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Wet winter treasures by Lisa Schomaker.

We hope you enjoy the February bulletin!

NPSO Seeks Candidates

Please consider taking the opportunity to serve our Society by running for election to one of the state-wide officer or at-large board of directors positions. Positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors at-large, who will serve two-year terms. Interested persons and people with ideas for potential candidates

may contact Dan Luoma by email (daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

Membership Renewal

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Now is the time for members to renew for 2020. [To renew your membership, please visit our current website.](#) You can [renew online](#), or you can print out a [renewal form](#) and send it in with your payment.

Member Categories and Information:

Regular - \$25

Student - \$12

Family - \$35

Sustaining - \$60

Patron - \$125

Life Membership - \$500

Subscription Only - \$25

(Subscription Only, for the Bulletin and Kalmiopsis, is for individuals or institutions that wish to subscribe but do not need to have full membership status.)

Member benefits include the NPSO Bulletin (10 issues/year) & Kalmiopsis (usually once per year). Membership is for the calendar year. **New memberships enrolled on or after July 1 include the following year.**

It's also a great time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds. If possible, make a [donation online](#) (mail-in donations are also gratefully accepted - PO Box 902 Eugene, OR 97440). NPSO greatly appreciates your contributions to any of the following 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 Rockefeller 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 [OregonFlora](#)

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If you have any questions, please contact us at bulletin@npsoregon.org.

Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarships Available

The Willamette Valley Chapter is offering \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college and university for the 2020-2021 school year and who are majoring in one of the following fields of study:

- botany;
- horticulture with a focus on native plants;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science with a botany emphasis or;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science combined with a demonstrated intent to pursue studies or a career in a plant-based field focused on or related to native plants (e.g. ecology, systematics, sustainable natural resource management, conservation biology).

Half-time students are eligible.

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive \$1,000 from either the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship fund. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until June 1, 2020.

Applicants are required to submit:

- Name, address, email address, phone number, college/university name, and college/university address;
- A statement of academic and career intent, with a discussion of relevant coursework, extracurricular activities, and interests. Student's statement should show a demonstrated interest in native plants and the intent to pursue studies or careers related to native plants;

- Two letters of reference from persons able to judge the student's ability to successfully complete study in the student's area of major study.
- Full collegiate academic record (transcript).

Applicants can send completed applications and documents by mail to:

Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarship Funds
c/o John Savage
413 Belmont Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Or applicants can send completed applications and documents by email to:

wvnpsso@gmail.com.

For any questions about the scholarship, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414 or at

johnfsavage15@gmail.com.

Remembering Larry Scofield

Larry R. Scofield: Falls City, OR

Oct 22, 1936 - Nov 5, 2019

Larry Rex Scofield of Falls City passed away at the age of 83 on November 5 at home on his farm. Born in Portland, he was the son of the late Rex and Ruth Scofield. Larry graduated Roseburg High, attended La Sierra University in California and then joined the Coast Guard. He participated in whale and bird surveys and studies in the Arctic Ocean. He went on to obtain his master's degree at the University of Massachusetts in wildlife biology. After working six years for the State of Massachusetts Fisheries Department, he returned to Oregon on the west coast and bought himself a small farm in Falls City.

Larry had a passion for ecology and the environment. He enjoyed wildlife, botany, and birding. Larry was a Botanist at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Salem District from 1977 - 1999. He vigilantly protected rare plants and their habitats and enhanced our knowledge of them by promoting inventory, monitoring, and research. He helped save three wild and scenic rivers, one wilderness area, and the Columbia Gorge National Scenic area. We can thank Larry for the existence of 25 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Research Natural Areas, most notably Valley of the Giants, Sandy River Gorge, and Mary's Peak. Members of the Native Plant Society of Oregon have enjoyed many field trips to these places with Larry.

Another legacy of his accomplishments is his tutelage of many aspiring botanists whom

he took under his wing as volunteers, interns, and seasonal botanists. Many of these established careers as botanists in BLM, US Forest Service, and state agencies, carrying on Larry's spirit of conservation across Oregon and Washington.

Larry is survived by his wife, Ruth Knobloch Scofield, brother Dr. Melvin Livingood, Mesquite, NV, sister Carolyn Scofield, Vancouver, WA, sister, Sharon Davis, Gladstone, OR, daughter Lucinda Holzman, son Bryan Scofield, daughter Heather Merrill, daughter Stephanie Crary and 17 grandchildren.

Modified by Cheryl McCaffrey and Claire Hibler from the [Statesman Journal obituary](#) from Nov. 18 to Nov. 24, 2019

Reminder to mark your calendar: 2020 NPSO Annual Meeting



View of the field trip locations to Cascade Head, the Salmon River Estuary, and Camp Westwind.

NPSO Annual Meeting, May 29-31, 2020

Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grand Ronde

In the December/January eBulletin, the Cheahmill Chapter, located in McMinnville, announced plans for the NPSO Annual Meeting to be held on May 29-31, 2020 (http://npsoregon.org/bulletin/2019/NPSO_1912.PDF). The venue is the Spirit Mountain Lodge in Grand Ronde, situated between the mid-Willamette Valley and the coast, enabling us to offer field trips in the Valley, at the coast, and in the Coast Range. The theme for the meeting is “Ecological Restoration and Conservation of Willamette Valley, Coast Range and Coastal Landscapes.”

In the March issue of the eBulletin, we will provide short descriptions of the field trips and a link to the meeting website that includes full descriptions of the field trips,

registration materials, a schedule of events, and additional information about the evening programs, the venue, food, and lodging at the Spirit Mountain Lodge and nearby. Questions? Contact annualmeeting@npsoregon.org.

Since only current NPSO members can attend the Annual Meeting, if you are not a member, click here to join: (www.npsoregon.org/membership.html)

OregonFlora



By: Dr. Linda K. Hardison
Director, [Oregon Flora Project](#)

Twenty-five years ago Scott Sundberg initiated the Oregon Flora Project. The Native Plant Society of Oregon and its members have been enthusiastic sponsors of the project since its formation. Your involvement has made it possible for this independently-funded effort to reliably provide accurate plant diversity information to individuals, non-profits, businesses, universities, and government agencies. It also gives the OregonFlora staff the opportunity to work with many people (such as yourselves!) who share our passion about native plants and their habitats.

We appreciate you and welcome your involvement in this critical work of documenting Oregon's botanical riches. Your financial contributions and volunteerism are helping us complete the Flora of Oregon, and to further share that knowledge through our website. Please give generously in support of this important cause.

Contributions can be made online (www.oregonflora.org/supportOFP.php) or mailed directly to: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd. Ste. 320, Corvallis, OR 97333. Please make checks payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation and include "OFP" on the memo line.

State & Chapter Notes

State Notes/Announcements:

SAVE THE DATE!

NPSO Annual Meeting

May 29-31, 2020

Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grand Ronde

Hosted by the Cheahmill Chapter

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## Chapter Notes:

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NPSO.Cheahmill/>.

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 streets. Meetings start at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing.

**Thursday, February 27th, 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**

**Program: Willamette Valley Pollinator Primer - Your Tiny Insect Visitors and the Plants They Love**

Did you ever wonder about all those flying and crawling critters on your flowers? Do you know how to tell a bee from a fly? Do you know that some flies are good pollinators? Do you know how to plant a garden that will be the best possible place for native pollinators? We will familiarize ourselves with the most common native pollinators, learn a few simple tricks to tell them apart, and invite them into your own yard. Bruce Newhouse, Salix Associates, NPSO member.

**Saturday, February 29th, 10:00 a.m. - noon**

**Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

Spend a couple hours between 10 and noon with a congenial crew and get to know native

plants with our new green plant markers. Learn how the beauty, diversity and educational value of this mature demonstration garden is maintained with a minimum of effort. Bring gloves, bucket and gardening tools if you have them. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or [503-435-2401](tel:503-435-2401).

### **Our Cheahmill Chapter is hosting the 2020 Annual Meeting:**

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To become a NPSO member and be able to attend Annual Meetings go to:

<http://www.npsoregon.org/online.html>

### **Corvallis**

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis Chapter email list, contact [co\\_president@NPSOOregon.org](mailto:co_president@NPSOOregon.org). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Saturday, February 8th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Insights Into Gardening, LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State**

The Corvallis Chapter will have a table with information and seed packets for sale.

Volunteers needed to help with the table. Other questions, please contact Esther McEvoy at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Monday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**February chapter meeting, Room 2087, Cordley Hall, OSU**

Dr. Kim Hummer (Research Leader and Small Fruit Curator at the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository in Corvallis, Oregon) will present "Surprises in *Rubus* evolution". She and her collaborators have been using molecular tools to examine the evolution of blackberries and raspberries and their crop wild relatives. Come hear about Oregon *Rubus* species and where they fit into the global view.

**Sunday, February 16th, noon - 4:00 p.m.**

**Work Party at the Avery House native plant garden.**

We will do some winter clean up and make plant divisions for the spring garden sale. Come prepared for the weather and bring gloves, trowel, clippers and water. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

### **Emerald**

Our chapter meets the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m., September through April, at the Amazon Community Center. Visit the Emerald Chapter website at <http://emerald.npsoregon.org> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them.

**Monday, February 17th, 7:00 p.m.**



**Program: Maximizing Ecosystem Services in the Eugene/Springfield Area through the Strategic Planting and Management of Trees**

This talk will discuss current efforts by the City of Eugene and its community partners to better understand and address the many social, economic, and environmental challenges that face our community, especially those efforts related to long-term urban forest planning/management and the planting of trees. Special emphasis will be given to the City's 2021 x 2021 Planting Initiative. Speaker Scott Altenhoff is a municipal arborist & urban forester with the City of Eugene's Parks and Open Space Division. Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene.

**Monday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Return to Crete: Wildflowers and History on a Mediterranean Island.**

The Greek island of Crete is one of the largest of the Mediterranean islands. The island hosts a diverse landscape of beaches, mountains, gorges, and plateaus, and a flora that is the result of many millennia of interaction between nature and the island's residents. As a child, speaker Ed Alverson and his family lived on Crete for a year, and in 2019 he returned to explore the island's history and botany. Ed's presentation will highlight the many interesting features of Crete's flora, as well as the ways that traditional land uses sustain the native flora. Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene.

**Filipendula**

For more information, visit our Facebook page: NPSO-Filipendula Chapter, or contact Field Trip Chair Carla Cole, carlajeancole@gmail.com.

**All year: North Oregon Restoration Partnership potting days in Tillamook, OR at the nursery, with Maysa Miller**

We will share the volunteer activity dates, and encourage everyone to join during the year to help the nursery with potting up native plants. It's a great way to pick up new skills in potting and handling native plants. Contact Carla Cole to sign up; her email address is carlajeancole@gmail.com.

**High Desert**

For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) and Facebook page: Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter, or email [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com). Sign up for hikes at <http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org/>.

**Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Workshop: Grass Identification**

Cindy Roche and Christine Ott-Hopkins will teach a workshop as a fundraiser for the High Desert Chapter and the COCC Herbarium Endowment. It will be held in the COCC Science Building, 1027 NW Trenton Ave, Bend. Learn to identify grasses of central Oregon with Grass Field Guide author Dr. Cindy Roche and COCC professor emerita Dr. Christine Ott-Hopkins. The one-day workshop starts with a review of grass morphology terms needed for using dichotomous keys to grass genera and species. Students will practice using the keys and learn to recognize diagnostic characters of local grasses. Previous botanical

experience with keys recommended. Otherwise, the workshop is suitable for beginning as well as advanced students of graminoids. Bring your copy of the Field Guide to Grasses of Oregon and Washington. \$50 donation. Limit 15 students. **The workshop is filled at this time, but there is a waiting list.**

**Wednesday, February 19th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**The Adopt-a-Scablands Project: Ochoco Scablands**

The Adopt-a-Scabland program has been a major volunteer initiative of the High Desert Chapter for nearly three years, in collaboration with Ochoco National Forest botanist Jill Welborn. Join Jill to learn more about this unique native plant habitat, the project's objectives and results from volunteer data collection efforts, and explore the opportunities and challenges for the project going forward. Location: East Bend Public Library, 62080 Dean Swift Rd, Bend, Oregon. Registration required at [www.ochocoscablands.eventbrite.com](http://www.ochocoscablands.eventbrite.com).

**Klamath Basin**

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, visit <http://klamathbasinnps.com>.

**Mid-Columbia**

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at [mc\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:mc_president@NPSOregon.org).

**Portland**

Please visit our chapter website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/>, where you'll find our outings, programs, and member photos and articles. Additional outings and events are posted on our Meetup page: <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nps.portland/> is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos. Portland members receive our newsletter, The Calochortus, with chapter news and events. If you have not received it, check your spam folder. Update your email address at [po\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:po_president@npsoregon.org). **February is the last month our events will be listed in this bulletin.**

**PROGRAMS:** The Portland Chapter meets the second Thursday of most months. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.

**MEETING PLACE:** Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont St., Portland. We meet in Copeland Commons; enter the church by the main door on Belmont and turn right.

**Thursday, February 13th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Natural Areas of the N. Clackamas Parks & Recreation District**

**Presenter: Tonia Williamson, Resource Manager**

NCPRD is dedicated to providing parks, trails and recreation programs to boost the quality of life for District community members and the public at large. The lands they manage include Natural Areas outside typical park settings like Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River, Milwaukie and Mt. Talbert in Clackamas/Happy Valley. NPSO Portland began partnering on invasive plant monitoring and removal at these 2 sites in 2019.

**Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Native Plant Seed Collections**

**Presenter: Rob Fiegenger, Institute for Applied Ecology, Corvallis**

The “Native Seed Network” is a program dedicated to increasing awareness about selecting and using the right native plant seed for your project, large or small scale. In 2017, Rob chaired the National Native Seed Conference in Washington, D.C. where over 330 delegates from 41 states and 11 nations in attendance were concerned with preserving native seed diversity for collection, production, restoration and research to connect all areas of expertise on the subject. He’ll tell us about what IAE is doing locally at their Corvallis headquarters.

### 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](mailto: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, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program, please contact Katelyn Detweiler, [detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). Join us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

**Saturday, February 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Field Trip: Little Grayback**

Join Katelyn Detweiler, board member of the Siskiyou Chapter of the Native Plant Society, on a hike along Little Grayback trail in the Applegate Valley. The walk will cover 5-6 miles and traverse a variety of habitats with a view of Squaw Lake. Bring water, lunch and appropriate foot gear and clothing. The event will be canceled if raining or snowing but will persevere if only showers/sprinkles. Location: meet at the Ruch Country Store, 7350 Hwy 238, Jacksonville at 10am to carpool. Free and open to the public. To register and for more information contact Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com) or 215 872-6365.

**Thursday, February 6th, 7:00 p.m. (extra meeting!)**

**Program: Shiny Geranium: A highly aggressive invasive plant threatens the biodiversity of the Klamath-Siskiyou Ecoregion**

BLM botanist Cecile Shohet will present on a new noxious weed in SW Oregon, shiny geranium (*Geranium lucidum*). In her own words:

"I first encountered Shiny Geranium in a conifer/hardwood forest in the Upper Applegate Watershed. Alarmed would be sugar coating my reaction. This isn't the Willamette Valley or the Olympics. The Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion doesn't have naturalized annual geraniums which dominate the herbaceous layer in our closed canopy native forests. Now we do. Is it possible to control this species, eradicate it from high priority sites, and keep it from naturalizing?" Come learn about the physiology, taxonomy, and ecology of Shiny Geranium. Discuss possible treatment methods. Find out its current range in the Rogue Valley and learn how to play a role in reporting new sites of this early detection-rapid response invasive. This is an opportunity to become involved in the Shiny Geranium Working Group. Consider playing a role in a committed educated community effort in the

conservation of native flora. Location: Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161. Free and open to the public.

**Thursday, February 20th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: The Land Steward & Oregon Master Naturalist Programs**

Join botanist and OSU faculty Rachel Werling for a taste of two engaging learning opportunities offered through OSU's Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (SOREC). The Land Steward and Oregon Master Naturalists (OMN) programs are both dynamic field-based courses dedicated to improving stewardship of our region. Both are volunteer programs. The Master Naturalist program has two parts. The nine-week online course is an overview of the state's ecology. The field requirement of the course is one of several ecoregion offerings across the state. Our own Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion course is an inspiring and educational 7-day journey with regional experts exploring the natural history and ecology of our diverse Klamath-Siskiyou. The six field days take place over two long weekends and cover geology, oak habitats and Traditional Ecological Knowledge, serpentine habitats, watersheds, montane habitat, and the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. The Land Steward training takes place over 11 weeks in the fall. This program focuses on how to care for the land you live on. Eight field days take participants to local properties with experienced land owners and natural resource experts showcasing management practices around forest health, fire preparedness, streams, wildlife habitat, pastures, soils, rural economics, and infrastructure. Location: Southern Oregon University Building, Room 161. Free and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Public Land Grazing in the Siskiyou Mountains**

Siskiyou Chapter Conservation Chair, Suzie Savoie, will give a presentation about public land grazing in the Siskiyou Mountains. Through maps and photos, she will provide information about the different grazing allotments on Forest Service and BLM land, and highlight the ecological concerns and associated impacts to native plant communities within the various allotments. Many grazing allotments in the Siskiyou Mountains encompass officially designated Botanical Areas with rare and endemic plants or unique and intact native plant communities. Public land grazing allotments can impact hydrology, fisheries, pollinator habitat, recreation and more. Suzie will discuss the environmental analysis and management changes needed to protect native plant communities and prevent ecological and recreational impacts from public land grazing allotments in the Siskiyou Mountains. Location: Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161. Free and open to the public.

**Thursday, April 16th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Don't Panic! (It's just a grass)**

Join grass girl Cindy Roché for an evening of grass enlightenment, as you travel "through the Looking Glass" (hand lens or camera lens) to view a wondrous world as she sees it. You'll never look at grasses in the same way again. This talk is based on the new Field Guide to the Grasses of Oregon and Washington, by Roché and Bob Korfhage, with the Carex Working Group members Dick Brainerd, Barbara Wilson, Nick Otting, and published by OSU Press. Books will be on hand to purchase. Location: Southern Oregon University

Science Building, Room 161. Free and open to the public.

**Save the Date:** July 4th Wildflower Show in Ashland, Oregon

### Umpqua Valley.

Visit [umpquavalleynativeplants.com](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online - call Donna Rawson 541-643-0364.

We meet in Roseburg then carpool or caravan to destination. If you plan to participate, you must RSVP Rod Trotter 541-672-1907 or Donna 541-643-0364 to confirm your participation. Plans can change on short notice due to weather or flower bloom. NOTE: Many field trip destinations offer no facilities. Umpqua Forest Service advises to protect yourself from mosquitoes in the high country this time of year.

\*\* We are organizing a monthly work party for landscape maintenance of the three native plant gardens we are continuing to enhance. If you like to work with plants and have some flexible time we could use your help. Contact Donna at 541-643-0364 (call or text).

### Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414, [john@straubcenter.org](mailto:john@straubcenter.org).

**Thursday, March 19th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Program: Righting a Narrative: Ecological Knowledge of the Northwest Tribes and the Eurocentric Story of Native Plants**

Aislinn Adams reframed her perspective on native plants and Oregon history after learning about the indigenous ecological wisdom of the Northwest tribes. Join Aislinn, a cultural ecology instructor for the Straub Outdoor School Program, for a challenging and more inclusive narrative. An Irish illustrator, designer, and horticulturist, Aislinn has lived in Salem since 2000. Her main focus is botanical art - in particular, the native plants of the Pacific Northwest. She is currently working on a large commission illustrating 30 native species for the Friends of Silver Falls State Park. She also is an instructor in the 5th Grade Environmental Education Program at the Oregon Gardens. This program is open to the public and no reservations are required. Cost: a \$5 suggested donation at the door. Location: Dye House, Willamette Heritage Center, [1313 Mill Street SE, Salem](#). For more information, please call John Savage at 503-779-5414 or email [john@strauboutdoors.org](mailto:john@strauboutdoors.org).

**Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Field Trip: McDowell Creek Falls**

John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon will lead a walk to view Oregon fetid adder's tongue (*Scolioopus hallii*) and other early-blooming wildflowers at McDowell Creek Falls near Sweet Home. The 1.7 mile loop walk (with 200 feet elevation gain) features lovely waterfalls and forest. Bring water, lunch, snacks, appropriate foot gear, and clothing for wet and cold conditions. Location: Meet



in the parking lot at the Willamette Heritage Center, [1313 Mill Street SE](#), Salem at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool or vanpool to and from the trailhead. Cost: \$10 per person if we vanpool. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at [john@strauboutdoors.org](mailto:john@strauboutdoors.org) or at 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](mailto:susanmgeer@gmail.com). Find us on Instagram at [instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter](https://www.instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter). Our website is not currently functional.

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