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NPSO Chapter Activities: A Look Back at 2013

It's time for the 2014 Annual Meeting, so here are some NPSO memories and accomplishments to share from last year. The William Cusick Chapter hosted the 2013 Annual Meeting in eastern Oregon, with field trips to the Elkhorns. Two chapters, High Desert and Klamath Basin, revitalized after being inactive for a while. High Desert Chapter Officers include Desiree Johnson, President; Susan Berger, Vice President; Christina Veverka, Secretary; and Sara Garvin, Treasurer. Klamath Basin Chapter Officers include Melissa Schroeder, President; Kim Elliot, Vice President; and Kerry Byrne, Secretary. Activities from other chapters and the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch committee are summarized below.

Citizen's Rare Plant Watch

Volunteers had a busy summer surveying for and collecting data on over 30 rare plant occurrences in Oregon. Outings took place all over the state including the Table Rocks in southwestern Oregon, Steens Mountain in eastern Oregon, bogs of the Cascades, and many in the scenic Columbia River Gorge. The Portland Chapter, organized by Jason Clinch, conducted numerous group outings and contributed many reports on species that have not been evaluated for a very long time. Julie Gibson, of Corvallis, visited many occurrences of *Navarretia willamettensis* and *Lathyrus holochlorus* in the Willamette Valley, contributing greatly to our understanding of the status of these rare species.

All data have been distributed to the Oregon Biodiversity Information

Center (ORBIC), the Oregon Flora Project, Oregon State Parks, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. To read more about our program, visit: www.npsoregon.org/citizenswatch.html. We thank all of our volunteers whose energy and dedication have made this endeavor possible!

Cheahmill

The Cheahmill Chapter presented eight monthly programs for membership and public, with an average attendance of 25. New officers were elected in May and began duties during the summer. They are as follows: President, Bonnie Laux; VP for programs, Luke Westphal, Treasurer, Michal Wert; Secretary, the elected secretary took ill and was replaced by Past President Lisa Blackburn.

We continued to maintain the Native Plant Garden at the McMinnville

Public Library. The garden is mature now and is a wonderful contribution to the library grounds and the community. Our annual Wildflower Show was in late May and attracted approximately 100 people, with 15 NPSO members participating in the event. We gave a donation to the Oregon Flora Project. In response to a local issue, we formed a committee to work with Yamhill County Road Department to address roadside spraying, with the goal of preserving native plants that grow on the roadsides.

Our chapter is hosting the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Corvallis

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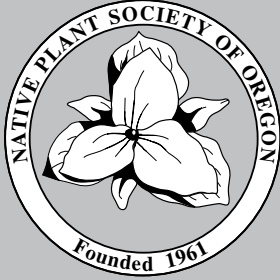


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Look for *Calochortus Coxii* on the June 22 field trip to Bilger Ridge.

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New Stonecrop Species Name Will Honor Former NPSO Member

A new species of stonecrop is expected to be officially named this month for a former NPSO member. *Sedum kiersteadiae* will honor Julie Kierstead Nelson. She was a member of the Portland Chapter of NPSO while she lived in Oregon during the 1980s (then known as Julie Kierstead). Among other NPSO activities, she edited the NPSO *Bulletin*, contributing many of her line drawings to its pages. For a sample of her art, look at page 32 of the March 1991 *Bulletin*, online at http://npsoregon.org/bulletin/1991/NPSO_9103.pdf. She also worked at the Berry Botanic Garden and developed their seed bank for rare and endangered plants of the Pacific Northwest. Julie has spent the past few decades in California, as a forest botanist for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. *Sedum kiersteadiae* is found in this forest, among rock outcrops of the Eddys (a subrange of the Klamath Mountains), hence the common name, Eddys stonecrop. This species was discovered by the *Carex* Working Group while they were conducting field work to identify another stonecrop.

Veva Stansell Botanical Area Nomination

Last year, NPSO and the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society nominated an area of the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest to be the Veva Stansell Botanical Area. The proposed area is in the Coast Range east of Gold Beach, Oregon and hosts many species that have adapted to grow in its nutrient-poor serpentine soils, including the largest known population of the endemic Veva's Erigeron (*Erigeron stanselliae*). This is a small daisy-like flower, first collected by Veva in 1982, and recently named in her honor. Veva spent decades botanizing in Curry County and became an NPSO Fellow in 2001. A brief bio of her is on pages 27-28 of the 2002 *Kalmiopsis*, available online at www.npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis_v09.pdf.

This nomination is just the first step, as official designation of a Botanical Area must be done by the federal government. In the meantime, visit <http://vevasbotanicalarea.blogspot.com> to learn more about Veva Stansell, the significance of the proposed area, and possible mining/drilling in the nearby Red Flat area.

Share Your Annual Meeting Photos and Stories

Do you have fond memories of this year's Annual Meeting in and around Cannon Beach? Perhaps you saw intriguing species on a field trip, caught up with old friends, or volunteered to help the event run smoothly. Whether your memories are in text, photos, or illustrations, we invite you to share them in the *Bulletin*. NPSO armchair travelers are waiting for you to submit your articles and/or high resolution images to bulletin@NPSOregon.org. The submission deadline for the August/September *Bulletin* is July 24.



Frasiera umpquaensis may be in bloom on the June 29 and July 19 field trips in Lane County.

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NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO Annual Meeting 2014

June 6 - 8, Friday - Sunday

The Cheahmill Chapter is hosting the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Cannon Beach. The State Board meeting will be held 8:30 am – noon on Sunday, in the Haystack Garden of the Surfsand Resort. Information is in the February *Bulletin* and online at www.npsoregon.org/2014mtg.

Blue Mountain

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

June 14, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Emigrant Springs. There will be a joint NPSO and Oregon State Parks Foundation field trip to Emigrant Springs State Park, about 20 miles east of Pendleton on Interstate 84. Bring lunch. Location: meet at 9 am in the County Health Department parking lot across from the Prodigal Son in Pendleton, or at 9:30 in the parking lot to the left inside the state park entrance.

Ceahmill

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.

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Jordan Brown at co_president@NPSOregon.org or 253-820-3934.

There will not be a chapter meeting in June.

June 14, Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm

Field Trip: Marys Peak. A classic outing near the Corvallis area! Marys Peak is designated a Scenic Botanical Area

because of its rich, unique scenery and plants. Location: meet at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot SW of The Beanery on 26th and Monroe. Contact Esther, 541-754-0893, for more details.

June 28, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip: Iron Mountain Hike. Spectacular wildflowers with over 200 species of vascular plants recorded across this botanically rich trail west

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>

of Santiam Pass. The all-day hike will be 5 miles through moderately difficult terrain. Bring good boots, lunch, and water. Meet at 8 am at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot SW of The Beanery on 26th and Monroe. Contact Dan, 541-752-8860, for details.

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.

June 12, Thursday, 6-8:30 pm

Pot-luck/Meeting: Future Planning for Emerald Chapter Members. We will discuss ideas for programs for next year, think about meeting times and locations, explore projects that members may want to take part in, talk about how to make the Emerald Chapter more family friendly, and begin planning to host the NPSO Annual Meeting in the summer of 2016. We'll also get to know each other a little better and have fun at this pot-luck. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, 2411 MLK Blvd. See above for directions. For more information, call 541-349-9999.

June 14, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge. Alan Curtis leads a 3-mile hike to a steep, rocky meadow high in the Coburg Hills north of Springfield. Enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and great botanical diversity. Bring water and lunch. Meet at South Eugene High School. Contact trip leader Alan Curtis, 541-345-2571, to register.

June 22, Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm

Field Trip: Coyote Spencer Wetlands.

Tour leaders are Dave Predeek of NPSO and Ryan Ruggiero of the McKenzie River Trust (MRT). The wetland reserve 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, call 541-345-2799.

June 29, Sunday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Elk Camp Shelter and Nevergo Meadow. We will explore a complex of three wetlands north of Westfir. This is the northernmost site for the rare *Frasera umpquaensis*. A wide variety of other plants may be seen. Just a short ways from the trailhead, there's a historic shelter in magnificent old growth forest next to the Elk Camp Meadow. The other two meadows are along the road nearby, so this trip should be suitable for all ages with easy walking of no more than a level mile round trip. Contact trip leader Tanya Harvey at tanya@westerncascades.com or 541-937-1401 to register. For more info about the area, visit <http://westerncascades.com/tag/elk-camp-shelter>.

July 19, Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm

Field Trip: Upper Elk Meadows. Alan Curtis leads this hike, located 30 miles from Cottage Grove. Elevation of the meadow is 4,000 ft. Over 200 species of vascular plants have been identified here. We expect to see *Frasera umpquaensis* and several orchid species on this hike. Surrounding the meadow is an old-growth forest of *Abies amabilis*, *Abies grandis*, and *Pseudotsuga menziesii*. We will walk 1.5 miles through moist meadow. Wear boots and bring lunch and water. Location: Meet at South Eugene High School. Contact trip leader Alan Curtis 541-345-2571 to register.

High Desert

For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: www.highdesertnpsoregon.org and Facebook page: Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter, or email highdesertnps@gmail.com.

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). 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.

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 meljshroeder@gmail.com.

June 21, Saturday, 9 - 11 am

Tour: Gardening with Natives. Todd Kepple will lead two tours of the Klamath County Museum native plant garden, highlighting locally indigenous plants that can be used in landscaping. More than 150 Klamath natives are growing at the museum. A 9 am tour will cover trees, shrubs, grasses and lichens. A 10 am tour will cover native annuals and perennials. Interesting plants at the museum include woolly mule's ears, sticky purple geranium, coiled locoweed and rock penstemon. Location: 1451 Main St. on the corner of Spring St. in downtown Klamath Falls. For more information, contact the museum at 541-883-4208.

June 28, Saturday, 9 - noon

Field Trip: Chiloquin District 5813/2242 Roads. Led by Missy Anderson, we will visit populations of special status plants on the Chiloquin District in several different habitat types. Several stops with some walking off-trail for short distances. Location: meet at the junction of Sprague River Hwy and Williamson River Rd., north of Chiloquin. From Chiloquin, turn north onto Sprague River Hwy and go about 5 miles to the signed junction with Williamson River Rd. (the junction is past the 5 mile marker and before the bridge over the Sprague River). For information, contact Missy Anderson at the Forest Service Chiloquin District Office: 541-783-4001.

Mid-Columbia

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

June 14, Saturday

Pot-luck: Annual Chapter Pot-luck and Walk-about. We will gather at Sara Wu's home near Goldendale WA. For details, contact Sara, wusara96@yahoo.com.

The Mid-Columbia Chapter will not meet again until September 18. If you would like to help out with the planning of the 2015 NPSO Annual Meeting, contact Dell at rhodes@reed.edu.

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.

June 11, Wednesday, 9 am

Field Trip: Larch Mt. Hike. This is a moderate to strenuous hike that consists of an approximately 6.4 mile loop with an elevation gain of 1,300' through areas of old growth forest. We hope to see a variety of wildflowers, including avalanche lilies that have emerged within the last several weeks from the recent snow melt. Contact Ron Klump at ronklump55@comcast.net for more information or to sign up.

June 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: On the Origins of New Plant Species: Pollination, Natural Selection, and Flower Color Evolution. Matt Streisfeld, assistant professor at the University of Oregon's Institute of Ecology and Evolution, will address the biological process of plant species formation (speciation), what we have learned (or not) since Darwin. He will describe his research, which studies the factors responsible for divergence of California bush monkeyflowers (*Mimulus aurantiacus*), a group of wildflowers which are at an early stage of speciation. Meeting location: Metro Building, see above for details. Contact: Mary at alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

June 14, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Cooper Mtn Hike. Join botanist Erin Riggs for a hike of Metro's Cooper Mountain Nature Park, with its Willamette Valley *Quercus garryana* ecological system. We will have the rare treat of going off-trail and expect to see White Rock Larkspur (*Delphinium leucophaeum*), Meadow Checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*), and more. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate clothing for hiking off trail. Parking is limited so we may carpool. Contact hike leader Roger Brewer, rogerbrewer@comcast.net, for details of meeting location(s). Be aware that Cooper Mountain is king of old growth poison oak.

June 25, Wednesday, 8 am - 5 pm

Field Trip: Silver Star Mountain. Joint trip with Washington Native Plant Society-Suksdorfia Chapter. The rocky soil and open meadows of Silver Star offer a wonderland of subalpine and alpine wildflowers not usually seen at this low (4,390') elevation. As we climb higher we should see *Xerophyllum tenax*, *Calochortus subalpinus*, *Erythronium montanum*, *Lewisia columbiana*, *Ligusticum grayi*, five *Penstemon* species, and more. The summit offers a five volcano view. This moderate hike is 5.6 miles round trip with 1,240' gain along a high ridge. Hiking boots and poles recommended;

bring lunch, water, binoculars, etc. High clearance vehicles recommended for the last 2.5 miles of road to trailhead. To register, contact leader Susan Saul: susan103saul@gmail.com or 360-892-5643 and indicate whether you can drive (and number of passengers you can take) or need a ride. Rides not guaranteed.

June 28, Saturday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Field Trip: Lookout Mountain. We'll hike the loop from High Prairie up to the top of Lookout Mountain, down to Gumjuwac Saddle, and back up to High Prairie. A variety of forest, meadow, and rocky outcrops with lots of good plants. The hike is 7 miles with 2,000' gain. Round trip drive is 150 miles paved, 12 miles gravel. NW Forest Pass required. For more information or to sign up for the hike contact Ron Klump at ronklump55@comcast.net or 360-619-8892.

July 12, Saturday, 7 am (Portland) 9:30 am (Trailhead)

Field Trip: Browder Ridge. Browder Ridge is a neighbor to Iron Mt. We will hike 6.2 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 1,500 ft. Depending on time and group energy, we may go another mile to the top of the ridge. Flowers we should see include *Anemone deltoidea*, *Lilium washingtonianum*, *Mimulus* spp., *Delphinium* spp., *Penstemon* spp., *Pedicularis bracteosa*, *Listera caurina* (synonym of *Listera banksiana*), *Corallorrhiza* spp., *Allotropa virgata*, and perhaps *Hemitomes congestum*. Bring good footwear, sunblock, lunch, and water. Return to Portland late afternoon. Location: meet at 7 am in Portland for carpooling or at 9:30 am at the Gate Creek Trailhead (see William Sullivan's book for a map and description or contact Tom Dyke). People wanting to stay overnight near Browder Ridge, join a possible hike on Friday, or sign up should contact Tom Dyke: tom-dyke1@gmail.com, 503-208-2341. For information about the Portland carpool and to sign up, contact Brent Miller, foliosus@foliosus.com, 503-382-7605.

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 2014, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program please contact Sasha Joachims at: sasbarain71@gmail.com.

June 14, Saturday, 9 am

Hike: Hunter Creek Bog ACEC. The local hiking group Muscle Busters is sponsoring hikes to this unique treasure that is now threatened by the proposed nickel mining operation. This trip will be more of a meander than a hike as we poke around the bog looking for flowers. There are some rocks that need to be negotiated on the hike in and some wet spots in the bog to avoid. We will return to Gold Beach by lunchtime. Participants will be provided with flora and fauna lists. Wear waterproof hiking shoes, bring snacks and water, and be prepared for the weather. Location: meet at 9 am at the Event Center in Gold Beach or 8:15 am at Dr. Larsson's office, 414 Alder Street in Brookings, to car pool. Heavy rain will cancel. For more information contact Al Collinet at 541-412-8444.

June 22, Saturday, 9 am

Hike: Pilot Rock Proposed Trail Route. The BLM is proposing a trail reroute to ease the steep grade and minimize the "braided" impacts to the scree slope areas. Join Armand Rebischke, Ashland resource area botanist, to identify species and habitats of concern. We will discuss potential issues and ideas to minimize impacts from trail construction. This is an opportunity to learn what is there prior to trail building and discover if there are "pockets of interest" to avoid. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring sun protection, plenty of water, and snacks or lunch. Hiking will be moderate to difficult, with some off trail sections. Round trip mileage is 3-5 miles with 500-1000' elevation change. Location: meet at 9 am at the Pilot Rock Quarry trailhead. Contact

Armand at 541-944-6621 or arebisch@blm.gov for more information.

June 28, Saturday, 8:30 am

Hike: Early Season Flowers at Big Red Mountain. Hike the PCT to see the early season bloom. Expect to see Drummond's anemone, Oregon anemone, split-hair paintbrush, glacier lily, and Baker's violet, among others. Moderately strenuous, 5 miles round trip with nearly 1000' elevation gain. Terrain is mainly exposed serpentine rock, with some stretches of woodland. Bring water, lunch, hiking shoes, and sun protection. Location: meet in the Ray's Food Store parking lot in Talent. Leader: Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964.

July 26, Saturday, 8:30 am

Hike: Big Red Mountain in the Summer. Hike the PCT to see the mid-summer bloom. Expect to see Siskiyou willowherb, Lee's lewisia, velvet lupine, woodland beardtongue, lanceleaf stonecrop, bear grass, and many other species. Moderately strenuous, 5 miles round trip with nearly 1000' elevation gain. Terrain is mainly exposed serpentine rock, with some stretches of woodland. Bring water, lunch, hiking shoes, and sun protection. Location: meet in the Ray's Food Store parking lot in Talent. Leader: Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964.

Umpqua Valley

Visit www.umpquavallemnativeplants.com for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our e-mail list.

June 22, Sunday

Field Trip: Bilger Ridge, Myrtle Creek. This is a special yearly trip to the ridge to see our rare *Calochortus Coxii*, Cox's mariposa lily. We must have BLM permission to access this area. Ted Schattenkerk will be our leader. Please join us and bring a friend. Our field trips are open to the public. For meeting place and date confirmation, call Donna at 541-459-2821.

June 29, Sunday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: King Mountain. This area has never disappointed photographers,

hikers or plant enthusiasts due to the variety of plant species. Plants that we expect to see include several species of *Eriogonum*, *Sedum*, *Penstemon*, *Fritillaria*, some unusual *Phacelia*, and more. This is an easy stroll. Bring lunch, water and hiking gear. For meeting place and date confirmation, call Donna at 541-459-2821.

Willamette Valley

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

June 10, Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 pm

Program: Chapter Meeting. We will hold a planning session to consider ideas for next year's programs, field trips, and projects. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend the meeting. Location: Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street NE, next to Olinger Pool, and near North Salem High. For more information, call John Savage at 503-399-8615 after 7 pm.

June 15, Sunday, 8 - 11:30 am

Field Trip: Kingston Prairie. This 52-acre Nature Conservancy Preserve southeast of Stayton is the best example of native prairie remaining in the central Willamette Valley. Both wet and dry habitats harbor native grasses and a host of wildflowers. To register and get carpooling instructions, call John Savage at 503-399-8615 after 7 pm. The hike is free and open to the public.

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.



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Hike Big Red Mountain on June 28 to look for Oregon Anemone.

NPSO Chapter Search

The thirteen chapters of NPSO are hiding below. Can you find your chapter?

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April 2014 NPSO State Board Meeting Highlights

by Lisa Blackburn, NPSO Secretary

There has been interest in forming a South Coast Chapter out of Coos Bay; they are working on recruiting people, but there are not yet enough people to write by-laws. It was moved, seconded, and passed to give the potential Coos Bay chapter \$200 for start-up costs.

The Board agreed there should be a *Bulletin* article at the end of the year explaining the types of NPSO membership. A future Board meeting agenda item should be what constitutes a Family membership.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve two new field research grant requests and approve extension of two existing grants.

The Oregon Flora Project's Oregon Wildflowers app is now available for

purchase. It was agreed to put a link to the app on the NPSO website. It was moved, seconded, and passed to create an NPSO budget line item up to \$10,000 for a challenge grant in conjunction with the release of the wildflower app, for all donations to Oregon Flora Project between May 1 and October 1, 2014. This will be publicized in the *Bulletin*, Facebook and on the listserv.

The Board approved formation of a committee (Matt Morales, Jason Clinch, and Cyndi Dion) to research on-line NPSO membership payments. The Board also approved registration of NPSO with the Amazon Smile program. People who make purchases through Amazon Smile can give our name and 0.5% of their purchases will

go to NPSO. Shoppers would not have to be NPSO members to designate NPSO.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to provide complimentary NPSO memberships to Annual Meeting field trip leaders and banquet speakers. The use of the NPSO logo on posters for the May 10th "Bikes to Blooms" event in Eugene was also approved.

The Corvallis Chapter requested approval from the State Board to changes in their By-Laws: if the Chapter President steps down, other Chapter Board Members can appoint a new President. Chapter Board Members will also be allowed to serve more than two years. Motion approved by the State Board.

OTHER EVENTS

Columbia-Willamette Chapter of North American Rock Garden Society

June 17, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Program: Rock Stars of the Western Cascades. Tanya Harvey will show photos of some of her favorite rock-loving plants that grow in Oregon's

Western Cascades. She has attempted to grow many of these in her rock garden in Fall Creek and will share a bit about her successes and failures. For more information about her plant explorations, visit her website at www.westerncascades.com. She will also bring some of her cards and bird ornaments for sale (see www.tanyaharvey-design.com). Meeting location: Smile Station, 8210 SE 13th Ave., Portland. For more information, visit www.cwn-args.org.

Ave., Portland. For more information, call 503-823-1671, email. info@leachgarden.org or visit www.leachgarden.org/classes-and-events/garden-events.

Siskiyou Field Institute

June 24 - 25, Tuesday-Wednesday

Workshop: Carex Identification.

This two-day workshop emphasizes southern Oregon sedges and is taught by Dr. Barbara Wilson, Dick Brainerd, and Nick Otting of The *Carex* Working Group. The first day will be spent in the lab, learning sedge morphology and terminology and keying fresh and dried material. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sedges to work on. The second day will be spent in the field and will emphasize sedge field identification and ecology. Workshop participants should have basic plant identification skills. Tuition: \$250. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma. For registration or more information, call 541-597-8530 or visit thesfi.org.



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Delphinium leucophaeum can be found in the northern Willamette Valley, perhaps on the Cooper Mt. hike on June 14.

Leach Botanical Garden

June 14, Saturday

Tour: Kalmiopsis Discovery Day.

Explore the garden and discover Lilla's botanical discoveries including *Kalmiopsis leachiana*, her adventures in the Siskiyou Mountains, and her link to Leach Botanical Garden and its future. Join the free guided tour, 11am - noon, to learn about Lilla Leach: Pioneer Botanist. Location: Manor House at Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd

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productive year in 2013. Our eight regular meetings were well attended, offering exciting and informative speakers. We offered eight outings this year, ranging from Drift Creek near the coast, east to Middle Pyramid and Iron Mountain, and home to local favorites such as Marys Peak and Finley Wildlife Refuge. We connected with the community through four additional events: Benton County's Insights into Gardening fair, OSU's Earth Day celebration, the Benton County Fair, and the Corvallis spring plant festival. The spring plant festival also served as a fundraiser through the sale of native plants.

We continued to maintain and update the native plant garden surrounding our meeting place, the Avery House, by maintaining old beds and planting new ones. We partnered with OSU professor Dr. Steve Cook to include students in the garden work, providing a service learning opportunity for his GEO 300 class, Sustainability for the Common Good. We are in the process of bringing new features into the garden so that it can be certified as wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation.

Emerald

In January, the Emerald Chapter hosted the NPSO State Board Meeting at Lane Community College. Emerald Chapter elections were held in April. Mary Beth Averill was elected President; Kim Alexander, Secretary; and Jennifer Lippert, Vice President. Michael Hartman remains our Treasurer.

May was wildflower appreciation week/month, and the chapter co-sponsored a Botanical Illustration Workshop by Dr. Linda Vorobik as well as the annual Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival. The Emerald Chapter also staffed booths at the August Eugene Celebration in downtown Eugene and at the October Mushroom Festival at Mount Pisgah Arboretum.

A video showing of *Finding David Douglas*, hosted and co-sponsored by the Eugene Science Factory, was attended by about 90 people. Other

monthly programs included: Exploring the Flora of Oregon's Willamette Valley by Ed Alverson, the Row River Trail Project in Cottage Grove by Wes Messenger, and Drawing and Painting Wildflowers throughout the West by Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik. We commemorated International Field Botany Day on July 14 with a walk through the West Eugene Wetlands. We also led field trips to Coyote Spencer Wetlands (co-sponsored with McKenzie River Trust), Oregon Country Fair Wildflowers (co-sponsored with OCF), Mt. Pisgah's east slope, Horse Rock Ridge, and Upper Elk Meadows.

Mid-Columbia

The Mid-Columbia Chapter enjoyed presentations by seven speakers. These included NPSO members Erin Gray, Paul Slichter, Brent Miller, and Jake Hurlbert. We also learned about Northwest conifers from Martin Nicholson of the Hoyt Arboretum and about the restoration projects on the Klickitat and White Salmon Rivers from Jeanette Burkhardt. We showed the *Finding David Douglas* video, began the process of planning the 2015 annual meeting, and held our annual June pot-luck and outing.

A highlight of our year was a spring presentation on lichens given by Andrea Ruchty, botanist for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. In the fall, Ruchty also led an informative and fun lichen identification hike. Two other field trips took us to the Catherine Creek/Major Creek area, one on a joint adventure with the Gorge Photography Club.

Several of our members were involved in buttercup surveys in the Columbia Hills, restoring and maintaining the Russ Jolley wayside on Highway 84 westbound near Mosier, monitoring the Dalles Mt. Ranch Prairie Restoration Project, and contributing to a variety of rare care and seeding/planting projects on both sides of the Columbia. The chapter contributed \$500 to the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank at PSU and \$1,025 to the Oregon Flora Project - \$25 of which was

"in memoriam" for Marilyn Sarsfield.

Portland

The Portland Chapter offers monthly programs ten months of the year, with an average attendance of 30. Topics in the past year have included: Landscaping for Wildlife by Gaylen Beatty, Oregon's Native Orchids by Chris Howard, Palouse Prairie: Identifying Remnant Habitat Patches by Peggy O'Neill, Ethnobotany and Land Management Techniques by Bonnie Lyn Shoffner. We held 18 hikes in the past year, averaging 8 persons each. Several of these were devoted to specific species, including Grass ID, Lichen ID, and True Firs ID. Member Brent Miller held a two-day keying at the Tryon Creek Nature Center. A number of our members took an active role in the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch program, and one of our members (Jason Clinch) is the co-organizer of the program.

Willamette Valley

During 2013, the Willamette Valley Chapter offered classes and programs on wildflower identification, invasive weeds, restoring oak savannahs, and flower hotspots in Oregon.

We sponsored a tour of an oak savannah restoration and a rain garden tour. We also sponsored field trips to Bush Park, Kingston Prairie, Iron Mountain, Dog Mountain, Silver Falls, Jefferson Park, Herman Creek, and McNeil Point. Other activities included helping organize a weeding and planting party at the Straub Center Oak grove and helping fund eradication of Japanese Knotweed in the Polk County area.

Our chapter administers the Jean Davis and August Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship programs and awarded scholarships to OSU student Ashley Shaw and Willamette University Student Theresa Barosh.



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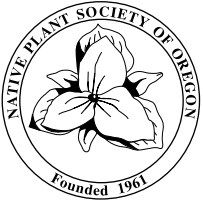
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