or a commercial activity that may be harming a species or authorize funds to aid specific projects." For example, "the goal of state legislation to protect endangered plants has been pursued since 1978 by several chairmen, currently Esther McEvoy with her sights set on 1987." We won that struggle, thanks to Esther's hard work at the legislature with the support of many of our members.

Conservation was a closely held value from the outset, one that echoes

throughout our history. Godfrey recounts, "When it comes to dealing with agencies, however, there is no better example of NPSO's style than the rescue of *Lomatium bradshawii* from the lawn mowers at Amazon Park in Eugene. Rhoda Love made sure the park crew didn't cut that field until the seed could be harvested for the endangered plant seed bank at Berry Botanic Garden."

Today, Rhoda is not only a current state board member, but a key member of the *Bulletin* Team. As Louise Godfrey said, "Lifeblood of NPSO is its *Bulletin*, grown from the single page of 1967 to the well-designed book fold issues."

We are a supportive society and have given financial assistance to many graduate students. Per Godfrey, in 1982, "The Jean Davis Scholarship Fund established by family and friends as a memorial to a member of Willamette Valley Chapter, provides annually \$1,000 toward tuition of a student in plant systematics or plant ecology at an Oregon college." Dan Luoma, Budgets and Grants Committee chair, carries on that work to this day.

We also publish scholarly articles and "occasional papers". Long-time active NPSO members like Russ Joley, David Wagner, Herm Fritz, Rhoda Love, John Christy, Vern Martalla, and a host of others have enriched our understanding through many fine works.

There is much, much more to share. I think it would be great fun to do an oral history project! I hope any of you with more information will contact me. I want to be sure we capture as much of our history as much as we can.

In closing, I cite Louise Godfrey, circa 1986, and dedicate this article to her, as well as our founders. "So what is NPSO like, 25 years old and still growing? Its membership of over 600 is still the mix of amateurs, both expert and elementary, and professionals. It's a yeasty mix, when they get together on field trips and at well-attended annual meetings. Education and conservation do go hand in hand as the purposes of Native Plant Society of Oregon and its energetic membership heading into another quarter century."

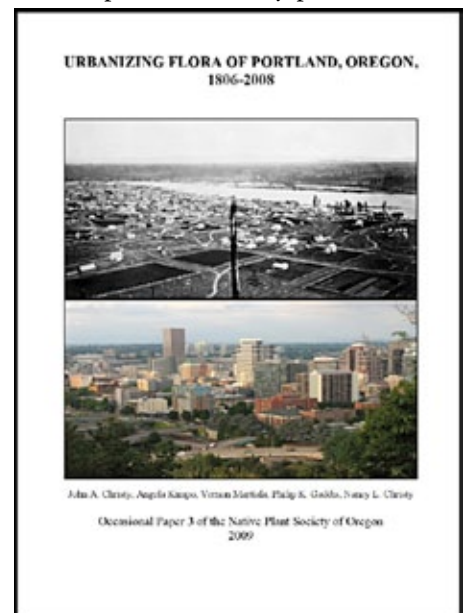
Now Available: NPSO Occasional Paper 3

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NPSO Occasional Paper 3: 1-315.

by John A. Christy, Angela Kimpo, Vernon Marttala, Philip K. Gaddis, and Nancy L. Christy (2009), 319 pages, spiral bound

This compilation of the vascular plants of the Portland-Vancouver area analyzes changes in the region's vegetation since 1806. A total of 1,556 taxa in 125 families are represented. Based on herbarium specimens, publications, and unpublished manuscripts, it tracks the changing fortunes of native and exotic species shaped by an expanding urban environment. It includes a history of botany in Portland, a gazetteer of historical and modern place names, botanical miscellanea from 19th and early 20th century Portland, and lists of rare species for use by planners and



land managers.

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Oregon's Botanical Landscape: An Exhibition of Artwork by M. Frances Stilwell

Oregon's Botanical Landscape, an exhibition of artwork by M. Frances Stilwell, offers an opportunity to experience the diversity of plant life that existed prior to European settlement. Title cards provide documentation of representative locations of species within Oregon, their general North American distribution, and information about conditions generally present where the plant grows is included. A poster designed especially for this Exhibition shows Oregon's ecoregions surrounded by artwork representing the regions.



Sagebrush and juniper at Leslie Gulch: Northern Great Basin Ecoregion



*Antelope-brush in a ponderosa pine forest:
East slope of Cascades Ecoregion*

Volunteer for the NPSO Rare & Endangered Species Committee!

For over 25 years Frances has painted native plants in their native habitats while she was on the sites where the plants were growing throughout Oregon's diverse and beautiful ecoregions. She wrote and illustrated *Come Walk through Spring* with Bessie Gragg Murphy and her Willamette Valley Wildflowers (2000), which was selected by the Salem Statesman-Journal as one of the top ten books reviewed by them in 2002, the first time a self-published book had been so honored.

The exhibition will be held May 6-June 4, 2011 in the Moreland Gallery of the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath, Oregon. Benton County Historical Museum offers an aesthetic experience as environmental education for adults, children, and families. The exhibition is supported in part by the Corvallis Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and the Corvallis Environmental Center. The opening Reception will be held on May 6th from 5-7 pm to coincide with Native Plant Appreciation Week.



NPSO is looking for a few volunteers (2-3 people) to serve on the Rare & Endangered Species Committee. Dr. Les Gottlieb recently stepped down as chair of the committee and the committee has more or less dissolved. The R&E committee keeps the state board apprised of rare plant issues in Oregon and makes recommendations on actions that the state board or state president might take to protect rare plant species. Recently, Les and David Lebo served on a citizen advisory panel for the Oregon Department of Agriculture to secure funding for the beleaguered Native Plant Conservation Program in the department headed by Dr. Bob Meinke. It is an exciting opportunity and we invite all who may be interested to apply! If interested, please contact David Lebo at president@NPSOregon.org or at (503) 622-2008.

NPSO State Board of Directors: Minutes for April 2nd, 2011 Meeting

Another eventful NPSO State meeting has come and gone. Along with several items mentioned throughout the content of this issue of the Bulletin, please take a moment to read about what is happening within NPSO on a State level and among the many wonderful chapters.

Chapter Reports

Siskiyou Chapter: The chapter has made a donation of \$1,400 to the Oregon Flora Project. Field trip schedule is packed for the year.

Emerald Chapter: The chapter has a good line-up of programs. The Native Garden Awareness Committee has revised the native plant garden booklets, including a new tree guide, and will also host a native plant tour during Native Plant Appreciation Week. An updated plant name list (taxonomic changes) will be offered at the Mt. Pisgah Wildflower Show. As usual, the *Bulletin* Committee is doing a great job of getting the *Bulletin* mailed each month.

Corvallis Chapter: The chapter is looking for a new chapter president since Laurel Moulton is leaving the area. The chapter has activities planned during Native Plant Appreciation week, including a native plant sale and a booth at the farmer's market.

Portland Chapter Report: During Native Plant Appreciation Week, the chapter is going to host nature walks at the beginning and the end of the week. They are also having a Poaceae expert lead a walk for the chapter.

Cheahmill Chapter: The chapter will assist The Nature Conservancy in restoration and seed collection efforts at the Yamhill Oak Preserve. The chapter also made a donation to the Berry Botanic Garden seed bank for Yamhill County species.

Umpqua Chapter: The chapter is hosting a Native Plant Sale on May 7th at the Natural History Museum. The chapter also donated money to the Oregon Flora Project.

Blue Mountain: The chapter has been inactive over the last year but

recently they had a meeting with 30 people in attendance. They may consider incorporating with the State.

William Cusick: Jenifer Ferriel is planning on completing the paperwork for the chapter to register for incorporation with the State.

North Coast: Janet Stahl has decided to not complete the paperwork for incorporation.

Klamath Basin: Chapter president Sarah Malaby is holding a meeting on April 12th to discuss whether they will go forward with incorporation or not.

High Desert: Dissolved last year.

Officer and Committee Agenda Items

Membership Committee: A new electronic NPSO membership directory was recently e-mailed to members.

Publications Committee: *Kalmiopsis*: Vol. 18 will be mailed before the annual meeting in June. Cindy Roche, *Kalmiopsis* editor, is soliciting new articles for the next volume. Please send submittals to Kalmiopsis@NPSOoregon.org.

Fellows Committee: Rhoda is pleading for "new blood" on the fellows committee. Jan and Dave Dobak are the 2011 Fellows Award recipients and will be receiving their award at the annual meeting in June. Dan Luoma has been nominated for the 2012 Fellows award.

Rare & Endangered Species Committee: NPSO Rare and Endangered Species Committee is searching for members—especially in light of the proposed southern Oregon LNG pipeline crossing through *Calochortus coxii* populations.

Conservation Issues

The NPSO proposal for a bill opposing the introduction of *Arundo donax* as a biofuel to the Office of Legislative Council was unanimously approved by the board.

April 1 was the deadline for public comments regarding the proposed Timberline downhill mountain bike park on Mt. Hood. The park will be managed and concentrate mountain bikers in one area; however, the habitat

is subalpine and high montane and is already fragmented and disturbed. The mountain bike park will add another layer of disturbance to the area, which is already impacted by ski runs and chairlifts.

Field Research Grants

Ben Grady is still working on his data analysis on genetic work on buckwheats. Species being tied to specific soil types. He wants an extension for sending his report. A short extension of two months will be granted to Ben Grady to finish his field research project.

Dan received final reports from Dr. Susan Kephart and Rhiannon Thomas. Final reports may be published on our website. Kimberley Higgs and David Armitage have been selected as the 2011 recipients of an NPSO field research grant.

The board will fund \$1,000 from the Rare and Endangered fund for John Christy's proposal 'Taxonomic Identity of *Penstemon hesperius* Peck.

Join in the Fun! Native Plant Appreciation Week: May 1-7

Judi Sanders, NPSO Vice President,
NPAW Coordinator

Join us in celebrating the seventh annual Native Plant Appreciation Week from May 1 through May 7, 2011. NPSO chapters have scheduled a variety of activities (which can be found in the NPSO calendar, <http://www.npsoregon.org/calendar.html>) including workshops, hikes, and plant sales. Native Plant Appreciation Week is NPSO's largest statewide coordinated public education effort, so members and other native plant enthusiasts will have a great time as we share the love of our native flora. Events held by each chapter are included within the Chapter Notes section of this issue.



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City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

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DUES include monthly *Bulletin* and *Kalmiopsis* when published.

Membership is for the calendar year. New memberships enrolled after July 1 include the following year.

New Renewal

Student – \$12 Regular – \$25 Family – \$35

Sustaining – \$60 Patron – \$125 Life Membership – \$500

Subscription Only (*Bulletin* and *Kalmiopsis*) – \$25 Only for those who wish to subscribe, but do not want to have full membership status.

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Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Leighton Ho Memorial Field Botany Award Fund \$ _____

Augusta Rockefeller Memorial Scholarship \$ _____

Rare and Endangered Plant Fund \$ _____

Friends of the Oregon Flora Project \$ _____

Membership in the Native Plant Society of Oregon is open to all.

Membership applications, renewals and changes of address (include old address) should be sent to the Membership Chair. Changes of address may also be e-mailed to Membership@NPSOOregon.org.

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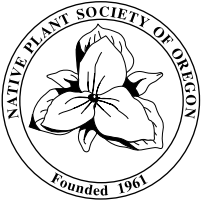
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