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McKenzie River Conference Center, Rainbow, Oregon

The Emerald Chapter is excited to host the 2016 Annual Meeting in the beautiful McKenzie River area. For the most current information visit the annual meeting website, <http://emerald.npsoregon.org/2016mtg>, on a regular basis.

Natural History of the McKenzie River Area

The McKenzie Watershed, encompassing 1,248 square miles, lies within Linn and Lane counties. Ecoregions include High Cascades, Western Cascades and the Willamette Valley, with elevations from 10,358 feet at South Sister to 373 feet at the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers.

McKenzie River Origins

The McKenzie River flows westward from the High Cascades. The river's primary source is snow melt from direct runoff and porous lava,

which can retain water for several years. About 3,000 years ago, lava flows from the Sand Mountain volcanic chain dammed the ancestral McKenzie River, forming Clear Lake. Cold, clear 38° water wells up at Clear Lake Great Springs, emerging from a system of lava tubes underneath the surface. The water in Clear Lake is so clear that a prehistoric forest of snags can still be seen on the bottom. Clear Lake is recognized as the McKenzie River's source, but actually it is the place where we start to name it the McKenzie River.

One and a half miles south of Clear Lake the river surges over a cataract that drops 73 feet. Natives called the falls Sahalie, a Chinook jargon word meaning "high." A half mile beyond Sahalie, the water leaps off another cliff at Koosah Falls. Expect to

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IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Now is the time for members to renew for 2016. To find out whether you need to renew, please look at your address label on this issue of the *Bulletin*. If 2015 appears along the top edge of the label, you need to renew before February 13, 2016 to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the *Bulletins*. If the year is absent (i.e. top of label is blank) or if you see 2016, 2017, or a later year, ignore this notice - you do NOT need to renew at this time.

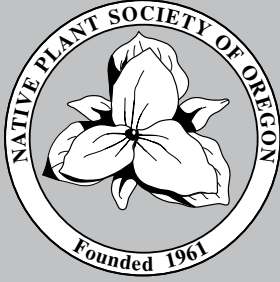
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It's also a great time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds. The Leighton Ho Memorial Award is used for research projects in western Oregon. The Rare and Endangered Plant Fund supports work with our most threatened plants. The Augusta Rockafellar and Jean Davis Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to a botany student at an Oregon college or university. You can also include a contribution to the Oregon Flora Project along with your dues.

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Take Your Best Shot: 2016 Native Plant Appreciation Week Poster Contest

Summer's over . . . but remember all those great photos you took of native plants in Oregon this spring and summer? Now that you're probably spending more time indoors, you could take this opportunity to select the best of your photos and submit them for the Native Plant Appreciation Week Poster Contest. Entries must be submitted online on the NPSO Photo Gallery (<http://npsoregon.org/photos/main.php>) in the album titled "2016 NPAW Photo Contest." Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, species or other description, family, common name, location, and date). All entries must be received by December 15, 2015. Photos will be rated on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. Complete details can be found at: <http://npsoregon.org/photocontest.html>. If you have any questions, please email Judi Sanders, judi.sanders@gmail.com.

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We are pleased to offer the option to receive the Bulletin in electronic form. An email would be sent to you with the *Bulletin* attached as a PDF file and a link from which you can access the file on the Web. This *e-Bulletin* would replace the paper copy you receive every month in your mailbox. If you would like to receive the *e-Bulletin* rather than the paper copy, please email membership@NPSOregon.org from the email address at which you want to receive it. Also, include your name as it appears on the mailing label of your paper copy.

Grant Proposals Requested

NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are:

1. To stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state.
2. To promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due annually by March 1. The guidelines are available online at: www.npsoregon.org/grants.html. For a paper copy of the program policy and guidelines, contact:

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May 2015 Board Meeting Highlights

by *Rosalie Crowe, NPSO Secretary*

Sam Friedman (Umpqua Valley) and Susan Berger (High Desert) were voted in as Directors-at-large.

Volume 1 of *Flora of Oregon*, produced by Oregon Flora Project, was published in August. Volume 2 is estimated to be released in 2017. *Kalmiopsis* will be published online only, replacing the hard copy.

NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO Annual Meeting 2016

July 15-17, Friday-Sunday

Emerald Chapter will host the 2016 NPSO Annual Meeting on a private forested 46 acre property near the majestic McKenzie River, a fifty-minute drive from Eugene. Location: McKenzie River Conference Center, Rainbow, Oregon. For the most current information, visit the annual meeting website, <http://emerald.npsoregon.org/2016mtg>.

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.

November 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Oregon Season Trackers. Amy Grotta with Oregon State University Extension Service will discuss a new OSU program. Oregon Season Tracker is a localized application of the citizen scientist concept, focused on seasonal rainfall and plant monitoring. Oregon Season Tracker participates in the National Phenology Network, in which volunteers monitor selected native plants over the growing season. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing. Meeting/Program starts at 7:00. 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.

November 9, Monday, 7:30 pm

Program: Botanical Genesis: Creating Wildflowers Galore. In this new era of conservation, humans shape every aspect of our environment. If you hike at Bald Hill Farm you will witness this

transformation. Matt Blakeley-Smith with the Greenbelt Land Trust will explain local grassroots efforts to conserve land, revive endangered species, and involve people every step of the way. Featuring indulgent botanical photos. Location: Avery House in Avery Park. For information, contact Jordan Brown at 253-820-3934 or brownj@science.oregonstate.edu.

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.

November 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Conserving Pollination Services in Tropical Forest Landscapes. Pollinators and the services they provide are in decline worldwide, but the causes remain cryptic, particularly in tropical forest. Dr. Matthew Betts, associate professor of landscape ecology at Oregon State University, will summarize eight years of research designed to understand pollination dynamics in the montane tropical forests of Costa Rica. Topics include limitations to hummingbird movement, pollinator recognition by *Heliconia tortuosa*, and implications for coevolution and conservation. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, see above for directions. For more information call Steven at 541-521-3964 or see <http://emerald.npsoregon.org>.

December 17, Thursday, 7 pm

Event: Holiday Social and Picture Show: Bring 10 to 12 digital photos and a snack to share if you wish. Come and socialize with others who share your interest in native plants. Location:

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>

Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, see above for directions. For more information call Steven at 541-521-3964.

Filipendula

This is a newly formed chapter for the northern Oregon coast area. For more information, visit our Facebook page: NPSO-Filipendula Chapter, or contact Field Trip Chair Carla Cole, colecarla@yahoo.com.

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.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, visit <http://klamathbasinnps.com> or contact the chapter president, Kim Elliott, kb_president@NPSOregon.org. 252.

November 5, Thursday, 6:30-8 pm

Program: Carnivorous Plants. Plant enthusiast and NPSO member Lacey Jarrell will discuss carnivorous plant genera in Oregon. See chapter website for additional information. Location: Oregon Institute of Technology Campus, DOW Center for Health Professions Room 252.

December 3, Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm

Program: Fire Ecology. US Forest Service ecologist James Klungness-Mshoi will speak about fire ecology. See chapter website for additional information. Location: Oregon Institute of Technology Campus, DOW Center for Health Professions Room 252.

Mid-Columbia

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

November 19, Thursday, 7 pm Meeting/Program: Remembering

Jerry Igo — Videos and Other Memories. This program will be presented by chapter members working to ensure Jerry Igo's work is preserved and shared for the benefit of NPSO and the wider native plant community. This program will be part of the monthly chapter meeting. Location: Columbia Gorge Community College, Building 1, Room 1.362, 400 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles. Further information: Billy Don, 503-515-1708 or bdmeme@gmail.com.

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.

November 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Portland Area Meadows and Pollinators. Can we all do more to bring back Oregon's natural habitats? Join Mark Griswold Wilson, restoration ecologist and landscape designer, as he discusses the cultural history of the Willamette Valley's prairie savannah landscape and a potential urban analog — the native plant meadow garden. He will present the idea of planting urban meadows as turf alternatives for: conserving water, improving water quality, providing habitat for pollinators, and introducing an interested gardening public to our native prairie plants. He will also identify some commonly seen urban bees and recommend native meadow plant communities to use in your own yard

to provide a micro-habitat for them. Meeting location: Metro Building, Portland, see above for details. Contact: Mary at alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

December 10, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Members Meeting. Bring your electronic images of native flora on a thumb drive as well as some goodies to share. It is our annual celebration — everyone welcome! Meeting location: Metro Building, Portland, see above for details. Contact: Mary at alphiesmith@comcast.net or 503-288-4340.

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. Join us on Facebook at: [facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon](https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon).

November 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Using Native Plants in the Landscape. Jen Hardin-Tietjen will discuss the benefits of replacing high maintenance garden plants with natives. Jen is the general manager of Forestfarm at Pacifica, a non-profit rare plant nursery with a large selection of native plants. Jen became interested in native plants as an avid backpacker in Northern California and Southern Oregon. Refreshments at 6:45, meeting and program at 7 pm. Location: Southern Oregon University Science Bldg., Room 161. Free and open to the public. For information contact Dave at 541-535-5355.

December 10, Thursday, 6 pm

Holiday Potluck/Silent Auction/Program: Winding Trails. Lee Webb and Phil Hicks, retired U.S. Forest Service biologists, will present a historical retrospective of the life of Alva (Al) Hobart, botanist and explorer, who roamed most of the Siskiyou and made many important discoveries about the region's

plants. This is our annual holiday season potluck with lots of goodies and surprises. Feasting begins at 6:30, program at 7 pm. Location: Talent Community Center, 206 E. Main, Talent. Please bring a potluck dish, table service (plate, silverware, glass, cup), food donation for the Talent Food Project, and packets of seeds to contribute for the native plant seed exchange. Free and open to the public. If you have questions contact Dave at 541-535-5355..

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.

Willamette Valley

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

November 10, Tuesday, 7-8 pm

Program: Green Streets, Planting Design, and Concepts for Urban Stormwater Management. Mark Akimoff, environmental program technician with the City of Keizer, will discuss removing pollutants with vegetated stormwater facilities, such as rain gardens. He will also describe the native plant species used in the facilities. Mark has a degree in horticultural science from Oregon State University and over 18 years of experience in the landscape and nursery industry. In his spare time, he runs Illahe Rare Bulbs, a nursery specializing

in hardy flower bulbs from around the world. Sponsored by the Willamette Valley Chapter. Location: Straub Environmental Center, 1320 A Street NE, next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm.

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.

Steens Mountain Trip Report

by Kelli Van Norman

I think one of my favorite places to botanize in Oregon is near the top of Steens Mountain in the subalpine grassland. What a spectacular place... and it's easy to get to as it is Oregon's

highest road. On July 18 the High Desert Chapter hosted a Steens Mountain outing. We were fortunate to have retired BLM botanist Rick Hall from Burns join us. We also had Chicago Botanic Garden intern Lindsay Riibe, who is spending the summer collecting native plant seeds for the Seeds of Success program. In all we had fourteen people, some of whom had never been up there.

Botanizing on Steens Mountain is fairly easy with Don Mansfield's book *Flora of Steens Mountain*, published in

2000 by Oregon State University Press. There's also a 1995 *Kalmiopsis* article about Steens Mountain, written by Don Mansfield and available on the NPSO website at <http://npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis05/mansfield.pdf>.

We stopped at Kiger Gorge Viewpoint, the East Rim Viewpoint, and a spot overlooking the south fork of Willow Creek and the north end of the Alvord Desert. Rick made sure that we still had enough time to spend several hours wandering through the Little Blitzen Research Natural Area. Wow! It's hard to say what my favorite plant of the day was. I have an extensive list of what I saw and even that isn't all-inclusive. And as we walked back to the vehicles through the Little Blitzen RNA, Rick Hall finally found the diminutive, boreal *Salix petrophila*.



KELLI VAN NORMAN

Ericameria discoidea var. *discoidea*, Little Blitzen RNA, Steens Mountain



KELLI VAN NORMAN

Salix petrophila, Little Blitzen RNA, Steens Mountain

McKenzie River, *cont'd*

see roaring waterfalls, lava fields, white water, cathedral forests, and the scars of past forest fires on our field trip wanderings during the 2016 annual meeting. Fires in the Western Oregon Cascades are regular occurrences. Charred rings in old trees remind us that fire visits an average of every 70 years on the wetter west side of the Cascades. Lightning strike fire is a major natural disturbance.

Our Friday night annual meeting speaker will delve further into the natural history of the McKenzie River. Don't miss it!

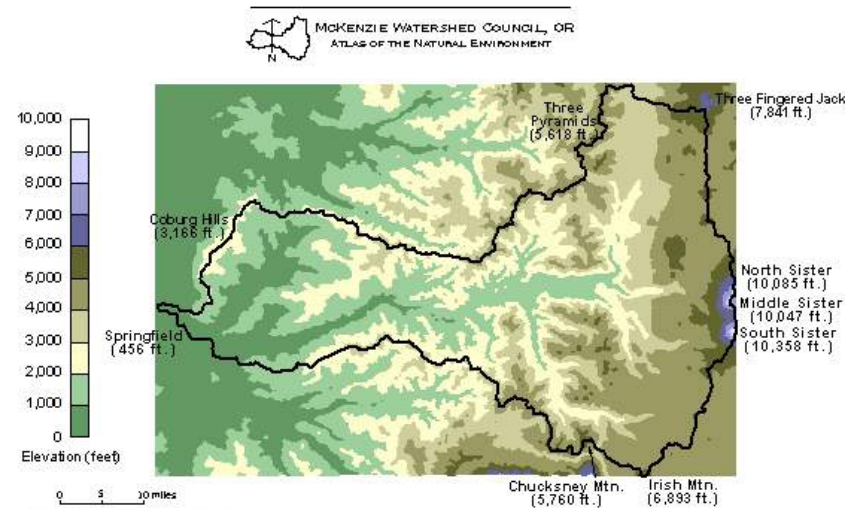
Flora

Herm "Franklin" Fitz, McKenzie valley resident, ecologist, teacher, and former NPSO State President, has said that unusual plant adaptations occur in the McKenzie River Valley. Some plants are more typical of adjacent

regions and many are disjunct from their main populations.

The Paintbrushes (*Castilleja* spp.) were selected as the featured plants of the annual meeting. NPSO Fellow and annual meeting field trip chair Bruce Newhouse tells us, "We hope to see at least one species on every trip (some trips may have 3 or 4 species!)." The Emerald Chapter will post a one-page printable description of paintbrushes expected in the area to the annual meeting website.

Elevation



Map of McKenzie Watershed

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Park Creek Wildflowers

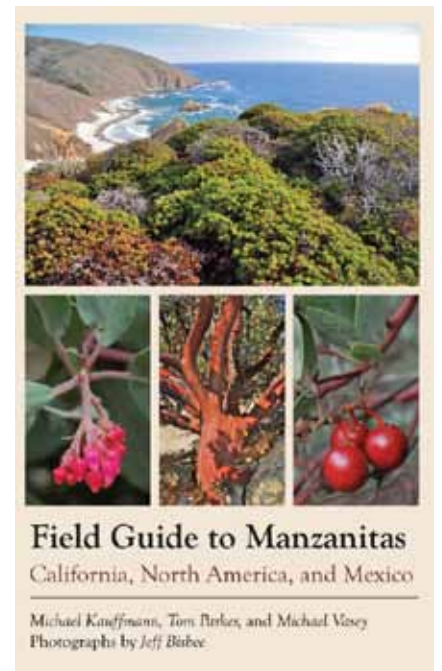
TANYA HARVEY

Update Your Manzanita ID

Wildflower season may be just a memory but you will still have a reason for outdoor explorations with this new book. *Field Guide to Manzanitas: California, North America, Mexico* was published in May and is a collaboration of authors Michael Kauffmann, Tom Parker, and Michael Vasey with photographer Jeff Bisbee. There are descriptions of 104 species and subspecies of manzanita, including range maps and color photos. Regional keys and lists of taxa, along with 28 hot-spot destinations, provide additional field reference. There is also a natural history section that covers manzanita endemism, ecology, and evolution. Rudolf Schmid noted in his review:

"Many famous taxonomists have worked on Arctostaphylos, which despite their collective efforts, has often been regarded as one of those groups easy to identify to genus, but hard to species. Field Guide to Manzanitas might well demolish that notion, not only because of its many identificatory aids and spectacular color photos, maps, and graphics, but also because of the all-star cast generating and interpreting them."

The full text of Schmid's review, published in the June 25, 2015 issue of *Taxon*, is available at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iapt/tax>. Field Guide to Manzanitas is printed on post-consumer recycled paper by Backcountry Press. Order your copy online at <http://backcountrypress.com/manzanitas> or read an excerpt at <http://blog.conifercountry.com/2015/06/manzanitas-of-san-luis-obispo-county>.



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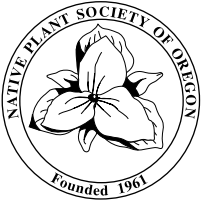
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Enjoy a reception, brief program, buffet dinner, and book signing.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to share in the festivities! Tickets are available online for \$35.00 until November 9. Visit oregonflora.org and select the "Click to Join the Celebration" button.

For those who will be staying overnight in the area, the Comfort Suites in Corvallis offer a 20% discount on rooms. Likewise, a limited number of homestays are available. For further information, please contact Linda at 541-737-4338, or email ofpflora@oregonflora.org.