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Candidates for NPSO State Board Positions

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State offices. Ballots must be returned to the Ballot Counting Committee postmarked by May 1, 2015. 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:

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. Lisa has served as President of the Cheahmill Chapter and most recently served our Society as State Secretary.

Secretary:

Rosalie Bienek (Corvallis) grew up in Michigan where she earned her B.S. in Biology at the University of Michigan in 2008. In 2010, she moved to Oregon to attend Oregon State University. Rosalie received her M.S. in 2012 after studying plant communities and biological control of weeds. She has been teaching ecology at Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) since she graduated and cultivates native plants at home. She is currently working on developing an educational Pollination Garden and Monarch Sanctuary at LBCC. She has volunteered with NPSO for fair booths and leading nature field trips. Now she is interested in becoming more involved with NPSO by running for State Secretary.

Treasurer:

Cyndi Dion (Siskiyou) has served as the NPSO State Treasurer for the last eight years. Three years ago, she retired from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (also a non-profit) as the business and accounting manager for thirteen years. 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 SOU in the eighties.

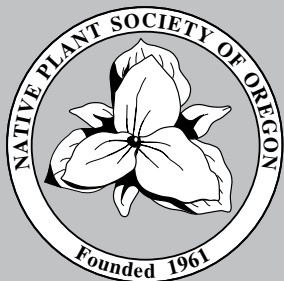
Directors-at-large:

Mary Beth Averill (Emerald) has previously served on the NPSO Board as a Director-at-large and as a member of the Budget and Development Committees. For the past two years, she has served as President of the Emerald Chapter. Years ago, Mary Beth was a botanist/ecologist. After teaching in college and high school and working as a social worker in New England, she returned to Eugene in 2009 to live among her favorite trees and wildflowers.

Billy Don Robinson (Portland) was born and raised in Texas and came
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Willamette Chapter Scholarship

STUDENTS TAKE NOTE

The Willamette Valley Chapter will once again be offering two scholarships for 3rd and 4th year students who will be enrolling in plant systematics or plant ecology at any Oregon college or university for the 2015-2016 school year. Two qualified applicants will be selected to receive \$1,000 from either the Augusta Rockefeller Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications will be accepted by mail until June 1, 2015. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Rules for Scholarship Awards

1. Scholarships are available to students in Oregon colleges, planning their major study in plant systematics or plant ecology.
2. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to worthy students who will complete at least two years of satisfactory college work by July 1 of the year of receipt of application and are full time students. Graduate students may be eligible if they meet all qualifications except that of full time student.
3. Awards are made in the following manner:
 - a) A certificate is presented to the recipient.

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NPSO State Vacancies

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

Westside Conservation Coordinator
Kalmiopsis Editor

2015 Wildflower Festival Calendar

by Gail Baker, Emerald Chapter

The winter of 2015 hardly happened in Oregon! Now it is time for wildflowers already. The festival calendar presented here was initiated in 2013. 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@lanec.edu.

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 11-12, Saturday-Sunday, 10 am-4 pm

Tryon Creek *Trillium* Festival and Native & Hardy Plant Sale. Location: Tryon Creek, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland. Free shuttle from Riverdale High School on Terwilliger Blvd. during festival hours. Information: tryonfriends.org/35th-annual-trillium-lily-festival-native-and-hardy-plant-sale.

April 25-26, Saturday-Sunday, 9 am-5 pm (always the last full weekend in April)

Glide Wildflower Show. 50th anniversary! Location: Glide Community Center, 20062 N Umpqua Hwy 138, Glide. Information: glidewildflowershow.org.

May 9-10, 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.

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NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

State Board Meeting

April 4, Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

The next state board meeting will be hosted by the Siskiyou Chapter in Phoenix. There will be a short hike after the meeting, see the Siskiyou Chapter calendar for details.

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 morning. For details, visit npsoregon.org/2015mtg. Please monitor the website for updates to the field trips and additions to the venue, merchandise and resources pages. In particular, information about obtaining maps for the Hood River and Mt Adams Ranger Districts will appear on the resources page. Note also that room rates at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn will go up on May 1. If you would like to help at the meeting, please let us know via email: annual-meeting@npsoregon.org.

Blue Mountain

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

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.

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

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>

and 2nd Streets. For more information contact: Lisa Blackburn, 503-538-3976 or blackburnlisag@gmail.com.

May 2, Saturday, 9 am-noon

Lab Workshop: Ericaceae Keying.

Dr. John Syring of Linfield College and his student, Terran Sobel-Smith, will be offering a laboratory workshop on the heath family (Ericaceae). After a brief introductory lecture, participants will be dissecting plants under the microscope and identifying specimens with a dichotomous key. The goals of the workshop are to provide practice at keying as well as to highlight the unique features and diversity of the Ericaceae. The workshop is structured for beginner to intermediate botanists, with no minimum qualifications. There is no cost. Location: Linfield College, Murdock Hall room 208. Seating will be limited; contact John Syring to reserve a space, jsyring@linfield.edu or 503-883-2466.

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.

April 11, Saturday, 9 am - mid-afternoon

Field Trip: Lower North Ridge Trail on Mary's Peak. This hike is about five miles round trip with a gentle climb of around 1,000 feet. Wear weather appropriate clothes and sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. Location: meet at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot at 26th and Monroe, SW from the Beanery. For information contact Louise at patch1L@aol.com or 541-753-0012.

April 13, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting/Talk: Conserving Rare Willamette Valley Butterflies. Presented by Dr. Paul M. Severns, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University. Conserving rare Willamette Valley butterflies is all about the right plant in the right conditions.

Dr. Stevens will discuss interactions between native and exotic plants and three extremely rare Willamette Valley butterflies, Fender's blue butterfly, Taylor's checkerspot, and the great copper. Location: Avery House in Avery Park. For information contact Jordan Brown at brownj@science.oregonstate.edu or 253-820-3934.

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 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.

April 19, Sunday, 10 am-noon

Wildflower Walk: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. Join local ecologists Peg Boulay and Bruce Newhouse in enjoying April wildflowers at the Arboretum. Peg and Bruce will identify and talk about flowers and trees, birds and bees, and anything else you please! Rain or shine. Location: meet at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Visitor Center. Co-sponsored by MPA and NPSO. Cost: \$5, members free. For information, call 541-747-3817.

April 30, Thursday, 5:30-7:30 pm

Field Trip: An Evening in the Nursery. A Tour of the Friends of Buford Park (FBP) Native Plant Nursery and Wildflower Walk. Gail Baker and Jason Blazar will lead an evening tour of a native plant nursery. You will see firsthand how the Friends produce quality native plants and seed to support restoration projects on and around Mt. Pisgah. Come and get a peak of the magnificent blooms before the FBP plant sale May 2. Join the tour and bring a friend. Location: meet at the entrance of the Nursery. For directions, visit bufordpark.org/about-mt-pisgah/directions.

May 2, Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

Field Trip: Wild Iris Ridge Park. Emily Steel of Eugene Parks and Open Space takes us to Wild Iris Ridge Park in the hills of southwest Eugene. We will walk 2 miles. Bring water and snacks. Location: At 10 am we will pool rides from the northeast corner of 11th Ave. and Bailey Hill Rd. Meet under the tall fir trees in front of Lowe's Store. For more information, call 541-345-5531.

May 3, Sunday, 8-10 am

Tour: Botany Art Themed Bike Ride. Gail Baker and Aryana Ferguson will lead you through downtown Eugene to discover botanical art murals, sculptures, ceramics and more. Bring your bike and helmet. Location: The ride will begin and end at the Morning Glory Café, 450 Willamette St., Eugene. For more information, contact Gail at bakerg@lanec.edu.

May 9, Saturday, 9 am-2 pm

Wildflower Tour: Bikes to Blooms. This bike-based wildflower tour will visit sites on the Row River Trail along scenic Dorena Lake. Regional plant experts will lead participants through natural areas with native prairie plants in bloom. Bring a bicycle, helmet, water, and lunch. All sites will be accessible by car, but cycling is encouraged. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Visit coastfork.org for more information. Volunteers needed: Contact Pam Reber at 541-767-9717 or coordinator@coastfork.org.

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.

April 24-26, Friday-Sunday

Field Trip: Glide Wildflower Show. We will camp while we visit the Glide Wildflower Show and botanize on the west side of the Cascades. This is the 50th anniversary for this amazing display of Oregon flora. If interested in attending, contact Susan Berger at suzyfishn@gmail.com or visit the chapter website for full details.

May 5, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Program: Native Plant Landscaping. Sandy Conaway of Wintercreek Native Plant Nursery and Restoration will discuss landscaping with native plants. She is a local botany enthusiast, landscaper, and weed warrior. Location: Brooks Room, Bend Downtown Library, 601 NW Wall St.

June 20-21, Saturday-Sunday

Klamath Basin

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

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.

May 7, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meeting/Program: Ancient Volcanoes and Their Plants. Retired botanist Dr. Ron Larson will talk about some of the relict plant communities that live on the ancient volcanoes of the Klamath Basin. Chapter meeting to follow. Location: Oregon Institute of Technology Campus, DOW Center for Health Professions Room 252.

May 9, Saturday, 9 am-2 pm

Event: 16th Annual International Migratory Bird Day. Come visit the Klamath Basin Chapter of the NPSO at this migratory bird celebration. The chapter will be featuring a variety of native plants for your garden. Plants will be free, but donations are appreciated. Location: Veteran's Park in downtown Klamath Falls.

Mid-Columbia

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

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.

May 21, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Annual Meeting Preparations. There will be no program in May, but plenty of Annual Meeting preparations for which your help will be appreciated. Watch your email for location and specifics.

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 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.

April 12, Sunday, 8 am-5:30 pm

Field Trip: Sevenmile Hill. We hope to be on time for this hike through masses of blooming balsamroot, lupine and paintbrush on Sevenmile Hill. This area was hit by wildfire last summer so we will investigate the effects of this fire on the plants and animals found here. Moderately difficult cross country, 4 mile hike on steep slopes, 1,200 ft. elevation gain. Contact Paul Slichter, 503-661-3292 or pslichter@frontier.com for more information, including meeting times and places.

April 22, Wednesday, 9 am-1 pm

Field Trip: McCord Creek. On Earth Day, we will hike the trails to Upper and Lower Elowah Falls, hoping to see *Douglasia*, *Oemleria*, *Synthyris* and members of the Saxifrage family. Driving is about 60 miles round trip. This is an easy hike of about 3 miles round trip with a 500 ft. elevation gain. To sign up and for information on carpooling, contact Nancy Chapman at chapman-nj@comcast.net.

April 26, Sunday, 9:30-11:30 am

Field Trip: The Great Camas Scotch

Broom Pull. Over the last few years we have made excellent progress toward control of Scotch Broom on this piece of property that Russ Jolley loved and cared for. We will be eliminating new sprouts as well as removing plants. Please bring your clippers, loppers, hand saws and gloves. You can picnic at the Great Camas Patch afterwards or travel to another site to picnic and hike. Parking is limited. Please contact Roger Brewer rogerbrewer@comcast.net for carpool information.

April 29, Wednesday, 5:30 pm

Field Trip: Camassia Preserve. Easy one-mile hike. A profusion of *Camassia quamash*, hopefully in full bloom, and 300 other plant species. This trip may be delayed if weather is not agreeable so contact Jason Clinch at jason.clinch@gmail.com or 503-706-2404 to sign up or with any questions. If you can't get there by 5:30 pm and still want to join, let Jason know. The preserve is small so you may be able to still join the group. Location: Meet us at the entrance at 5000 Walnut St., West Linn.

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.

May 3, Sunday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Field Trip: Four Sisters Near The Dalles. We will hike the prairie hills on the east side of Sevenmile Hill. The property, owned by Columbia Land Trust, is home to several large vernal pools surrounded by hundreds of acres of balsamroot, milkweed, lupine, and much more. Easy 3 mile hike with 100 ft. elevation gain. If you would like to practice your keying skills bring your Hitchcock, Kozloff, or Gilkey keys. We will take some time to work through a few plants. Drive of 150 miles round trip from Portland. Led by Mary Bushman. For more info or to sign up for the hike, contact Mary at 503-860-9689 or m.botanist@gmail.com.

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 Julie Spelletich at: jspelletich@gmail.com.

April 4, Saturday, 3 pm-4:30 pm

Field Trip: Wagner Road Interpretive Trail, South of Talent. Join the NPSO State Board members for a social stroll along the Wagner Road Interpretive Trail to see what's blooming. The hike will begin after the Board meeting that runs from 10 am-2 pm in Phoenix. Estimated drive time from Phoenix to trailhead is 20 minutes. Location: Meet at the Wagner Road trailhead (end of the pavement) at 3 pm. For more information, contact Kelli Van Norman, president@npsoregon.org.

April 16, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: The Rocky Road to Sedum Taxonomy. Colorful *Sedum* (stone-crops) are diverse in northern California and southwest Oregon. The *Carex* Working Group's four year study of one group of *Sedum* has rearranged the names and revealed undescribed species. This program will explain the findings and the basic biology that causes such a frustrating pattern of diversity. Refreshments at 6:45 pm, meeting and program at 7:00 pm. Location: Southern Oregon University, Cascade Science Bldg. (the old Cascade Dorms), Room CSC 114 or Hawthorn Hall in Ashland. Free. Contact Kristi: 541-941-3744.

May 2, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Whetstone Savanna. Truffle foray at the Nature Conservancy Whetstone Savanna with Darlene Southworth, Emeritus Professor of Biology from SOU. Walking is on flat rocky terrain short distances, with bending and kneeling on ground. Location: meet at Shop & Kart at 9:00 or the Pilot Station just east of exit 33, Central Point, at 9:30 for carpooling as

parking is limited. To sign up for the walk contact Julie Spelletich at jspelletich@gmail.com, 541 951-1744.

South Coast

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

April 11, Saturday, 10 am -1 pm

Field Trip: Golden and Silver Falls. Flowers begin blooming at this state park as early as January but we will hope to catch the falls during some peak wildflower viewing. We will hike about 4 miles, the trail can be narrow and precarious in sections so wear sturdy hiking boots and consider hiking poles. We will learn about the flora of the forest and of the rocky outcrops at the falls. Location: meet at trailhead parking lot at 10 am. At the south edge of Coos Bay, turn east from Highway 101, following "Alleghany" signs for 13.5 miles and then signs for the park for 8 miles. Trailhead is about 40 minutes from turnoff. Bring plenty of water and snacks. For information or carpooling, contact Alexis, alexis.brickner@gmail.com or 860-878-2049.

Umpqua Valley

Visit umpquavalleynativeplants.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.

April 9, Thursday, 6-7:30 pm

Presentation: Geology of Table Rock. Larry Broeker, a retired geologist from Umpqua National Forest Service and chapter member, will give a power point presentation on the geology of Upper Table Rock and surrounding area. Larry has been to this area before and is always happy to share his knowledge with others. Discover how the upside-down 'inverted' topography of Table Rocks formed. A chapter business meeting will follow the program. For more information, contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821, donnar460@gmail.com.

April 11, Saturday, 8 am-6 pm

Field Trip: Upper Table Rock and Agate Desert Preserve. Richard Helliwell, botanist, and Larry Broeker, retired geologist, will lead a hike of about 3 miles, 700+ ft elevation gain, to the summit of Upper Table Rock. We expect to see several endemic species such as the dwarf woolly meadow-foam (*Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *pumila*). We will first visit the Agate Desert Preserve to view the large-flowered meadow-foam (*Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *grandiflora*). Bring appropriate foot gear and clothing for rain, cold, poison oak, and ticks; lunch, water, and camera/tripod. Dogs are not allowed. If you plan to attend, contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821, donnar460@gmail.com, or Larry Broeker, 541-680-3911, lherzo7@gmail.com. Please leave your phone number and email address for handouts or further correspondence. Location: Parking lot between the Douglas County Library and Courthouse (west side of Fowler St. in the section nearest the creek) at 8 am, departing at 8:30 sharp. Car pooling is encouraged. Alternate meeting place: 1-5 exit 103 at the McDonald's parking lot at 10:00 am.

April 18, Saturday, 10 am-4 pm

Event: Earth Day Celebration and Energy Fair. Be sure to visit our NPSO booth when you come to the Earth Day Fair. Stop by for a copy of the 2015 field trip flyer. We will have members ready to answer questions, handouts about NPSO, and landscaping information. No fee to attend the fair, just bring a canned food donation. Location: Douglas County Fairground in Roseburg, I-5 exit 123.

April 19, Sunday, 8 am-6 pm

Field Trip: Serpentine Fens. Join us to investigate the feeding habits of the insectivorous cobra lily (*Darlingtonia californica*) and butterwort (*Pinguicula vulgaris*) as well as view other serpentine endemic plant species such as Hall's violet (*Viola hallii*) and Howell's mariposa lily (*Calochortus howellii*). We will visit Thomas Jefferson Howell fen, Mike's fen, and Mariposa Meadows (*Calochortus* Study Plots) near Eight Dollar Mountain and Selma, as well as

the stepped alluvial terraces of Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside by Cave Junction in Illinois Valley. Ken Carloni, botanist at Umpqua Community College will be leading this field trip. If you plan to attend, contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821, donnar460@gmail.com. For meeting location, see field trip for April 11.

April 25-26, Saturday-Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm

Event: Glide Wildflower Show. Be sure to visit our NPSO booth. Kick off the start of Native Plant Appreciation week at the Pacific Northwest's premier wildflower show. Folks come from around the world just for this show. Don't miss it, you won't be disappointed. It will give you a better appreciation for the diversity and beauty of our own native flora. Location: Glide Community Center. Native plants will be for sale on Sunday. Information: glidewildflowershow.org. Don't miss the 12:30 pm guided wildflower walk in Swiftwater Park both days.

Willamette Valley

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

April 12, Sunday, 7 am-5:30 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. The walk will cover at least five miles with some elevation gain. Come prepared for a long day, returning about 5:30 pm. Bring food and water. Call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm to register and for information about carpooling. The field trip is free and open to the public.

May 2, Saturday, 6:45 am-6 pm

Field Trip: Tom McCall Preserve. Participants in this all-day field trip will view wildflowers at the Tom McCall Preserve, overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, near Rowena. This 270-acre Nature Conservancy Preserve features spectacular spring blooms including balsamroot, lupine, and many others. The walk will cover at least five

miles with elevation gain. Bring food and water. To register, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm. The field trip 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.

OTHER EVENTS

Morning Glory Café

April 15-May 31, Daily, 7:30 am-3 pm

Exhibit: Botanical Illustrations. The works of nearly a dozen local botanical artists will be on display at the Morning Glory Café. The official opening is during Eugene's First Friday Art Walk, May 1, 5:30-8 pm. Beverages and pastry available for purchase. Location: 450 Willamette Street, Eugene.

NPSO

April 18, Saturday, 10 am-4 pm

Field Trip: Myrtle Park and Myrtle Creek. Meet with NPSO members to wander around Myrtle Park and down the Myrtle Creek Trail to the first crossing, maybe further depending on creek level. Spring flowers of the Ponderosa pine forest and sagebrush meadow. Easy to moderate, 1-4 miles. Location: meet at 10 am at the junction of Highway 395 and Road #31 (~18 miles north of Burns). For information, contact the leader, Jennifer Barker: 541-542-2525 or j.barker@centurytel.net.

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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 Chair of NPSO Legislative and Conservation, East Side Committees, 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." Billy Don also recently served our Society as State Vice President.

We are currently lacking a 3rd candidate. This vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

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- b) A check in the amount of the award is submitted to the school of choice, as set forth in rule 1, to be used toward tuition within the following academic year.
- 4. If an award recipient fails to enroll, changes his or her major, or leaves the school before completing the period for which the award was granted, the full amount or unused part of the money shall be returned to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- 5. Applicants are required to submit:
 - a) In their own words, a statement of academic and career intent.
 - b) Two letters of reference from persons able to judge the student's ability to successfully

complete study in the area of plant systematics or plant ecology.

- c) Full academic record (transcript).

- 6. The Scholarship Committee Chair must receive all applications, together with items listed in rule 5, no later than June 1. The award will be made by July 1.
- 7. Scholarships cannot be granted to Scholarship Committee members or their relatives.

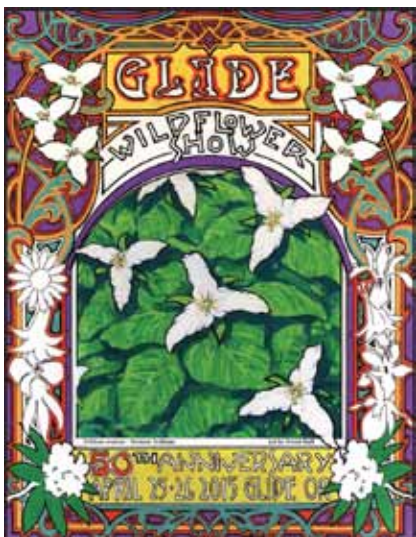
Please mail applications and the required documentation to:

Thomas Jenkins
Scholarship Committee Chairman
14380 Salt Creek Rd.
Dallas, OR 97338

Wildflower Festival cont'd from page 2

May 9, Saturday, 10 am-4 pm
Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival. Location: Silver Falls State Park. Information: call 503-874-0201 or visit oregonstateparks.org/park_211.php and click on the Events link.

Festivals for May and beyond will be listed in the May Bulletin.



GLIDE WILDFLOWER SHOW

Trillium ovatum by David Hall, Glide Wildflower Show 50th Anniversary!

Glide Wildflower Show Turns 50!

The largest showcase of wildflowers in the Pacific Northwest started in 1965 with 71 specimens collected by Reggie Miller. Throughout the years, special exhibits were added, the number of displayed species grew to over 600, and attendance increased from 35 people to over 1,000.

The 2015 Glide Wildflower Show is April 25-26 at the Glide Community Center, with a suggested donation of \$3.00. Wildflowers are on display 9-5 and other activities include a guided wildflower walk, a native plant propagation workshop, and talks. Flora books and guides, as well as homemade pies, will be for sale, and there will be a native plant sale on Sunday.

For a full schedule, driving directions, and more information on the Show's history and the hundreds of volunteers that make it all possible, visit glidewildflowershow.org.

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South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

May 2, Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

Class: Native Plant Workshop. Native? non-native? Invasive/noxious plants? Hannah McDonald and Alexis Brickner of the South Coast Native Plant Society will define and identify these plants for you! Learn what native plants to use in your landscaping and why they are good for you, the plants and animals! Take a trail hike to identify native plants. Dress for being indoors and outdoors. Location: South Slough Interpretive Center, four miles south of Charleston, on Seven Devils Rd. This class is free but reservations are required. Contact Joy Tally to sign up or for more information: Joy.Tally@state.or.us or 541-888-5558.

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P.O. Box 80714

Portland, OR 97280

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Student – \$12 Regular – \$25 Family – \$35

Sustaining – \$60 Patron – \$125 Life Membership – \$500

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Membership applications, renewals and changes of address (include old address) should be sent to the Membership Chair. Changes of address may also be e-mailed to Membership@NPSOregon.org.

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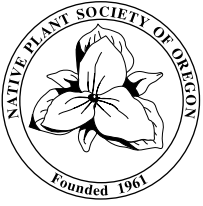
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This year's Native Plant Appreciation Week poster was designed by Susan Berger, with photos by Brian Dykstra, Don Jacobson, Jon Muyskens, Eileen Stark, and Kevin Weitemier. NPSO activities include keying workshops, a work party, and several field trips. How will you spend your week?

Thank you to Friends of the Oregon Flora Project for lending its space this month. The regular column will return in May.

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Please mark and return your ballot (postmarked by May 1, 2015) to:

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