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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 Committee postmarked by May 25, 2018. Newly elected individuals will assume office during the Annual Meeting.

We are currently lacking a third candidate for Director-at-Large. This vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Please consider serving our Society. Interested persons and people with suggestions for potential candidates may contact Dan Luoma by email (daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

#### President:

Lisa Blackburn (Cheahmill) was born and raised in southern California. She graduated with a BS in Renewable Natural Resources and an MS in Range Management from the University of California at Davis. Lisa moved to Oregon in 1977. She worked for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management 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, state secretary, and state vice president.

#### Vice President:

**Thea Jaster** (Emerald) earned her bachelor's degree in Botany from the

University of New Hampshire in 1990, minoring in German. The following years were punctuated by a two-year stint in the Peace Corps in Paraguay, working in agroforestry and environmental education, and five years working on the botany team for the Latin America Division of The Nature Conservancy in Arlington, Virginia. Thea arrived in Oregon in 2001, in Eugene. During a field season in the Fremont National Forest of south central Oregon she performed plant surveys using a combination of floras to key plants, somewhat frustrated, as no single flora contained all the species for the region. Thea realized the need for a single comprehensive flora for Oregon. She was then introduced to the Oregon Flora Project (now OregonFlora) and was subsequently hired as a database manager for the team in 2002, where she has had the pleasure of working ever since. Thea enjoys botanizing, hiking, flat water kayaking, and cross country skiing. She also finds peace working in her garden.

#### Secretary:

Steven Yeager (Emerald) Originally from Philadelphia, Steven moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1994, and has been rooted in Eugene ever since. He has been exploring Oregon's wild places and studying the Pacific Northwest's native flora since 1995. Steven is co-owner of the Columbines School of Botanical Studies in Eugene. Columbines offers a unique educational program focusing on community

herbalism, including a heavy emphasis on botany that covers plant terminology and using taxonomic keys, ecology, and ethnobotany. He also is the QA/QC director at Mountain Rose Herbs and is responsible for the proper identity of their botanical products. Steven has also served as president of the Emerald Chapter and is on the boards of the United Plant Savers and the American Herbal Products Association Foundation for Education and Research on Botanicals.

#### Treasurer:

**Cyndi Dion** (Siskiyou) has served as our state treasurer for the last decade. Some years ago, she retired from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (also a nonprofit) after serving as the business

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Opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors of the articles. They do not represent the opinions of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, unless so stated.

## **Bulletin Seeks New Editor**

NPSO needs a new editor for its statewide *Bulletin* newsletter. The *Bulletin* editor is among the first to hear the news and you will get to know your fellow NPSO members as you coordinate submissions. A degree in botany is not necessary, just an interest in native plants, good organizational skills, and an eye for detail. You should also have a computer and internet service as most communications are via email. The *Bulletin* is published 10 times a year and requires about 15 hours of editorial work per issue. Additional volunteers are in place to prepare the newsletter layout, printing, and mailing. A description of the *Bulletin* editor position is on page 7 of the Board Handbook, available online at http://npsoregon.org/documents/NPSOBoardHandbook.pdf. If you are interested, please contact the current editor at bulletin@npsoregon.org for more information.

## **New NPSO Chapter Presidents**

Please welcome these two new chapter presidents and thank the outgoing presidents for their service.

ShyAnne Groberg is the new president for the Emerald Chapter. Outgoing president Matt Groberg will continue to volunteer on the state website committee and the Emerald Chapter RE committee.

Dave Garcia is the new president for the Siskiyou Chapter. Dave is a retired teacher/principal, naturalist, and one of the co-founders of the Siskiyou Chapter. Outgoing president Kristi Mergenthaler will continue to be involved with the chapter in outreach and also planning for the NPSO Annual Meeting 2019 in the Applegate Valley.

## **GLORIA Project Seeks Volunteers**

By Dr. Upekala Wijayratne

Volunteers are being sought for a monitoring project that the U.S. Forest Service, NE Oregon Area Ecology Group is embarking on. We are setting up a GLO-RIA (Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments) cluster in the Wallowa Mountains of Oregon.

GLORIA is a global research initiative to study the effects of climate change on alpine ecosystems. There are several North American GLORIA clusters but there is a gap in the coverage in our region (clusters exist in Californa, Nevada, and British Columbia). A cluster is a collection of 3–4 peaks with replicated permanent vegetation plots that are sampled every five years. It's largely a volunteer driven initiative and a labor of love for many. The California group has been active for over 10 years and has built up quite an army of professional and amateur botanists.

We have identified three peaks in the Wallowas for our cluster and made some preliminary species lists. Our target region is just inside the Eagle Cap Wilderness boundary, south of Mt. Howard. The Mt. Howard area has populations of *Lomatium greenmanii*, an endemic to the Wallowa Mountains, and a state threatened species. The lowest peak has habitat that looks promising for *L. greenmanii*. This year's field sampling will be during the week of July 29.

Because our project will need to be sampled every five years in perpetuity, we are looking for institutional partners/volunteers to help us. We'd like to build a coalition of interested institutions and individuals that are committed to this project and its success. More information about GLORIA can be found on the web at: gloria.ac.at.

For more information on this unique opportunity for alpine botanizing, please contact Dr. Upekala Wijayratne, NE Oregon Area Ecologist; Malheur, Umatilla, & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests; 541-523-1211; ucwijayratne@fs.fed.us.

## **NPSO CALENDAR**

## **State Notes**

#### **NPSO Annual Meeting 2018**

#### June 1-3, Friday-Sunday

The next Annual Meeting will be co-hosted by the Portland and High Desert Chapters June 1–3, Friday–Sunday, in Prineville. Details in the March *Bulletin* and online at 2018. npsoregon.org. Please note that registration is now full.

## **Blue Mountain**

For information on Blue Mountain Chapter call Jerry Baker, 541-566-2244. To get on our email list, contact flora.id@wtechlink.us.

## 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.

Meeting and work party location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. (corner of Highway 99W and SW Second St.), McMinnville. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second street.

Field trip meeting location: Corner of SE Linfield Ave. and Blaine St., McMinnville. To get there, take Hwy. 99W in south McMinnville, turn at Great Harvest toward the Linfield College campus on Linfield Ave. Park on the street.

#### May 5, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Deer Creek Park. See progress on wetland prairie restoration including *Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii*. Dave Hanson, park steward and past president of Cheahmill Chapter, will explain the hydrology of the still-wet site, which is being restored to its original state after

agricultural disturbance. Be prepared to walk through watery areas. Location: meet no later than 9 am at SE Linfield Ave. and Blaine St., McMinnville. See above for directions. Or meet at the park at 9:45 am. For more information, call Dave at 503-843-4338.

# 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 preregister 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

#### May 12, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: The Butte. Dave Hanson, Cheahmill Chapter past-president, will lead this moderate hike to The Butte, an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The Butte has an elevation of 1,407 feet and is approximately 8 1/2 miles due west of the city of McMinnville, between the waters of Muddy Creek and Deer Creek. It is not normally accessible by the public. Hikers will pass through a stand of 200-400 year-old Douglas firs. Be prepared to do some off-trail bushwhacking. Location: meet no later than 9 am at S.E. Linfield Ave. and Blaine St., McMinnville. See above for directions. For more information, contact Dave at 503-843-4338.

# May 19, June 23, July 28, Saturdays, 9-11 am

## Work Party: Native Plant Garden.

Work around the Carnegie Building with a congenial crew to maintain the beauty of this mature demonstration garden. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. Location: McMinnville Public Library, see above for details. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at catie.fishback@gmail.com or 503-435-2401.

#### May 26, Saturday, 10 am -3 pm

# Community Event: Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale. The

Cheahmill Chapter will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year at this wildflower show. Chapter members scour Yamhill County for native plants, as many as possible in bloom, and fill the Carnegie Room of the library with color and fragrance. Species are identified by Latin name, common name, and plant family. Buy locally grown native plants and tour the native plant garden, which may offer some surprises this year. Location: McMinnville Public Library, see details above. Free admission. For

more information, contact Marna Porath at MPinAmity@gmail.com or 971-267-0058.

## **Corvallis**

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact co\_president@NPSOregon.org. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO.

May 5, Saturday, 9:30-11 am Field Trip: Woodpecker Loop at Finley Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the trailhead. For more information, contact Esther: estherco@peak.org or 541-754-0893.

May 12, Saturday, 8 am Field Trip: Gerdemann Botanic Preserve. This private botanical garden in Yachats contains rare and unusual plants found in moist temperate regions of the world. The site is a 3.5 acre natural Sitka spruce/western hemlock forest with many native species and is richly under-planted with botanical specimens. The Preserve contains significant collections of magnolia and camellia, as well as Jim Gerdemann's hand-crossed tropical vireya rhododendrons. With luck, we will catch Clintonia andrewsiana, the redwood's clintonia, in bloom. The Gerdemann public trail passes through a wooded hillside facing the Pacific Ocean. Bring lunch and water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. Location: meet for carpooling at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot, southwest of the Beanery at 26th and Monroe. For more information and to RSVP, contact Dan Luoma: 541-752-8860 or luomad@fsl.orst. edu.

May 14, Monday, 7:30 pm
Meeting: Screening Native
Willamette Valley Wildflowers for
Attractiveness to Pollinators and
Natural Enemies. Aaron Anderson
is fascinated by native beneficial
insect conservation. He will speak on
understanding how such species use

urban green spaces as habitat, which can then inform us how to manage these areas. Location: Cordley Hall, room 2087 on the OSU campus. For more information, contact Judi: judi. sanders@gmail.com.

## May 26, Saturday, 9 am-mid afternoon

#### Field Trip: Lower North Ridge.

Wear weather-appropriate clothes and sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. Location: meet for carpooling at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot, southwest of the Beanery at 26th and Monroe. For more information, contact Esther: estherco@peak.org or 541-754-0893, or Louise: patch1L@ aol.com or 541-753-0012.

## **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:** The venue for programs this season is the Amazon Community Center at 2700 Hilyard St. in Eugene. Go to the M.L.I. Room in Building "C."

May 13, Sunday, 9 am-noon
Field Trip: Wildwood Falls and Lasells Stewart Park. These two Lane
County Parks are located on opposite sides of the Row River at scenic
Wildwood Falls, southeast of Cottage
Grove in the foothills of the western
Cascades. Though only about 20 acres
combined, the two parks have a diverse flora because of forest, riparian,
and rock outcrop habitats. Location:
meet at 9 am at 19th and Patterson in
the South Eugene High School parking lot. For more information, contact
Ed Alverson, 541-461-1958.

#### May 19, Saturday

Volunteer: Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival. Help to collect, identify, and set up flora displays. We will start at 9 am and

continue throughout the day. Please contact Matt Groberg at 541-954-5334 if interested.

#### May 20, Sunday, 10 am-5 pm Event: Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower and Music Festival.

NPSO needs volunteers for the information booth. Contact Matt Groberg at 541-954-5334 if interested. Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum, White Oak Pavilion. Directions: in South Eugene go east from I-5 at 30th Ave. and follow Seavey Loop Road to Mount Pisgah. For full Festival details, visit mountpisgaharboretum.com.

# May 23, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 pm

Wildflower Walk: Middle Fork Trail **Spring.** Fraser MacDonald, natural resources planner for Willamalane Park District, and Dave Predeek of NPSO lead a 3 mile walk from Dorris Ranch through the woods and along the river. Flora includes lilies, Indian paint brush, Oregon geranium, and many others. Bring drinking water. Location: meet at the Middle Fork Path trailhead at Dorris Ranch. In Springfield drive south on Pioneer Parkway and cross Main St. Continue south for another mile to the Dorris Ranch entrance gate. For more information call Dave at 541-345-5531.

#### June 9, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge. Alan Curtis leads a 3 mile hike to a steep, rocky meadow high in the Coburg Hills north of Springfield. Enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and great botanical diversity. Bring water and lunch. Location: meet at 19th and Patterson in the South Eugene High School parking lot. For more information, contact Alan Curtis at abcwoods1@gmail.com.

## 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, carlajeancole@gmail.com.

## **High Desert**

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

## Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, visit http://klamathbasinnps.com or contact the chapter president, kb\_president@NPSOregon.org.

## Mid-Columbia

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

#### May 17, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Science behind the Eagle Creek Fire Response. Steven Sobieszczyk, a hydrologist with USGS, will give a presentation. He was part of the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) team that explored the impacted area to assess the potential long-term effects of the Eagle Creek Fire of 2017. Location: Building One, Room 1.354, Columbia Gorge Community College, 400 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles.

## **Portland**

If you would like to receive the chapter's semi-official email newsletter, The Calochortus, email 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.

The Portland Chapter meets the second Thursday of most months. Meetings and programs begin at 7:00 pm. **MEETING PLACE: TaborSpace** 

at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St., Portland. We will meet in Copeland Commons; enter the church through the main door off Belmont and turn right to enter the room. Parking is available in the church lot on the NW corner of SE 54th and Belmont.

#### May 9, Wednesday, 6-8 pm Field Trip: Marquam Nature Park.

Attune your senses to the beautiful native plants commonly found in the understory of our area's woodland and forest habitats. Geared for the novice-level native plant enthusiast, this hike is an opportunity to start becoming familiar with the native flora in Marquam Nature Park. We will cover a 1.2 mile loop with about a 300 ft. gain, on a trail that may be muddy. This hike will be held rain or shine. Limited to 6 participants. To register and for more information, contact leader Brenda Hamilton at npmpdx@gmail.com.

#### May 10, Thursday

Program: Geobotanical Wonders of Central Oregon. Oregon's diverse plant life is a result of its diverse geology. Explore the wide variety of Central Oregon's botanical treasures and learn how they relate to the surrounding landscape. Dr. Stu Garrett will take us on an armchair tour of the rise of the Cascade Mountains, glacial sculpting of the ice ages, the Great Sandy Desert, and dramatic lands of lava. You will learn about some of Oregon's rarest plant species, including ones found only in Crook County. Location: TaborSpace at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St., see above for details.

#### May 11, Friday, 8 am

Field Trip: Cape Horn, Skamania, Wash. We will hike from Salmon Falls Rd. Park and Ride on Hwy 14 to Nancy Russell Overlook and back. This is a moderate hike of 5 miles round trip with a 700 ft. gain and some difficult footing. Lush woods,

fantastic views, and a wealth of spring wildflowers. Location: meet near Gateway Park and Ride in Portland at 8 am to carpool or at the trailhead at 9 am. Contact leader Willow Elliott for more information: salixsky@hotmail.com or 503-358-5848.

#### May 15, Tuesday, noon-1 pm

Urban Lunch Hour Walk: Tanner Springs. In this sunny "restoration ecology" setting in Tanner Springs Park, the parks department has gathered together some delightful native wildflowers you would have to travel far to see in their natural haunts. Leader Rick Shory has worked throughout the West as a Forest Service botanist. He will provide insights on the native plant species as we walk. Registration required; for more information and to register, visit meetup. com/NPSO-Portland.

#### May 27, Sunday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Riverside Trail. We will hike along the Clackamas River, a mostly flat 7.8 miles round trip from Rainbow Campground to Riverside Campground and back. This tour is oriented towards beginning native plant enthusiasts and will be at a moderate pace. Please do some research and be prepared to tell us about one plant species or other aspect of natural history. We'll see wetland species and ancient forest floor spring ephemerals as we cross many tributary creeks to this river that supplies drinking water to some Clackamas County communities. Leader: Mary Vogel. Location: meet at Gateway Transit Center Garage. Sign up or ask questions on the NPSO Portland Meetup: meetup. com/NPSO-Portland.

## June 9, Saturday, 9 am-4:30 pm

Field Trip: Larch Mountain. This is a moderate to strenuous hike of an approximately 7 mile loop with a gain of 1,300 ft. through mostly forest and some riparian habitat. We will view wildflowers that have emerged within the last several weeks from the

recent snow melt. Bring lunch and water. Contact leader Ron Klump, ronklump55@comcast.net, for more information or to sign up for the hike.

#### June 10, Sunday

Field Trip: Hot Springs Fork, Collawash River. We will hike 8.6 miles round trip to a viewpoint (or less if the group desires). Lots of rhododendron on this trail. For those wanting to soak at the end, bring bathing suit and \$5.00. This tour is oriented towards beginning native plant enthusiasts and will go at a moderate pace. Please do some research and be prepared to tell us about one plant species or other aspect of natural history. Leader: Mary Vogel. Sign up or ask questions on the NPSO Portland Meetup: meetup.com/ NPSO-Portland.

#### June 14, Thursday, 7 pm Program: Colorful Desert Jewels.

Ginny Maffitt will give us a review of the 2018 American Penstemon Society meeting in Nevada. She will share photos from field trips into the red rock canyons and desert habitats as well as the Springs Preserve Botanical Garden where Las Vegas got its start. She will also tell us about her long project to have a rare *Penstemon*, found only in the Tualatin Valley, listed as a new species! Location: TaborSpace at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St., see above for details.

#### June 15, Friday, 5:30-8 pm Field Trip: Green Infrastructure Bike

**Tour.** For a trip preview, review the Stormwater Cycling Tour brochure, available online at portlandoregon. gov/bes/article/461343, though we won't do the whole 13 mile tour—or even to follow it exactly. Leader: Mary Vogel. Location: meet at the parking lot by SE Madison and SE Salmon (east of the Esplanade).

**June 16, Saturday Field Trip: Saddle Mountain.** We will hike 5 miles round trip with a

1,600 ft. gain, at a botany pace (slow). This botanic gem near the coast has myriad species, including *Dodecatheon dentatum, Corydalis scouleri, Allium crenulatum, Lewisia columbiana, Sidalcea hendersonii, Polypodium scouleri,* and *Saxifraga caespitosa*. If we make it to the summit and the weather cooperates, we'll be treated to a view from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Jefferson. Plan for a full day. 160 mile round trip drive from Portland. To sign up, contact leader Rick Shory: rickshory@gmail. com or 503 253-8100.

Save the Dates!

June 23-24, Saturday-Sunday Field Trip: Black Wolf Mountain/ Anvil Lake

June 30, Saturday Field Trip: Sister Rocks, Trapper Creek Wilderness

## 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 2018, 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.

#### May 17, Thursday, 7 pm

**Talk: Pollinatorpalooza!** Our May presentation will explore a diversity of relationships between native plants and native pollinators in southwest Oregon. Four presenters will share photos and provide insights into the fascinating world of pollination ecology and pollinator-native plant interactions, followed by a panel discussion. Presenters include: Dr. Carol Ferguson, Kristi Mergenthaler, Travis Owen, and Suzie Savoie. Refreshments at 6:45 pm, meeting and program at 7:00 pm. Location: Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161. Free and open to the public. For information, contact

Alexis at 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 541-643-0364.

We are finalizing plans for our tentative schedule of field trips below. This information is subject to change, please call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364 or check our Facebook page (facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO) for final details.

May 12, Saturday
Field Trip: Ragged Ridge, North
Umpqua Hwy

May 19, Saturday Field Trip: Callahan Meadows, Tiller

May 26, Saturday Field Trip: Eight Dollar Mountain, Selma, Josephine County

June 2 or June 9, Saturday Field Trip: Cougar Bluffs, Mace Mtn

## Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414.

May 12, Saturday, noon-4 pm Wildflower Walk: Silver Falls State Park Meadow. John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter and Catherine Alexander of the Straub Environmental Center and David Douglas Society will lead a family-friendly hike to view the camas, cluster lilies, monkey flowers, and other native plants in a remote meadow at Silver Falls State Park. This is a rain-or-shine event. Bring water, snacks, and appropriate foot gear and clothing for wet conditions. Location: meet at noon in the Willamette Heritage Center parking lot, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem to carpool or at 1:15 pm in the South

Falls Lodge parking lot at Silver Falls State Park. Cost: \$5 suggested donation per person (free to members of NPSO and the David Douglas Society) or \$10 suggested donation per person if you ride in the shuttle van from the Heritage Center. Limited to ten participants, ages 10 and older. Pre-registration is required. To register and for more information, contact John Savage, John@straubcenter.org or 503-779-5414.

#### May 17, Thursday, 6-7 pm Nature Talk: The History of Botani-

cal Art. Since ancient Egypt, artists around the world have produced beautiful and accurate pictures of plants to identify and pass on knowledge for medicinal, culinary, warfare, and material purposes. Learn about the fascinating history of botanical art from noted artist Janet Parker. Parker will also share information about the Worldwide Day of Botanical Art, which will take place on May 18, 2018. Parker is founder and President of Oregon Botanical Artists and received her botanical art certification from the prestigious New York Botanical Garden. Salem-based botanical artist Aislinn Adams will join Parker to offer her thoughts on botanical art through stories about her personal pathway to becoming an illustrator. Reception to follow. Location: Eco Hub, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, at the Willamette Heritage Center. Cost: \$5 suggested donation per person at the door. Seating is limited. No registration or RSVP required. For more information, contact John Savage, John@straubcenter.org or 503-779-5414.

## William Cusick

Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. For more information or to be added to the Google group, please contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or susanmgeer@gmail.com. Our website is not currently functional.

Candidates, cont'd

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 nonprofits in the Southern Oregon area. She previously served as treasurer of Southern Oregon Land Conservancy and was also a board member of the Southern Oregon Child Study and Treatment Center. 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:

**Dan Luoma** (Corvallis) has been a member of NPSO since about 1980. He has previously served as state president, vice president, and directorat-large. His academic training is in

ecological plant geography. Dan is a professor, specializing in forest mycology, with the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. Dan has taught mycology at OSU and a course on forest mycology through the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University. Primarily, he pursues research on the diversity of truffles and mushrooms in the forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Stephen Meyers (Corvallis) grew up and spent his early adulthood in New York. He relocated to Oregon in 2001, thereafter receiving his MS in Genetics (2005) and PhD in Botany (2010) at Oregon State University. He is currently the taxonomic director of OregonFlora (aka Oregon Flora Project), a position he has held since 2010. Stephen has long-held interests in rare plant research and political activism.



## **New Websites Coming Soon**

Both NPSO and OregonFlora are updating their websites. Look for details in the June *Bulletin* about the NPSO website redesign and new enhancements that we expect will be available this summer. Linda Hardison of OregonFlora writes: "Our website redesign is still in the works. We continue to orchestrate Symbiota programmers, graphic designers, our database managers, and countless workers and volunteers to expand existing tools and design new ones that will present our data in meaningful ways. Our revised launch date is later this summer."

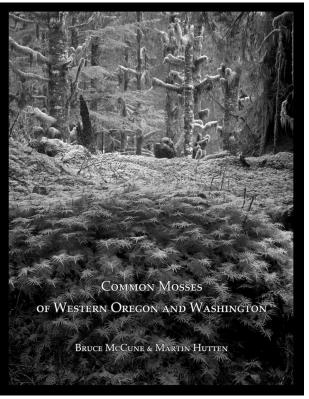
## **Erratum**

Many of you likely caught the following factual error in last month's *Bulletin*. The article about this year's Glide Wildflower Show talks in the April *Bulletin* incorrectly described *Kalmiopsis leachiana* and *K. fragrans* as "the only vascular plants endemic solely to Oregon." The correct description is "*Kalmiopsis leachiana* and *K. fragrans*, the only vascular plants in a genus that is endemic solely to Oregon."

## **New Guide Books for Oregon and Washington**

Common Mosses of Western Oregon and Washington, by Bruce McCune and Martin Hutten, is a new guide book that will keep you outdoors during the rainy season. The publisher, Wild Blueberry Media, describes this guide as follows: "The book is aimed at serious amateurs, naturalists, and professional botanists at beginning to intermediate levels. It includes 200 species in 100 genera, with keys; 529 microand macro-scale color photographs; notes on distribution, abundance, and habitats; and an illustrated glossary. Brief descriptions of each species are embedded in the keys." For more information and to purchase a copy, visit wildblueberrymedia.net. Microlichens of the Pacific Northwest, published in 2017, is also available from Wild Blueberry Media.





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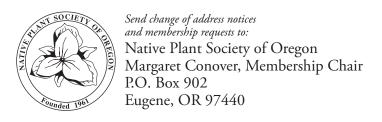
50 Hikes with Kids: Oregon and Washington, by Wendy Gorton, is your new companion for youthful outings. This guide book features NPSO, native plants, and identification strategies. The hikes are less than four miles long, with no more than a 900 ft. gain to keep little legs happy. Publisher Timber Press notes: "Every entry includes the essential details: easy-to-read, trustworthy directions, a detailed map, hike length and elevation gain, bathroom access, and where to grab a bite to eat nearby. Full-color photographs highlight the fun things to see along the trail." The author will hold a family adventure talk at Powell's on Burnside, Portland, Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm. For more information or to preorder a signed copy of the book, visit powells.com/calendar.

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