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Have You Considered Volunteering as an NPSO Field Trip Leader?

President's Message by Kelli Van Norman

It is spring in western Oregon and will soon be in eastern Oregon. At our NPSO Chapters, field trip coordinators have been making plans. They've also been recruiting (pleading for) field trip leaders. Have you thought about being a trip leader? As a trip leader, you choose the location and date. It's good to have a basic familiarity with the common plants, but you don't need to be an expert at plant identification. This article is to encourage you to consider being a trip leader and possibly answer some of your questions.

"I'm not really trip leader material" you may be thinking. Paul Slichter, a regular trip leader, relates that "... the comment I hear from most people when they are asked whether they'd like to be an NPSO trip leader is 'But I don't know the flowers!' My answer would be that you don't have to be an expert, you don't even have to be a moderately good botanist. You just need an interest in getting outside, enjoying nature, and showing other people some of your favorite natural destinations."

There are leaders who spend an hour getting out of the parking lot

because everyone wants to know what everything is. That's okay. Still others tend to worry less about what "everything" is and lead faster paced hikes. Plants are identified, whether down to scientific name or just "those are balsamroots and those are lupines..." and folks get out to see the area. Botanizing is one goal, but NPSO hikes also have an important social aspect. On many outings loose groups form along the hike that change during the day. There are always opportunities to share our own personal stories or expertise. In some cases, participants (and leaders) bring goodies to share at lunch. Sometimes they stop at a cafe on the way home and have soup or desserts, again adding to that social aspect. And hikes generally become a mix of viewing flowers along with lichens, mosses, birds, geology and other natural phenomena that make for an interesting day.

If you have a place that you know and love, and would like to share with other NPSO members, you are trip leader material. If you are willing to give back to NPSO in the form of organizing an outing, or have an idea for a place you'd like to see, you are leader material. Even if you haven't been

there yourself, if you are willing to find someone who has been, and coordinate with that person to team up and lead a trip, you are leader material. Every outing is unique, and it is your help that makes it so.

There are some basic responsibilities of the leader, and NPSO has set up guidelines in the NPSO Handbook (npsoregon.org/documents/NPSO-BoardHandbook.pdf) and with a Trip Leader Checklist (npsoregon.org/documents/NPSO_hikeleader_checklist.pdf) to help you once you have decided to lead a trip. Your chapter field trip coordinator will provide you with training.

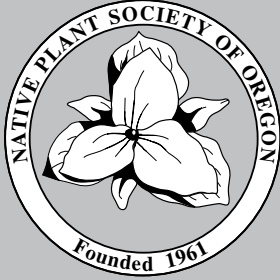
While we have more field trip leaders than any other type of volunteers, we are always looking for more. As a field trip leader, you are a key to implementing NPSO's mission.

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!! IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YET FOR 2015, YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL LAPSE SOON !!

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January 2015 Board Meeting Highlights

by Lisa Blackburn, NPSO Secretary

In December, NPSO Webmaster Sunia Yang requested to hire a person to assist her with updating the website for several major issues. President Kelli Van Norman approved expenditure up to \$300. Long term assistance is needed, preferably from an NPSO member with website IT expertise.

The election ballot for NPSO board members will be in the April *Bulletin*. Only the secretary position is lacking a candidate at this time. The biennial Membership Directory will not be printed this year. In the past it has been offered as a hardcopy, but very few members requested that for the last publication. Next year only a PDF version of the directory will be created and sent free electronically to members by request. It can be printed on demand for those who do not have computer capabilities.

Volume I of *Flora of Oregon* will be submitted to the publisher in February. It will retail for \$75. Thank you to all who donated to the Oregon Flora Project (OFP) to make this possible. The \$10,000 matching grant from NPSO will be paid from 2014 budget funds. There is an update to OFP's Oregon Wildflower app by High Country Apps, LLC.

The Board approved two NPSO Fellows nominations. The two individuals will receive their awards at the annual meeting. Dave and Jan Dobak are resigning from the committee after the annual meeting; new committee members will be needed. The Board also approved a letter to be sent to the Oregon Department of Agriculture asking how much base funding is needed to run the Oregon Native Plant Conservation Program and meet legislative mandates. A summary of the work done by the Program over the last 10 years was also requested. The cc list should include a number of Oregon legislators to help raise awareness.

The new NPSO-EarthShare Oregon liaison, Debbie Spesser, was introduced. There are opportunities for NPSO to earn points by offering volunteer activities in April to coincide with Earth Day. The Board voted to let the On-line Payments Committee select the vendor. We will start with accepting electronic payments for memberships and donations. The goal is to have the on-line payment system in place, tested, and working by next November's membership renewal season. The Board also voted to purchase general liability insurance and accept the quote received of \$425 per year. This will cover the State NPSO. The sub-committee is still looking into whether it will cover the Chapters.

The Board voted to approve the 2015 Budget as amended. The Communications Committee presented a proposal for Board meeting to move to a combination of face-to-face and conference call meetings.

NPSO State Vacancies

Please contact president@npsoregon.org if you are interested in serving:

Fellows Committee
Westside Conservation Coordinator
Kalmiopsis Editor

Burns NPSO Chapter

Are you an at large NPSO member in the Great Basin? Would you like to have your own NPSO Chapter? Amy Goodwin is interested in starting a chapter based out of Burns, with field trips to areas that are a 2-3 hour drive from Burns. Potential destinations include the Strawberry Mountains, Owyhee Canyonlands, and the Steens. If you are interested, contact Amy at greatbasinchapter@gmail.com and visit the Facebook page: [facebook.com/greatbasinchapter](https://www.facebook.com/greatbasinchapter).

NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO State Board Election 2015

Candidates for state offices, along with brief résumés and the ballot, will be printed in the April *Bulletin*.

State Board Meeting

April 4, Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

The next state board meeting will be hosted by the Siskiyou Chapter. Location will be forthcoming.

NPSO Annual Meeting 2015

May 29-31, Friday-Sunday

The Mid-Columbia Chapter will host the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Hood River. The state board meeting will be held on Sunday. For details, visit <http://www.npsoregon.org/2015mtg/> (Note: the website address listed in the February *Bulletin* is incorrect). Please monitor the website for updates to the field trips (as trips fill up, this will be posted), as well as for additions to the venue, merchandise, and resources pages. If you would like to help at the meeting, please let us know via email: annualmeeting@npsoregon.org.

Blue Mountain

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

Meetings: The chapter will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, continuing on into next spring. All meetings will be in the Theater Room of The Prodigal Son Brewery in Pendleton.

Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at ch_president@NPSOregon.org.

March 26, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Botanical Gems of Alaska.

Dr. Steven Carpenter, author of *Wildflowers of Marys Peak Meadows* and

Wildflowers of Bald Hill Meadows, will share with us the unique habitats and plants encountered on his two month long Alaskan adventure that covered over 7,500 miles. He will discuss the diversity of habitats he visited, from the vast Taiga forests to plant communities considered as subalpine in Oregon, with a focus on the most beautiful and interesting plants of each. He will also touch on current uses of plants by

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>

Native Americans of the region as well as how to find some of these special places on your own. 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. For more information contact: Lisa Blackburn, 503-538-3976 or blackburnlisag@gmail.com.

April 23, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Evolution of the Strawberry.

Dr. John Syring of Linfield College will discuss his research on the diversity and origins of strawberries (*Fragaria*). From the amazing range of species in China to the recently discovered decaploid species here in Oregon, strawberries are becoming an emerging model system to study evolution, hybridization, and polyploidy. The talk will focus on the biology and ecology of this genus before exploring the origins of the commercial strawberry. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing, Meeting/Program starts at 7:00 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. For more information contact: Lisa Blackburn, 503-538-3976 or blackburnlisag@gmail.com.

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.

March 9, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting/Talk: The Study of Strawberries.

Dr. Aaron Liston, director of the OSU Herbarium, will present his lab's research on the genus *Fragaria*. Oregon is a hotbed for strawberry evolution, and he will share results from studies of our native species. In addition, he is collaborating on a project in China, and will describe his collection trip to Sichuan for wild strawberries. Location:

Avery House in Avery Park. For information, contact Esther at estherco@peak.org.

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.

March 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Eugene Natural Areas through the Seasons. For the past decade, Eugene botanist Ed Alverson has been making weekly visits to photograph Eugene natural areas, choosing a different site every calendar year. For each year-long project, Ed selected 15 to 30 scenes to re-photograph every week. The resulting time series provide a view of seasonal changes over the year for a wide variety of habitats. Ed will present a selection of his photo sequences, describe his techniques, and discuss the value of repeat photography for natural history and conservation purposes. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, see above for directions. For more information call 541-349-9999.

April 16, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: The Flora of Oregon Is Coming. It's been more than a half-century since a flora for our state has been published and the first volume of *Flora of Oregon* by the Oregon Flora Project (OFP) is now in press. Linda Hardison, OFP Director, will present highlights (and low points) in the twenty year journey to publication, give a preview of the book's content, and present what's next on the horizon for OFP. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, see above for directions. For more information call 541-349-9999.

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.

May 5, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Program: Oregon's Geobotany. Stu Garrett, our former chapter president, will introduce us to geobotany. Oregon's diverse plant life is a result of its diverse geology. Join us as we explore the wide variety of Oregon's botanical treasures and learn how they relate to the spectacular landscape that surrounds us. From the stupendous floods of northern Oregon to the glacial sculpting of the ice ages to the dramatic lands of lava, we will learn about some of Oregon's rarest plant species and consider the story of some of its most common ones. Location: Brooks Room, Bend Downtown Library, 601 NW Wall St.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, visit <http://klamathbasinnps.com> or contact the chapter president, Melissa Schroeder, kb_president@NPSOregon.org.

March 5, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meeting/Program: Local Soil Surveys. Klamath Falls NRCS Soil Scientist Chris Gebauer will provide an overview of on-going soil survey work, some unique soils found in the area, and correlations between soils and ecological sites. Chapter meeting to follow. Location: Oregon Institute of Technology Campus, DOW Center for Health Professions Room 252.

April 2, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meeting/Program: Lava Beds National Monument Lichens. Self-trained naturalist and local lichenologist Steve Sheehy will talk about lichens of Lava Beds National Monument, including a slide show. Chapter meeting to follow. Location: Oregon Institute of Technology Campus, DOW Center for Health Professions Room 252.

April 4, Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

Field Trip: Lava Beds National Monument Lichens. Self-trained naturalist and local lichenologist Steve Sheehy will lead a field trip to see lichens of Lava Beds National Monument. Advanced registration (free) is required, see chapter website for details. Due to park regulations, this field trip is limited to 11 people. Location: Meet at the Monument visitor's center. Carpools can be arranged from Klamath Falls. Nominal entrance fee to the Monument required.

Mid-Columbia

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at mc_president@NPSOregon.org.

March 19, Thursday

Program: TBA please watch your email for announcements.

April 16, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting/Program: The Efforts of Mt. Adams Resource Stewards to Revitalize Rural Communities through Environmental Stewardship (Rescheduled from November 20). Jay McLaughlin, executive director of Mt. Adams Resource Stewards (MARS), will present on MARS' efforts to grow a stewardship economy, conserve working forestlands, collaborate on forest restoration initiatives, and promote more sustainable forest management practices. These efforts have largely focused on the Mt. Adams region, and include the recent acquisition of the Pine Flats Tract adjacent to Conboy National Wildlife Reserve. Jay has a Master's degree in Forestry from Yale and has worked both as a forester and as an educator. Location: Room 1.362, 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.

March 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Botanical Art: through History and Today. Botanical artist Janet Parker will present an historical overview of botanical art, past, present, and even local. She will answer such questions as: Why did the accurate depiction of plant forms disappear for hundreds of years? What botanical artist had a thriving career in the court of Louis XVI and survived the French Revolution to become Empress Josephine's official artist? She will have some of her own botanical art on display, and will offer cards for sale by the Oregon Botanical Artists. Meeting location: Metro building, see above for details. For information, contact Mary, alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

March 15, Sunday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Field Trip: Catherine Creek. In the premiere early flower spot in the Gorge we will search for grass widows, yellow bells, prairie stars, toothworts, several desert parsleys, early glacier lilies and others. Easy walking to 5 miles with 800 ft. gain. This will be a joint hike with the Suksdorf Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society. Location: meet at the Catherine Creek trailhead at 10 am or carpool from Gateway Park and Ride at 8:30 am. Approximate return time to Portland is 4:30 pm. Drive 120 miles round trip. To sign up or for more info contact Ron Klump, 360-576-1968 or ronklump55@comcast.net.

March 21, Saturday, 1-3 pm

Field Trip: Nob Hill Nature Park. Join the Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park and NPSO for an easy, stroll through Nob Hill Nature Park (NHNP) 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 - long pants and long sleeves are suggested. This event is on, rain or shine. Location: Meet at the city of St. Helens' wastewater treatment facility across from the park. Allow about 45 minutes drive time from Portland. Directions 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. and keep bearing right until you see the wastewater treatment plant on the right. There is plenty of parking across from the park's main entrance. A plant list is available by request by calling trip leader, Caroline Skinner, at 503-248-9719. For day of event only, call 503-349-8586.

April 9, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Wildflowers of Zion National Park. Botanist Ginny Maffitt will show photos of *Penstemon* and other wildflowers of rarely visited areas in Zion and part of the Mojave Desert sand dunes. There she found several species closely related to ours in Oregon, such as maiden hair fern and shooting star, as well as the same species of red mimulus found in southern Oregon. Join her on this digitally guided tour, which was sponsored by the American Penstemon Society. Meeting location: Metro building, see above for details. For information, contact Mary, alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

April 10, Friday, 12-2 pm

Field Trip: Hoyt Arboretum, Conifer Hike. Join Hoyt Arboretum Curator Martin Nicholson for a 2 mile hike through the arboretum's conifer collection to hone your NW conifer ID skills. From Douglas fir to Brewers spruce the Hoyt collection has an almost complete set of conifers that we see hiking through our natural areas.

Location: meet at the Hoyt Arboretum Visitor Center at noon, 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. Accessible by MAX using the Washington Park Stop or Trimet Bus #63. For more information contact Martin Nicholson at martin.nicholson@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-4475.

April 11, Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

Field Trip: Lacamas and Round Lakes near Camas, Wash. Easy hike of about a 2.5 mile loop around lake front, forested slopes, and flowered meadows. Hope to catch camas and avalanche lilies in bloom in the oak balds. This is a joint hike with the Suksdorf Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society. Co-leaders are Don Hardin and Ron Klump. To sign up for the hike or for more info contact Ron Klump, 360-576-1968 or ronklump55@comcast.net.

Save the Dates!

May 2 and 9, Saturdays, 9 am-4 pm

Field Class: Learn to Use a Botanical Key. This two day class at the Johnson Creek Watershed Council building and Camassia Natural Area will be taught by Brent Miller. For more information and to sign up for the class, contact Nancy Chapman at chapmannj@comcast.net.

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 2015, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program, please contact Sasha Joachims at: sasharain71@gmail.com.

March 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Table Rock Wildflowers, A Legacy of Beauty and Diversity. Over 200 species of wildflowers grow at the Table Rocks, some of which are depicted on the Table Rocks wildflower quilt. Molly Morison of the Nature Conservancy and Marcia Wineteer of the Bureau of Land Management will

stitch together wildflower stories and relate how the botanical fabric of the Table Rocks inspired their organizations to provide special protection for it over 35 years ago. Refreshments at 6:45 pm, meeting and program at 7:00 pm. **New Location:** Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S Pacific Highway (Old Hwy 99) in Medford. The library is south of South Stage Road and between "All Natural Pest Elimination" and "Hemingway Vintage Homes." For information, contact Kristi: 541-941-3744.

South Coast

This is a newly formed chapter. For more information, contact the chapter president, Alexis Brickner, sc_president@NPSOregon.org.

Umpqua Valley

Visit umpquavallemnativeplants.com for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our email list. Check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO. Not online - call Donna Rawson 541-459-2821.

March 14, Saturday, 9 am-3 pm

Field Trip: Coarse Gold and Olalla Creeks. Chapter member Ted Schattengerk will lead us to Upper Olalla Road (County Road 38) south of Tenmile to view the first wildflowers of spring, including Oregon fetid adder's tongue (*Scolioptus hallii*) and common western monkey flower (*Erythranthe scouleri*). Easy, short walks on gently undulating terrain. Expect poison oak and ticks. Bring appropriate foot gear and clothing for rain and cold; lunch, water, and a camera/tripod. An exhaustive plant list will be provided. Contacts: Donna Rawson, 541-459-2821 or donnar460@gmail.com; Ted Schattengerk, 541-679-6953 or shadowchurch2@juno.com; or Larry Broeker, 541-680-3911 or lherzo7@gmail.com. Location: meet in the parking lot directly behind the Douglas County Library on the west side of Fowler St. at 9 am. Departure time 9:30 sharp. Car pooling is encouraged. Plan to share gas expenses.

April 4, Saturday, 9 am-3 pm

Field Trip: Beatty Rock and Beatty

Creek Watershed. Johanna Blanchard and Aaron Roe, BLM botanists, will lead us along lower Cow Creek Road. Plants of interest: California sword fern (*Polystichum californicum*), spring phacelia (*Phacelia verna*), a rare moss (*Pseudoleskeella serpentinensis*), and the fairy slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*). Anticipate climbing on sloping mossy rock as well as hiking 1/4 mile along a streamside trail with short steep pitches. Expect poison oak and ticks. Bring appropriate foot gear and clothing for rain and cold; lunch, water, and a camera/tripod. Recommended reading: "Beatty Creek Research Natural Area" by Susan Carter, in *Kalmiopsis* vol. 11, 2004. Contacts: Donna Rawson, 541-459-2821 or donnar460@gmail.com; or Larry Broeker, 541-680-3911 or lherzo7@gmail.com. Location: meet in the parking lot directly behind the Douglas County Library on the west side of Fowler St. at 9 am. Departure time 9:30 sharp. Car

pooling is encouraged. Plan to share gas expenses. Alternate meet place for those living south of Roseburg, 1-5 exit 103 at the McDonald's parking lot at 10:00 am.

Willamette Valley

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

William Cusick

Visit our Web site at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> or contact 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.

OTHER EVENTS

Marion Soil & Water Conservation District

March 13, Friday, 10 am-6 pm

March 14, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Native Plant Sale. In addition to a selection of native plants, a panel of experts will be available on Friday to provide plant ID assistance and answer questions. Location: Bauman Farms, 2989 Howell Prairie Road, Gervais. For more information, visit marionswcd.net/events/district-events.

Historic Deepwood Estate

March 20-21, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-3 pm

Erythronium Native Plant Festival and Sale. Celebrate the earth's reawakening and the exquisitely beautiful *Erythronium oregonum* blooming at Historic Deepwood Estate. Purchase a few

native plants for your garden, take guided nature walks led by NPSO members, or just come to enjoy a day outside and the special exhibits and information booths. Location: 1116 Mission St. SE (12th and Mission) in Salem. Free parking is available off Lee Street. For more information, call 503-363-1825 or visit HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org.

Northwest Botanical Institute

March 23-25, Monday-Wednesday

Pacific Northwest Bryophyte Identification Workshop. This workshop is designed for participants with a strong botany background and a general knowledge of the basics of bryophyte structure and life cycles. It will be an intensive training in using the contemporary identification keys pertinent to our area, via integrated lectures and lab practice. A classroom with microscopes for all students is available. Students will be asked to bring dissecting tools and specimen packets. Fee \$250. Location:

University of Oregon. For more information, contact David Wagner, david-wagner@mac.com or 541-344-3327.

OSU Extension

March 26, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm

Tree School. Oregon State University Extension Service will offer several classes. Not just about growing trees - learn more about biochar, rare and unusual plants of the Umpqua NF, truffles, alien life in the woods (insects), climate change and trees, identify native shrubs, stream protection rules, enhancing wildlife habitat on your land. Register by March 13. Location: Umpqua Community College, Roseburg. For information, call 541-672-4461 or visit extension.oregonstate.edu/douglass.

Friends of Baltimore Woods

March 28, Saturday, 10 am-3 pm

Native Plant Sale. A generous selection of Pacific Northwest native plants will be available at reasonable prices, including native oak community plants and hummingbird, butterfly, and bee favorites. Baltimore Woods is an urban greenway between Cathedral and Pier Parks in North Portland. Sale location: St. Johns Plaza (N. Lombard at N. Burlington), near the St Johns Bridge, Portland. For more information, visit friendsofbaltimorewoods.org, or contact friends@friendsofbaltimorewoods.com.



FRANCES STILWELL

*Bald Hill Oaks, Quercus garryana
in Corvallis*

New Edition of *Flowers of the Table Rocks* Ready for Spring Blooms



SUSAN K. MACKINNON

Amateur botanist Susan K. MacKinnon has published a second edition of her field guide, *Flowers of the Table Rocks*. This 2014 revision incorporates family and name changes that have occurred since 2008 and three species have been added. A coil binding allows the book to lie flat. As with the first edition, plants are organized by family and there are over 380 color pages with photographs of each species, including close-up photos of microscopic flower parts. For more information, read the review of the first edition in the vol. 16, 2009 *Kalmiopsis*, available online at npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis16/bookreviews.pdf. To view sample pages of the current edition and purchase in print or CD format, visit flowersofthetablerocks.com.



Oregon's Native Plants in Pastel, Oil, Watercolor

Frances Stilwell spent twenty six years drawing and painting en plein air to capture native plants growing in their native Oregon habitats. Eighty one color plates of these paintings can be found in her new book, *Oregon's Botanical Landscape: An Opportunity to Imagine Oregon Before 1800*. The plants are arranged by eight ecoregions, with images accompanied by scientific, artistic, and cultural "grace notes." The Corvallis Chapter of NPSO granted funds for Oregon Flora Project and USDA maps to be adapted for each ecoregion. A grant from the Benton County Cultural Coalition provided copies to schools and libraries in Benton County. The book is now available for purchase on Amazon.com, and at Browsers Bookstore and Grass Roots in Corvallis. Look for a full review in the next *Kalmiopsis*.



FRANCES STILWELL

*Barefoot Travelers Beware, Opuntia polyacantha
in Hell's Canyon.*

Botanical Illustration Display

“In the Footsteps of David Douglas”

by Gail A. Baker, Emerald Chapter

Many NPSO Chapters have been privileged to view the documentary *Finding David Douglas* and are familiar with Douglas' exceptional botanical exploration of the Pacific Northwest.



Douglas Fir Cone

JEANNE DEBONS

In the Footsteps of David Douglas, an exhibit currently at the Washington County Museum in Hillsboro, focuses on Douglas' explorations in the Willamette Valley.

One of the stunning aspects of the exhibit is the display of 21 botanical illustrations of Willamette Valley plants associated with Douglas. The illustrators are local artists and members of the Oregon Botanical Artists (oba-artists.com/david-douglas-gallery.html) who work in watercolor, colored pencil, and other techniques. Although it is hard to choose a favorite, I was drawn to the simplicity and complexity of the rendering of *Douglas Fir Cone* by Jeanne Debons and the colorful *Pacific Madrone* by René Eisenbart, which is my favorite tree species. Some of the other illustrations and artists in the display are: *Pacific Crabapple* by Dorota Haber-Lehigh, *Salal* by Janet Parker, *Vine Maple* by Jane Levy Campbell, *Common Camas* by Janene Walkky, and *Fringe Cups* by Aislinn Adams.

In the Footsteps of David Douglas is on display at the Washington County Museum through this August. The museum is located at 120 E Main St., Hillsboro, and is open



Pacific Madrone

RENE EISENBART

Wednesday–Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$6.00. For more information, visit washingtoncountymuseum.org/home/in-the-footsteps-of-david-douglas. More botanical art will be on display during Wildflower Month in the Willamette Valley, coordinated by Mt Pisgah Arboretum and the Emerald Chapter of NPSO. Watch for announcements in an upcoming *Bulletin*.

Editor's Note

Members like you fill the pages of the *Bulletin*, from chapter events, to articles, to photos and illustrations. Everyone is welcome to submit content! As field season gets underway, remember that if you participate in botanical activities that you find interesting, other NPSO members will likely be interested in reading about them. Native plant species research, NPSO field trip experiences, botanical art, these are just a few of the topics that are published in the *Bulletin*. Send your submissions to the editor at bulletin@npsoregon.org. Images should be JPG format of at least 120 dpi. For longer articles (500–1,000 words), it is best to contact the editor beforehand if you want the article to be published in a specific issue. Submission deadlines are listed on page 2 of each issue.

NPSO Fellows Awards for 2015

by the NPSO Fellows Committee

NPSO's highest award is that of Fellow of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Since NPSO first established the award in 1998, 28 members of our society have received this honor with a ceremony and a special plaque presented at the annual meeting. We are pleased to announce that our next honorees are Esther McEvoy and Frances Stilwell.

Esther McEvoy was a co-founder of the Corvallis Chapter, was instrumental in helping pass the Oregon Endangered Species Law, and has made many other contributions to NPSO.

Frances Stilwell, also of the Corvallis Chapter, was one of the earliest chapter members and has served on the state board several times. She has been instrumental in educating Oregonians of all ages about our native flora.

Look for more detailed articles about Esther and Frances in a future *Bulletin*.

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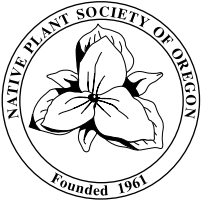
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The manuscript for the first volume of the *Flora of Oregon* has gone to press! The document has been sent to our publisher, BRIT Press (Fort Worth, Texas), and we are anticipating a smooth process that will bring the books to our doorstep in late spring/early summer. We will keep everyone informed of the progress, which will undoubtedly include a BIG celebration. As a major supporter of the OFP, the NPSO can also proudly celebrate this achievement for Oregon botany.

The paper-bound *Flora* is a large part of the Oregon Flora Project, but in no way is its publication our sole objective. The mission of the OFP is to be a comprehensive resource about the plants of our state, and we accomplish this by researching and sharing information about many aspects of the flora.

One such study we are beginning this spring is the use of native plant taxa in the nursery and landscaping industry. For this Oregon Department of Agriculture-funded project, we will work with both growers and customers to determine ways to increase the successful use of natives through the application of our research-based knowledge. Another project on our docket is developing a more effective presentation of OFP data through new website mapping and data search tools. And, of course, the writing of Volume 2 of the *Flora* is underway!