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Endemic Oregon Wildflower Named for Veva Stansell

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Kenton L. Chambers, of Oregon State University, recently identified a new species of *Erigeron*. *Erigeron stanselliae* is a perennial with basal leaves and the white composite ray flowers typical of its Asteraceae family. It is endemic to the Oregon Coast Range of Curry County and grows in serpentine gravel of mixed scrubland and woodland. Population size has not yet been determined and only two locations of *E. stanselliae* have currently been confirmed. The Forest Service implemented a temporary road closure from May-August 2012 to protect the

population located in the Signal Butte area. Veva Stansell brought Kenton Chambers to a site with a population now confirmed as *E. stanselliae* and this species has been named in her honor.

There are similar species of *Erigeron* in the area, including *E. robustior*, *E. maniopotamicus*, *E. eatonii* var. *plantagineus*, and *E. lassenianus*. *E. stanselliae* can be distinguished from these species by its lightly hairy stems, and leaves that are frequently hairless. In comparison, the other species have a greater density of hairs on their stems and leaves.

Reference

Chambers, K.L. 2011. A new species of *Erigeron* (Asteraceae) from southwestern Oregon. *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* 5(2): 415-419.

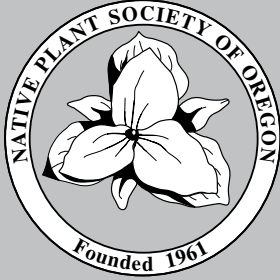
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The two known populations of Veva's *Erigeron* (*Erigeron stanselliae*) are only 5 km apart.



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Scholarship Awards Given to Outstanding Oregon Students

by Thomas Jenkins, Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarship Chairman

The Willamette Valley Chapter is pleased to announce the scholarship award winners for 2012. Each winner receives \$1,000 toward their fall term tuition.

William "Billy" Matthews of Eugene has been chosen to receive the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship. William is a Biology major at Lane Community College, and plans to pursue his Bachelor's degree at Southern Oregon University. Native plants are his passion. His research project on the phenology of Oregon Ash was published in the June issue of the NPSO *Bulletin*. William received very strong recommendations from his mentors and we are happy to help this outstanding student in achieving his academic goals.

Lea Condon of Corvallis has been chosen to receive the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship. Lea is a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Oregon State University, where she is working toward her PhD. She has over 10 years of field experience and received very high praise from her mentors. Her current research relates to plant and soil crust recovery in fire-disturbed landscapes. Lea is an outstanding individual who is very deserving of this award.

"Thank you very much!" to those of you who have donated money in support of these scholarships.



New Reference Materials for NPSO Trip Leaders

A Trip Leader's Checklist and new Sample Waiver Form are now available on the NPSO website. Find them at the State and Chapter Events page: <http://npsoregon.org/calendar.html>, in the Field Trip Notes section.



It's Still Renewal Time

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Many of you have already renewed, but if you haven't yet, please do so before the end of February 2013 to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the Bulletins or on the 2013 issue of *Kalmiopsis*. Before you send in your renewal, it's a good idea to check the address label on this issue of the Bulletin. If it shows 2013 (or a later year) along the top, you are all set for the coming year and do not need to renew now.

It's also a good time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds. The Leighton Ho Memorial Field Botany Fund is used for research projects in western Oregon. The Rare and Endangered Plant Conservation Fund supports work with our most threatened plants. The Augusta Rockafellar and Jean Davis Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to a botany student at an Oregon college or university. You can also include a contribution to the Oregon Flora Project along with your dues.

Your membership and donations make it possible to carry out more of the many projects that are needed to pursue the goals of NPSO.

NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be January 26, 2013 from 10am to 2pm, hosted by the Emerald Chapter. Location: Lane Community College, Eugene. Meet in room 115 in the Science Building, which is next to the upper parking lot on the south side of the campus. Additional directions and a preliminary agenda will be available in late December or early January.

Annual Meeting

The William Cusick Chapter will be hosting the 2013 meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Baker City from **Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28**. Emphasis will be on the plants of the nearby Elkhorn Mountains with field trips planned for many of the high elevations. Some of the near alpine plants that may be seen are *Geum rossii* and *Lomatium erythrocarpum*, both found in Oregon only in the Elkhorn Mountains. While many of the field trips will take place at elevations of 7,000 feet, there will also be some trips at lower elevations. Save the dates and plan on attending the annual meeting in Baker City, and watch for more information in the next couple months!

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.

January 24, Thursday, 7 - 8:45 pm

Talk: Introducing the NPSO Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Erin Gray, the NPSO Rare and Endangered Plants Committee co-chair, will introduce NPSO's new citizen-science program, the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Learn how you can become involved in the

conservation of Oregon's rare species by searching for and documenting historical rare plant occurrences! Erin is an Ecologist at the Institute of Applied Ecology in the Conservation Research Program. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. (corner of HWY 99W and SW 2nd St.). Parking lot entrances on Adams and Second streets. Information:

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. A sample waiver form is available at http://npsoregon.org/documents/NPSO_waiver.pdf. 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. A trip leader checklist and sample waiver form are available at: <http://npsoregon.org/calendar.html>

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 Alexis Brickner and Kevin Weitemier at co_president@NPSOregon.org or 208-921-0827.

December 10, Monday, 7 pm

Meeting: Corvallis Annual Winter Party. Join us at the house of Loren and Flo, 3420 SW Willamette Ave., Corvallis. Please bring slides or digital images of your botanical adventures to show and a dessert to share. Contact: Loren, loren.russell@comcast.net.

January 14, Monday, 7:30 pm

Talk: Experimental reintroduction of northern wormwood, a rare plant of the Columbia River Gorge. Our very own co-president, Alexis Brickner, will tell us about the work undertaken for her Masters degree, restoring populations of a rare *Artemisia* on the shores of the Columbia. Contact Alexis, 860-878-2049 or Kevin, 208-921-0827 for more information.

February 9, Saturday, 8 - 5

NPSO Table: Benton County Insights into Gardening Seminar. Corvallis NPSO will be staffing a table at Insights into Gardening, a day-long seminar offering practical, hands-on learning for home gardeners and gardeners-to-be. You will find plenty of ideas to make your gardening easier, more enjoyable, and more successful. Raffles, exhibits, catered lunch, and books for sale by Grass Roots will be available. Information: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/gardening> or call Pami Opfer at the Benton County OSU Extension Office, 541-766-6750. Pre-registration is \$30, \$35 at the door.

February 11, Monday, 7:30 pm

Talk: Introducing the NPSO Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Erin Gray, the NPSO Rare and Endangered Plants Committee co-chair, will introduce

NPSO's new citizen-science program, the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Learn how you can become involved in the conservation of Oregon's rare species by searching for and documenting historical rare plant populations. Contact: Alexis, 860-878-2049 or Kevin, 208-921-0827 for more information.

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.

December 17, Monday, 7:30 pm

Event: Holiday Social and Slide

Show. Bring 10 to 12 digital slides and a snack to share if you wish. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E 4th Ave., Eugene. For more information, call 541-349-9999.

January 14, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Exploring the Flora of Oregon's Willamette Valley. The landscape of the Willamette Valley represents the cumulative effects of a long progression of natural and cultural influences. Ed Alverson of the Nature Conservancy will guide us along a tour of its remaining natural areas. We will get an introduction to the diverse flora, including rarities and endemic species, as well as the challenges to conservation, and ways that people are re-connecting with the natural world that is close at home - helping to ensure its future survival. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E 4th Ave., Eugene. For more information, call 541-349-9999.

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.

December 20, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Field trips, past and future. Don Hardin will review the field trips he led this past spring and summer and we'll begin planning next season's trips, and share some holiday cheer. Location: Boardroom, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

January - no meeting.

February 21, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting/Talk: Introducing the NPSO Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Erin Gray, Rare and Endangered Plants Committee co-chair, will introduce NPSO's new citizen-science program, the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. Learn how you can become involved in the conservation of Oregon's rare species by searching for and documenting historical rare plant occurrences. Learn more about Erin Gray at her bio page: <http://appliedeco.org/about-us/staff/erin-gray>. Location: 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 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.

December 13, Thursday, 7 pm

Member's party: Slide Sharing. Bring your electronic slides of native flora from Oregon and beyond for our annual year end celebration of the wildflower season. Bring goodies to share. Location: Metro building at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. Enter the building at the south end of the upper plaza on Irving St., (not the door on Grand Ave.). An attendant will let you in and direct you to the meeting room upstairs. Informal meeting at 7 pm. Brief formal meeting followed by slide sharing starts at 7:15 pm. Contact: Roger Brewer, rogerbrewer@comcast.net or 503-789-5027.

January 10, Thursday, 7pm

Meeting/Talk: Rare and Endangered Plants. Erin Gray and Jason Clinch will introduce NPSO's new citizen-science program, the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch. They will present their exciting findings from last year and explain how you can become involved in the conservation of Oregon's rare species by searching for and documenting historical rare plant populations. Meeting location: Metro building at 600 NE Grand Ave., 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. Informal meeting is at 7pm. Formal meeting and presentation begin at 7:15pm. Contact: Mary Smith, alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

January 14, Monday, 6 pm

Potluck dinner/Planning Meeting: 2013 Activities. We will be planning the 2013 Chapter activities, primarily our hike program. All interested in helping plan the year's activities are welcome. 2828 NE Stanton St., Portland. For details contact: Mary Smith, alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

February 14, Thursday, 7 pm.

Meeting: Landscaping for Wildlife. Gaylen Beatty of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and the Columbia Land Trust will give a presentation on what native plants to grow in your own yard in order to attract birds, insects, and other wildlife. Meeting location: Metro building at 600 NE Grand Ave., 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. Informal meeting is at 7pm. Formal meeting and presentation begin at 7:15pm. Contact: Mary Smith, alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

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.

December 13, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Holiday Potluck Program: Past, Present, and Future: Climate Change and the High Elevation Conifers of the Klamath Mountain Region. Join teacher, researcher, and explorer Michael Kauffmann on a journey through time and the Klamath Mountains, focusing on our regional high elevation conifers. These mega-flora of the Klamath Mountain tops have survived shifting climatic conditions through recent geologic ages, but will they survive the next shift? Talk begins around 7:30 pm.

OTHER EVENTS

Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group

January 8, Tuesday, 7 pm

Talk: Cool Western Native Plants. Sean Hogan of Cistus Nursery will talk about "Cool Western Native Plants." Cistus Nursery offers Mediterranean climate, southern hemisphere, hardy tropical plants and more. Location: Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., Eugene. There is ample parking in the lot at the corner of 2nd Ave. and High St. Doors open at 6:30 for book sales and viewing botanical samples. Admission is \$5 for non-members and free for members. For more information: www.thehardyplantgroup.org or call 541-344-0896.

Oregon State University Extension Service

January – March

Training: OSU Master Gardener™ Program. Master Gardener training

Please bring a potluck dish, table service (plate, silverware, glass, cup), and packets of seeds to contribute to the native plant seed exchange. Beer and wine are permitted. Location: Talent Community Center, 206 E Main in Talent (the old city hall, a large white clapboard building one block from Camelot Theater). Contact Kristi, 541-941-3744 or coprolitemergie@yahoo.com, for more information. **Please bring a food donation for the Talent Food Project.**

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.

January 3, Thursday, 7 - 8:30 pm

Program: Lichens. Dr. Sarah Jovan, a program advisor with the USDA Forest Service, will give a broad overview of lichens. Her talk covers basic lichen biology as well as its habitat needs, functional significance in forest ecosystems, use as an air quality indicator, and lichen conservation. Dr. Jovan will also bring interesting lichen material for participants to examine. Location: 1320 A. St. NE, next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High School. Sponsored by the Straub Environmental Learning Center and open to the public. Cost is \$5, with registration required: call 503-391-4145 or contact Michelle Cordova at Michelle@fslc.org.

William Cusick

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

Grant Proposals Requested

NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are:

1. To stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state.
2. To promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due annually by March 1. The guidelines are available online at: www.npsoregon.org/grants.html. For a paper copy of the program policy and guidelines, contact:

Dan Luoma, Field Research Grants Committee Chair
5 NW Edgewood Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330
541-752-8860

In Memoriam: Richard Myron Straw

July 25th, 1926 - October 14th, 2012

by Frank Lang

Those of you familiar with the genera *Penstemon*, *Nothochelone*, and *Keckiella* will be saddened to learn that Dr. Richard (Dick) Straw died in Salem, Ore. of causes related to being 86 after a long full life. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

The eldest of three brothers, Dick was born in St. Paul, Minn. to Myron and Emma Straw. From 1944 - 1946 he served in the US Army, then the Army Reserve and Minnesota National Guard from 1946 -1950, along with active service in the Korean conflict from 1950 - 1952. In 1949, he married Dorothy (née Johnson) and they had five children.

Dick graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Zoology in 1949 and received his PhD in Botany from the Claremont (California) Graduate School - Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, where *Penstemon* was his dissertation subject. He enjoyed a long academic career at California State College, Los Angeles, from 1956 - 1981 and retired as Emeritus Professor of Biology. During those academic years, he was a Fulbright Lecturer in Peru (Genetics and Ecology) from



Geum rossii (Alpine Avens), taken near the top of Medicine Bow Peak in Wyoming, July 18, 1987.

1963 - 1964 and then went to Malaysia with the Peace Corps as science and math education support staff from 1966 - 1968.

After his retirement, Dick moved to Ashland, Ore. to be the Director of the Southern Oregon University (SOU) Computer Center from 1981 - 1992. While in Ashland, he continued his botanical interests: volunteering



Nothochelone nemerosa (Woodland Beard Tongue), taken along the Mirror Lake Trail in Clackamas County, August 10, 2007.

with the Oregon Flora Project, developing a database for the SOU herbarium as well as a form for generating herbarium labels, helping Marcia Winteteer with her Master's thesis on the flora and ecology of Round Top Butte Research Natural Area, and working on various botanical projects for the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management. He also developed a "Vascular Plants of Jackson County" list, based largely on vouchered specimens at Southern Oregon University and Oregon State University herbaria.

In addition to botany, Dick had an interest in the genealogy of the Straw family and enjoyed fly fishing, travel, and visiting with family and friends. He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ashland, Ore. He continued these activities in his later years in spite of struggles with a badly broken arm from a bicycle accident and dealing with a common disease of older men.

In 2004, Dick and Dorothy left Ashland and moved to Salem, Ore. to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Dick passed away on October 14, 2012 and a memorial service was held on October 27 at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Salem. Interment will be at the Eagle Point National Cemetery in Eagle Point, Ore.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Salem, or to the Oregon Flora Project at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.



October 2012 Board Meeting Highlights

by Lisa Blackburn, NPSO Secretary

Jan Wilson, EarthShare Oregon Executive Director, gave a history of EarthShare Oregon, which formed in 1989 with 13 member groups to do workplace fundraising. There are now 73 member groups (member agency information is on the EarthShare Oregon website). EarthShare Oregon raises \$600,000 each year; undesignated dollars are divided among the member groups. NPSO receives \$7,000-8,000 per year from EarthShare Oregon.

The member benefits of being a member group include networking through the EarthShare Oregon website, direct contributions through workplace contributions, and access to everyone EarthShare Oregon talks to. NPSO has not taken advantage of all the program support available. Judi Sanders requested we get a summary of member benefits to put in the NPSO *Bulletin*. Ideas: we could use EarthShare Oregon to recruit volunteers for a new Treasurer, *Bulletin* Editor, Membership Chair, etc. when we need. The next EarthShare Oregon Annual Meeting will be in June. Billy Don Robinson will send information on the meeting to the *Bulletin* Editor, on our Facebook page, and the ListServe.

The Cheahmill Chapter requested a loan from NPSO to cover deposit costs for the venue for the 2014 Annual Meeting. The Board approved loaning up to \$1,000 to the Cheahmill Chapter for deposit costs.

The Siskiyou Chapter stated they are contributing \$500 (from their profit from the 2012 Annual Meeting) to the proposed NPSO Scientific Conference.

The Board approved increasing NPSO's 2012 contribution (currently \$5,000) to the Oregon Flora Project by \$3,000.

The Fellows Committee presented Paul Slichter and Kareen Sturgeon to be Fellows in 2013. They will each receive a plaque at the 2013 Annual Meeting and lifetime NPSO membership, and articles will be in *Kalmiopsis*. The Board approved the two

nominations.

Linda Hardison presented the Oregon Flora Project update. They have 25% of the flora completed and have authors committed for another 37%. The website is being redesigned by a volunteer. The flora will include information on ethnobotany; an undergraduate has been funded to do the research. Their annual fundraising campaign is upcoming.

There was discussion whether political issues that could impact native plants should be published in the *Bulletin* and, if so, in what context. It was suggested that the *Bulletin* Editor consult with the Board President if there was a question about a political issue being appropriate for the *Bulletin*. The Editor will minimize the inclusion of political issues, and present them with a neutral tone in the *Bulletin*. Exceptions would be issues like *Arundo donax*, where NPSO is directly involved.

Billy Don Robinson gave an update on *Arundo donax*. Billy Don has reviewed the draft bill declaring the plant a noxious weed. However, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) would still allow *A. donax* under a special exemption to the Rule being proposed. On the proposed Rule, there were temporary regulations allowing test plantings. ODA has issued new draft regulations which are weaker than the old temporary regulations. There will be hearings on October 30 in Salem and October 31 in Hermiston. NPSO will provide comments; individuals can also do so.

Matt Morales was introduced as the new Membership Chair. The new membership address is PO Box 80714, Portland, OR 97280. Chapters are asked to update the address on any existing membership forms they are providing to the public.

Roger Brewer presented copies of the revised hike leader checklist and disclaimer form. The goal is to publish them on the NPSO website and use them for hikes. After discussion, it was agreed that the retention period for the disclaimer forms will be one year.

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the William Cusick Chapter July 26-28 in Baker City. Anyone willing to volunteer to help the Chapter should email Susan Geer (Chapter President).

The next board meeting will be January 26 or February 2 in Eugene at Lane Community College (hosted by the Emerald Chapter).

NPSO State Officers Needed

by Veva Stansell and Dan Luoma

The Nominating Committee is on the loose again. We are looking for candidates for State Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the year July 2013-June 2014, as well as three Directors-at-Large for two years, July 2013-June 2015.

A Brief Job Description: Travel (think short vacation from the daily grind) four times a year to meet with others with similar interests. Learn about what's happening in the world of plants around Oregon and beyond. Opportunity to exercise creative thinking. Pay is outa sight (non-existent) but you will be rewarded with the knowledge that you have a hand in conservation of plants, botanical education, and enjoyment of Oregon's native vegetation. No experience necessary, just an interest and willingness to work with others in guiding NPSO. Talk to incumbents, they can tell you what fun it is. If you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them. Chapter Presidents, please present this opportunity to your members. Give them a chance at these great positions. You must ask permission to nominate someone, and they will be asked to provide a short biographical sketch.

For more information please contact:

Dan Luoma
Nominating Committee Chair
daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu
541-752-8860

NPSO Chapter Activities for Portland, Willamette Valley, and Emerald – 2012 in Review

Portland

The Portland Chapter held nine evening meetings with invited speakers, attended by about 30 people on average, covering the topics of:

- New plant nomenclature as applied to plants of the Strawberry Mountain
- Fearless Latin: A Gardener's Introduction to Botanical Nomenclature
- The Use of Prescribed Fire on Native Prairies in the Willamette Valle
- Oregon Butterflies and Their Relationship to Flowering Plants
- Grand Ronde Ethnobotany: A brief discussion on traditional plants and their uses by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Rare plants, carnivorous plants and fragrant blossoms of the Siskiyou
- On the Pumice Plain- experimentation, observation, and modeling to understand insect herbivores and lupine colonization in the primary succession on the Mt. St. Helens Pumice Plain.
- Conifers of the Pacific Northwest
- Lichens of the Pacific Northwest and the effect of Climate Change

We will also hold our members' party on December 13 in which Chapter members show off pictures of their great plant and outdoor adventures of the previous year.

We continued our annual tradition of removing scotch broom from the Great Camas patch in Carson, Washington, returning it to its natural beauty. We provided financial support to a prison program to have inmates grow Kincaid's lupine plants, which are necessary for the habitat restoration for the endangered Fender's blue butterfly. In addition, we sponsored two botany students to attend the NPSO annual meeting. We have had several grass identification classes and a class on plant keying using Hitchcock. We averaged about one hike per week from

March through July, with hikes continuing through October.

-Roger Brewer

Willamette Valley

During 2012, the Willamette Valley chapter offered classes and programs on wildflower identification, ethnobotany, landscaping with natives, and invasive weeds.

We sponsored field trips to Bush Park, Kingston Prairie, Fairview Mitigation Wetlands, Iron Mountain, Dog Mountain, Silver Falls, Drift Creek, and Cascade Head. We are working with the City of Salem on restoration at the Fairview Mitigation Wetlands and recently organized a planting of Nelson's checkermallow and common camas.

The Willamette Valley Chapter administers the Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship programs. The Chapter awarded a Jean Davis scholarship to William Matthews, a biology major at Lane Community College, and an Augusta Rockafellar scholarship to Lea Condon, a PhD candidate at Oregon State University.

-John Savage

Emerald

The Emerald Chapter held about the same amount of activities as in 2011. We set up a booth at several events, including:

- The Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival every May, where there are more than 400 native plants on display.
- The Eugene Celebration, held in downtown Eugene towards the end of summer.
- The Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom Show takes place every October. There are always several hundred mushrooms on display. This is like a fall harvest festival with many nonprofit organizations setting up booths.

There is also live music, food and a plant sale.

We also had a program with a guest speaker once a month from September through May. In October our guest speaker was Chris Hansen, a staff member of the Oregon Natural Desert Association. There were between 70 and 75 attendees.

-Dave Predeek



Welcome New NPSO Members

Please welcome these new members who joined NPSO between August 26 and November 14, 2012.

Corvallis

Jordan Brown
Sonja V. De Herdt
Steve Manthe
Elizabeth McWilliams

Emerald

John Abernethy
Claire E. Christy
Adam Taylor
Sarah Vasconcellos

Mid-Columbia

C. Theo Anderson
Don Hardin
Beverly Linde
Ralph T. Rogers

Portland

Charles A. Adams
Greg Haworth
David Nackerud
Janet Parker
Maitreyee Sinha
Linny Stovall
Laura Taylor

Siskiyou

Emily Turner

William Cusick

Susan Boyd
Ira Cohen

Members at Large

Lori Markoff

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____
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Chapter (if known) _____

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Send completed form and full remittance to:

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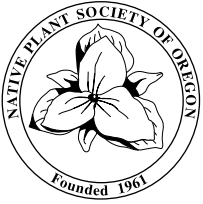
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