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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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*Common snowberry (Symphoricarpos albus)*

Marion County, Oregon, September, 2001. Photo by Bruce Newhouse.

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## Remembering Jan Dobak

1947-2021



Jan and Dave Bobak in 2011. Photo by Robert Korfhage.

Jan Dobak, an active member of NPSO for over three decades, passed away in September 2021. In her positions as *Bulletin* editor (1986-1989) and State Membership Chair (1991-2003) she, with her husband Dave Dobak, stewarded the transition from typewriters and U.S. Postal Service mail to electronic communication. Jan and Dave's N.W. Savier Street address was very familiar to many at membership renewal time in the 1990's. Those of us fortunate enough to visit were treated to a most wonderful garden tour of native plants from around the world. Jan and Dave's knowledge from their botanical travels and enthusiasm for what they experienced was generously shared through NPSO programs and with those of us who sought travel advice. We were given stacks of books and maps with recommended wildflower spots and wineries.



Dave and Jan Dobak in South Africa circa 2010. Photographer unknown.

Jan's State Board work made it possible for the rest of us to enjoy being part of a smoothly run organization; the real treat was when she took part in planning and registration for at least two of our annual meetings. And it was always a pleasure to share a table with Jan and Dave during the annual meeting dinner for both their company and wine.

Jan and Dave brought people and our organization together just as they were brought together through an NPSO program in 1984 and married at the Leach Botanical Gardens in 1988. For all their outstanding leadership, both individually and as partners, Jan and Dave were awarded the [NPSO Fellows honor in 2011.](#)

Jan's legacy is the organization we have today, built on her contributions. -*Willow Elliott, NPSO Portland Chapter President and Gail Baker, NPSO State Vice-President.*



Jan Dobak at the 2004 NPSO Annual Meeting in La Grande, OR. Photo by Dan Luoma.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed:

Congratulations to Heidi Dobson, Mary Burgess, and Berta Youtie, who all identified our November mystery plant *Asclepias fascicularis* (narrow leaf milkweed)! This rhizomatous plant is appropriately named, as it has multiple whorls of narrow, linear leaves. *Flora of Oregon* describes *A. fascicularis* habitat as “valleys, riparian zones, seasonally moist soils, and disturbed areas” and documents its range as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, and Mexico. This flora reports that *A. fascicularis* and *A. speciosa* (showy milkweed) are the most commonly used host plants of the monarch butterfly in western North America.



Photo by Margaret Bernard.

**New Mystery Plant**  
**Do you recognize this plant?**

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Photos by Cat Mead.

The plant above was photographed by Cat Mead in Bend, Oregon in summer 2021. It was found on a dry, high desert site with sagebrush and grasses, growing in close proximity to a sagebrush plant.

**Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share?**

Send it to the editor: [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)

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## Native Plant Appreciation Week Blossoms to a Month!!!

The NPSO State Board has decided to follow what appears to be a national trend and expand Native Plant Appreciation to a month. (Well, we know we appreciate native plants all year long...) Our inaugural Native Plant Appreciation Month will be April 2022, so mark your calendars now. April was selected because it is early in the wildflower season, so it is a good time to prepare for the native plant bounty of Oregon. A month-

long celebration will give chapters lots of time to do hikes, talks, plant sales, etc., and it's not too early to start planning your chapter's activities now. - *Judi Sanders*

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## Submit your photos for the 2022 Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster!

Let's make the 2022 Native Plant Appreciation Month poster the best ever! To do so, we need your photos for the poster. Entries must be emailed to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, scientific name, common name, photo location, and photo date). All entries must be received by December 31, 2021. Photos will be rated and selected by the poster committee based on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. The poster designer has sole discretion of not using an image should it not work into the overall layout or is deemed to not be of satisfactory quality. The selected photographer(s) must be able to provide a high-resolution and preferably unedited image (at least 300 dpi) version of the image and must allow NPSO to reproduce the image free of charge for our poster, website, and related publicity material. If you have any questions, please email them to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). - *Judi Sanders*

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## OregonFlora

As we enter the season of long nights and cold, wet weather, OregonFlora offers a bright look into our region's plant life. The [oregonflora.org](http://oregonflora.org) website, the *Flora of Oregon* [books](#), and our [wildflower identification app](#) bring you maps, descriptions, color photographs, and illustrations that accurately describe and inform about Oregon's plant diversity.

Our team of staff, students, and volunteers continue to build more tools and provide more resources that help you understand and appreciate our local flora. We released a major update of our Oregon Wildflowers identification app, adding 135 species, new maps, and 900+ additional photos. Diagnostic features were added for plants whose genus have five or more species described in the





app, making it even easier to distinguish between look-alike taxa. These updates were provided at no extra cost to app owners.

Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon* is steadily progressing, with a target publication date of early 2023. You can show your support for this landmark work by [sponsoring](#) a floristic treatment, an illustration, or a front chapter and see your acknowledgment published in the book's introduction.

Winter days are the perfect time to plan next year's garden, and the Grow Natives tool on our website helps you find the right native plant for your needs. We will soon be adding 30% more plants to this resource, highlighting species that thrive east of the Cascades.

It is your financial support that makes it possible for OregonFlora to provide the quality information described above. Your donations are a critical part of our operating budget. Please give generously to insure we can continue to partner with NPSO and share knowledge about the precious natural resources of our state. You can contribute through our website or by mailing a check directly to our fiscal sponsor at: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd. Ste. 320, Corvallis, OR 97333 (payable to Agricultural Research Foundation, with "OFP" on the memo line). End of year required distributions from retirement accounts can also be directed to OregonFlora and accrue tax benefits—see [here](#) for more information. - *Linda Hardison*

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## Rare Plant Meeting

The Oregon Biodiversity Information Center's (ORBIC) meeting to discuss Oregon's rare plant and fungi, usually held in October every third year, will be delayed until January 13th, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will not be held in person but via Zoom. Registration is required to attend. Please refer back to the ORBIC web page, <https://inr.oregonstate.edu/orbic>, for further details and registration links.

Information from these meetings will be used to update the lists in ORBIC's "Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species of Oregon" to be published in 2022. Proposed changes will be shared with participants ahead of time for consideration and preparing comments via our web site.

Please submit species recommendations to Sue Vrilakas, [sue.vrilakas@pdx.edu](mailto:sue.vrilakas@pdx.edu), Lindsey Wise, [lindsey.wise@pdx.edu](mailto:lindsey.wise@pdx.edu), or Mike Russell, [michael.russell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:michael.russell@oregonstate.edu). Or use our online contact form on our web page.

Submissions must include: 1) Species name, 2) Person(s) submitting recommendation with contact information, 3) Change being recommended (e.g., add to list, drop from list,

change status, edit counties where present), 4) Reason for the recommendation, 5) Location information for the species (for additions to the list or updates to county distribution). -Sue Vrilakas, *Botanist/Data Manager, ORBIC*

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## ***Kalmiopsis* Volume 11 Revisited**

Seventeen years ago, in Volume 11 of *Kalmiopsis*, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) botanists wrote articles featuring a Research Natural Area or Area of Critical Environmental Concern in each BLM District across Oregon. The 2004 *Kalmiopsis* featured nine articles describing the plant life, climate, soils, geology, and sometimes wildlife on public land in our state.

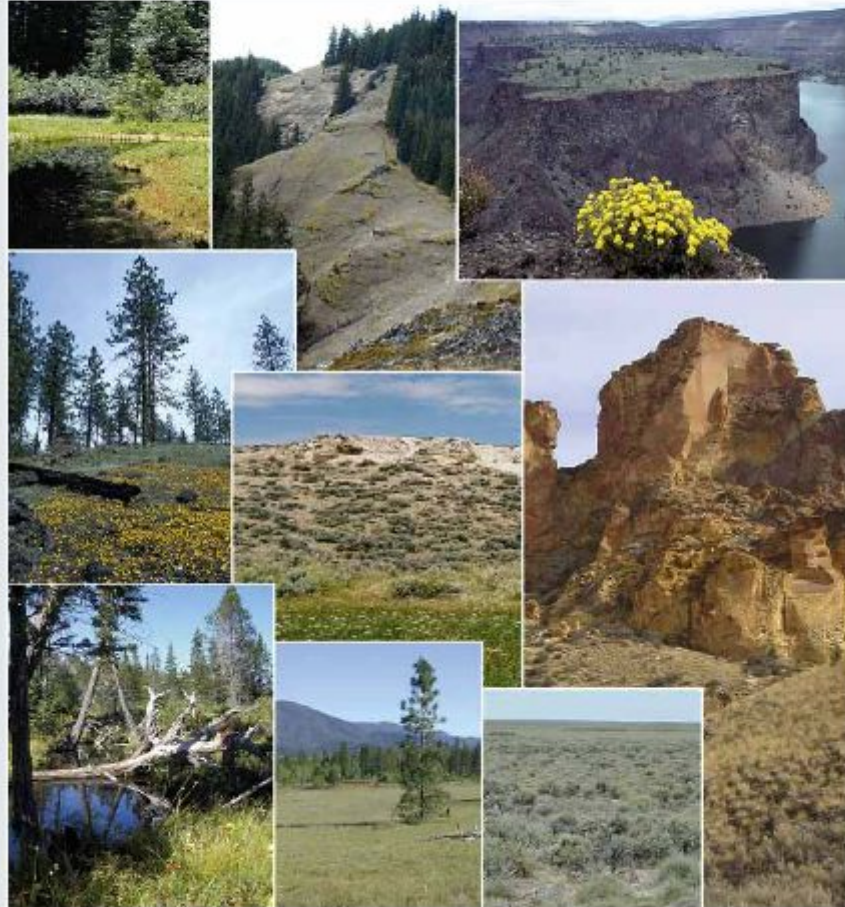
The articles featured the following sites: Leslie Gulch, Guano Creek/Sink Lakes, Foster Flat, the Island, White Rock Fen, Hunter Creek, French Flat, Beatty Creek, and Horse Rock Ridge. I'm wondering if any NPSO member has gone to visit each and every one of these sites. If so, would you be willing to brag about it? Maybe share a bit about your experiences?

If you have not visited these sites, it isn't too late. Download the articles from <https://www.npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis03.html?#2004> and set yourself a resolution to explore our amazing Oregon. –Cindy Roché, *Kalmiopsis* editor since 2001. ([kalmiopsis@npsoregon.org](mailto:kalmiopsis@npsoregon.org))



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Kalmiopsis Volume 11, 2004 Cover.

## Wanted: Volunteers for the *Bulletin*

NPSO is seeking contributions from members, such as a short essay on your research or report of a field trip. Your contribution could be a short entry for a plant of the month or mystery plant, a photo of a plant to feature as the *Bulletin* cover photo, a description of a new book you've discovered, or another subject related to Oregon's flora. Submissions must be your own work, not something copied from the internet. Photos must be your

own or ones you have obtained permission to use. Please consider sharing your knowledge with other members by contributing to NPSO's monthly *Bulletin*! Send contributions to the editor: [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)

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## NPSO Board Seeks Candidates

Please consider taking the opportunity to serve the NPSO by running for election to one of the state-wide officer or at-large board of directors positions. Officer positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who serve one-year terms. Three Directors at-large are elected annually and serve two-year terms. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please send your questions or information about potential candidates to Dan Luoma by email ([daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu)) for more information.

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## Mark your Calendar: 2022 NPSO Annual Meeting

**NPSO Annual Meeting**

**May 20-22, 2022**

**Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grand Ronde, Oregon**

The Cheahmill Chapter, located in McMinnville, is pleased to announce plans for the NPSO Annual Meeting to be held on May 20-22, 2022. 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, the coast, and the Coast Range.

Since the United Nations General Assembly recently declared 2021-2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, to “massively scale up the restoration of degraded and destroyed ecosystems...,” it is fitting that the theme for the 2022 Annual Meeting is “Ecological Restoration and Conservation of Willamette Valley, Coast Range and Coastal Landscapes.”

Field trip leaders include representatives from agencies and organizations involved in conservation, restoration, and management of the sites we visit, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Nature Conservancy, the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District, the Institute for Applied Ecology, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We will visit oak savannas, prairies, coastal forests, and estuaries, many of which are being restored or actively managed for culturally significant plant species or for the protection of state and federally listed species. Two-thirds of Oregon's wineries are in the Willamette Valley and we will visit wineries that are managing their lands to protect native habitats and

species.

On Friday night, tribal members and staff will talk about the history of the Grand Ronde Reservation, efforts to grow culturally important native plants, the use of fire for habitat restoration, and how the academic field of restoration ecology is informing their practices. Our Saturday night banquet speaker, Ed Alverson, will update us on efforts to reconstruct historic Willamette Valley landscapes that serve as benchmarks for how to best manage these lands today.

In the March issue of the *Bulletin*, 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, information about the evening programs, venue and food, and lodging at the Spirit Mountain Lodge, the coast, and in the Valley. 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](http://www.npsoregon.org/membership.html).

Questions? Contact <https://npsoregon.org/calendar.html>. -Kareen Sturgeon



UNESCO Cascade Head Biosphere Reserve: site of five NPSO Annual Meeting field trips.

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## Native Plant Materials Virtual Conference

The Willamette Valley Native Plant Partnership and the Southwest Seed Partnership, two regional plant materials partnerships coordinated by the Institute for Applied Ecology, have come together to host the 2022 Native Plant Materials Virtual Conference. This conference will bring together native plant producers, restoration ecologists and

practitioners, and seed researchers to discuss progress and challenges related to increasing the supply of ecologically appropriate native seed. We hope you will join us on January 12 and 13, 2022.

Click here <<https://appliedeco.org/conference2022/>> to find out more.

Click here <[https://whova.com/portal/registration/vwvnp\\_202107/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/vwvnp_202107/)> to register. -Alexis Larsen, Native Seed Partnerships Coordinator



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& SOUTHWEST SEED PARTNERSHIP

# NATIVE PLANT MATERIALS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

JANUARY 12 & 13, 2022  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. PST / 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. MST

**Bridging the Gap: Connecting Native Plant  
Materials Development with Successful  
Habitat Restoration**



Keynote Speakers: *The Nature of Oaks* author Doug Tallamy  
*Bees in Your Backyard* author Olivia Messinger Carril

Regional grower panels and presentations on native seed  
research and restoration, the National Seed Strategy, and more!

**Registration Is Open at [appliedeco.org/calendar](https://appliedeco.org/calendar)**

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## State Notes

## **Annual Message from your Board**

2021~Another "Virtual" year for our State Board and Chapters

**President: Dan Luoma**

**Immediate Past President: Lisa Blackburn**

**Vice President: Gail Baker**

Three well attended virtual NPSO State Board meetings took place this year and it looks like they are here to stay, reducing our carbon-footprint and, best of all, meeting with more Chapter leaders and members. Will this be the opportunity for resurrecting the Blue Mountain Chapter centered in Pendleton? Chapters thrived by offering virtual monthly programs, often recorded, that could be attended from any geographic location and time zone. Could this be one of the reasons for a substantial increase in membership? Currently 1052 folks are showing their support for NPSO. In-person field trips and events are slowly returning, while virtual offerings continue.

### **The Annual Meeting is Coming!**

Mark your calendars for May 20-22, 2022, at Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grand Ronde. This gives us all an opportunity to finally congratulate newly awarded NPSO Fellows Tanya Harvey (2021), Lisa Blackburn, and David Wagner (both 2020).

Accomplishments in conservation and study of our flora are notable. The Plant Conservation Program, Oregon Department of Agriculture, was funded in June through the diligent Legislative efforts of Esther McEvoy, Dave Garcia, and letters from NPSO members.

Not only were we heard, NPSO gave support. Five new Field Research Grants were funded to the amount of \$3380.00 for studies of native plants in wetlands, plant inventories in Steens Mt, assessing plant responses and recovery after fire and logging and investigating foliar chemistry of Oregon white oak and its insect communities. The NPSO Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year were awarded to 10 students majoring in a wide variety of plant-related fields.

### **What's New?**

Native Plant Appreciation has been extended to the entire MONTH of APRIL to fully celebrate the opening to Oregon's Wildflower Season. How do you like to record your wildflower observations? In order to provide a virtual platform to document our native flora and share with each other worldwide, an NPSO iNaturalist Committee was initiated and will launch a project at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

In our integrated world of virtual and in-person events, Communication and Outreach is key and many layered. The Membership Committee is working with all chapters to improve and expand communication to all NPSO members and the public. We look forward to being even more informed about ways to learn about and conserve our native flora in 2022.

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## Chapter Notes

### 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, Lisa Blackburn, at [blackburnlisag@gmail.com](mailto:blackburnlisag@gmail.com).

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

**May 20-22th, 2022**

**Event: 2022 NPSO Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held at Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grand Ronde, Oregon. See the article on the annual meeting in this Bulletin for additional information.

### 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://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Monday, January 10th, 7:30 pm - 8:20 pm**

**Zoom Presentation: Wildflowers of Saddle Mountain**

**Presenter: Phil Hays**

Pre-registration is required for this meeting. If you would like to join the meeting please send an email to [daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) and include your Zoom name. We will be using the "waiting room" feature for enhanced security. You will receive an invitation to the meeting about one hour ahead of time. Unfortunately, requests for invitations after that point may be missed.

**Saturday, January 29th, 7:30 pm - 8:20 pm**

**Event: Work Party**

Winter cleanup at Native Plant Garden at Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. Cleanup includes pruning, raking leaves and fixing the fencing. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Monday, February 14th, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Presentation: Native plants in garden systems: research from OSU's Garden Ecology**



Lab

**Presenter: Gail Langelotto**

**Saturday, February 26th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Work Party**

Winter work in the Native Plant Garden at Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. Come prepared for the weather. For more information contact Esther at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

## **Emerald**

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. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/>.

**Monday, December 20th, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm for socializing; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm for slide sharing**

**Zoom Program: Annual Holiday Social: Botanical Destinations and Stories**

All are welcome. Settle down into a comfortable chair with a warm beverage and enjoy the stories and connect with friends. We will socialize in the Zoom Gallery, share our plant photos, and have a few fun botanical contests as well. We have trivia questions with prizes! If you would like to share and recount your botanical adventures over the year, you are invited to submit 3-5 photos. Please label all slides, pictures, and folders with your first and last name. Send photos to Steven at [empresident@npsoregon.org](mailto:empresident@npsoregon.org) or drop your photos in this Google Drive folder: <https://bit.ly/PictureDrop>. A Zoom link will be sent to members and posted on the NPSO Emerald Chapter web site closer to the date of the program.

**Monday, January 17th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Program: Hidden Prairie: Photographing Life in One Square Meter**

**Presenter: Chris Helzer, director of science for The Nature Conservancy in Nebraska**

In 2018, Chris Helzer embarked upon a journey to photograph all the beauty and diversity he could find within a single square meter of prairie in Aurora, Nebraska. The project was intended to share with others the diversity and value of prairies, but it ended up inspiring Chris much more than he'd expected. He came away with thousands of photographs, including more than 100 species, but the numbers represented only a small part of the results. By sitting quietly and intently watching a small space, Chris was able to see the prairie in a much more intimate way than he was used to. He had a window into the lives of the tiny organisms that make up prairie communities and got to follow both their stories and the story of the prairie itself through the seasons. The project has resonated with others well enough that it has been turned into a book and is the topic of an upcoming museum exhibit and potential documentary.

A Zoom link will be sent to members and posted on the NPSO Emerald Chapter website closer to the date of the program.

**Saturday, January 29th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Exploring Winter Plants**

**Leaders: Gail Baker & Steven Yeager**

Ever wonder what plants flourish during the winter season in the Willamette Valley? We'll examine and learn to identify ferns, lichens, trees and shrubs in their winter stages, some with fruits, some without leaves or flowers, and notice which ones are already breaking bud. Limited attendance. A signup link will be sent to members and posted on the NPSO Emerald Chapter web site closer to the date of the trip.

## **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).

## **Klamath Basin**

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact [kb\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:kb_president@npsoregon.org), visit our website: <http://klamathbasinnps.com>, or find us on Facebook: [\(13\) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook](#).

## **Mid-Columbia (currently inactive)**

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

## **Portland**

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our quarterly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, check your spam folder or notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) if your email address has changed. You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page at <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/npsportland/>. Visit our chapter website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/> for archived newsletters, program recordings, and merchandise in our Shop.

**Our monthly programs are now virtual.** Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the **State Bulletin** and in *The Calochortus*.

**Thursday December 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Members Online Photo Show**

**Presenters: NPSO members from any chapter in Oregon**

NPSO member Mike McKeag has again offered his time and technical prowess to produce an Online Show of NPSO member photos to rival our best in-person gatherings of past Decembers. Photographers and observers alike may register using the link below. To contribute photos to the show, email Mike for simple instructions at [mmckeag@gorge.net](mailto:mmckeag@gorge.net)

Mike would like 12-15 of your photos no later than Monday Dec. 6. Whether you're contributing or just watching, be sure to pre-register for the online program.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpce6qrzgiGdQ7zpJ9I7vHqKZWRWi4GNUz>

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Save it.

**Thursday January 13th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Wildflowers Along Lesser-Known Trails of the Wallowa Mountains.**

**Presenter: Paul Slichter, Science Educator / Roving Wildflower Stalker**

Get ready for a treat as Paul shows wildflowers and scenery along mid-elevation trails around the periphery of the Wallowa Mountains in northeastern Oregon. These are trails which typically see few weekly visitors. He'll also recommend some forest road drives for their flowers and views.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtd--gpzwiHdR-UFqjo91Ma0V\\_JtVKxMS2](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtd--gpzwiHdR-UFqjo91Ma0V_JtVKxMS2)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Save it.

**Thursday February 10th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Native Habitat Restoration for Pollinators**

**Presenter: Mace Vaughn, Pollinator Program Co-Director for Xerces Society**

Native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators continue to be in decline across the United States. To help reverse these trends, the Xerces Society collaborates with farmers, food companies, federal agencies, and homeowners to plan, design, and plant habitats with native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. In this talk, Mace will provide an update on pollinator declines in the western U.S., key pollinator habitat elements that need to be addressed, and examples of native wildflower projects Xerces is helping to put on the ground across western states.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfu2orzwpHtM0c5RmUxcgT3gOduC2XBzW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Save it.

## **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>.

The Siskiyou Chapter has a YouTube channel; check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLlSw>.

**Saturday, December 11th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Program: Sagebrush to Sea: A Journey Across the Siskiyou Crest**

**Presenters: Suzie Savoie and Luke Ruediger**

Siskiyou Chapter NPSO is sponsoring the screening of the local film, Sagebrush to Sea: A Journey Across the Siskiyou Crest. The film will be shown at: Phoenix Grange at 209 N. Main St. Phoenix, OR. In June 2019, partners Luke Ruediger and Suzie Savoie hiked nearly 200 miles through the wildlands of the Siskiyou Crest, starting on the Pacific Crest Trail at Interstate 5 near Siskiyou Summit on the western edge of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument above Ashland, Oregon, and ending 10 days later on the shores of the Pacific Ocean south of Crescent City, California. The journey traversed the beautiful Applegate River watershed, the headwaters of the Illinois River, the Smith River and many, many miles of the rugged Klamath River watershed. Come along on this journey across this wild and largely unknown region, through old-growth forests, lush mountain meadows, colorful rock gardens, and across the long, rugged spine of the Siskiyou Crest – from sagebrush to sea.

To see the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sYxv32YU-0>.

Free and open to the public. \*Masks required\*

<https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCrestFilm>

**Meeting:** Siskiyou Chapter Member Meetings will resume after the holidays on the fourth Thursday of the month in 2022.

## **Umpqua Valley**

Visit [umpquavallevnativeplants.com](http://umpquavallevnativeplants.com) for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our email list. Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

**William Theodore Schattenkerk**

It is with sad hearts that we report the death of William Theodore Schattenkerk. Ted's

life accomplishments were many. He loved hiking, including a 287-mile portion of the Appalachian trail in 1950 with a friend. Ted was in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, worked his way through college, and achieved a B.S. degree from Oregon State University in Range and Wildlife management. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for many years. Ted and Dorothy have volunteered as members of NPSO Umpqua Chapter since 1989 and Ted led many wildflower field trips. His botany skills were well known. He narrated natural history on the Shobu to Roseburg Sister City bus tour in Oregon and later traveled to Japan with the Sister City group. He also helped at the Glide Wildflower Show for many years. Ted and Dorothy and family lived in Corvallis, Albany, Bend, Star Ranger Station on the Upper Applegate River, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, and Winston.

Ted was 92. For more about Ted's life go

to <https://www.taylorsfamilychapel.com/obituary/william-schattenkerk>.

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## **William Cusick**

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