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Columbia desert parsley (*Lomatium columbianum*)

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Candidates for NPSO Board Positions 2022

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the State offices. Newly elected individuals would usually assume office during the Annual Meeting. This year the induction "ceremony" will precede the on-line board meeting in May which will take place in lieu of the Annual Meeting board meeting. Please consider serving our Society. Interested persons and people with suggestions for future candidates may contact Dan Luoma by email (daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

Voting instructions will be sent via email to NPSO members-of-record in late April.

President:

Dan Luoma (Corvallis) has been a member of NPSO since about 1980. He has previously

served as State President, Vice-President, and Director-at-Large. His academic training is in ecological plant geography. Dan is a retired professor, having specialized in forest mycology with the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. Dan has taught mycology at Oregon State University and a course on forest mycology through the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University. He continues to pursue research on the diversity of truffles and mushrooms in the forests of the Pacific Northwest. He was a charter member and second president of the Corvallis Chapter and is currently chapter Treasurer.

Vice-President:

Dave Garcia, PhD (Siskiyou) was a co-founder and the first president of the Siskiyou Chapter (the first chapter outside Portland). He has worked on sensitive plant projects as a seasonal employee for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. He has also worked as an independent contractor doing sensitive plant surveys for the Rogue and Siskiyou National Forests. He is a past President of the Siskiyou Chapter. Dave has been active with the annual Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show (which he helped start about 40 years ago). The show is held in Ashland's Lithia Park each year on the 4th of July. Dave is a grandfather, a retired high school biology teacher, and a life-long student of nature, organisms, and ecosystems.

Secretary:

Steven Yeager (Emerald) is 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 the former co-owner of the Columbines School of Botanical Studies in Eugene. He also is the Director of Quality and Regulatory Affairs at Mountain Rose Herbs and is responsible for the proper identity of their botanical products. Steven is also active with the NPSO Emerald Chapter, having served as President, and serves on the boards of the United Plant Savers and the American Herbal Products Association.

Treasurer:

Michael Hartman (Emerald) has served the NPSO in a variety of capacities for many years. He is currently NPSO Emerald Chapter Treasurer and was formerly NPSO *Bulletin* Mailing Coordinator and NPSO Webmaster.

Directors-at-Large:

Gail Baker (Emerald) has been active in NPSO since 1982, holding positions as Emerald Chapter President and Vice-President, Director on the State Board, NPSO state-wide Vice-President, assisting with annual meetings hosted by Emerald Chapter, contributing articles to NPSO Bulletin about destinations for wildflowers and botanical art, and

providing a listing of wildflower festivals around Oregon. Gail currently coordinates Emerald Chapter speakers' program, works with sister organizations to co-sponsor speakers, serves on the Friends of Buford Park Stewardship Committee assisting with habitat restoration, and leads field trips for Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. She served on the Oregon Flora Project Advisory Committee and initiated Wildflower Month in Eugene coordinating wildflower art exhibits, walks, and programs leading up to the annual Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival.

After a long career in plant ecology research in California, she taught plant science courses at Lane Community College. Some of the highlights were leading student field trips for plant ecology and botany classes and establishing the Native Plant Landscaping Project surrounding the Science and Math Building. Gail loves to be outside exploring landscapes and the interactions between the plants and animals the landscapes contain. Travel takes her and her family to biologically interesting regions where they immerse themselves in local environments and make connections between people, plants, and food while trying to visit every farmer's market.

David Dalton (High Desert) was born and raised in North Carolina. He earned a BS in botany from Duke University, after which he skedaddled to Oregon to attend graduate school at Oregon State University where he obtained an MS and PhD in botany. Besides the opportunity to study at Oregon State University, he was drawn to Oregon because of its natural beauty, especially the mountains, forests, and rivers. He is a passionate skier and whitewater enthusiast. He has climbed most of the Cascade volcanoes from Baker to Shasta. He enjoys hiking with his two golden retrievers.

After graduate school, he accepted a faculty position with Reed College in Portland where he taught courses such as Intro Biology, Plant Physiology, Plant Communities of the Pacific Northwest, and The Biological Legacy of Lewis and Clark for 32 years. While at Reed, he established a vigorous research program that often involved aspects of plant ecology and nitrogen fixation. He racked up over \$1.3 million dollars of grant money (mostly National Science Foundation) and published extensively in journals such as *American Journal of Botany*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Plant Physiology*, *Physiologia Plantarum*, *FEMS Microbiology*, *Ecology*, *New Phytologist*, and others. He is the author of a popular book entitled *The Natural World of Lewis and Clark*.

He retired from Reed in 2020 and moved to his dream home in central Oregon on the banks of the Deschutes River. He is a member of NPSO's Field Research Grants Committee and is eager to get more involved in NPSO activities that can benefit from his botanical knowledge.

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 the Oregon Flora Project), a position he has held since 2010. Stephen has long-held interests in rare plant research and political activism.

Speakers Announced for the 2022 Smithsonian Botanical Symposium

From [Plant Press](#), Vol. 25, No. 2, April 2022.



The Smithsonian's Department of Botany and the United States Botanic Garden will hold the 19th [Smithsonian Botanical Symposium](#), "Life on the Edge: Exceptional Plants in Exceptional Places," on 13 May 2022.

Plants live in seemingly inhospitable environments that exhibit extremes of light, temperature, altitude, drought, and substrate. To survive in the driest deserts, on mountaintops, without soil or with toxic soil, numerous adaptations have evolved to enable specialized plants such as succulents, epiphytes, and alpiners to exploit these environments. The 19th Smithsonian Botanical Symposium will explore current research on plants in extreme environments, examining their natural history, evolution, and value for human survival, in the face of climate change and increasing pollution. Speakers will include scientists specializing in conservation, ecology, systematics, and genetics whose research explores plant survival in extreme parts of the natural world.

In addition, the 19th José Cuatrecasas Medal in Tropical Botany will be awarded at the Symposium. This prestigious award is presented annually to an international scholar who has contributed significantly to advancing the field of tropical botany. The award is named in honor of Dr. José Cuatrecasas, a pioneering botanist who spent many years working in the Department of Botany at the Smithsonian and devoted his career to plant exploration in tropical South America.

The Symposium will be a hybrid event serving both in-person and virtual guests. If you wish to attend in-person, the Symposium will be held at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. If you wish to attend virtually, a Zoom link will be provided after you register online. We request all attendees, both in-person and virtual,

to [register](https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l7QFKW9BSZ-ss6uyWW9Erg) at https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l7QFKW9BSZ-ss6uyWW9Erg.

The event is free; there is no registration fee to attend the Symposium.

Tentative schedule (all times are Eastern Daylight Time)

- 1:00 pm - Welcome and presentation of the José Cuatrecasas Medal
- 1:15 pm - Jenna Ekwealor (Smithsonian Institution), "The secret lives of desert moss"
- 1:45 pm - Fabian Michelangeli (New York Botanical Garden), "Endemism and adaptations in the flora of the lost world"
- 2:15 pm - Break
- 2:45 pm - Tanisha Williams (Bucknell University), "Protecting the Fynbos: climate change insights from South Africa"
- 3:15 pm - Ben Nyberg (National Tropical Botanical Garden), "A conservation airlift: applications of drone technology in plant conservation"
- 3:45 pm - Break
- 4:15 pm - Jessica Allen (Eastern Washington University), "Urban lichens: symbioses in the built environment"
- 4:45 pm - Panel Discussion
- 5:15 pm - Wrap-up *-reprinted courtesy of the Plant Press*

Oregon Mystery Plant

Last month's mystery plant revealed:

Last month's mystery plant was a popular one! Bruce Waugh, Elaine Stewart, Phil Hays, Tanya Harvey, Kathleen Sayce, and Nancy (Betty) Baumeister all correctly identified it as *Sanicula arctopoides*, commonly known as bear's foot sanicle or footsteps of spring. *Flora of Oregon* documents this species on dunes, beaches, and coastal bluffs. It ranges from California north to Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.



Photo by Donna Giguere.

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



Photo by Kathleen Sayce.

This month's mystery plant, the white flowered plant in the center of the photo, was photographed by Kathleen Sayce in 2012 on the road to Onion Peak, Clatsop County, OR.

It was growing on a wet basalt rock with a seasonal freshwater seep.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share?

Send it to the editor: bulletin@npsoregon.org

OregonFlora

Editor's Note: The Oregonian article referenced below was published on April 30. An online version may be viewed at: <https://www.oregonlive.com/hg/2022/04/in-a-labor-of-love-oregonflora-team-creates-an-oregon-plant-guide-for-the-ages.html>. Non-subscribers to the Oregonian are able to view one "exclusive" article like this monthly for free by entering an email in the box at the bottom of the article teaser. You may need to "clear cookies and site data" from the Oregonian url by clicking on the little padlock symbol in your browser, next to the url, and then reloading the page to see the option of adding an email.

The Oregonian newspaper is scheduled to publish an article featuring OregonFlora at the end of April 2022. As the reporter Dennis Peck researched the story, he asked me about the history of our program. Many present-day NPSO members can agree with me that the NPSO was an essential element in the formation of the Oregon Flora Project in 1994. Founder Scott Sundberg initially approached the NPSO Board, seeking its input and support to create a program to prepare a new flora for Oregon. One of the values Scott asserted was that valuable plant knowledge is held by people with diverse backgrounds; it is not just academics and agency workers that have botanical expertise. The membership of the NPSO reflects that diversity. NPSO's partnership with the Oregon Flora Project helps to expand members' understanding of plants through conservation, wildflower identification, hiking, photography, gardening, and more.

NPSO and the Oregon Flora Project/OregonFlora historically have—and continue to—work together to meet our organizations' shared mission: to gather and share information about the plants of our state. The passion and dedication to this work is seen throughout our team. Our current staff have a combined tenure of 88 years(!); many NPSO members active today helped to form the Friends of the Oregon Flora Project committee 24 years ago; hundreds of volunteers have contributed species lists, photographs, and untold hours of assistance to help create the OregonFlora resources.

Likewise, our collaborations have been instrumental in several NPSO publications: *Vascular Plants of Lane County Oregon: an Annotated Checklist*, *Urbanizing Flora of Portland, Oregon 1806-2008*, and numerous articles in *Kalmiopsis*. We look forward to future projects that will share our online resources: a new Rare Plant Guide, linked website tools, and ties to NPSO's iNaturalist activities.



Sharing the outcomes of OregonFlora with the public, and especially with NPSO membership, is one of the most rewarding examples of the relevancy of our work and our OregonFlora team is honored to do so. When asked of his impressions, reporter Dennis Peck said: “My takeaway after speaking with a handful of people connected to the Oregon Flora Project is pretty simple: I have never in my 40-plus years of journalism, met a more committed, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, caring (emphasis especially on caring) group of people. It was a privilege to speak to each and every one of them.”

We extend our thanks to NPSO members for their support and look forward to continuing a shared future that celebrates Oregon’s native plants!

Your financial support lets us continue to meet our mission. Donate now with an [online contribution](#), or by mailing a check made payable to Agricultural Research Foundation (include “OFP” on the memo line) to: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd, Suite 320, Corvallis, OR 97333. -Linda Hardison

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

Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarships Available to Oregon Students



Marvel Luzell, previous scholarship winner. Marvel graduated from Oregon State University last year with a degree in Botany.

Photo by Taylor Barron.

The Willamette Valley Chapter is offering \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college/university for the 2022-2023 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, landscape architecture, 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**,

2022.

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. The student's statement should show a demonstrated interest in native plants and the intent to pursue studies or careers related to native plants;
- One letter of reference from a person 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:

John Savage
Jean Davis and Augusta Rockefeller Scholarship Funds
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 wvnpsso@gmail.com.

State Notes

The next NPSO state board meeting will be Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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.

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

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis Chapter email

list, contact co_president@NPSOregon.org. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Woodpecker Loop Trail at Finley National Wildlife Refuge for Natural Areas Celebration Week.

Leader: Ester McEvoy

Meet at the Woodpecker Loop parking lot (44.4123339, -123.3311692). We will do a gentle hike through woodlands and prairie habitats. We should be able to see *Calochortus tolmeii* in bloom and many other early spring flowers. For more information, contact Esther at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

Monday, May 9th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

In-person Meeting: Wildfire and Plants in the Sierra Nevada

Presenter: Harold Zald

Come join the Corvallis Chapter for our first in-person meeting since March of 2020. The meeting will be held at Avery House Nature Center (1200 SW Avery Park Dr, Corvallis, OR 97333) in Avery Park. There is additional parking on SW Avery Park Road by the Lions Shelter).

Our speaker will be Dr. Harold Zald, Research Forester with the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. Harold is involved with vegetation monitoring and remote sensing. Harold's talk will address aspects of fire effects on vegetation in the Sierra Nevada of California. Masks are welcome but not required.

Saturday, May 21st, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Located at Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. We will work on spring clean-up and weeding. Please park in the parking lot at the park. Come prepared for the weather. Bring water, gloves, trowel or shovel, and energy. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or 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/>.

Wednesday, May 4th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Laurelwood Bog

Leader: Hugh Prichard

The Laurelwood Bog is a native plant restoration project in its eleventh year, located on the northwest corner of Laurelwood Golf Course. Hugh Prichard, co-owner with the city of Eugene, has planted 147 species of native plants, many of which are in full bloom. Hugh has offered to lead us on a guided tour to explain the transformation from weedy hillside to native plant demonstration area. The best access for this tour is through the

front garden at 2671 Emerald Street, in Eugene. Please park on the street and walk down the circular gravel drive. We'll meet in the carport which also serves as an antique sign museum. Paths are well-barked; there is no need for waterproof boots but the ground can be uneven. Sign up [here](#).

Sunday, May 15th, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Special Event: Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival

Festival activities include an expansive wildflower display inside the White Oak Pavilion, live music, guided nature walks by local naturalists, local food, arts and crafts vendors, and the Art in Nature Trail. Mt. Pisgah Arboretum is located at 34901 Frank Parrish Road, Eugene. Emerald Chapter is a co-sponsor of this festival. Tickets are available [here](#).

Wednesday, May 18th, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Field Trip: Dorris Ranch Weekday Walk

Leaders: Dave Predeek and Fraser McDonald

Amble along the Willamette Middle Fork Trail for a short distance and then tour the replanted hazelnut orchards with Fraser McDonald of Willamalane Park and Recreation District. We will cover about three miles over relatively flat ground. Dress for the weather. Wear adequate walking shoes. Bring drinking water. No sign-up needed.

Friday, May 20th, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Zoom Program: Siskiyou Plant Communities

Presenter: Lauren Hallett

Serpentine systems, like those found in the Klamath-Siskiyou of Southwest Oregon, host rich plant communities with a high degree of endemism. Lauren Hallett, assistant professor in the Institute of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Oregon, will discuss the unique management challenges facing serpentine ecosystems in the context of global change.

This talk is co-sponsored with Eugene Natural History Society. [ZOOM LINK](#).

Saturday, May 21st, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Museum of Natural and Cultural History Native Plant Garden

Leaders: Emerald Chapter Members

The property surrounding this museum, on the University of Oregon campus, bears an excellent native plant garden that is little known to the community. In partnership with the museum, Emerald Chapter members will be leading this short walk in and around the museum's Glenn Starlin Native Plant Courtyard. With over forty species, the courtyard offers a rich array of plant life that have provided nutrition and material for tools, shelter, and more for millennia. This is the first of a monthly series of walks at this location. Limited free parking is in a designated lot located just west of the mammoths on East 15th Avenue, and metered parking is available on the street. The address is 1680 East 15th Avenue on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. Sign-up is not needed, and the tour is free to NPSO members.

Saturday, June 4th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Konnie Memorial Park in Swisshome

Leader: Ed Alverson

Konnie Memorial Park is in the heart of the Coast Range near Swisshome. This 145-acre park is located along the lower reaches of Lake Creek just above its confluence with the Siuslaw River. The park supports coastal rain forest communities as well as interesting habitats along rock outcrops and open riverbanks. Meet at South Eugene High School (parking lot corner of 19th and Patterson) at 9:00 am to carpool for this all day trip. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for off-trail walking. Sign up [here](#).

Saturday, June 18th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Coyote Prairie

Leader: Diane Steeck

Visit the west Eugene wetlands in the height of bloom and look for rare birds and butterflies too. Diane was our speaker in February and highlighted many parks within city of Eugene limits. This is one of Diane's favorite wetland prairie restoration sites, and she's looking forward to sharing this special place with us. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson) at 9:00 am to carpool. Wear hiking boots (clean - no weed seeds), and bring water, snacks and appropriate clothing for the weather. There is no trail at the site, so be prepared for uneven ground. We should be done with the trip by noon. Sign up [here](#).

Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Bristow Prairie

Leader: Tanya Harvey

Bristow Prairie is an area of great diversity in the Calapooya Mountains. The little-used High Divide trail runs south through old-growth forest, meadows, and wetlands, and crosses a gorgeous south-facing rocky slope before reaching Bristow Prairie. The rocky slope is filled with colorful flowers in June and July. Depending upon the conditions and what is in bloom, we may follow the trail or we may start at the prairie and wander over to the rock garden area after looking at the multitude of interesting plants growing along the roadside. Meet at South Eugene High School parking lot (19th and Patterson) at 9:00 am to carpool. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for off-trail walking. For more information, including trip reports and a plant list, visit [this web site](#). Sign up [here](#).

High Desert

For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: www.highdesertnpsoregon.org and Facebook page: [Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email highdesertnps@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 21st, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Ochoco Scablands Field Trip

Leader: Jill Welborn, botanist, formerly with the Ochoco National Forest

Visit the Ochoco scablands south of Big Summit Prairie for a trip featuring spring wildflowers and native plants. The scablands are a unique, shallow-soiled habitat that sport an array of colorful spring flowers and are home to rare, endemic plants such as

Henderson's needle grass and Ochoco lomatium.

Participants should bring lunch and sturdy shoes and be prepared for short hikes on rough, rocky ground and to encounter unpredictable spring weather conditions. Children and families welcome!

To sign up, send an email to HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com with "Ochoco Scablands" in the subject line. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact 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@NPSOregional.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 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/npsopdxchapter/>. 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*.

Months of April and May

Event: Portland Chapter's iNaturalist NPSO PDX April/May 2022 Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz!

Organizers: Lecia Schall and Dave Anderson

What's a Bioblitz? It's an event that focuses on identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time.

NPSO Portland Chapter presents its second annual iNaturalist Bioblitz as a **Native Plant Appreciation Month** opportunity to enjoy and protect Pacific Northwest natives. Help us document the existence and phenology (life stage) of native plants in the greater Portland area AND the Columbia River Gorge during the months of April and May. If you haven't already, please download the iNaturalist app, available for iPhone or Android, and at [iNaturalist](#).

Anyone can add observations. Look for "NPSO PDX Native Plant Appreciation Month April

2022 BioBlitz' under "Projects". After joining the project, just upload your observations to iNaturalist. They will automatically be included in our BioBlitz. Please help us by identifying observations by others, as well. We will collate observations and watch for rare or sensitive species.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/portland-npso-may-2022-wildflower-bioblitz>

Sunday, May 8th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Event: Mother's Day Family Event

Leader: Willow Elliott

Join Portland Chapter president Willow Elliott in celebrating Mother's Day with a walk back in time across a historic property once owned by pioneer botanist Thomas Howell. We'll meet near the Bybee-Howell House, oldest home on Sauvie Island and then stroll through heritage apple trees, a white oak savannah, wetland, and meadows where we'll see the re-introduced golden paintbrush, *Castilleja levisecta*), and much more. Sauvie Island has the largest community of this rare paintbrush on the west coast. Bring a picnic to have after the walk! Registration is not necessary. Dogs are not permitted on Metro property or in cars. Meet at the arbor entrance to the Bybee-Howell House Pioneer Orchard, 13901 NW Howell Park Road, Sauvie Island, ten miles north of Portland off Highway 30.

For more information or questions contact Willow at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: In Search of the Wild Rhododendron

Presenters: Dave Andersen and Andrew Stern

Dave and Andrew have been exploring the Cascades of northern Oregon and southern Washington in search of wild Rhododendrons since 2017. They have developed a particular interest in how these plants fared in areas affected by wildfire and have documented in photos and on iNaturalist how other plants, wildlife, and insects exist in association with these Rhododendron species.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0of-ivpjlsGNKfpNUjuNtoJWWkThP9lQ5k>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. Save the email.

Saturday, May 14th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Native Plant Open Garden

Sponsor: Lynne Dutillo

Join us at the Vancouver Washington home of NPSO member Lynne Dutillo whose unique garden hosts over 100 species of native plants. This *Plantzy Gardens and Designs* project features a mountain rock garden, meadowy low moist areas and hills, rain garden, bee pond, and prairie meadow. NPSO member Zak Weinstein, owner of *Plantzy*, will be there with other NPSO volunteers to answer questions. Come and learn some new native plant species and get inspiration for your own native garden project. For location and

directions, register at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com.

Thursday, June 9th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Good Fire: Revitalizing Indigenous Burning from the Salish Sea to the Sierra Nevada

Presenter: Chris Adlam

Dr. Chris Adlam, Oregon State University Extension Fire Specialist for Southwest Oregon, will discuss efforts to restore the use of Indigenous cultural burning practices to prairies and forests of the West Coast. He helps communities live well with fire through a greater understanding of its ecological role and diverse management options.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtf-GorjstHN2AKmhL18YdUw4_fGokM3Du

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join 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. 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. 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/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>.

Thursday May 5th, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Field Trip: Pompadour Bluff Wildflower Walk

Leader: Kristi Mergenthaler

The Harry & Marilyn Fisher Preserve at Pompadour Bluff located just outside of Ashland is a new Southern Oregon Land Conservancy preserve. This short hike is an opportunity to see the iconic bluff up-close with a focus on flower identification. Southern Oregon buttercup, endemic to Jackson County, should be in bloom. The group will join botanist Kristi Mergenthaler on a slow walk, steep and mostly off trail, through grassland and oak woodland to the top of the bluff and back down. This one-mile round-trip has an elevation gain of over 200 feet. The preserve is only open for special events like this one. Group size is limited to ten- carpooling is encouraged. For more info and to register for this free hike email kristi@landconserve.org.

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 at 541-643-0364.

Willamette Valley

Saturday, May 7th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Sunday, May 8th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am and 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park

As part of the Silver Falls State Park Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival, John Savage will lead three one-hour wildflower walks along the rim near the South Falls.

Meeting place for all walks is the South Falls Stone Circle. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Field Trip: Kingston Prairie Preserve

Leaders: Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO

Join members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO on an easy walk to view the blooming wildflowers at the Kingston Prairie Preserve southeast of Stayton. The 152-acre preserve is the best example of native prairie remaining in the Central Willamette Valley. Bring water, snack, and sturdy walking shoes. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at wvnps@gmail.com.

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. 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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#### Filipendula

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