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Annual Meeting Hosted by the Siskiyou Chapter in the Illinois Valley

by Kareen Sturgeon and Cindy Roché

Despite fears of hot weather, registration for the NPSO 2012 Annual Meeting in the Illinois Valley hit the 160 mark, with a half dozen more participating in one of fourteen field trips. Friday afternoon some NPSO members joined Norm Jensen's family for a time of remembrance and scattering of his ashes at Woodcock Bog, one of Norm's favorite places. After a social Friday evening at the Deer Creek Center, Susan Harrison gave a lively, entertaining talk on Oregon's Siskiyou Mountains and why the vegetation here is so diverse. She compared it to serpentine (a.k.a., ultramafic) influenced vegetation throughout California. She explained how her investigations

built upon the historic contributions of Robert Whittaker and others. Although Whittaker had concluded the diversity was the result of interaction of many potential factors, such as soils, geology, complex topography, plant migration, and adjoining floristic provinces, Susan's research showed that the single most important factor was the one that the citizens of Grants Pass had already discovered: "It's the Climate." That is not to say that the other factors are not important, but that precipitation is the difference between the flora of the Oregon Klamath Range and that of ultramafic sites in California. More moisture allows expression of all the other factors that contribute to plant diversity.

Bright and early Saturday morning, participants met their field trip leaders and headed out in all directions. Field trips covered the gamut from lichens and bryophytes to fire ecology, photography, and enormous old growth trees. For example, one group went with Lee Webb and Cecile Shohet to Black Butte and Lookout Mountain to Polar Bear Gap in the Siskiyou Wilderness. Starting at 4,800 ft and climbing to 6,400 ft where snowbanks still

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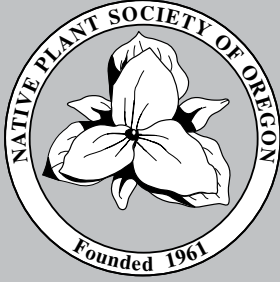


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Black Butte hike led by Lee Webb and Cecile Shohet

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Showy milkweed (Asclepias speciosa) is native to the western half of North America. The pink to pinkish-purple flowers serve as a larval host for the Monarch butterfly.

DON JACOBSON

NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO Board Meeting. The next board meeting will be in October in the Gorge (hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter). Date, time, and location to be determined.

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 cheahmillchapternpsocomcast.net.

August 14, Tuesday, 5- 7 pm

Work Party #153: Native Plant Garden, McMinnville Library. Summer work parties are a great way to catch up with friends and see what the garden's native plants are up to! We remain focused on weeding and ongoing maintenance of the garden specimens. Newcomers are welcome! Contact: Susan Williams, 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net.

September 11, Tuesday 5-7 pm

Work Party #154: Native Plant Garden, McMinnville Library. We will focus on weeding and ongoing maintenance of the garden specimens. Newcomers are welcome! We will be switching over to weekend work parties in October. Contact: Susan Williams, 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net.

September 27, Thursday, 7- 8:45 pm

Talk: Hiking in and about the Strawberry Mountains. As part of his preparation for leading hikes for the 2011 NPSO Annual Meeting in Logan Valley, Nature photographer Paul Slichter spent many days hiking the vast, wet meadows, forested ridges and open alpine ridges recording what he saw. He will discuss his favorite hikes and will share images and video of many of the unique animals and plants that can be

found in this little visited region. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. (corner of HWY 99W and SW 2nd St). Information: Bonnie Laux, 503-925-4960 or bonlaux@gmail.com.

Corvallis

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

August 19, Sunday, 8:30-4:30 pm

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.

Hike: Echo Basin Wetlands in the Western Cascades with Loren Russell.

Meet at the parking lot across from the Monroe Beanery at 8:30 am. Bring a lunch, water, rubber boots and hiking gear. It is about a 3 mile round trip hike. We may stop and look at other wetlands in the area. Rubber boots or old athletic shoes optional. However, wetland is small and has boardwalk and we will try to limit trampling! For more information contact: Esther McEvoy at 541-754-0893.

September 30, Sunday, 9 am-4 pm

Hike: In search of a rare *Abronia* on the Oregon Coast with Erin Gray. We will be searching for the rare *Abronia* in the Florence area in the dunes. Meet at 9am at the parking lot across from the Monroe Beanery for carpooling to Florence. Bring a lunch, good walking shoes, water and raingear. Contact Esther McEvoy for more information at 541-754-0893.

October Mushroom Fieldtrip to be announced 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.

September 17, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Stephen Meyers presents, "What's in a Name? Recent Major Changes in Taxonomy that affect the Oregon Flora." Are you puzzled by all the botanical name changes and shifting of plants to new families? Dr. Meyers from Oregon State University gives us the latest scoop on plant classifications. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: Mary Beth Averil, 541-349-9999.

October 15, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Owyhee Canyonlands. Chris Hansen of the Oregon Natural Desert Association speaks on the Owyhee Canyonlands - the largest stretch of desert

wilderness left in the United States - right here in Oregon! The Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) has been working to permanently protect the Owyhee, and we'll gather to show off some of the amazing images of this Wild place. We'll share stories about Wild and Scenic River trips, sage grouse counts, and inland redband trout; and we'll talk about how to fill the Oregon desert Wilderness gap. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: 541-345-5531.

November 19, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Little Shops of Horror: Carnivorous Plants of Oregon. Charlene Simpson will present a slide show which features the lures and traps of flesh-eating plants. Starring: the Cobra Lily and featuring sundews, bladderworts and butterworts in Oregon's bogs and Fens. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: 541-349-9999.

Klamath Basin

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

The following wildflower field trips are sponsored by the Klamath Basin Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Klamath County Museum, Fremont-Winema National Forest, and Crater Lake National Park. For all trips it is recommended that you bring sturdy shoes or boots, plenty of water, sun screen and/or a hat, and a lunch. Be prepared for mosquitoes at most sites. Contact the trip leaders for more information.

August 4, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm

Hike: 4-Mile Lake Area with Missy Anderson. We will mainly be exploring the interesting riparian and boggy habitat around Bull Swamp. There are no trails through this area and walking will be moderate to difficult in places (e.g. climbing over downed logs and through wet areas, etc). Rubber boots/waders (or shoes you don't mind getting wet and muddy) are recommended. Mosquitoes are expected, so bug spray/net would be good too. Meet at the junction of

Highway 140 and FS Rd 3661 (this is the road to 4-Mile Lake, about ½ mile before MP 35). Information and registration: Missy Anderson - Forest Service Chiloquin District Office. 541-783-4001.

August 18, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm

Hike: Crater Lake Garfield Peak Trail with Jen Beck. Hike is 3.4 miles round trip and a strenuous climb (1000' elevation gain) to the summit of Garfield Peak along the Crater Lake rim. Meet near the east end of the Crater Lake Lodge at Rim Village. Please note that participants will need to pay a \$10 entrance fee or have a park pass. Information and registration: Jen Beck - Crater Lake National Park, 541-594-3072.

Mid-Columbia

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

August 18, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Thomas Lake. In the northwest corner of Indian Heaven Wilderness area, an easy 3.6 mile hike with only a 200-foot elevation gain. Bring bug repellent! Meet at the Bingen Park-and-Ride just west of the north end of the Hood River Bridge, or at the trailhead. USNW Forest Pass required. Limited to 10 hikers with pre-registration (call Don Hardin 509-493-4819 or email donhardin0@gorge.net). Trip contingent on road conditions and flower bloom.

September 15, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Hell Roaring Meadows. Flower-filled high alpine meadows at 5,500 feet on the southeast corner of Mt. Adams, 2.4 miles round-trip. High clearance vehicles are required to access the trailhead. Meet at the Bingen Park-and-Ride just west of the north end of the Hood River Bridge. Limited to 10 hikers with pre-registration (call Don Hardin 509-493-4819 or email donhardin0@gorge.net). Trip contingent on road conditions and flower bloom.

September 20, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting: Report and photos from the NPSO Annual Meeting in the

Siskiyou. Consideration of field trip organization, policies, and publicity. Updates on and discussion of other topics of interest. Boardroom, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

Portland

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

August 28, 2012, 10 am-2 pm

Class: Grass ID. Grass ID session led by Rick Shory, who has worked botanically with grasses since 1993. Location: Instructor's house, 8828 NE Schuyler St., Portland, where his microscope and other ID tools will be available. Bring specimens (including leaves, tops, and roots), and your preferred key. This class is fine for first-timers or for those who have taken Rick's previous grass ID/hikes. Contact Rick Shory at rick-shory@gmail.com or 503-253-8100 for additional information on the session and to sign up. On the day of the class, contact Rick at 360-774-6593.

September 9, Sunday, 9 am-1 pm

Field Trip: Sandy River Delta. Join Paul Slichter for a half day trip to search for wildflowers along the Columbia River shoreline east of the Sandy River delta, looking for species that bloom late in the summer when the water level recedes. We'll be looking for *Potentilla anserina*, *Aster subspicatus*, *Solidago occidentalis*, *Artemisia lindleyana*, *Helenium autumnale* and others, including rushes and sedges. Wear footwear suitable for moist, cobbly shorelines and walking through sedge meadows. Contact Paul Slichter, 503-661-3292 or pslichter@frontier.com for more information or to reserve a spot.

September 13, Thursday, 7 pm

Program meeting: On the Pumice

Plain. Join Dr. John Bishop, professor of Biological Sciences at Washington State University-Vancouver for a talk about his research using experimentation, observation, and modeling to understand insect herbivores and lupine colonization in the primary succession on the Mt. St. Helens Pumice Plain. His research led to discovery of a new moth species, *Filatima loowita*, associated with lupine and early herbivore colonization. Meeting location: Metro building at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland. 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. Contact: Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com or 503-292-2093.

September 23, Sunday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Willards Springs Trail, Conboy Lake NWR. Join Paul Slichter for a full day trip to hike the Willard Springs Trail and walk refuge roadsides in search of late season wildflowers, birds, butterflies and dragonflies. We'll search for *Aster occidentalis*, *Columbiadora hallii*, *Ranunculus flammula*, *Veronica scutellata*, *Ericameria bloomeri*, plus other species that may still be in bloom in the forest or along riparian areas. 200 mile drive RT. Hike 3-4 miles with little elevation gain. Contact Paul Slichter, 503-661-3292 or pslichter@frontier.com for more information or to reserve a spot.

October 6, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: *Abies* ("True" Firs) Hike. Led by Rick Shory, who has worked throughout the West as a Forest Service botanist. Location: Government Camp, Oregon. All the species of "true" fir (*Abies*) in the Northwest grow around Government Camp, on the southwest slope of Mt. Hood. Come learn about this important genus of conifers and how to tell them apart from other genera of trees. Leave at 8:30 am, from near Gateway MAX station, NW corner of NE Pacific Street and NE 99th Avenue. Or meet at Government Camp at 10 am. Contact Rick Shory at rickshory@gmail.com or 503 253-8100 to sign up for the hike and for the exact

location. On the day of the hike, contact Rick at 360-774-6593.

October 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Program meeting: Conifers of the Pacific Northwest. Martin Nicholson, curator of the Hoyt Arboretum in Portland, will talk about conifers of the Pacific Northwest. Meeting location: 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. Contact: Angie Moore at mlm@teleport.com or 503-292-2093.

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.

August 4, Saturday, 8:30 am

Hike: Observation Gap and Cow Creek Hollow (about 1 mile along the PCT south of the road to Dutchman Peak fire lookout). From swaths of *Epilobium siskiyouense* along the Pacific Crest Trail to the unusual blooms of *Saxifraga odontoloma* in wet meadows, floral riches of all sorts abound in this wonderful area. Parking is very tight at Cow Creek Hollow, so try to avoid bringing large vehicles. Meet 8:30 am behind the Oil Stop on Ashland St, just west of the BiMart/Shop 'n Kart parking lot in Ashland, about 1/4 mi west of I-5, exit 14, or 9:45 am in the library parking lot in Jacksonville. Information: Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964.

September 20, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Program - to be announced. Join the Siskiyou Chapter email list (directions above) for updates on programs and field trips. Southern Oregon University, Science Bldg., RM 171. Refreshments at 7:15 pm, meeting and program at 7:30. Contact Kristi: 541.941.3744.

Getting there: From Siskiyou Blvd., travel south (uphill) on Mountain Ave. to Ashland Street. 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.

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.

William Cusick

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

OTHER EVENTS

Ashland Parks & Recreation

September 12, Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 am

Demonstration Garden Tour at the North Mountain Park Nature Center. Discover how to attract wildlife and conserve water in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile and Native Plants Gardens. Register online at www.ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

Wild Food Adventures

August 9, Thursday, 7-9 pm

Presentation: Wild Foods. Learn some of the most common edible wild plants within walking distance of your kitchen. The presenter and author, John Kalas, will sell and sign his book "Edible Wild Plants: Wild Foods From Dirt to Plate." Newberg Public Library, 503 E Hancock St, Newberg. www.wildfoodadventures.com.

Thank You 2012 NPSO Annual Meeting Volunteers!

A great big thanks to the many gracious volunteers that made the 2012 NPSO annual meeting in the Siskiyou Mountains a wonderful event! Many Thanks!

Organizing committee: Kristi Mergenthaler, Cindy Roche, Joan Seevers, Cecile Shohet, Julie Spellitich

Siskiyou Field Institute Liaison: Karen Phillips

Name tags: Rick Prusz

Field Trip Coordinators: Lee Webb, Linda Mullens

Field Trip

Leader(s)

Saturday

Days Gulch to Babyfoot Lake	Linda Vorobik/Jill Paden
Bigelow Lakes	Kristi Mergenthaler/Dennis Odion
Black Butte - Lookout Mountain	Lee Webb/Cecile Shohet
Dutchman Peak	Barb Mumblo/Shelley Tanquary
Fire Ecology at Limpy Creek	Tom Atzet
Lichens & Bryophytes: 8\$ Mountain	Scot Loring/Daphne Stone
Old Stage Road OR/CA Driving Tour	Rodger Brandt/Richard Callagan
Oregon Caves National Monument	John Roth
A Photo Exploration of Deer Creek Fen	Mark Turner/Karen Phillips
Redwood Forest Ecology	Rick Hiser
Sanger Peak, Whiskey Lake	Wayne Rolle
Tanner Lakes	Frank Callahan/Cindy Roche
Woodcock Bog - West Fork Illinois River	Marcia Wineteer/Rachel Showalter

Sunday

Climate Change Plots	Tim Tomaszewski
Whetstone Butte	Lee Webb/Karen McCullough

Event volunteers

Ann Thayer: Banquet Meal, Cleanup of SFI after event	Harriet Schoppert: Banquet Meal
Billy Don Robinson: Parking Attendant, Banquet Meal, Friday Hors D'oeuvres	Janet Walker: Banquet Meal
Bob Korfhage: Organizing and Beautifying Selma Center for Banquet, Banquet Clean-up	Margaret Meierhenry - Friday Hors D'oeuvres
Bruce Waugh: Chair Shuffling, Banquet Meal	Mary Beth Averill: Banquet Meal
Chelsea Reha: Banquet Meal, Banquet Clean-up	Michael Keown: Chair Shuffling, Banquet Meal, Coffee Sunday Morning
Cynthia Maclaren - Organizing and Beautifying Selma Center for Banquet, Banquet Meal	Mike Faden: Banquet Meal
Darlene and Bill Southworth: Saturday Breakfast, Organizing/Beautifying Selma Center for Banquet	Mike Hagebusch: Banquet Meal
Dave Garcia: Chair Shuffling, Banquet Meal	Ray & Peg Prag: flowers for tables
Deanna and Richard Iltis: Banquet Meal	Richard Callagan: Chair Shuffling,
Dominic DiPaolo: Banquet Meal and Clean-up	Roger Brewer: Banquet Clean-up
Frances Stilwell: Banquet Meal	Ronald Klump: Chair Shuffling
	Rosamund Irwin: Banquet Meal
	Sasha Joachims: Projector, Banquet Meal, Banquet Clean-up
	Stella Copeland: Banquet Clean-up, SFI Clean-up

July 2012 NPSO Board Meeting Highlights

Lisa Blackburn, NPSO Secretary

Linda Vorobik donated \$100 to NPSO as a percentage of her art sales at the annual meeting. Karen Phillips and Erica Wedenoja have volunteered to be *Bulletin* editors. Dave Predeek will proofread the *Bulletin*. A person is still needed to be the Membership Chair. The Rare and Endangered Committee (Cecile) proposed that NPSO host a scientific conference in 2014, modeled after the process used by the northern California chapter of the California Native Plant Society. She asked the board for input on our willingness to help financially support a conference. The board is interested, and agreed to locate financial support. Judi encouraged people to volunteer to help with the planning. The Rare and Endangered Committee (Erin) reported they have had two outings in the gorge to find R&E plant occurrences. They have a list of 40 volunteers throughout the state. Erin would like to go to all chapters with a slide show to explain the outings. Billy Don

Robinson (Legislative) reported on the May hearing with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) regarding *Arun-do donax*. Judi gave testimony (posted on the NPSO website). Billy Don is working to introduce a bill in the state legislature to list *A. donax* as a noxious weed. NPSO is preparing a response to the proposed ODA regulations. Linda Hardison reported the Oregon Flora Project has completed 22% of the flora. When completed, it will be published in two volumes and supported electronically. They hired a part-time illustrator to start in August. Billy Don and Lisa Blackburn attended the annual EarthShare meeting, and discussed information regarding field trip insurance and Director/Officer insurance. Bruce Waugh will check further on this and report back at the next board meeting. The 2013 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the William Cusick Chapter in Joseph. The next board meeting will be in October in the Gorge (hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter).

NPSO Needs a New Membership Chair

NPSO needs a new Membership Chair! - if you are looking for a way to make a significant contribution to the Society, have a few hours a week of spare time, and enjoy working with computers, then please let the out-going Chair, Clayton Gautier (cgautier@comcast.net) know you are interested. A general description of the duties and responsibilities can be found in the NPSO Board Handbook (<http://npsoregon.org/documents/NPSOBoardHandbook.pdf>). Clayton will be happy to provide additional details and answer any questions you might have. Thanks!

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.

Edna St. Vincent Millay, "Afternoon on a Hill"



Rhoda Love, Veva Stansell and Charlene Simpson at the 2001 NPSO Annual Meeting

Fellows Song

by Rhoda Love

Performed by Rhoda Love, Veva Stansell, and Charlene Simpson, with Ken Chambers on guitar at the NPSO Annual Meeting, Corvallis, June 2001. The song was sung to the tune of the "Whiffenpoof Song" written by members of the Yale Glee Club in 1907. It is being reprinted here to be archived by NPSO for all times.

From the Table Rocks at Medford,
To the place where lilies dwell,
To the dear old Collier Bar we love so
well,
Sit the botanists assembled,
With their Hitchcocks raised on high,
And the magic of their keying casts a
spell.

Yes, the magic of our keying
Of the plants that give us hell,
Astragalus and Juncus and the rest ...
We will annotate our Jepsons,
While breath and eyesight last,
Then we'll pass like Peck and Stebbins
and the rest.

We're three little ladies on our way,
Veva, Rhoda, Charlene.
To stickleback creeks lined with
Ocean Spray. Veva, Rhoda,
Charlene.

Gentians and Asters off on the scree,
Blooms from here to anemone.
Lord, where to hide when we Pe-o-ny!
Veva, Rhoda, Charlene.
Gentians and Asters off on the scree,
Blooms from here to Anemone.
Lord, where to hide when we Pe-o-ny!
Veva, Rhoda, Charlene.

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lay on the ground, they hiked through open shrubby serpentine with Jeffrey pine and closed forest canopies with sugar pine and Brewer's spruce. From the ridgetops, they had an expansive view of the landscape burned by the Biscuit Fire ten years ago.

Another hike, led by Frank Callahan and Cindy Roché, made several stops on the way to the Tanner Lakes trailhead, first, in a Jeffrey pine savanna where Cindy identified a variety of grasses and showed them how to find the unusual cleistogamous flowers of *Danthonia californica*. Next, they stopped at an ultramafic outcropping covered with wildflowers, including



ROBERT KORFHAGE

At the top of Black Butte

at least five species of *Eriogonum* and some *Poa pringlei*. There were so many wildflowers along the roadside it was difficult to continue to the trailhead without additional stops. By the time temperatures were rising in the valley, they were at the trailhead above 5,000 ft. After admiring the bog orchids in a small seep, they entered a cool, shaded forest abounding with *Corallorhiza*. The group ate lunch under a huge Douglas fir (237 feet tall, 10 feet in diameter) while Frank lectured about terpenes. Afterwards, the group continued on to East Tanner Lake where Frank introduced them to a gnarly 500 to 600-year-old incense cedar that is the Oregon State Champion at 13 feet in diameter. Beyond the incense cedar in a forb meadow they found pull-up muhly (*Muhlenbergia filiformis*) and a tiny *Mimulus*. Roger Brewer started keying *Penstemon* species at the first stop, and by the time the group reached East Tanner Lake, he had accumulated more than he could keep track of. The last stop before heading back afforded the group a distant view of a Heritage Brewer's spruce and the type locality where this paleoendemic was first discovered in 1884 by Thomas Jefferson Howell.

Saturday night at the Selma Community Center, after a scrumptious dinner prepared by Kate Dwyer and plenty of discussion about our various field trips, Dave Dobak presented the 2012 Fellows Award to Dan Luoma, much-loved member of NPSO, whose long-time association



FRANK CALLAHAN

Tanner Lakes hike through old-growth forest

(since 1982) with the organization has given him "a broad, seasoned perspective with a historical context." During his long tenure with NPSO, Dan rotated through numerous positions of responsibility and, along with his wife Joyce Eberhart, traveled extensively and gave many informative slide presentations on the plants and places they visited. To top off the evening, Linda Ann Vorobik entertained members with beautiful photos of her botanical illustrations and the Siskiyou wildflowers that inspired her artwork. As the evening closed, everyone agreed that it had been yet another wonderful annual meeting where good friends had gathered to rededicate themselves to the "enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats."

NPSO Occasional Paper 3

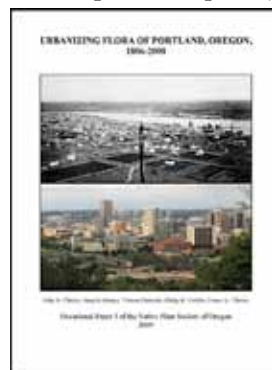
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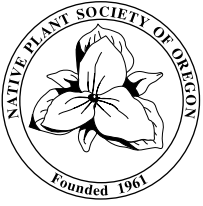
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While summer lets us relax our schedules, there is still plenty of activity happening at the Oregon Flora Project.

- Taxonomic director Stephen Meyers attended the national botany conference in July, and touched bases with numerous contributors to the Flora of Oregon. He also recruited new floristic authors. Contact Stephen (meyersst@science.oregon-state.edu) if you are interested in authoring or editing treatments.

- Manuscripts for the flora are coming in; we have recently received treatments for the Salicaceae, genera in the Lactuceae tribe of the sunflower family, and Solanaceae, the nightshade family. We now have manuscripts for ca. 25% of our flora!!

- We have hired John Myers to coordinate illustrations for the new flora, and to contribute his own artwork. Look for an article introducing John in our upcoming Oregon Flora Newsletter.
- In a related effort, the Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria crew has completed data entry of Linfield College, Reed College, and Portland State University herbarium specimens for inclusion in the Consortium dataset. The OFP will also share the presentation of this information via the Oregon Plant Atlas.

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