



# Bulletin

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### Candidates for NPSO Board Positions

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State offices. Ballots must be returned to the Ballot Counting Committee postmarked by June 1, 2013. 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:

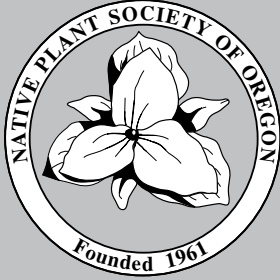
**Cyndi Dion** (Siskiyou) a 33-year resident of Ashland, grew up in Oakland, California. Cyndi's grandmother, a cactus enthusiast and inveterate gardener, instilled in her granddaughter a great love of all plants. Cyndi's

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.

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## Opening for *Kalmiopsis* Editor Position

by Cindy Roché, *Kalmiopsis* Editor

The most recent opening for an editor of *Kalmiopsis* was in 2000, so this opportunity does not come around very often. If the experience of being the editor of a classy botany journal is on your bucket list, then you should jump at this chance.

The current editor will be stepping down at completion of Volume 20 in 2013, so the next editor can learn the system before taking over the leadership. Although the new editor will no doubt make a number of changes, he/

she will find that all the infrastructure is in place for moving ahead seamlessly to produce the next issue. There are articles in the pipeline for publication, an experienced editorial board, a typesetter who has done the layout since the first issue, a printer who reliably gives an excellent product at a fair price, and a mail service that adds labels and deals with the bulk mail without a glitch. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity; if you are interested, contact Judi Sanders at [president@npsoregon.org](mailto:president@npsoregon.org).

## Co-Webmaster Opportunity

NPSO's current Webmaster is looking for someone interested in being Co-Webmaster for NPSO... If you've wanted to learn how to be a listmaster or webmaster, this is an opportunity.

Routine duties are:

- manage email list subscriptions and aliases
- update webpage with events and *Bulletins*

Do as little or as much as you like:

- design new pages for the annual state meetings
- help chapters build new pages or redesign old ones
- work on potential online membership

For more information, contact Sunia Yang, [webmaster@NPSOregon.org](mailto:webmaster@NPSOregon.org)

## Legislative Committee Update

by Billy Don Robinson, *Legislative Chair*

NPSO's legislation to ban the planting of *Arundo donax* in Oregon had its first public hearing. Testimony on HB2813 was heard by the Oregon House Energy and Environment Committee on March 19, at the capitol in Salem. NPSO was supported by Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Portland Audubon Society, WaterWatch Oregon, Trout Unlimited, and individuals who provided supporting comments.

NPSO made the point that under the current Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) rule, any corporation could commercially exploit *A. donax*. NPSO's Scientific Advisor on *A. donax*, Susan Aldrich-Markham, gave detailed testimony regarding the inevitable escape and spread if this species is planted on a commercial scale.

HB2813 is the only legislative remedy able to rescind the current ODA rule. Portland General Electric (PGE) opposed the bill, as did Oregon Association of Nurseries.

You can listen to HB2813 testimony at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/>. Select "Audio Archives, 2013 Session," then "Archives of Committee Meetings From the 2013 Session," then "Energy and Environment," and finally, "3/19/2013 at 3:01PM." The HB2813 hearing starts at minute 50.30. Real Audio Player is required, and is free to download.

### ERRATUM

The caption for the Twin Lakes photo on the cover of the April 2013 *Bulletin* was not written by the photographer. This caption misrepresented a mountain goat as a plant parasite.

# NPSO CALENDAR

## State Notes

### 2013 Annual & State Board Meetings July 26 – July 28, Friday – Sunday

The William Cusick Chapter will be hosting the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Baker City. The State Board Meeting will be held on Sunday. Details are available in the April *Bulletin* and online at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org/>. Remember to register by June 1!

## 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](http://www.oregon-nativeplants.com). To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming programs and events, please contact [cheahmillchapternpsocomcast.net](mailto:cheahmillchapternpsocomcast.net).

### May 21, Tuesday, 5 - 7 pm

**Work Party: McMinnville Library Native Plant Garden.** NPSO has responsibility for maintenance of the demonstration native plant garden surrounding the Carnegie Room at McMinnville Public Library. It is beautiful this year! Volunteers learn to ID both native plants and weeds. Bring work gloves and tools. For more information, contact Susan Williams at [helgesusan@comcast.net](mailto:helgesusan@comcast.net).

### May 23, Thursday, 6:45 pm

**Talk: Traditional Basketry and Native Plants.** Margaret Mathewson will show and tell us about basketry, decorative materials, and plants used for natural color. Margaret has studied traditional ways of native peoples in several cultures. She currently works with several tribes teaching traditional technologies. At her Ancient Arts Center in the Oregon Coast Range, she teaches traditional skills, basketry, and textile arts. Program begins at 7:00, doors open at 6:45 for social time. 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: Bonnie Laux, 503-925-4960 or [bonlaux@gmail.com](mailto:bonlaux@gmail.com).

### May 25, Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm

**Event: Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale.** Join us for this annual event. View wildflower specimens, buy native plants, and tour the library's

### 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](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>

native plant garden. Location: McMinnville Public Library, Carnegie Room, 225 NW Adams St., McMinnville.

### June 1, Saturday, 8 am – 1 pm

**Field Trip: Restored Oak Savanna and Wildflower Tour.** Lynda Boyer, restoration biologist and Native Seed Manager for Heritage Seedlings, will lead a tour of private land near Jefferson. Bring your camera, field guide, binoculars, and lunch (outhouses, drinking water, and fruit provided) for a casual walk through the prairie at peak flowering for many native wildflowers and a discussion of successes and frustrations with restoring this endangered habitat. Field trip departs 8 am sharp from parking lot on corner of Blaine St. and Linfield Ave. on the Linfield College campus, McMinnville. Pre-registration required: Cheahmill Chapter members register with Kareen Sturgeon to receive directions, [ksturg@linfield.edu](mailto:ksturg@linfield.edu), 503-472-0866.

## Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Alexis Brickner or Kevin Weitemier at [co\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:co_president@NPSOregon.org) or 208-921-0827.

### May 5, Sunday, 9 am - 4 pm

**Event Booth: Spring Garden Festival.** The chapter will again have a booth set up at the Corvallis Spring Garden Festival. Stop by to purchase some native plants for your garden, and maybe pick up some tips for a green thumb. We will also need volunteers to set up, take down, and run the booth. For more information about the festival, visit <http://madisonavenuetaskforce.org/springgardenfest.html>. If you would like to volunteer, contact Esther at 541-754-0893.

### May 11, Saturday, 2 pm

**Family Hike: Finley Woodpecker Loop.** As part of Natural Areas Appreciation Week, we will be leading a hike to Woodpecker Loop in Finley National Wildlife Refuge. This hike is great for

families, and passes through several habitat types for its short length (1.1 miles). We will meet at the trailhead located just off Finley Refuge Road. Don't forget to bring some water. Information about Finley can be found here: <http://www.fws.gov/willamettevalley/finley>. Contact Esther for more details about the hike, 541-754-0893.

**May 13, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Talk: After the Ash Falls... Plant Responses to Volcanic Tephra.** Don Zobel will review the variety of volcanic effects on forests at Mount St. Helens in 1980 and the changes as vegetation recovers. The emphasis will be on the responses to tephra by forest understory plants during a 30 year period after the eruption. Location: Avery House in Avery Park. 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.

**May 2, Thursday, 1 - 4 pm**

**Field Trip: Wild Iris Ridge City Park.** Emily Steel of Eugene Parks and Open Space will lead a tour of this fairly recent addition to a string of parks in Eugene's South Hills. We will walk two miles. To pool rides, meet 1:00 pm under the tall fir trees in the parking lot at the northeast corner of West 11th and Bailey Hill Rd. For more information call 541-345-5531.

**May 4 -5, Saturday - Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm**

**Workshop: An Introduction to Botanical Art.** NPSO and Mount Pisgah Arboretum present a two-day workshop with Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik. All skill levels are welcome. Visit Linda's website at <http://vorobikbotanicalart.com/>. Registration thru Mt. Pisgah Arboretum: [www.MountPisgahArboretum.org/wildflowermonth](http://www.MountPisgahArboretum.org/wildflowermonth) or call 541-747-3817. Fee: \$125 for NPSO/Mt Pisgah members and \$150 for non-members.

Location: Lane Community College Main Campus, 4000 E 30th Ave., Eugene, Bldg 16/Rm 115. Map & Directions: <http://www2.lanec.edu/locations/main-campus>. Questions? Contact Joan: 541-343-0535, Cell: 541-206-7054. email [josprow@comcast.net](mailto:josprow@comcast.net).

**May 11, Saturday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: Coyote Spencer Wetlands.** NPSO is leading a tour with Ryan Ruggiero of the McKenzie River Trust (MRT). MRT recently acquired this 161-acre parcel of land several miles southwest of Eugene. This exciting purchase will protect rare plants and unique wetland habitat. For more information and to sign up for this event, go to the MRT website at <http://mckenzie river.org/events/> or call 541-345-2799.



*Cephalanthera austinae, Phantom Orchid, Giclee print of ink and watercolor*

**May 18, Saturday, 9 am**

**Event: Mt. Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival Collection and Setup.** If you'd like to help collect flowers for the show please contact David McClurg, [dpm@efn.org](mailto:dpm@efn.org) or 541-746-9478. To help set up displays, come to the Arboretum at 9 am on Saturday.

**May 19, Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm**

**Event: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music 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 Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Lane Community College's Botany Department, and NPSO Emerald Chapter. Location: Map and directions at: <http://www.mountpisgaharboretum.com/visit-mpa/direction/>. Information: 541-747-3817.com.

**May 20, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting: Drawing and Painting Wildflowers Throughout the West.** Join nationally known botanical illustrator, Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik, for an illustrated tour through her life as a present-day botanical artist, as she relates how her botanical training supports her professional illustration career and has launched her into a life of botanizing and plant illustrating up and down the west coast. Location: EWEB Training Room, 500 E. 4th Ave., Eugene. For more information call 541-349-9999.

**Save the Date!**

**June 15, Saturday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge.**

**Klamath Basin**

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby at 541-884-5703 or [smalaby@cs.com](mailto:smalaby@cs.com).

**Mid-Columbia**

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at [wusara96@yahoo.com](mailto:wusara96@yahoo.com).

**May 16, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Meeting: Plant Sex: A Brief Overview.**

Brent Miller will talk about plant reproduction, contextualizing the evolution of flowers as a step in the history of plant evolution. We'll examine how flowers have made Angiosperms the most diverse group of plants on the planet, with some side trips into the alternation of generations, major plant characteristics like leaves and free-living gametes, conflict between the sexes over reproductive priorities, and pollination syndromes. Miller is a web designer at New Relic with a research background in, among other topics, sexual conflict in *Clarkia*. Location: Room 1.366, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

### June 20, Thursday, 7 pm

**Video: Finding David Douglas.** Produced by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission in collaboration with the US Forest Service and the Forestry Commission Scotland, *Finding David Douglas* is an hour-long documentary film about the 19th century Scottish botanist/plant hunter, David Douglas (1799-1834). Douglas explored western North America in a time before white settlement altered the landscape. He discovered and introduced more than 200 new species to the gardens and forests of Europe. Location: Room 1.366, 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](mailto: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.

**Meeting Location:** The Portland Chapter meets the second Thursday of most months in the 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 direct you to the meeting room upstairs. Informal meeting is at 7 pm.

Formal meeting and presentation begin at 7:15 pm.

### May 4, Saturday, 10 am

**Field Trip: Rowena Plateau Hike - Come learn the plants with us!** Led by Mary Bushman. Two mile, leisurely hike round trip with small elevation changes. Join this exploratory hike to discuss and learn about this amazing wonderland of wildflowers in May. We will stop along the way and learn to identify plants using local plant guides. Expect to see Gray's Desert Parsley, Prairie stars, and Upland Larkspurs among other plants, as well as beautiful views of the Columbia River. Bring your favorite native plant guides. Limited to 10 attendees. 150 miles round trip. Email Mary Bushman at [m.botanist@gmail.com](mailto:m.botanist@gmail.com) to register and to receive information about meeting places and times.

### May 5, Sunday, 8:15 am – mid-afternoon

**Field Trip: McCord Creek.** We'll hike to Elowah Falls and upper McCord Creek, 2.2 miles RT with 400 feet of elevation gain. The trail goes past a section of very typical Columbia Gorge flora, like *Anemone deltoidea*, *Heuchera micrantha*, and *Calypto bulbosa*, to a section of rock garden with much more unusual species like *Castilleja rupicola*, *Dodecatheon dentatum*, and *Penstemon rupicola*. Bring good footwear, lunch, and water. Meet at the Gateway TC at 8:15 for carpooling, or 9 at the John B. Yeon trailhead (<http://goo.gl/maps/kIwv3>). Please contact Brent Miller ([foliosus@foliosus.com](mailto:foliosus@foliosus.com), 503-382-7605) for more information and to sign up.

### May 5, Sunday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Field Trip: Four Sisters.** A new hike for NPSO, we'll be walking grasslands and rocky outcrops on newly purchased Columbia Land Trust property near The Dalles, with several large vernal pools surrounded by many acres of balsamroot. We'll be looking for Nevius' onion, smooth lasthenia, lupines, howell's milkvetch, numerous grasses, and riparian species. Easy 3 mile hike with 100 ft. elevation gain. Drive of 140 miles round trip. Led by Paul Slichter & Barbara Robinson. For more info

contact Paul at 503-661-3292 or [pslichter@frontier.com](mailto:pslichter@frontier.com).

### May 9, Thursday, 7 pm

**Program Meeting: Pacific Northwest Natives: A Starring Role in Invertebrate Conservation.** Brianna Borders, plant ecologist with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, will highlight important relationships between Pacific Northwest native plants and native bees and butterflies. She will describe how the Xerces Society is using native plants to increase biodiversity in urban and suburban areas, farms, and public lands. Learn about ways to support native pollinators in your garden, as well as opportunities to get involved in citizen science initiatives. Meeting location: see above. Contact: Mary Smith at [alphiesmith@comcast.net](mailto:alphiesmith@comcast.net) or 503-288-4340.

### May 13, Monday, 9 am

**Field Trip: Elk Rock Canoe and Plant ID Trip.** Led by Mary Bushman, City of Portland/Bureau of Environmental Services botanist. The trip includes a short paddle to Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River just south of Portland. On the island, Willamette River Keepers and City of Portland naturalists will guide us to areas where the city is monitoring rare plants. This island has been proposed as one of the new NPSO Rare Plant monitoring sites. We will learn more about that program on the trip. Limited to 10 attendees, canoes provided. 10 miles round trip. Contact Mary Bushman, [mary.bushman@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mary.bushman@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-2073 to reserve a space and receive information.

### May 18 and 25, Saturdays, 8:30 am - 4 pm

**Field Class: Learn to Use a Botanical Key.** This two-day class at Tryon Creek State Park, taught by Brent Miller, will teach you 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 you'll take your knowledge into the field, bringing your flora with you and keying out plants in their native habitats. Fee of \$40 and book (Hitchcock & Cronquist) required. We

will have a few copies of the book to loan. For more information or to get signed up for the class, contact Nancy Chapman at chapmannj@comcast.net.

**June 1, Saturday, 8 am – 1 pm**

**Field Trip: Restored Oak Savanna and Wildflower Tour.** See full trip description in the Cheahmill Chapter Events. Pre-registration required: Portland Chapter members register with Kareen Sturgeon to receive directions, ksturg@linfield.edu, 503-472-0866.

**June 2, Sunday, 10 am - noon**

**Field Trip: The Great Camas Scotch Broom Pull.** Over the last few years we have made excellent progress toward control of Scotch broom on this piece of property that Russ Jolley loved and cared for. At this work party we will be removing plants and new sprouts. Please bring your 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. Please contact Angie Moore MLM@teleport.com or 503 292 2093 to find out where we will meet for car pools.

**June 6, Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Field Trip: Dog Mt. Hike.** Nothing beats this in the Gorge for flowers and views. Balsamroot, lomatiums, orchids, and much more. Difficult hike, 7-mile, 2900 ft elevation gain but at a botanical pace (slow) at least on the way up, and we can shorten the hike. 110 mile RT drive. Contact Nancy Chapman at chapmannj@comcast.net for more information. Hike will be rescheduled in case of rain.

**Save the Dates!**

**June 13, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Program Meeting: Mysteries of the Monotropoidae**

**June 15, Saturday, 10:30 am**

**Field Trip: Lichens on Marys Peak**

**June 22, Saturday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: Larch Mt. Hike**

**June 25, Tuesday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: Saddle Mountain.**

## 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 2013, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program please contact Sasha Joachims at: sasharain71@gmail.com.*

Hikes are rated for difficulty according to the following criteria: Easy: Up to 3 miles, less than 700 ft. elev. gain. Moderate: 3-5 miles, less than 1,200 ft. elev. gain. Strenuous/Difficult: 5-10 miles, up to 2,500 ft. elev. gain. Rugged: Over 10 miles, steep trail, over 2,500 ft. elev. gain.

**May 11, Saturday, 9:30 am – 1 pm**

**Hike: Whetstone Savanna restoration.** Join Keith Perchemlides, TNC Field Ecologist, on an easy 2 1/2 mile tour of vernal pool habitats in the protected Whetstone Savanna north of Medford. The timing should be right to see an abundance of species in bloom – native vernal pool adapted plants and those of valley bottom oak and prairie systems. We will visit and discuss recent oak restoration, seeding of endangered species, and recent vernal pool restoration projects (Pools will likely be dry). Participants should bring water and a snack and are welcome to stay on-site to enjoy their lunches after the tour. Contact Sasha Joachims, sasharain71@gmail.com or 541-661-3492 for more information. Meet at 9:30 am at the North entrance to Whetstone Savanna Preserve.

**May 18, Saturday, 8:30 am**

**Hike: Rainie Falls.** Join BLM Botanist, Armand Rebeschke on a 4 mile moderate hike from Graves Creek bridge, along the south side trail at the beginning of the Wild and Scenic Rogue River to Rainie Falls. This is the shady side of the river, with populations of *Lewisia cotyledon* and *Delphinium nudicaule*. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch and be prepared for ~400 feet elevation change and some slippery spots. For more information, contact leader Armand

Rebeschke at 541-482-2141.

**Save the Date!**

**June 15, Saturday, 9 am – 2 or 3 pm**

**Hike: Spring Bloom at Mt. Ashland.**

**June 22, Saturday**

**Applegate Road Restoration/Decommission Tour with Doug Kendig.**

## Umpqua Valley

*Visit [www.umpquavalleynativeplants.com](http://www.umpquavalleynativeplants.com) for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our e-mail list.*

**May 4, Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm**

**Community Event: Master Gardeners Plant and Garden Expo.** Stop by our booth and say hello! Members are available to answer your questions about NPSO and landscaping with natives. We are not having our usual pant sale this year but encourage you to talk to us about plans for the future sales. Location: Douglas County Fair Grounds, I-5 exit 123.

**May 5, Sunday, 2 pm**

**Tour: Native Plant Landscapes.** Join us for a short excursion around Roseburg to tour four native plant landscape gardens. We hope to make this an annual event. Reservations required. Please contact chapter president for more information.

**May 9, Thursday, 6 pm, Program at 7**

**Meeting: General Business.** Long time Douglas County residents and NPSO members Frank and Jeanne Moore will share their lifetime experiences and many achievements with us at an evening social. The public is welcome. Location: Douglas County Museum of Natural History, I-5 exit 123, Roseburg. For information: 541-459-2821, evenings.

**May 11, Saturday, 2 pm**

**Field Trip: Beatty Creek NRA.** The Beatty creek area is a serpentine rock outcrop near the town of Riddle that features many native plant species. This is a very popular trip and we are sure to find wildflowers blooming throughout spring. Meet in the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse off

Fowler St. at 2 pm or at the Tri City McDonalds, exit 103 at 2:30.

## Willamette Valley

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

### May 4, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon

**Program: Rain Garden Tour.** This tour is hosted by the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center, including Willamette Valley Chapter members. The tour will include rain gardens at private homes as well as commercial and government sites. Directions to the gardens and plant lists will be provided. There will also be guides at each garden. The tour is free and open to the public. Location: the tour will start at the Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, next to Olinger Pool near North Salem High. For information, call 503-391-4145

### May 11 and 12, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

**Program: Silver Falls State Park Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Weekend.** Wildflower walks, beginning

at 11 am and led by NPSO members and Park volunteers, will be offered throughout the two days. Bird walks, presentations, and photo hikes will be available. For a full schedule of activities, registration forms, and overnight options, contact Park staff at 503-874-0201. Location: Starting point for the walks is the Historic South Falls Lodge. Free and open to the public.

### May 16, Thursday, 6 pm

**Field Trip: Bush Park Wildflower Walk.** John Savage will lead a walk to view wildflowers in Bush Park and Deepwood Estate. Nearly two dozen native wildflowers should be in bloom. Location: meet at the bottom of the Soapbox Derby track in Bush Park. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm.

### May 21 and May 28, Tuesdays, 7 - 9 pm; June 1, Saturday, field trip TBA

**Class: Wildflower Identification.** Learn how to identify flowers of forest, field, woodlands, and riparian areas in this three-part class. Aislinn Adams and John Savage, Willamette Valley Chapter members, will explain the basics, focusing on common plant families

and species in Oregon. Details about the June 1 field trip will be announced in class. Location: Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, next to Olinger Pool near North Salem High. This class is open to the public and costs \$5. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center and the Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO. Registration is required. To register, call 503-391-4145 or email [fselc@fselc.org](mailto:fselc@fselc.org).

### June 1, Saturday, 8 am - 1 pm

**Field Trip: Restored Oak Savanna and Wildflower Tour.** See full trip description in the Cheahmill Chapter Events. Pre-registration required: Willamette Valley members register with John Savage to receive directions, 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.

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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:

**Michael Hartman** (Emerald) is a long-time member of the Emerald Chapter and has filled numerous instrumental roles with the chapter and at the state level. Michael was one of our first webmasters and has been at the core of the Bulletin Mailing Committee for many years.

**Dan Luoma** (Corvallis) has been a member of NPSO since about 1980. He has previously served as State President and Vice-president and was inducted as a Fellow of our organization in 2012. His academic training is in ecological plant geography. Dan is a professor, specializing in forest mycology, with the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. Dan's teaching includes a course on forest mycology, intermittently offered through the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University. Primarily, he pursues research on the diversity of truffles and mushrooms in the forests of the Pacific Northwest. Dan has been an advocate for conservation of wildflowers since about age 7 – sometimes “acting locally” means keeping an eye on your little sister who wants to pick ALL the cat's ears and shooting stars for a Mother's Day bouquet.

**Kareen Sturgeon** (Cheahmill) received her B.S. in public health from UCLA in 1965, an M.S. in biology from California State University (1976) and a doctorate in biology from the University of Colorado (1980). She was a post-doctoral Research Associate in the Department of Forest Science at Oregon State University before coming to the Biology Department at Linfield College where she taught for 27 years. Kareen's research on bark beetles and their host trees took her from the Sierra Nevada to the Rocky Mountains and Cascade Range. She and her students did plant ecological and systematics research in Arctic Alaska, in mountainous regions of the northwest, and in Willamette Valley wet prairies. Throughout her career, she led field trips to many beautiful places throughout the northwest, to the Swiss Alps, and to Costa Rica. She was co-founder of the Cheahmill Chapter of NPSO and served as its first president. She has served on the State Board several times in the past and is currently on the editorial board for *Kalmiopsis*. She will be inducted as a 2013 NPSO Fellow at the Annual Meeting in July. Now retired, she enjoys taking art and other classes, hiking, rafting, and more. She is a certified yoga instructor and Master Gardener.

# May is Wildflower Month in the Southern Willamette Valley

by Gail Baker, Emerald Chapter

The Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival is the central event for wildflower enthusiasts in the Southern Willamette Valley. Wildflower month celebrates the grandeur of the floral diversity in our region.

The first and fourth weekends this May are especially rich with choices of events. The kick-off will be the opening reception of the first-ever Oregon Native Wildflower Illustrations exhibit on Friday May 3, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Karin Clarke Art Annex. Several illustrators will be on hand to talk about their art. Eighteen nationally and locally renowned illustrators have been invited to display and sell their artwork. The exhibit runs through May 31, Tuesdays-Saturdays 12-5:30 pm, at the Karin Clarke Art Annex, 749 Willamette St, Eugene.

The botanical illustration theme continues throughout that weekend with a Botanical Illustration Workshop: “An Introduction to Botanical Art,” on May 4 and 5, taught by Dr. Linda Vorobik. Linda’s artwork will be available for purchase at the Art Annex and at a booth at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival.

Two weeks later, on May 19, families and friends can enjoy the annual Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival, with a display of over 300 labeled wildflowers, a plant sale, and guided wildflower walks. The next day, May 20, people can attend a free presentation, “Drawing and Painting Wildflowers Throughout the West,” given by Dr. Linda Vorobik.

For more information about these events, please go to the Calendar pages of this issue under the Emerald Chapter list of activities. There is truly a package of wildflower experiences waiting for everyone in the Eugene area!

## Planning Your Tour of Wildflower Festivals in Oregon Part II

by Gail Baker, Emerald Chapter

Have you ever thought about designing a road trip around wildflower festivals, walks and hikes? The calendar of events presented here may give you some ideas about fully immersing yourself in Oregon’s spring wildflower season.

To plan your own hikes there are numerous web-based tools. Wildflower spotting websites have updated reports that tell you what is blooming where at different dates. One is Tanya Harvey’s “Plants & Places Blog” on her website, [www.westerncascades.com/blog](http://www.westerncascades.com/blog). Another is [www.oregonwildflowers.org](http://www.oregonwildflowers.org) by Greg Lief, and a third is the USFS Wildflower Viewing website, [www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/viewing](http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/viewing). You can also visit the website of each NPSO Chapter for a list of resources. An example from the NPSO Emerald Chapter is “Spring and Summer Wildflower Displays Within Driving Distance of Eugene, Oregon,” available at [www.emerald.npsoregon.org/](http://www.emerald.npsoregon.org/); click on the wildflower hikes link.

The other resources that you absolutely want to become familiar with are those offered by the Oregon Flora Project (OFP), [www.oregonflora.org](http://www.oregonflora.org). As you enjoy the wildflower displays at festivals and in the wild, remember that our knowledge about these beautiful

flowers is brought to you by the efforts of the OFP. This is a good time to visit the OFP Photo Gallery tab to match photos of wildflowers with identification and the OFP Plant Atlas tab to locate where your favorite wildflowers are distributed throughout Oregon so you can plan your wildflower hikes.

The festival calendar presented here is from responses to a request to NPSO Chapter Presidents all over Oregon. We hope to receive more responses for a more comprehensive 2014 calendar as we undoubtedly are missing some festivals. Please send your Wildflower Festival information to Gail Baker [bakerg@lanecc.edu](mailto:bakerg@lanecc.edu).



*Salt and Pepper #1 (Nemophila menziesii var. atomaria); this watercolor will grace the 2013 Mt Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival Poster.*

### **Chronological List of Upcoming 2013 Oregon Wildflower Festivals**

**Disclaimer/Caveat:** All the information here was provided by individuals associated with the Festivals or gleaned from websites. When planning your wildflower trips please double-check directly with the event website to confirm dates and details.

#### **May 11 and 12, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm**

Silver Falls State Park Mother’s Day Birding and Wildflower Weekend  
See Willamette Valley Chapter Notes for more information.

#### **May 19, Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm**

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival  
This annual event is always the Sunday after Mother’s Day. See Emerald Chapter Notes for more information.

#### **May 25, Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm**

NPSO Cheahmill Chapter Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale  
See Cheahmill Chapter Notes for more information.

#### **July 4, Thursday**

Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show (part of Ashland Chamber 4th of July Celebration)  
[www.ashlandchamber.com/Page.asp?NavID=1121](http://www.ashlandchamber.com/Page.asp?NavID=1121)  
Location: Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way  
Sponsored by NPSO Siskiyou Chapter.



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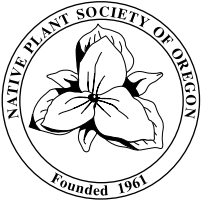
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