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Norm Jensen (1941-2012): A Brief Glimpse Into His Life

by Cecile Shohet and Alex Maksymowicz

It is hard for us to know as we didn't think to ask in time – but – either Norm Jensen knew of his fascination with the flora of the Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains before he arrived in south-western Oregon in 2001 (he was fifty-nine), or he very quickly acquired it, as evidenced by his participation in NPSO flora forays that same year. He immediately put his long-standing interest in photography to valuable use by compiling an extensive photographic record of the wildflowers of this region. His collection totals over twenty thousand superb images.

Norm befriended many Forest Service, BLM, Nature Conservancy, US

Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service botanists from the start, seeking their help in the identification of his photos, wanting to know more about the flora of our region and to locate and experience botanical “hot-spots”. He soon started volunteering his services on project after project for agency personnel. His last project was collecting seeds from the last two wild Whitebark Pines on Mount Ashland to preserve the special genome of that species in the Siskiyou Mountains.

Norm soon became an expert on the flowering plants of southern Oregon, along the way learning the detailed botanical terminology necessary to key and discuss the ecology

and taxonomy of wildflowers. He even took up sparring over the “correct” pronunciation of Latin words! Cheerful, helpful, and fearless, he was the perfect companion on botanical expeditions.

Norm's eventual passion became to find and photograph rare wildflowers – utterly intrigued as he was by the Siskiyou endemics. He traveled extensively in our region, camping in his beloved grey van to get that magical early

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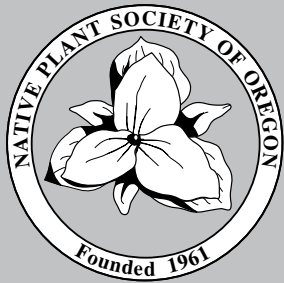
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ALEX MAKSYMOWICZ

Norm Jensen at Upper Table Rock in 2010



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Tribute to Kenneth Lodewick (1922-2012)

by Charlene Simpson, Emerald Chapter

Kenneth Lodewick died March 4 at Age 90. His passing was not unexpected. In later years he was in declining health and wheel chair bound.

Ken and his wife Robin were founding members of Emerald Chapter in 1979. Other founders were David Wagner, John Christy, Laramie Palmer, Stan Cook, Linda Johnson, Ken Hixon and myself. I may have missed someone.

For over 30 years Ken and Robin rarely missed Emerald Chapter meetings. Ken and Robin led field trips to Bohemia Mt., Foley Springs in the McKenzie watershed and on a special excursion with me to Eagles Rest where we documented *Penstemon rattanii* occurring in Lane County. On another occasion I joined Ken and Robin on a trip to Gearhart Mt. in Klamath Co. to see the rare *Penstemon glaucinus*.

With tongue in cheek we referred to Ken and Robin as "Penstemaniacs". Ken and Robin were authors of keys



PHOTO BY CHARLENE SIMPSON

to the Penstemons: "Penstemon Field Identifier" and "Penstemon Nomenclature" published by the American Penstemon Society.

Emerald Chapter is saddened by losing a founder and stalwart member.



KRIST MERGENTHALER

American sawwort (Saussurea americana) is an uncommon perennial that grows in bogs, wet meadows, creeksides or wet rocky places, at high elevations, such as this population in the Siskiyou Mountains.

State Notes

July 13-15, 2012

Annual Meeting in Southern Oregon!

The Siskiyou Chapter will host the NPSO Annual Meeting this year at Deer Creek Center in Selma, OR. See the April issue for registration information or go to: <http://siskiyou.npsoregon.org/2012annualmeeting/>. Check the web site periodically for updates and species lists.

Blue Mountain

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

At the moment, Blue Mountain chapter is still dormant. For additional information, contact Jerry Baker at 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 cheahmillchapternpsocomcast.net.

May 8, Tuesday, 5-7 pm

Work Party: McMinnville Public Library's Carnegie Building Native Plant Garden. Learn about identifying and growing native plants- a nice return for helping with weeding, mulching, laying pea gravel and pruning! The demonstration garden is at its loveliest at this time of year. Work parties are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month until fall. Bring gloves and garden tools if you have them. Information: Susan Williams, 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net.

May 19, Saturday

Field Trip: World Forestry Center's Magness Memorial Tree Farm. This is an internationally recognized 80-acre demonstration forest and outdoor education site. The site offers a diversity of plant life in natural areas and comparative forest management zones, with 2.5 miles of hiking trails and the historic "Clatskanie" 60-foot Fire Tower. We

will be met by property manager, Bill Wood, who will give us an overview of the property and answer questions. <http://worldforestry.org/Tree-Farms/magness-memorial-tree-farm.html>. Contact: Jim Culbert, 503-472-8501 or jhcultbert@yahoo.com

May 24, Thursday, 7 pm

Talk: The Imperiled Genetic Resource of Native Plants on Roadsides and Private Lands. Lynda Boyer, Native Plant Manager and Restoration Biologist, Heritage Seedlings, Inc., will discuss the importance of identifying native plant sites on roadsides and private

land. Since the Willamette Valley has lost almost 99% of its native prairie, the most vulnerable populations of native plants are on roadsides and unprotected private lands. Collection of seed from these populations is imperative - to ensure their genetics are preserved and to ensure a supply of genetically diverse native plant material for restoration of prairie ecosystems. Location: McMinnville Library, Carnegie Rm., 225 N.W. Adams St., (corner of HWY 99W and S.W. Second St.). Information: Paul Studebaker, 503-472-1868.

June 23, Saturday

Field Trip: Cascade Head TNC Preserve. Join retired Linfield College biology professor Karen Sturgeon and Debbie Pickering, Oregon Coast Stewardship Ecologist for The Nature Conservancy, for a 5-mile hike (1000' elevation gain) through a Sitka spruce-western hemlock forest and coastal prairie. See beautiful views of the coast (weather permitting!) from this basalt headland, and learn about restoration efforts on the headland, which provides critical habitat for the Oregon silverspot butterfly, rare wildflowers and native prairie grasses. Group size limited to 12; thus, registration is required. To register, call Karen at 503-472-0866.

June 30, Saturday

Field Trip: Marys Peak. Join Dr. Steven Carpenter, author of "Wildflowers of Marys Peak Meadows" for a prime time visit to this 4,097 foot peak west of Corvallis. Carpoolers from McMinnville should meet at the Linfield College parking lot on the northwest corner of Linfield Ave. & Blaine St., McMinnville by 7:30 am to depart at 7:45 am. We will meet Steve in Corvallis and leave from there about 9:30 am. There is a \$5 day use fee per vehicle to visit, however Northwest Forest Passes are also accepted. Contact: Jim Culbert, 503-472-8501 or jhcultbert@yahoo.com.

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming

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. You must pre-register for all events. 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.

events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Esther McEvoy at co_president@NPSOregon.org or 541-754-0893.

May 12, Saturday, 2:30 pm

Walk: Wildflower Walk around Woodpecker Loop at Finley Wildlife Refuge. It is a short hike with a variety of habitats and great wildlife viewing possibilities. Meet at the parking lot of the Woodpecker Loop trail on the refuge. This will be part of the Natural Areas Appreciation Week events. There will be many spring wildflowers blooming including *Calochortus tolmeii*. Contact Esther McEvoy for more information 541-754-0893.

May 14, Monday, 7:30 pm

Talk: Carl Linnaeus - his life, research, and botanical garden. Join Margaret Anderson and Esther McEvoy for this presentation. Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) is known for his classification of plants, his botanical gardens and his research on plants. Location: Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information contact Esther McEvoy 541-754-0893.

June 2, Saturday, 9:30 am-2 pm

Hike: Return to Lower North ridge trail on Mary's Peak. Same hike, but a very different flora than we saw in April. A relatively easy round trip hike of about 4 1/2 miles. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water and lunch. Location: Meet at the OSU parking lot across from the Beanery at Monroe and 26th 9:30 a.m. For information call Louise at 541-753-0012

July 7, Saturday

Hike: Iron Mountain. Save the date for Dan Luoma's annual fieldtrip. Details to follow in next *Bulletin*.

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 5, Saturday, 10am-2 pm

Field Trip: Native Flora of the Lower McKenzie. Join the McKenzie River Trust, NPSO, and Lane County Parks as we explore riparian forest and upland Douglas fir and oak forest on a tour of the Berggren Watershed Conservation Area and neighboring Vickery Park. We begin at the Berggren property, touring the farm fields and riparian area with an eye to habitat restoration. Pause for a BYO lunch by the McKenzie River, and then continue on to the undeveloped and relatively pristine Vickery County Park next door. This riverside park of 80 acres covers a steep, rocky hillside. Diverse habitats include oak savanna and dense forest. For more information and to sign-up, go to the MRT website, at www.mckenzie-river.org or call Liz at 541-345-2799.

May 19, Saturday, 9 am

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival Collection and Setup. If 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 20, Sunday, 10 am-4 pm

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival. A plant sale and hundreds of native wildflowers will be on display. There will be 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 21, Monday, 7:30 pm

Presentation: A Botanical Life. Rhoda Love presents "A Botanical Life," a short old-fashioned, slide show depicting Rhoda's botanical excursions and adventures. Dr. Love taught botany for many years at Lane Community College and has been an influential member of Emerald Chapter, NPSO since its founding more 30 years ago. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: 541-345-5531.

June 16, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge. Alan

Curtis leads a 4-mile hike to a steep, rocky meadow high in the Coburg Hills north of Springfield. There are wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and great botanical diversity. Bring water and lunch. Meet at South Eugene High School at 9 am. Information: 541-345-2571.

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.

May 10, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Projects in The Dalles Watershed: Trails and Mill Creek Ridge Natural Area. Bruce Lumper, Co-Chair of The Dalles Watershed Council, will review what the Council has done, is doing, and plans to do in the Mill Creek, Three Mile Creek and Chenoweth Creek watersheds. He will focus on the Mill Creek Ridge Natural Area Project and on the Lower Mill Creek and Riverfront Trail Projects. Lumper not only will describe these projects, but also will suggest how NPSO folks might be able to support, participate and be kept apprised of these efforts. Boardroom, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

June 14, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Larkspurs in the Wake of the Flood: Molecular Genetic Diversification of a PNW Wildflower. Keith Karoly, Professor of Biology at Reed College, will discuss his current research on the diversification of larkspurs in the Columbia River Gorge and western Oregon, with an emphasis on understanding how events since the last Ice Age have shaped their current diversity and distribution. Visit his website: <http://academic.reed.edu/biology/professors/kkaroly/research.html>. Boardroom, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

May 5, Saturday, 9 am

Hike: Tom McCall Preserve. A moderately strenuous 3-mile round-trip hike beginning at the Rowena Crest viewpoint, 6 miles east of Mosier (a 5-mile trip can be obtained by adding the Rowena Plateau loop). The trail follows an old pioneer wagon route for 0.5 miles across a flower-packed plateau to a meadow. Beyond the meadow, the trail begins to climb the lower slopes of McCall Point and steepens toward the summit (total elevation gain 1,000 ft). The vista includes Mount Adams to the northwest and Mount Hood to the southwest, and one can hope to see, among others, *Lomatium columbianum*, *L. grayii*, *L. nudicaule*, *Saxifraga integrifolia*, *S. occidentalis*, *S. mertensiana*, and *Orobanche uniflora*. Meet at the Rowena overlook parking lot. Information: Don Hardin, donhardin0@gmail.com, 509-493-4819. (N.B. Please let Don know if you would like to be added to his e-mail list.)

May 12, Saturday, 7:30 am

Silver Falls State Park Birding and Wildflower Festival. A group will carpool from the White Salmon area, leaving ~7:30 a.m. Highlights for this year's event include hourly native plant and wildflower walks and a variety of birding activities. Registration is required for select bird walks (call 503-874-0201). For more information about the festival, go to: http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_211.php?eventid=4016&md=event. For more information about carpooling, contact Don Hardin, donhardin0@gmail.com, 509-493-4819.

May 31, Thursday, 9 am

Hike: Dalles Mountain Ranch. This trip will combine travel by car up Dalles Mountain Road to roadside wildflower areas and a 3-mile (round-trip) hike up a gated access road that begins past the old Dalles Mountain Ranch House. The drive up Dalles Mountain Road may present vistas of *Balsamorhiza deltoidea*, *Lupinus latifolius*, *Lomatium nudicaule*, *L. leptocarpum*, and more. Back at the ranch, hiking past the gate on the access road takes one through the Columbia Hills Natural Preserve for 1.5 miles to the top of 3220 foot Stacker

Butte. It is often windy on Dalles Mountain. Meet at 9 a.m. at the pull off on the north side of Hwy 14 just west of its junction with Hwy 197. This trip will be led by Don Hardin, donhardin0@gmail.com, 509-493-4819.

June 9, Saturday, 9 am

Hike: The Dalles Airport Dunes and Hess Lake. This trip will combine three short loop walks in an area that is ecologically different from those usually visited in the Gorge. The first is a half-mile loop up onto the sandy-soil hills to the southeast of The Dalles Airport. The second half-mile loop starts at Hess Lake and wanders cross-country up onto the hill to the southeast. The third loop follows an undeveloped path around Spearfish Lake. We hope to see *Oenothera pallida*, *Abronia mellifera*, *Erigeron filifolius*, and more. Meet at the junction of WA Hwy 14 and Hwy 197. Led by Don Hardin, donhardin0@gmail.com, 509-493-4819.

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.

Facebook: Take a look at our Facebook page. Native Plant Society of Oregon-Portland-Chapter. It will have the most up-to-date information on hike and other events as well as great plant pictures.

May 3, Thursday

Hike: 3-Creeks Natural Area. An easy hike through the 3-Creeks Natural Area in North Clackamas County on undeveloped trails through oak woodlands, bottomland hardwood forests, seasonal wetlands, and one of the largest populations of camas in the Metro region. We will be looking for camas, checker lily, white fawn lily, trillium (Pacific and small flower), and other surprises. Less than half a mile from Exit 14 (Sunnyside Blvd.) off of I-205. Contact Rick Till at ricktill@gmail.com or 503-750-6599.

May 4, Friday, 10 am

Hike: Cooper

Mt. Come explore Willamette Valley Quercus garryana ecological system. Nature Serve ranks this system as globally endangered to critically endangered. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothing for hiking off trail. 2-3 hour hike. Meet at parking lot. Contact: Erin Riggs at Erin.riggs14@gmail.com

May 6, Sunday

Class/Hike: Grass ID. Join Rick Shory, who has worked botanically with grasses since 1993 for a four hour grass ID/hike at Tualatin River NWR, Sherwood, OR. We will easily find all the grasses we need within a quarter mile of the refuge center. This class is fine for first-timers or for those already working with grasses. Attendees will use visual recognition or your preferred key. 32 miles round-trip drive. Contact: Rick Shory at rickshory@gmail.com or 503-253-8100 for additional information on the class and to sign up for the ID/hike. On the day of the class, contact Rick on his mobile 360-774-6593.

May 10, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Grand Ronde Ethnobotany: A brief discussion on traditional plants and their uses by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Join Eirik Thorsgard, Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon for this great talk. Metro building at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Enter the building at the south end of the upper plaza on Irving St, (not the door on 600 NE Grand Ave). An attendant will let you in and direct you to the meeting room upstairs. Informal meeting starts at 7 pm. Formal meeting begins sharply at 7:15 p.m. Contact: Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com or 503-292-2093.

May 12, Saturday

Field Trip: Elk Rock Island. We're trying to arrange canoes to get to the island. Check our website <http://npsoregon.org/chapters/po.html> for status of the hike or contact Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com 503-292-2093.

May 19 and 26, Saturdays, 8:30 am-4 pm

Class: Plant Keying Class. Join Brent Miller at Tryon Creek State Park as you learn how to use a key to identify live or pressed plants. The first day of class will be with plants in a classroom learning how to read a key, and getting familiar with basic technical vocabulary. The second day we'll take our knowledge into the field, literally by bringing our floras with us, but also by keying out plants in their native habitats. NPSO members get first enrollment priority. \$20 fee. Registration: Contact Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com or 503-292-2093 or Roger Brewer at rogerbrewer@comcast.net or 503-789-5027.

May 24, Thursday, 9:30 am-12 pm

Work Party: The Great Camas Patch Scotch Broom Pull. Last fall we made excellent progress to control Scotch Broom on this piece of property that Russ Jolley loved and cared for. At this work party we will be looking for and eliminating, new sprouts and removing plants we missed last time. Please bring clippers, loppers, hand saws and gloves. You can picnic at the Great Camas Patch or travel to another site to picnic and hike. Parking is limited. Meeting and Carpool information: Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com or 503-292-2093.

June 7, Thursday

Field Trip: Dog Mtn. Nothing beats this in the Gorge for flowers and views. Balsamroot, lomatiums, orchids, and much more. Very difficult hike, 7-mile, 2900 ft elevation gain but at a botanical pace (slow), at least on the way up. 110 mile RT drive. Contact Roger Brewer at rogerbrewer@comcast.net or 503-789-5027 for more information and to sign up for the hike. Hike will be rescheduled in case of rain.

June 9, Saturday

Hike: McCord Creek. Led by Roger Brewer, this is an easy hike of 3 miles RT, 600 feet elevation gain. Excellent way to see great Gorge flowers and beautiful waterfalls only 35 miles from Portland. Flowers we may see include *Erigeron oregana*, *Erigeron howellii*, *Hieracium longeberbe*, *Stenanthium occidentale*, penstemons, and delphiniums. Contact Roger Brewer at

rogerbrewer@comcast.net or 503-789-5027 to register.

June 14, Thursday

Powell Butte State Park Grass ID class/Hike. Led by Rick Shory, who has worked botanically with grasses since 1993. We will easily find all the grasses we need within a quarter mile of the parking area. This class is fine for first-timers or for those who have taken Rick's previous grass ID classes. Attendees will use visual recognition or your preferred key. Contact Rick Shory at rickshory@gmail.com or 503 253-8100 for additional information to register. On the day of the class, contact Rick on his mobile 360 774-6593.

June 19, Tuesday

Hike: Tamanawas Falls Hike led by Don Jacobson. Mark this date if you're interested and watch next month for hike details. High elevation hikes are potentially subject to date change depending on snow level and the blooming season.

June 26, Tuesday

Grassy Knoll Hike led by Jan and Dave Dobak. Mark this date if you're interested and watch next month for hike details. High elevation hikes are potentially subject to date change depending on snow level and the blooming season.

Siskiyou

To join the Siskiyou Chapter email list: Send an email, from the address at which you want to receive announcements, to announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org. No subject or message is required. You will get a confirmation email. If you would like to volunteer to lead a hike in 2012, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program please contact Sasha Joachims at: sasharain71@gmail.com.

May 12, Saturday, 9 am

Hike: Upper Table Rock. Join Sasha Joachims on an easy hike through oak woodland, chaparral, mixed woodland, to the mounded prairie/vernal pools on the top. Highlights include the endemic southern Oregon buttercup, the rare dwarf wooly meadowfoam and many

other spring flowers. We will meet at the Upper Table Rock trailhead off Modoc Rd. Parties interested in carpooling from Ashland should meet at behind the Oil Stop at 8am (leave by 8:15) and folks interested in carpooling from Grants Pass at the Wal-Mart parking lot next to the Taco Bell at 7:45am (leave by 8). Carpools unguided and self-directed. Contact Sasha Joachims at sasharain71@gmail.com or 541-661-3492.

May 17, Thursday, 7:15 pm

Mysteries of the Monotropeoideae Revisited: 25 Years of Demystification.

This presentation by Dr. Dan Luoma integrates wildflower and mushroom natural history for a group of plants that don't have chlorophyll (snow plants and relatives). Southern Oregon University, Science Bldg., RM 171. Contact Kristi: 541.941.3744. Getting there: From Siskiyou Blvd, travel south (uphill) on Mountain Ave. to Ashland St. Take a left on Ashland St. and the Science Building will be on your right after Elkader. Walk up the steps or to avoid the steps, drive around the Science Bldg. and park in the back.

May 19, Saturday, 9am

Hike: Sterling Mine Ditch in the Little Applegate Valley. Barb Mumblo will lead a hike from the Tunnel Ridge Trailhead up to the Sterling Mine Ditch and back down to the Bear Gulch trailhead. The Sterling Mine Ditch was completed in 1877 to bring water from the Little Applegate River to Sterling Creek for hydraulic mining. Elevations are from 2400' to 2800' through oak woodlands and meadows (even a juniper tree) with great views of the Little Applegate. The hike is easy, approx. 4 miles long (with shuttle between trailheads). Meet at Ruch at parking lot near Ruch Country Store on Hwy 238. Call Barb at 541-899-3855 (week days) for more information. Parties interested in carpooling from Ashland should meet at behind the Oil Stop at 7:45am (leave by 8) and folks interested in carpooling from Grants Pass at the Wal-Mart parking lot next to the Taco Bell at 7:45am (leave by 8). Carpools unguided and self-directed.

Umpqua Valley

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

May 5, Saturday, 9 am-4 pm

Event: Native Plant Sale Roseburg. 6th year. Visit our NPSO booth and plant sale at the Master Gardeners Plant and Garden Expo at the Douglas County Fair Grounds. I-5 exit 123. Also visit us at the Douglas County Museum lawn. Members available to answer your landscaping and restoration questions. Information: Donna Rawson 541-459-2821 evenings.

Willamette Valley

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

May 12 and 13, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am

Silver Falls State Park Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival.

Wildflower walks will be offered both days beginning at 11 a.m. Members of the Native Plant Society and Silver Falls staff will lead the walks, starting at the historic South Falls Lodge. Bird walks, presentations, and classes and workshops will be available. For a full schedule of activities, call Dorothy Brown Kwaiser at 503-874-0201.

May 16, Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm

Program: Wildflower Walk. John Savage of the Willamette Valley Native Plant Society will lead a wildflower walk through Bush Park and Deepwood Estate. Nearly two dozen native wildflowers will be in bloom. Participants should meet at the bottom of the Soap Box Derby Track off Mission Street. Free. For more information, call John Savage after 7 p.m. at 503-399-8615.

May 26, Saturday, 7 am-5 pm

Field trip: Dog Mountain. Participants in this all-day hike will view wildflowers on Dog Mountain located in the Columbia Gorge on the Washington side. John Savage of the Willamette Chapter of the Native Plant Society will lead the hike. This is a difficult hike. Bring

lunch and water. Free and open to the public. To register, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm.

William Cusick

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

Please watch for chapter related events coming in May and June. Events to include native plant sale and nursery tour in Cove, weeding and wildflower viewing.

May 18-20, Friday-Sunday

Event: ODFW Ladd Marsh Bird-a-Thon. Chapter members will be

helping teach children and parents about important associations between birds and plants, and promoting NPSO, during this popular annual event. Follow this link for more details http://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/outdoor_skills/workshops/ladd_marsh_birdathon.asp

May 26, Saturday, 8:30-11 am

Hike and Work Party: Rhinehart Canyon Walk, Watch, and Weed.

Come join us for a collaborative hike, birding, and weeding event with Hells Canyon Preservation Council, and bird loving biologist, Cathy Nowak, in a wonderful riparian environment along the Grande Ronde River.



The Future of Our Annual Meetings

Our annual meeting is very popular. We've visited some amazing locations and seen dramatic displays of flora (and many other items as well). It's not unusual for the annual meeting to "sell out" so its popularity is obvious. Even though we love to attend the annual meeting, it appears that there is less love for hosting the annual meeting. For the past decade or so, we have rotated hosting chapters trying to move to various areas around the state. That strategy has proved to be burdensome for some chapters, especially those with small numbers of active members. At present, we know our 2012 annual meeting will be hosted by the Siskiyou Chapter, but we do not have confirmed chapters for the years after that. When the Board met on April 7th, we discussed several ideas to establish future meeting hosts as well as to make hosting less difficult. We want to share some ideas with you and hope that everyone will begin a conversation about annual meeting hosting and that each chapter will supply suggestions for us (and perhaps think up creative new solutions). Here are some ideas we discussed (that might be employed individually or in combination):

1. Have chapters volunteer to host, rather than rotating through all chapters. Because of the need for advanced planning and reservations, we would probably have to have volunteers at least 3 years out.
2. Create a set of standard locations where the annual meeting would be so that there would be a "template" for hosting, making it easier for smaller chapters. A host chapter could have the option to choose a standard location, or select one outside of the standard set if they so desired. Since you never get to go on all the field trips you want to on any one meeting, this would allow more exploration of areas like Logan Valley.
3. Rather than have chapters host the meeting, ask individuals to volunteer to host it. This would allow people from across chapters who were highly motivated to serve as hosts. It would essentially switch hosting to an annual host committee that would have to be planned several years out.

What are your ideas? Please send them to info@npsoregon.org by May 5, 2012 so we can develop a new creative way for hosting the annual meeting.

Norm Jensen, cont. from page 1

morning light coveted by photographers and avoid the wind. His visits to family members in northern California and the Rocky Mountain states were often timed to correspond with native plant society hikes, and he expanded his Society memberships to include the California and Utah native plant societies in addition to the NPSO.

In 2004, he put his computer skills to use by volunteering to create a website for the Dorothy King Young chapter of CNPS (Mendocino County) and continued to serve as their webmaster until his death. He also served as the NPSO webmaster since 2006 and set up and moderated the NPSO Discussion List. He posted many, many of his flower photographs on the CalPhotos website, and later in the NPSO Photogallery, which he set up and managed. His personal botanical websites were creative, whimsical, and artistic: <http://mitella.org/> and <http://botanicals.mymesis.com/photos/main.php>.

Starting with one client in Ashland, Norm developed a far-ranging house and pet sitting service that allowed him to botanize and photograph other areas of Oregon. His reliability, patience, sensitivity and true love of animals resulted in a great demand for his services, and sometimes he was booked a year in advance.

Norm lived in a rustic cabin surrounded by Douglas-fir, Madrone, Ponderosa Pine and White Oak in Takilma in the Illinois Valley for seven years. It had an outhouse for a bathroom and no running water, and he loved it. Maybe his longevity there had something to do with the fact that about half the time he could indulge in all the modern amenities in someone else's house! During his time in the Illinois Valley, he acquired extensive knowledge of the location of the many special plants that grow there and shared his knowledge with other plant lovers by leading multiple NPSO field trips. His final residence was in Medford, where he shared a house with the owners.

Prior to moving to the Rogue Valley, Norm lived in the San Francisco Bay area where he taught school – he



ALEX MAKSYMOWICZ

Exploring Eight Dollar Mountain in 2003

loved teaching his third graders! He claimed to have been the first person to bring a computer into the classroom there, most probably one that he put together from a kit. He taught himself to sail – and spent lots of time sailing in San Francisco Bay. He loved skiing, so when he retired from teaching, he moved to the Lake Tahoe area of California – and skied. His interest in computers (again, self-taught) enabled him to set up a consulting business there. In addition, as ever, he continued to photograph nature.

As a youngster, he contracted polio at the age of 10 and was confined for a full year in an iron lung. He was one of the few to survive this experience and come out relatively unscathed. His brother recalls that it was during this time that he began excelling in school, and perhaps it was during this confinement that he developed his incredible focus and ability to teach himself anything.

Norm loved to cook and eat good food and drink good wine. He was always a welcome guest at dinner parties, especially because he was an attentive, sympathetic and non-judgmental listener. He was a very private person – his way was to learn about others rather than talk about himself. However, he was very open to answering questions

about himself – if asked. He had a great sense of humor and a love of the English language which he put to use frequently – there were those witty jabs with just a touch of sarcasm that always brought a twinkle to his eye, and e-mail exchanges with him could escalate into a game of punmanship, each pun engendering another over many messages.

Norm was a very special person who has left behind not only the extensive family to whom he was very attached, but also the many friends that he made during his 11 years in Oregon, and those previous. His memory lives on in our hearts, and his many exquisite photos populate a number of web pages. His artistic sense is on display in his wildflower photography and in the composition, arrangement and design of his websites.

Norm chose to use his time here on earth doing the things he truly loved. He was a man of peace – gentle, patient, and generous with his time. He walked in beauty.

A memorial fund has been set up through the Oregon Flora Project (<http://www.oregonflora.org/>) to incorporate Norm Jensen's superb photographic record of native plants into a lasting archive for use by the botanic community and as a historic record in documenting the Oregon flora.

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 June 1, 2012. Newly elected individuals assume office during the Annual Meeting.

President:

Judi Sanders (Corvallis) is originally from the Roseburg area (the descendent of wagon train pioneers to Oregon) 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.

Currently, in her "spare" time, she teaches communication at Oregon State University but also tries to spend as much time as possible in the great outdoors of Oregon. Judi has been chair of the Native Plant Appreciation Week (NPAW) committee the last six years and is looking forward to continuing her leadership contributions to NPSO (particularly getting more people involved with the NPAW "committee"). Judi was recently appointed to the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

Vice-President:

Billy Don Robinson (Portland) was born and raised in Texas and came to Oregon from Austin, Texas, in 1971. In addition to the Pacific Northwest flora and fauna, he enjoys hiking and camping, swimming, and sketching. Currently NPSO Legislative Committee Chair, he will work with NPSO's State Board to build a larger membership base and thwart threats to our native flora. He is particularly interested in expanding NPSO's 18- to 28-year-old membership demographic: "Our society's mission of ensuring Oregon's legacy of native plants for future generations can be enhanced by vigorously recruiting people who will be active for

the next fifty-plus years."

Secretary:

Lisa Blackburn (Cheahmill) was born and raised in southern California. She graduated with a B.S. in Renewable Natural Resources and an M.S. in Range Management from the University of California at Davis. Lisa moved to Oregon in 1977. She worked for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for 31 years, retiring in 2007 from the BLM Oregon State Office in Portland. Her interest in plants and geology started during childhood through family camping vacations all over the western United States. She became the incumbent by volunteering at the last Annual Meeting to fill the void left by David Barts' moving out of state. Lisa is concurrently serving as President of the Cheahmill Chapter.

Treasurer:

Cyndi Dion (Siskiyou) a 33-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+ foot Night Blooming 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. Cyndi recently retired as the Business Office Manager for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, overseeing all accounting functions for a \$22 million not-for-profit corporation. She had held that position for the last 10 years.

Directors-at-large:

Mary Beth Averill (Emerald) grew up in Ohio and got her PhD in ecology at the University of Oregon in 1974. Her work has taken her to Hawaii, California, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. She has taught biology,

ecology, chemistry, plant identification, research methods, and writing for publication. She has worked as a biologist, high school teacher, social worker and currently, an academic writing coach. She moved back to Eugene in fall of 2009 and started attending NPSO meetings almost immediately. She's a wildflower enthusiast.

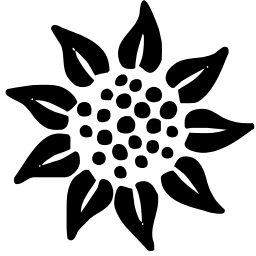
Betty Bahn (Corvallis) is an amateur botanist and retired nurse who enjoys growing collector plants in her Yachats garden - which is a registered wildlife habitat. She studied botany at Lewis & Clark College under Dr. Eugene Kozloff. She was a volunteer at the University of Washington Arboretum for 17 years, chairing several study groups, including species rhododendrons, rock garden and perennial plants. Betty was a member of Tacoma Chapter-Garden Club of America, chairing the native garden at Point Defiance Park. She is a longtime member of Oregon and Washington Native Plant Societies.

Currently, Betty is active in the North American Rock Garden Society, Seal Rock Garden Club, and Lincoln County Master Gardener's Association (LCMGA). She annually teaches Plant and Conifer Identification and Botany to new apprentices for LCMGA. As a member of the Yachats Community Park wetland restoration task force, Betty was responsible for selecting and implementing the planting of 4000 native wetland plants.

Cecile Shohet (Siskiyou) moved to SW Oregon in 2000 to be the district botanist for the Illinois Valley and Galice Ranger Districts of the Siskiyou National Forest. She received her MS in botany from Arizona State University and her undergraduate degree from Queens College, New York City - where she was born and raised. She worked for the Jepson Herbarium as Education Coordinator organizing workshops for the botanic community, and currently has her own consulting business working for both federal agencies and the private sector.

Currently NPSO's co-chair of the Rare and Endangered Plant Committee, she will work with the State Board

to develop programs that engage, educate, and offer members opportunities to become more involved with Oregon's native wild plants. Possible long-term ideas include: - an NPSO sponsored conservation conference, botanic workshops, citizen monitoring of rare plants coordinating with the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center and the Oregon Flora Project and, chapter-led efforts to identify botanical hotspots for conservation planning.



Save the Date: Annual Meeting, July 13-15

The Siskiyou Chapter is honored to be hosting the State Annual Meeting for the Native Plant Society of Oregon this year at Deer Creek Center in Selma, OR from July 13-15th, 2012. Our very special guest speakers will be Dr. Susan Harrison - Serpentine Plant Diversity in the California Floristic Province (Including Southern Oregon) and Dr. Linda Vorobik - Siskiyou Wildflowers: Art and Inspiration. The field trips will feature the high western Siskiyou with trips to Babyfoot Lake, Black Butte, Sanger Peak, Tanner Lakes, Bigelow Basin and more. See the April issue for registration information or go to: <http://siskiyou.npsoregon.org/2012annualmeeting/>. Check the web site periodically for updates. The private and dorm rooms at Deer Creek center are full. Remember: only current NPSO members can attend Annual Meetings. Please renew your membership.



Comment on ODA's possible regulation of *Arundo donax*

ODA is in the "information finding stage" of considering a possible regulation on *Arundo donax*. They have a possible rule in draft form and have invited us to comment on that. The potential rule, as well as correspondence from Tim Butler inviting our comments is now available at <http://www.npsoregon.org/documents/arundoreg.pdf>. You are encouraged to review these carefully and submit your well-argued, thoughtful comments to info@npsoregon.org. We will accumulate and edit these comments into a unified document to forward to the Weed Board. Please submit comments by May 12, 2012.

Willamette Chapter Scholarship Announcement

STUDENTS, TAKE NOTE: The Willamette Valley Chapter will once again be offering a scholarship award for 3rd and 4th year students who will be enrolling in plant systematics or plant ecology at any Oregon college or university for the 2012-2013 school year.

Unfortunately, the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship is being withheld this year, due to poor earnings. The good news is that one qualified applicant will be selected to receive \$1,000 from the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications will be accepted by mail until **June 1, 2011**. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Rules For Scholarship Awards

- Scholarships are available to students in Oregon colleges, planning their major study in plant systematics or plant ecology.
- 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.

- Awards are made in the following manner:
 - A certificate is presented to the recipient.
 - 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.
- 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.
- Applicants are required to submit:

- In their own words, a statement of academic and career intent.
- 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.
- Full academic record (transcript).

- 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.
- 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.
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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@NPSOregon.org.

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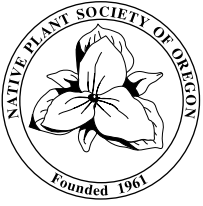
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We are pleased to announce that a new version of the Checklist (Version 1.2) has been published. We release new versions of the Checklist when there have been a significant number of changes (in this case, 116) to the nomenclature or the taxonomic status of plants within the state. It results in a sizeable new document, which we present on the Checklist web page as a collection of searchable pdf files. Also, all the plant names you see in the Atlas and Photo Gallery now reflect these changes. A new Checklist resource we have created is a simplified, downloadable table that lists for all plants their scientific and common names, family, status as accepted or synonym, origin, and acronym. You can find this at <http://oregonflora.org/checklist.php#accepted>. We hope you enjoy this new “ready reference” to our flora!

The OFP is honored to be granted use of the plant photographs of late NPSO member Norm Jensen for incorporation into the Photo Gallery. It is a tribute to his artistry and botanical expertise, and allows his knowledge continue to enlighten us even after his passing. Gifts to the OFP in memory of Norm will support the integration effort, and can be sent to the address below.

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