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## The Results Are Out – NPSO’s Response to the Survey!

by Mary Beth Averill, Cecile Shohet, and Erin Gray

The Native Plant Society of Oregon Development Committee recently created a survey to better understand the needs of NPSO members, and to help guide future directions for our organization. We were delighted by the thoughtful responses from members all over the state. In total, 205 individuals put time into participating, and the results are a very powerful representation of NPSO as a whole: a dynamic, interactive, dedicated group of individuals who truly care about the conservation of native plants and are devoted to education for the future. We have summarized the results below.

### Who responded?

Twenty-three percent of the NPSO membership responded to this survey (196 responses were analyzed; 205 with late responses)! Of those, 20% belonged to the Corvallis chapter; 17% to the Portland chapter; 15% to the Emerald chapter; 11% to the Siskiyou chapter; and 5% or less each to the Cheahmill, High Desert, Klamath, Mid-Columbia, Umpqua Valley, and William Cusick chapters. Seven percent said they were not affiliated with a chapter, and nine percent said they were not members (151 responses).

People in the 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and older age groups each made up 23%, or together 46% of the respondents. Those in the 40-49 age group accounted for 10%; the 30-39 age group, for 18%, and the 20-29 age group, for 3% (154 responses).

When we asked how long respondents had been involved in NPSO, 25% replied for 1-5 years; 23% for 10-20 years; 20% more than 20 years; 17% for 6-10 years; and 15% less than a year (145 responses).

In terms of profession, whether employee or retiree, 44% indicated that they were professional botanists, biologists, or ecologists. Educators accounted for 13% of the respondents. Other professionals made up 13%; non-professionals were 17%; and people who just wrote retired accounted for 14%. (148 respondents).

### Respondents’ participation in NPSO

We gave respondents a list of choices

of how they currently participate in NPSO, choosing as many categories as they wanted. Chapter meetings had a response of 56% and chapter outings or field trips, 54%. Thirty-one percent of respondents said they attend the annual meeting; educational and botanical workshops, 23%; plant sales, Native Plant Appreciation Week, and plant shows, 18% each. Twelve percent said they participated in chapter work days; 10% in Citizen’s Rare Plant Watch outings; and 8% in state board meetings. Twenty-four percent checked “other” and wrote in responses, including: read *Bulletin* and other NPSO materials, write news articles or other NPSO materials, liaison with other related organizations, use NPSO website or list serve, serve on NPSO committees and

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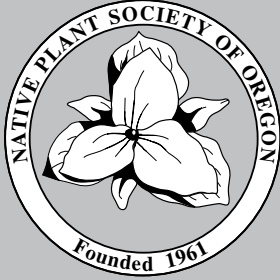


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*Lucky hikers may see Paeonia brownii at the Baker Cypress grove in the Klamath Mountains on May 10.*

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## Candidates for NPSO Board Positions

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State Board Offices. **Ballots must be returned to the Ballot Counting Committee postmarked by May 1, 2014.** Newly elected individuals assume office during the Annual Meeting.

### President:

**Kelli Van Norman** (Portland) grew up in the mountains of southwestern Oregon hiking and learning the native flora through 4-H Forestry. She enjoys botanizing throughout the Pacific Northwest. Kelli earned a B.S. in Geography from the University of Oregon and an M.S. in Forest Science from Oregon State University. Since 2004 she has been working throughout Oregon and Washington for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Region 6 Forest Service as the inventory coordinator for the Interagency Special Status/Sensitive Species program, which focuses on several hundred vascular plant species as well as numerous lichens, bryophytes, fungi, vertebrates and invertebrates. Kelli has previously served on the NPSO State Board as Secretary, President, and Immediate Past President.

### 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 BLM 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 originally became the incumbent by volunteering at an Annual Meeting to fill the void left when David Barts moved out of state. Lisa recently served as President of the Cheahmill Chapter.

### Treasurer:

**Cyndi Dion** (Siskiyou) has served as the NPSO State Treasurer for the last seven years. Two years ago, she retired from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (also a non-profit) after thirteen years as the business and accounting manager. Prior to that she was the accounting manager for Jefferson Public Radio and had her own bookkeeping/accounting business for fourteen years, keeping books for many small businesses and non-profits in the southern Oregon area. She previously served on the Board of Southern Oregon Land Conservancy as Treasurer, and the Southern Oregon Child Study and Treatment Center as a board member. Currently she spends her time trekking through the southern Oregon area and beyond trying to remember her botany from her years of study at Southern Oregon University in the eighties.

### Directors-at-large:

**Linda Hardison** (Corvallis) grew up in Texas and moved to the Pacific  
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# NPSO CALENDAR

## State Notes

### NPSO Board Meeting

**April 19, Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm**

The next State board meeting will be in Hood River, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Chapter. Take some time afterwards to enjoy Blossomfest; for information visit <http://hoodriver.org/events-festivals/chamber-events/blossom-fest>.

### NPSO Annual Meeting 2014

**June 6 - 8, Friday - Sunday**

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be sponsored by the Cheahmill Chapter. Join us for a coastal weekend in and around Cannon Beach. Meeting headquarters will be at Surfsand Resort. The Saturday banquet will include a keynote address by ecologist Kathleen Sayce. Additional information is in the February *Bulletin* and online at [www.npsoregon.org/annualmeeting.html](http://www.npsoregon.org/annualmeeting.html). **Please register by May 1.**

## Blue Mountain

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

**April 16, Wednesday, 7 pm**

**Meeting: Chapter Rebirth and Future Plans.** All are invited to a planning meeting and celebration of the rebirth of the Blue Mountain Chapter. Snack food will be provided. Slides shown. Memories shared...Jerry Baker, Olin Anderson, Bruce Barnes. Location: meet in the theater room at the Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, SE 3rd & Court, Pendleton. Information: 541-276-5547.

**April 26, Saturday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: McNary Wildflowers.**

Join us to carpool to the McNary area for great early spring flowers. Location: meet in the NE corner of Safeway parking lot (near traffic light), Pendleton. Trip leaders: Jerry & Bruce.

## Ceahmill

*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).*

**April 24, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Talk: Paleoethnobotany at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter.** Join us for a talk by Dr. Marge Hezler of Lane Community College on her paleoethnobotany

### 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>

studies at a Pleistocene-age archaeological site located in eastern Oregon. This presentation will focus on how charred wood, seeds, and other plant remains collected from the site provide insight into ancient human diets and climatic conditions of the past. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing, meeting/program starts at 7 pm. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. (corner of Hwy 99W and SW 2nd St.) Parking lot entrances on Adams and 2nd Streets. Contact: Luke Westphal, 971-388-9200 or [lukeowestphal@gmail.com](mailto:lukeowestphal@gmail.com).

## Corvallis

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

**April 14, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Talk: Ecology of Mangrove Swamps around the World.** Dr. Boone Kauffman is our speaker for April. Location: Avery House in Avery Park. Contact Kevin, 208-921-0827, for more information.

**April 22, Tuesday, 11 am - 3 pm**

**Community Fair: OSU Earth Week.** Stop by the NPSO table at the Community Fair. NPSO will be offering ideas about native plants for the garden to replace non-natives that can become invasive. Location: OSU Memorial Union Quad.

**April 26, Saturday, 1 - 4 pm**

**Work Party: Avery Garden.** The native plant garden around the Avery House needs some work for the spring. Bring work gloves, tools, and water to drink. Contact: Esther, 541-754-0893.

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

**Event Booth: Spring Garden Festival.** We will again have a booth set up at this 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 information about the festival, visit <http://madisonavenuetaskforce.org/springgardenfest.html>. If you would like to volunteer, contact Esther at 541-754-0893.

**May 12, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Talk: Golden Paintbrush in the Willamette Valley.** Caitlin Lawrence has been studying how best to reintroduce this species, once lost from the Willamette Valley. Location: Avery House in Avery Park. Contact: Kevin, 208-921-0827.

## Emerald

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

**Meeting location:** Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd. Turn off MLK Blvd. onto Scout Access Rd. across from Autzen and take the first left into the parking lot. The meeting room is on the right side as you face the building.

**April 12, Saturday, 1 - 4 pm**

**Work Party/Walk: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum.** Join Gail Baker and Jenny Lippert to help with sorting and cleaning vases that will be used for displaying plant collections at the annual wildflower festival. We'll take a break from work and walk along the arboretum trails to see which wildflowers are in bloom, so it will be educational too! Location: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, White Oak Pavilion. Contacts: Gail at 541-344-8377 or Jenny at 541-343-3242.

**April 17, Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting/Talk: Growing More than Plants at the Friends of Buford Park Nursery.** Jason Blazar gives a presentation on the purpose, scope, and scale of native plant material production in the Mt. Pisgah area. Jason has been the stewardship coordinator of Friends of Buford Park (FBP) since November 1999. His talk includes context within the FBP stewardship program, purpose, scale, production, marketing, ethno botanical projects, educational

opportunities, and an opportunity for the NPSO Emerald Chapter to consider partnering to develop a pollinator demonstration garden at the nursery. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, see above for directions. For more information call 541-344-8377.

**April 26, Saturday, 12:15 pm**

**Field Trip: Oregon Country Fair Wildflower Walk.** Bob Nisbet and Charlene Simpson will lead a wildflower walk at the site of the Oregon Country Fair. This is an opportunity to see abundant spring wildflowers in a riparian site. The walk is flat land, but some areas are wet. Wear appropriate shoes. Location: meet at 12:15 pm under the fir trees at Lowes' parking lot, northeast corner at West 11th Ave. and Bailey Hill to carpool to the site. Contact: Charlene Simpson, 541-465-1059.

**May 8, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm**

**Field Tour: Coyote Spencer Wetlands.** Join Dave Predeek, Gail Baker, and Clay Gautier of NPSO and Ryan Ruggiero of the McKenzie River Trust (MRT) for a tour of this wetland reserve. Coyote Spencer is several miles southwest of Eugene. MRT acquired 2 parcels totaling nearly 200 acres to protect rare plants and unique wetland habitat. For more information and to sign-up, visit <http://mckenzie-river.org/events/> or call 541-345-2799 (Note: This tour will be repeated June 22.).

**Save the Date!**

**May 22, Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting/Talk: Determining the Environmental Factors that Drive the Distribution of a River Ecosystem Engineer, *Carex nudata*.**

## High Desert

*For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) and Facebook page: Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter, or email [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com).*

**April 12, Saturday, Time TBA**

**Field Trip: Columbia Gorge.** Details will be posted on the chapter website

when available.

**April 26-27, Saturday-Sunday**

**Field Trip: Glide Wildflower Show.** We will visit the Glide Wildflower Show and botanize on the west side of the Cascades, with an overnight campout on the 26th. If interested in camping, contact Susan Berger at [suzyfishn@gmail.com](mailto:suzyfishn@gmail.com) or visit the chapter website for full details.

**May 4, Sunday, Time TBA**

**Field Trip: Painted Hills in the John Day.** Details will be posted on the chapter website when available.

**May 24, Saturday, Time TBA**

**Field Trip: Alder Springs.** Details will be posted on the chapter website when available.

**June 20-21, Friday-Saturday**

**Event: Central Oregon Wildflower Show.** The High Desert Chapter is working on this wildflower show, to be held at the Sunriver Nature Center ([www.sunrivernaturecenter.org](http://www.sunrivernaturecenter.org)). Volunteers will be needed to "harvest" specimens, help ID, and be on hand to answer questions during the two-day show. To help, please contact chapter vice president Susan Berger at [suzyfishn@gmail.com](mailto:suzyfishn@gmail.com).

## Klamath Basin

*This chapter has recently become active. For information, visit the Klamath Basin Chapter website: <http://klamathbasinnps.com> or contact the chapter president, Melissa Schroeder [meljschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:meljschroeder@gmail.com).*

## Mid-Columbia

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

**April 12, Saturday, 9 am**

**Tour: The Dalles Mountain Ranch Prairie Restoration Site.** Join Bob Hansen for a walk to see the effect of cattle grazing on this sage-steppe grassland and to offer suggestions regarding the restoration project. The tour will be about 2 hrs to allow for discussion at various viewpoints. Distance: 1-2

miles on open prairie, no path. Location: meet at the The Dalles Mountain Ranch old ranch site at the intersection of The Dalles Mountain Road and the access road to Stacker Butte. Bring a sack lunch if you wish to eat at the site at the end of the walk. For details and to register, contact Bob Hansen at 509-637-2736, bobhansen@gorge.net.

#### April 17, Thursday, 7 pm

**Program/Meeting: Early Detection and Rapid Response to the Worst Weeds of the Columbia Gorge.** Cyndi Soliz, partnership specialist, Skamania County Noxious Weed Program and vice-president of the Cape Horn Conservancy, will provide an introduction to the "Worst Weeds of the Gorge" as designated by the Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area (CGCWMA). The CGCWMA consists of 25 land management organizations that coordinate activities to address invasive weeds across their jurisdictions within the Gorge. Their approach promotes Early-Detection-Rapid-Response (EDRR) strategies, with an emphasis on prevention. Location: Room 1.366, 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.

**Meeting location:** The Portland Chapter meets the second Thursday of most months in the Metro Building at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. Enter from NE Irving St. on the north side of the building and walk across the upper plaza to the entrance (not the door on 600 NE Grand Ave.). An attendant will let you in and direct you to the meeting room upstairs. Meetings and programs begin at 7 pm.

#### April 8, Tuesday, 9 am

**Field Trip: McCord Creek.** Early flowers at McCord Creek include *Synthyris*, *Douglasia*, and *Oemlaria*. This is an easy hike of about 3 miles round trip with 500 feet elevation gain. Driving is about 60 miles round trip. Be ready to leave at 9 am; call leaders for meeting location: Jan and Dave Dobak, 503-248-9242.

#### April 10, Thursday, 7 pm

**Program: Getting Close to Our Native Ferns.** Dr. David Wagner's talk will emphasize looking at our native ferns with a fresh eye using some of the newer tools of technology. He has been using his compound microscope, LED lights, digital camera, and stacking software to make beautiful, close-up pictures of some of the smaller parts of ferns, both outside and inside. Meeting location: Metro Building, see above for details. Contact: Mary at alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

#### April 12, Saturday, 2-4 pm

**Field Trip: Nob Hill Nature Park (NHNP).** Join us in St. Helens for an easy stroll to view *Trillium* and fawn lily in an area currently undergoing restoration. NHNP is a small oak woodland, perched on a basal bluff, that overlooks the Columbia River. Poison oak is common off well-maintained trails. Long pants and long sleeves are suggested. This event is on, rain or shine. Location and directions: Meet at the city of St. Helens wastewater treatment facility across from the park at 2 pm. From Portland, take Hwy 30 north about 30 miles. At the WalMart in St Helens, turn right on Gable Rd., bear right on Plymouth St., then right again on Sixth, and continue to the wastewater treatment plant on the right side. Park across from the park's main entrance. A plant list is available by calling trip leader, Caroline Skinner at 503-248-9719. For day of event only, call 503-349-8586.

#### April 19, Saturday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Field Trip: Memaloose Hills.** Wild-flower hike in the eastern Gorge, moderate, 5-6 miles, 800 foot elevation gain. You will not find this hike in any book. The trail is jam-packed with

flower species, including the rare violet suksdorffia and big shows of balsam-root. It boasts a pioneer road and basalt formations and was a favorite of Russ Jolley. 140 miles round-trip drive. Registration required, contact Beth Magnus at 503-706-5108 or magnuselizabeth@gmail.com; carpooling info provided at sign-up. Be ready to leave at 8:30 am.

#### April 30, Wednesday, 6:30 pm

**Field Trip: Camassia Nature Preserve Hike.** Easy one-mile hike. A profusion of *Camassia quamash*, hopefully in full bloom, and 300 other plant species. Location: meet at the preserve entrance at 5000 Walnut Street, West Linn. Contact: Roger Brewer, rogerbrewer@comcast.net or 503 789-5027. This trip may be delayed if weather is not agreeable so you are strongly encouraged to contact Roger and let him know you're planning to attend. Also, let Roger know if you can't get there by 6:30 pm. The preserve is small so you may be able to still join the group.

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

**Field Class: Penstemon Keying Workshop.** Learn to key *Penstemon* from close up photos projected to a large-screen TV and a tour of garden specimens. Focus on the four major subgenera as well as a selection of species. Bring a hand lens and any *Penstemon* keys you might have available (e.g., Strickler, Lodewick, Hitchcock); some handouts will be provided. Bring a sack lunch; beverages will be available. A fee of \$20 required. Location: this workshop will be held at the home of the instructor. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Nancy Chapman at chapmannj@comcast.net.

#### May 8, Thursday, 7 pm

**Program: Rock Stars of the Western Cascades.** Emerald Chapter member Tanya Harvey will show photos of rock-loving plants that grow in Oregon's Western Cascades. She will talk about the different types of rocky habitats where they can be found and share some good locations to look for them. For information about her plant explorations, visit her website, www.westerncascades.com. Tanya will bring her art, photo cards, and bird ornaments

for sale (see [www.tanyaharveydesign.com](http://www.tanyaharveydesign.com)). Meeting location: Metro Building, see above for details. Contact: Mary at [alphiesmith@comcast.net](mailto:alphiesmith@comcast.net) or 503-288-4340.

### May 10 and 17, Saturdays, 8:30 am - 4 pm

**Field Class: Learn to Use a Botanical Key.** This two-day, highly interactive 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 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, 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 sign up for the class, contact Nancy Chapman at [chapmannj@comcast.net](mailto:chapmannj@comcast.net).

### Save the Date!

### May 18, Sunday, 11 am - 2 pm

**Field Trip: Local Grasses.** Rick Shory will lead this field trip at Rocky Butte in Portland. For more information or to register, contact Rick at [rickshory@gmail.com](mailto:rickshory@gmail.com), phone 503-253-8100.

## 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](mailto: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 2014, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program please contact Sasha Joachims at: [sasharain71@gmail.com](mailto:sasharain71@gmail.com).

### April 12, Saturday, 10 am

**Hike: Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside.** Come and experience rare native flowers, unique plant communities, and open rocky landscape. The wildflowers of Rough & Ready Creek are threatened by two invasive species - *Alyssum murale* and *A. corsicum*. A large local eradication effort has been mobilized and we will keep an eye out

for the *Alyssum* as we walk. Bring drinking water and wear layered clothing and comfortable shoes. The ground is relatively level, but uneven and very rocky. Part of the hike is wheelchair accessible. Location: meet at Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside on the west side of Hwy 199, south of Cave Junction. Contact: Suzanne Vautier of the Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) at 541-291-8860.

### April 17, Thursday, 7 pm

**Rescheduled Talk: Plant Galls.** Oak apples, honeydew ambrosia galls, and witches' brooms - all are types of plant galls, a commonly observed, yet little-understood botanical phenomenon. Ronald Russo, author of the *Field Guide to Plant Galls of California and Other Western States*, will describe how galls are growths of various shapes, sizes, and colors produced by host plants in response to invading insects and other organisms. Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Bldg., RM 171. Refreshments at 6:45 pm, meeting and program at 7 pm. Contact: Kristi at 541-941-3744.

### May 10, Saturday, 9 am

**Hike: Flounce Rock and Baker Cypress ACEC.** Easy 1/4 mile hike to the grove of Baker Cypress trees, rocky scablands, vernal wet meadows, and conifer stands. We MAY see *Paeonia brownii*, *Fritillaria pudica*, and what I think is *Lewisia pygmaea*. We may also tally the surviving Baker Cypress seedlings the BLM planted. Then we'll drive about 1/3 mile to the top of Flounce Rock. This is a good spot for a lunch break with lovely views. WARNING - Flounce Rock is at the top of steep cliffs, although there is ample flat area to park and walk around. There are also several telecommunication towers there. We'll return to Medford by early afternoon. Location: meet at the Medford Interagency (BLM/Forest Service) office at 3040 Biddle Rd, Medford. Contact: Marcia Wineteer at [mwineteer@q.com](mailto:mwineteer@q.com) or 541-535-3081.

## 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.

### April 5, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

**Community Event: Earth Day Celebration and Fair.** Be sure to visit our NPSO booth at the Earth Day Fair in Roseburg. We will have handouts about NPSO and members ready to answer questions. We also have landscaping information. No entry fee to attend the fair. Location: Douglas Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg. From I-5 take exit 123.

### April 10, Thursday, 6 pm

**Meeting: General Business.** Our chapter meets on the second Thursday of the month. We are asking for more participation in planning upcoming events and field trips. Please visit our website, [www.umpquavalleynativeplants.com](http://www.umpquavalleynativeplants.com), to be added to our email list and sign up to participate in our database research. Location: Mercy Community Education Room 1, above Parkway Medical Supply. For information call 541-459-2821, evenings.

### April 12, Saturday, 9:30 am - 1 pm

**Field Trip: Wildflower Walk.** Join us for a wildflower walk-about on private property near Roseburg. We will also visit RUSA's Memorial Natural Treatment Facility nearby to see how the wetlands there are performing. Bring a snack or even lunch and appropriate clothing. Location: meet at 9:30 am at the courthouse parking lot on Fowler St. in Roseburg, behind the library. Parking is limited at the site so plan to carpool. Contacts: Jim Long 541-673-3713 or Donna Rawson 541-459-2821, evenings.

### April 26 - 27, Saturday - Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm

**Community Event: Glide Wildflower Show.** We think it is the "Pacific Northwest's Premier Wildflower Show". Folks come from around the world just to see this wildflower display of over 600 species. It will give you a better appreciation for the diversity and beauty of our own native flora. Visit our NPSO booth and say hello. Location: Glide

Community Center, 20062 N Umpqua Hwy 138, Glide. From I-5 at Roseburg, take exit 124, then through town follow signs to Rt. 138 East (North Umpqua Highway to Crater Lake). The Glide Community Center is just past Milepost 17 on the left. For more information, visit [www.glidewildflowershow.org](http://www.glidewildflowershow.org).

## Willamette Valley

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

**April 4-5, Friday-Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm**

**Program: *Erythronium* Native Plant Festival and Sale.** Celebrate the earth's reawakening and the exquisitely beautiful *Erythronium oregonum* (native lilies) blooming at Historic Deepwood Estate. Purchase a few native plants for your own garden, take a guided nature walk led by members of NPSO, or just come to enjoy a day outside and the special exhibits and informational booths. Location: 1116 Mission St. SE (12th and Mission) in Salem. Free parking is available off Lee St. For more information, call 503-363-1825 or visit [www.wildflowershow.org](http://www.wildflowershow.org).

[HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org](http://HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org).

**April 15, Tuesday, 6 pm**

**Field Trip: Bush Park Wildflower Walk.** John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter 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.

**April 17 & 24, Thursdays, 6:30 - 9 pm**

**Program: 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. Field trip details will be announced in class. Location: Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A. Street NE, next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High. This class is open to the public and costs \$5. Registration is required, please call 503-391-4145 or email [fselc@fselc.org](mailto:fselc@fselc.org).

**April 19, Saturday, 7 am - 5 pm**

**Field Trip: Catherine Creek.** John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter will lead a trip to view the wildflowers at Catherine Creek in the Columbia Gorge. Come prepared for a long day, returning about 5 pm. Registration is required. Call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm for information about carpooling and to register.

## William Cusick

Visit our Web site at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> or contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or Emelie Montgomery-Jones at 541-963-3339 for updates and general information. Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. Members are reminded to contact Susan or Emelie if they want to be added to the Google group, or if they do not have internet access and want to be contacted by phone for events.

**April 19, Saturday, 9 am**

**Native Plant Sale: Plantworks Nursery.** To celebrate Earth Day, our chapter will sponsor a native plant sale, starting at 9 am. Proceeds will go to the Oregon Flora Project. Location: Plantworks Nursery, 69465 Lantz Lane, Cove.

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*Board Candidates, continued from page 2*

Northwest to attend graduate school. She received her Ph.D in Botany at the University of Washington in 1995, and was a postdoctoral fellow in the Botany & Plant Pathology Department at Oregon State University. She is now the director of the Oregon Flora Project (OFP). Her association with the OFP began as a volunteer in 1999, focusing on outreach and giving slide presentations to public groups and NPSO chapters across the state. She also serves as chair of the NPSO Friends of the Oregon Flora Project Committee.

**Laura Taylor** (Portland) is a third-generation Oregonian and grew up exploring the Cascades and Sierra Nevadas with her family. She earned a B.S. in Botany and Plant Ecology from The Evergreen State College, and a M.S. in Invasive Plant Ecology

from Portland State University. She has worked for seven years providing botanical and ecological technical support for restoration projects with public, non-profit, and private organizations. Laura also teaches a course on native plants at Portland Community College. She is excited to join the NPSO Board, and is especially interested in the synergistic potential to be harnessed with advocacy for native plants and pollinators. Laura loves growing native plants as well as delicious veggies and berries in her garden in Portland, and occasionally escapes to go for a hike or bike ride.

**Kevin Weitemier** (Corvallis) was raised in Boise, Idaho, and has been an Oregon resident for the past eight years. He completed a Masters degree in Plant Systematics at Portland State University, where he investigated

Oregon's native lupines. Kevin is currently a Ph.D candidate in the Botany & Plant Pathology Department at Oregon State University, where he is studying milkweeds, including an Oregon native. He is currently Corvallis Chapter President and has successfully guided the chapter for the last two years. Kevin is looking forward to being on the state-wide board and contributing to the advancement of the NPSO mission. He is particularly interested in building ties with other conservation organizations in the state and increasing participation of Oregon's younger plant enthusiasts.



local boards, lead field trips and presentations at NPSO program meetings, contribute funds, and not currently active in local activities (195 responses).

We also asked **how participants would like to be involved in NPSO**, and you answered (183 responses).

How participants would like to be involved in NPSO	% of Respondents
Chapter outings or field trips	74
Educational and botanical workshops	72
Promoting native plants in landscaping	65
Chapter meetings	60
Weekend field-based workshops all over Oregon	51
Keeping invasive species out of the nursery industry	51
Advocacy for conservation issues and land use planning	5
Citizen's Rare Plant Watch outings	48
Attending the annual meeting	44
Petitioning ODA to review the status of rare plants in Oregon	44
Chapter work days	42
Plant sales	41
Native Plant Appreciation Week	40
Lobbying for native plant related issues	39
Plant shows	39
Putting on a scientific conference	36
Native plant education with youth	36
State Board meetings	12

A number of the "other" comments stressed advocacy - being a "voice" for native plants, introducing legislation

that deals with invasive species as well as ODA practice/policy, providing education and opportunity to landscape with natives.

### Looking to the future...

We asked: **Do you support NPSO becoming an organization with a paid staff (initially only an executive director) to expand programming? Staff would administer and procure grants for educational and conservation related activities, and oversee fundraising to increase public awareness of the needs of Oregon's wild flora.** The overwhelming response was that this is a good idea (103 of 142 responses). Many commented that we need paid staff for the organization to grow and for NPSO to become more effective in advocacy. A major concern was cost (31 responses). Another concern, stated several times, was not having NPSO being money driven, a situation in which fundraising to support staff becomes a major focus of the organization or the Board to the detriment of our goals or activities. Other major concerns were raising dues to pay for the funded positions (respondents do not want dues to go up) and worry about how to continue to fund the positions after an initial grant. Thirteen people were opposed to the idea of paid staff.

Question 4 asked, **"What aspects of NPSO are more important to you?"** (138 responses; numbers in parentheses = number of responses)

- Education (102): this figure includes responses to the category of outreach (23), field trips (26), annual meetings (7), field based workshops/study weekends (12), chapter meetings/presentations/activities (14)
- Conservation/Advocacy (60)
- Social (24)
- Publications (10)
- Using natives in landscaping/Growing natives (9)
- Invasives: removal, education, solutions (7)
- Citizen science/Rare Plant Watch outings (6)
- Science/Research (4)

- Supporting flora projects in OR and WA/OFP (3)
- Holding native plant sales (3)
- Partnering with agencies, Bloom alerts, Making plant lists available (1 each)

The two categories that stood apart and were chosen 2 ½ to 4 ½ times more than any other were Education and Conservation/Advocacy. Currently, education is where NPSO focuses much energy by way of field trips, presentations at chapter meetings, annual meetings, etc. These results indicate a strong desire from the respondent membership for involvement and investment in conservation issues and advocacy.

Question 5 asked, **"What would you change about NPSO?"** (117 responses; numbers in parentheses = number of responses)

There were many diverse and thoughtful answers to this question. Two categories stood out with the most responses:

#### 1. NPSO to take on issues related to conservation and advocacy (21).

Comments included:

- Lack of profile/activity/advocacy on state-wide level. Structure of meetings focused on slideshow/talk, rather than action.
- Lack of integration with other conservation groups.
- Have NPSO take stands on conservation issues in the state - be involved in state politics.
- Have a loud and clear voice regarding management of state lands and conservation issues. Be involved in BLM and FS project planning.
- When necessary NPSO should pursue lawsuits to protect native plants and TES species (2).
- NPSO involvement in petitioning for listing of rare endemic species (2).

One comment was cautionary:

- It could get problematic if the society were to get highly political - maybe "soft" political/urging in the right direction would be okay.



**2. Increase PR to promote values of native plants; the organization needs more of a public face; become more visible to the general public which will also attract new members; outreach and education to the public (15).**

And related to this: retention and recruitment of members. We need a strong membership to give credibility to our message and actions. Recruit diversity (7). Respondents seemed concerned with the need to increase the younger aged demographic and presence in the organization (13).

Related comments included:

- Build capacity and relevance.
- Remember not everyone knows Latin names of plants!
- The organization is a little unapproachable at times.
- Chapters need to remember the beginners; reach out to people just beginning to learn.
- There seems to be a culture on the listserv of exclusionism that may quash incipient discussions and ideas.

We received a lot of great ideas in response to our question, “How can

**we attract new members to NPSO, especially in under-represented groups (20-40 year olds, professional botanists)?”** Ideas from the 127 people who answered include: partnering with other organizations, more community visibility, increased and more effective online presence, general outreach suggestions, and other suggestions related to membership dues, refreshments for meetings, and activities.

These are the voices of NPSO members across the state. We thank all of those who took the time to participate and make their opinions heard. Your responses give the Development Committee and Board of Directors of NPSO an understanding of the membership’s vision for NPSO in the years to come. The strength of our commitment to education and conservation of Oregon’s native flora is unwavering.

If you would like to be a part of shaping the future of NPSO, please contact the NPSO Development Committee via Frances Stilwell, [mfstilwell@peak.org](mailto:mfstilwell@peak.org).



**Native Plant Appreciation Week** is April 27 – May 3. Our 2014 poster, designed by Susan Berger, features *Phlox diffusa* photographed by Ray DeBaun. For information about events, see the NPSO Calendar and the list of wildflower festivals.

## New Releases - Oregon Wildflower Apps

You’ve been waiting months for the spring wildflowers to appear. Do you trust your memory to identify the species you see on your outdoor ramblings or should you lug a wildflower field guide with you? This season you may only need to pack your smartphone. Two wildflower apps for Oregon species have recently been developed.

The Oregon Wildflower app, by Oregon Flora Project (OFP), includes close to 1000 species of flowering herbs, vines, and shrubs across Oregon. Though primarily designed for amateur enthusiasts, the app can also be a resource for experienced botanists as the information has been collected by OFP staff and reflects their standards of quality and scientific rigor. Various plant and location filters allow users to narrow down to a single species profile

with photos, description, and distribution map. The app was developed in collaboration with High Country Apps, who recently released the Washington Wildflower app. It is compatible with all Android devices, Kindle Fire, iPhones, and iPads and will be available by mid-April.

Flora ID Northwest has created the 2900 Oregon Wildflowers app, which includes 92% of the native or naturalized non-grasslike flowering plants known to Oregon. Trees, shrubs, weeds, annuals, and perennials are all included. Flora ID Northwest has been producing plant identification software since 1994 and this app has all the functionality of their interactive keys for computers. A species list is available by either common or scientific name. By selecting plant characteristics, users

can filter to a single species listing with photos, description, and plant book references. The app is available now and will function on any device running Android versions 3.0 or higher. An app for Washington State, 2250 Washington Wildflowers, is also available.

Both of these apps can be purchased for Android devices at the Google Play Store, <https://play.google.com/store>. At the store, select "apps" and search for "wildflowers," then scroll to your desired title. To purchase the Oregon Wildflower app for a different type of device, visit <http://www.highcountryapps.com>, and select your device under the smartphone picture of the app.

# 2014 Wildflower Festival Calendar for Oregon

by Gail Baker, Emerald Chapter

The Festival calendar presented here was initiated last year. If your region of Oregon has a wildflower festival that is not listed, please send your festival information in the format seen in the calendar to Gail Baker: bakerg@lanecc.edu.

## 2014 Oregon Wildflower Festivals

Disclaimer/Caveat: All the information here was provided by individuals associated with the festivals or gleaned from internet sites. However, when planning your wildflower trips please double-check directly with the event contact to confirm dates and details.

**April 4 – 5, Friday – Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm**

**Erythronium Native Plant Festival and Sale.** Location: 1116 Mission St. SE (12th and Mission) in Salem. Free parking is available off Lee St. Information: call 503-363-1825, visit [www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org](http://www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org), or see the listing in the Willamette Valley Chapter Calendar.

**April 5 - 6, Saturday – Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm**

**Tryon Creek *Trillium* Festival and**

**Native & Hardy Plant Sale.** Location: Tryon Creek, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland. Festival parking with free shuttle service at Lewis & Clark's Griswold Stadium. Information: [www.tryonfriends.org/34th-annual-trillium-festival](http://www.tryonfriends.org/34th-annual-trillium-festival).

**April 26 – 27, Saturday – Sunday, 9 am – 5 pm**

**Glide Wildflower Show.** Location: Glide Community Center, 20062 N Umpqua Hwy 138, Glide. Information: [www.glidewildflowershow.org](http://www.glidewildflowershow.org) or see the listing in the Umpqua Valley Chapter Calendar.

**April 27, Sunday, 1 – 3 pm-**

**Northwest Nature Shop Spring Wildflower Show.** Co-sponsored by the Siskiyou Chapter of NPSO. Location: NW Nature Shop, 154 Oak St, Ashland. Information: call 482-3241 or visit [www.northwestnatureshop.com](http://www.northwestnatureshop.com) and click on the Calendar link.

**May 3 - 4, Saturday – Sunday 10 am - 4 pm**

**Shady Cove & Trail Wildflower Association Show.** Location: Shady Cove School multipurpose room, Cleveland St., Shady Cove, Jackson County.

Information: [www.shadycovewildflowershow.com](http://www.shadycovewildflowershow.com).

**May 10, Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm**  
**Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival.** Location: Silver Falls State Park. Information: call 503-874-0201 or visit [www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_211.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_211.php) and click on the Events link.

## Save the Dates!

**May**  
**Cheahmill Chapter NPSO Wildflower Show (McMinnville)**

**May 18, Sunday**  
**Mt Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower & Music Festival (Eugene)**

**June 20 - 21, Friday - Saturday**  
**Central Oregon Wildflower Show (Sunriver)**

**July 4, Friday**  
**Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show (Ashland)**



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Threats to our natural world are growing, as are demands on the lands, water, food, energy and other resources people and wildlife need to thrive. As green as Oregon is, it's simply not enough. We need more people and businesses supporting the environmental movement. EarthShare Oregon is working with NPSO to make that happen.

EarthShare, of which NPSO is a member, engages people at their workplaces to garner new support for environmental endeavors throughout your local community, across Oregon, and around the world. NPSO's membership in EarthShare Oregon enables us

to reach out to a broad cross-section of the state that might not otherwise learn about our work. This boosts our financial support and helps us build bridges to new volunteers and supporters.

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an EarthShare campaign, get the facts about how easy it is to start one, [www.earthshare-oregon.org/campaigns/considering1](http://www.earthshare-oregon.org/campaigns/considering1). Jan Wilson, EarthShare Oregon's Executive Director, can meet with you, and provide all the information you need to start up your campaign.

To learn more about bringing EarthShare to your workplace, call Jan at 503-223-9015 or email her at [jan@earthshare-oregon.org](mailto:jan@earthshare-oregon.org).



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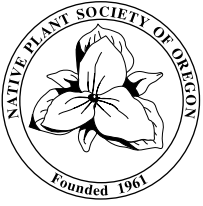
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