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Scouler's willow (*Salix scouleriana*)

Tuflti Wildlife Area, Lane County, Oregon, March 20, 2009. Photo by Tanya Harvey,
Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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## **Emerald Chapter to Host 2023 NPSO Annual Meeting - June 2-4**



Friends of Buford Park Plant Nursery with Oregon sunshine (*Eriophyllum lanatum*) (foreground of photo) at its peak in June. This nursery is one of the 2023 Annual Meeting field trip sites. Photo by Gail Baker.

We welcome all NPSO members to Eugene for a fun and exciting three days in early June. The theme of the meeting is “Botany in the Age of Community Science.” Together with old friends and new, we will explore regional botanical hot spots while learning how we can each contribute to the scientific record of native plant distribution.

### Schedule

The three-day schedule follows the annual meeting tradition: Friday afternoon field trips will target nearby sites (local native plant nurseries, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, and more) and will include an iNaturalist tutorial. All-day Saturday trips will head to the coast, mountains, and valley. Sunday morning activities include the state board meeting and half-day field trips.

A Friday night social and a Saturday night banquet are also planned. Wildcraft Cider Works will provide a private space for our Friday evening no-host mixer. At Venue 252, Saturday night begins with a social hour featuring tables of vendors followed by our banquet. A panel of speakers will discuss the topic of community science and how our recorded observations of plants can be useful to researchers, to the OregonFlora program, and to the management of natural spaces. As a special feature, we have created an iNaturalist project so that participants can record their observations during field trips throughout the weekend.

### Call for Vendors

Vendors are invited to participate. Tables will be available prior to the banquet Saturday evening in the large foyer of Venue 252. Nature-related items may include t-shirts and other clothing, mugs, art, OregonFlora products, books, calendars, and posters. Chapters may also sell or display items, if space permits. Tables will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. In lieu of a table fee, we request that a donation be made to OregonFlora. The registration deadline for individual vendors is March 30, 2023; for chapters, the deadline is April 30, 2023. Application information will be available on the Annual Meeting Website which will be published early in March and announced in the March NPSO *Bulletin*.

### **Registration and Field Trips Information Available Soon**

Registration will begin with the publication of a detailed field trip schedule in the March edition of the NPSO *Bulletin*. Remember that you must be a member of NPSO to attend the annual meeting, so please be sure to renew your membership before March 1, 2023. -  
*Emerald Chapter Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Committee*

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## **Membership News**

We are happy to report that in 2022, a record 625 NPSO members renewed their membership before the end of the year; an 18% increase over 2021.

We wanted you to know that our committee is working to ensure that our membership management system is working properly and that members are receiving the benefits they expect. Some changes are in the works. For example, we have engaged a membership management assistant, Eleonore Jacobson, who enters new member data in our database and handles our correspondence.

Our membership database, on a Microsoft Access platform, includes 4,414 current and lapsed membership records, with renewal history dating back over 20 years. The database has been developed and maintained over the years by volunteer membership chairs including Dave Dobak, Clay Gautier, Matt Morales, and Margaret Conover who each have spent an average of 2-3 hours a week entering and updating member records.

But times have changed, technology has improved, and the Membership Committee has recognized that the current database system is unsustainable. In the coming months we will be reviewing and testing options for managing our membership records more effectively. If you have an interest in helping out or wish to join the Membership Committee, please [contact us](#).

We are excited that NPSO membership numbers are growing as more Oregonians develop an interest in our native plants. Thank you for being here!

Sincerely,

The NPSO Membership Committee: Courtney Knudson (Portland); Darlene Southworth (Siskiyou); Donna Rawson (Umpqua Valley); Esther McEvoy (Corvallis); Erin Rentz (Klamath Falls); Jill Kellogg (High Desert); M. A. Hanson (Umpqua Valley); Nancy Baumeister (Corvallis); Nina Longden (Cheahmill); Charmane Mitchell (South Coast); Steven Yeager (Emerald); Rachel Werling (Siskiyou); Willow Elliott (Portland), Margaret Conover (Emerald, Membership Chair)

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## Botanizing with the Siskiyou Plant Explorers

*This is the story of our delightful Siskiyou Plant Explorers group. This innovative group's field trips are separate from the field outings organized by our chapter. The Siskiyou Plant Explorers are rolling along, spreading the enjoyment of plants at quite a clip. They have organized and participated in eighteen walks since 2021. Meanwhile our own chapter walks have been more encumbered by the pandemic; we have only managed half that number. They use our "Plant-talk" Google forum to communicate. This is a wonderful example of leveraging our student grant system to build plant-loving community. The Siskiyou Plant Explorers inspire us! Maybe they will inspire such a group in your NPSO chapter! - Rachel Werling, Siskiyou Chapter President*



The East Applegate Ridge Trail, one of eighteen outings explored by the Siskiyou Plant Explorers so far. Photo by Rachel Werling.

### Who are we?

Siskiyou Plant Explorers is a group of enthusiastic beginner and amateur botanists who

collaborate in learning plant identification and ecology of our local Siskiyou flora. Our group meets regularly on the second Saturday of every month, except December, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Outings consist of easy to moderate hikes with frequent stops to observe plants that we encounter along the way. Each monthly hike is led by a willing novice from within our group and limited to twelve participants per outing. The smaller group size helps engage everyone in detailed trailside observations and facilitate productive group discussions. Overall, novel approaches to learning plant identification and field botany are incorporated for maximum fun and retention!

### **How did the Siskiyou Plant Explorers originally start?**

In the summer of 2021, the NPSO Siskiyou Chapter awarded funding to local Southern Oregon University graduate student, Nolan Richards, to organize a community-based instructional series, aptly named “Firs to Flowers - Beginning Botany Field Outings.” While completing his master’s degree in Environmental Education, Nolan organized four weekend field classes that were free to the public. With a well-organized curriculum and clear learning objectives, Nolan’s approach to adult learning was incredibly supportive to both beginner and novice botanists. Participants were fully involved in each activity and engaged by Nolan’s extensive knowledge of regional ecology. After four weekends of forging new friendships and group knowledge, many did not want the learning and camaraderie to cease! So, with unanimous class interest and NPSO support, this fledgling group decided to continue exploring the amazing botanical diversity of our region on a monthly basis.

### **How has it been working?**

Since the summer of 2021, we have had eighteen hikes and five different leaders organizing Siskiyou Plant Explorers outings! We have steadily continued to increase the number of new participants as our email list expands, in alignment with our mission to introduce many others to the joy, excitement, and curiosity of learning about our Siskiyou flora.

### **Why will it continue to work?**

1. The general public can participate in a year-round field experience at no cost.
2. People quickly discover that sharing plant knowledge doubles the fun!
3. A collective group memory helps reinforce previous concepts.
4. Supplemental notes and destination plant lists are often available.
5. Short distance hikes to local areas of botanical interest are easily accessible.
6. The joy and fun of botany will keep us on the right track!! -*Al Collinet- Siskiyou Plant Explorers*

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*Plant Explorers*

# Native Plant Appreciation Month is Coming in April!

**APRIL 2023**  
**NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION MONTH**



**HOW CAN I CELEBRATE?**

- Join your local NPSO chapter
- Participate in a workshop
- Volunteer on a restoration project
- Visit a native garden or nursery
- Hike/walk a natural area
- Add natives to your landscape
- Attend a wildflower show

**Castilleja arachnoidea** (Cobwebby Paintbrush) by Emily Poole. South Sister, July 6, 2021



**Trifolium productum** (Shasta Clover) by Tanya Harvey. Calapooya Mountains near Loletta Lakes, June 13, 2022



**Fraseria speciosa** (Giant Fraseria) by Rebecca Collman. Zumwalt Prairie, June 11, 2020



**Xerophyllum tenax** (Bear Grass) by Polly Maertz. Waldo Lake, July 14, 2020



**Prosartes hookeri** (Hooker's Fairy Bells) by Anika Fiske. Camassia Nature Preserve, May 2, 2022



**Pedicularis densiflora** (Warrior's Plume) and **Dodecatheon hendersonii** (Henderson's Shooting Stars) by Pepper Trail. Cathedral Hills, March 17, 2022



*Discover what your local NPSO chapter is doing by visiting [www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org) or find us on Facebook*

Plan now for activities in your chapter to help promote NPSO's mission to support "the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats." What could your chapter do? Your chapter might lead hikes or walks to view native plants in your area. The chapter could also organize workshops such as how to grow or care for specific native plants. Maybe your chapter would like to hold a native plant sale or wildflower show. For those chapters that maintain native gardens, April is an excellent time for spring cleaning and maintenance of that garden. Be creative; what else could your chapter do? Be sure you submit your activities to the *Bulletin* Chapter Notes.

Celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Month can also involve individual activities. For example, you might join a local restoration project. You could visit a native garden, nursery or wildflower show. As you are enjoying our better weather that comes with spring, you might add some natives to your garden! Whatever you do, you can share your photos of the activities with other members of NPSO by submitting them to the photo gallery in the *Bulletin*. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com).

As you are out and about enjoying our native plants, you could join NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month Bioblitz 2023 at [https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsos-native-](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsos-native-plant-appreciation-month-bioblitz-2023)

[plant-appreciation-month-bioblitz-2023](#) on iNaturalist during April 1-10 to document wild flowering plants evident in Oregon during that time period. You could join as an observer or an identifier and help us record what's happening in our beautiful state. Also, you don't have to actually "join" the project; you can just submit your observations to iNaturalist and if they meet the taxa, dates, and location criteria, they will automatically be added to the project.

Not yet a member of iNaturalist? You can join here:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/home>. You can find video tutorials on use of iNaturalist here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/video+tutorials>. A tutorial on iNaturalist created by local users for the Mt. Pisgah Wildflower show covering all the things you can do with iNaturalist: discussing how to make better observations, using iNaturalist for trip planning and to follow the blooms, and how your posted observations contribute to species discovery, range extensions and conservation can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfXsVFFQRvU>. A tutorial by NPSO members on being an identifier is here: [https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1\\_r2ci5et0](https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1_r2ci5et0). For questions, email Judi Sanders, [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com).

Whatever you do, go outside and enjoy our native flora to celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month! - *Judi Sanders*

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## Photo Gallery

Welcome to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery! Share your photos of Oregon's native flora, field trips, restoration projects, work parties, and activities with other NPSO members. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

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





Photo by Kathleen Sayce.

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Kathleen Sayce on May 9, 2016, at Saddle Mountain State Natural Area, Clatsop County, Oregon.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

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## OregonFlora

OregonFlora has many things we want to accomplish in our twenty-ninth year, and we need your support to make them happen! Did you know that our program does not receive any regular operating budget from the Herbarium, the University, Extension, the State of Oregon, nor federal agencies? All of our operating expenses come from grants and donations.

Your generous support will help us provide valuable resources we want to share with you: the publication of the final volume of the *Flora of Oregon*, a new Rare Plant Guide for our website, and commercial availability of native garden plants, to name a few.

Please add your financial support to the state's **only** program that documents and shares comprehensive plant diversity data for Oregon. Contributions by check or [online](#) are welcomed. You can also show your support by [sponsoring](#) a floristic treatment, an illustration, or a front chapter in Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*, and see your acknowledgment published in the book's introduction.

Thank you, NPSO members, chapters, and state organization, for your decades of partnership and support! Together we will bring information about Oregon's most precious and beautiful natural resource—its plant diversity—to all!

Please contribute through our [website](#) or by mailing a check (payable to Agricultural Research Foundation, with “OFP” on the memo line) to: OregonFlora, OSU Dept. Botany & Plant Pathology, 2701 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, OR 97331. 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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## Grant Proposals Requested

The NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are: 1) to stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state; and 2) to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival. Research proposals are due by March 1, 2023. The program policy and guidelines may be downloaded from <https://www.npsoregon.org/documents/grantguide.pdf>. Questions about the Guidelines may be directed to [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu).

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## Correction to Bulletin Article

Per Gerald D. Carr, the OregonFlora images linked to *Collomia renacta* in the article “Oregon Department of Agriculture Native Plant Conservation Program State List Review/Update” which ran in the December 2022/January 2023 issue of the *Bulletin* found at: [NPSO Bulletin December 2022/January 2023 \(npsoregon.org\)](https://www.npsoregon.org) represent *C. macrocalyx*. Currently, status review of *C. renacta* by Oregon Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program is in progress and further distinction of these species is pending completion of Volume 3 of the Flora of Oregon. -Jason Clinch

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## Best Practices for Pollinators Summit



The Xerces Society and the Pollinator Friendly Alliance will co-host a three-day, virtual Best Practices for Pollinators Summit on March 7-9, 2023. Attendees will hear the latest on ecologically sound land stewardship practices that promote pollinators, including practical tips for habitat installation, soil health, pollinator biology, and much more.

Xerces Executive Director Scott Black will kick off the event with a talk about pollinator conservation in the face of climate change. You'll also learn about native bee nesting biology from Xerces' Sarah Foltz Jordan and Leif Richardson and pesticide reduction strategies from Xerces' Aaron Anderson. [Learn More and Register](#) -reprinted courtesy of the Xerces Society

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## State Notes

### Annual Message From Your Board

#### Highlights from 2022

Virtual State Board meetings took place, and it looks like they are here to stay, reducing our carbon footprint and, best of all, allowing for attendance by more chapter leaders and members. NPSO 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 1,186 folks (an increase of 71 members) are showing their support for NPSO. We were sorry to see the Mid-Columbia Chapter officially dissolve this year, but we are happy to welcome back a new, revitalized, South Coast Chapter. In-person field trips and events are slowly returning, while virtual offerings continue.

The Annual Meeting is Coming! Mark your calendars for June 2-4, 2023. It will be based in Eugene Oregon and hosted by the Emerald Chapter: ["Botany in an Age of Community Science"](#). Finally, this gives us all an opportunity to congratulate newly awarded NPSO Fellows Tanya Harvey (2021), Lisa Blackburn, and David Wagner (both 2020).

NPSO is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. Your annual membership dues and donations help fund a variety of endeavors such as: chapter activities, publications, contributions to OregonFlora, website hosting/maintenance, and professional fees. Accomplishments in conservation and study of our flora are notable, including activities of the Oregon Citizen's Rare Plant Watch program and the Field Research Grants program. Four \$1,000 Field Research Grants were awarded for the following investigations: *Seed Germination and Banking of Species Native to the Oregon Coast 2022* by Dr. Gabriel Campbell, *Investigating Shrub-Grass Interactions in Big Sagebrush Ecosystems* by Rachel R. Renne, *Sexual Dimorphism in Oregon's Polyploid Wild Strawberries* by Sebastian Mortimer, and *Non-destructive Age Estimation for Artemisia cana and Artemisia arbuscula* by Francisco Chavez. The Willamette Valley Chapter's Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year were awarded to 10 students majoring in a wide variety of plant-related fields.

### **Chapter Tidbits**

Here are some examples of chapter activities. In addition to the scholarship awards offered through Willamette Valley Chapter, Portland Chapter has updated their Chapter Bylaws, Corvallis Chapter continues to maintain a native plant garden surrounding the Avery House in Avery Park, and Emerald Chapter has happily and gratefully recruited some younger volunteers for committee positions.



Susan Dornfeld helps with spreading newspapers before barking the paths around the Avery Park Native Plant Garden in 2022. Photo by Esther McEvoy.

### **Going Forward**

Spurred on by the generous donation of longtime member Barbara Fox, we have formed a Strategic Planning Working Group that is addressing various aspects of capacity building to help NPSO more successfully meet its goals.

In our integrated world of virtual and in-person events, communication and outreach are key and many layered. The Membership Committee is working with all chapters to improve and expand communication to all NPSO members and the public. For updates and details about NPSO state and chapter activities please visit the NPSO website

## 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 at [ch\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Saturday, February 25th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Winter chores include making design decisions as well as pruning, clean-up, and weeding. Sometimes we have new species to plant! The garden includes nine ecological areas with sun and shade. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if possible. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 503-435-2401.

The library is located at 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99 W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

### Corvallis

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

**Saturday, February 11th, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Event: Information Table at "Insights into Gardening"**

**Table Sponsors: NPSO Corvallis Chapter Members**

**Location: LaSells Stewart Center on the Oregon State University campus across from Reser Stadium**

Many people find out about our chapter at this annual event. Volunteers are needed to staff our chapter information table throughout the day. Contact [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) for more information or to volunteer.

**Monday, February 13th, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Sedum section Gormaniana - A Taxonomic Nightmare but Pretty**

**Speaker: Barbara Wilson, Carex Working Group.**

**Location: Room 2062, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW**

## **Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon**

A talk about our native stonecrop plants (mostly Southwest Oregon and Northern California.) Contact [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org) for more information.

**Saturday, February 25th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden**

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

**Location: Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis**

We will prune, weed, and repair the wooden fencing around the flower beds. Bring gloves, clippers, rain gear, and water. Contact Esther for more information 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, February 20th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Program: Emerald Ash Borer: A Threat to Oregon's Ash Trees**

**Presenter: Christine Buhl, Oregon Department of Forestry**

**Location: Online via Zoom**

This program will be a status update on Oregon's first detection of exotic, invasive emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) which occurred in June 2022. Learn how to diagnose potential infestation, identify emerald ash borer itself, and how to manage for it. Also learn about interagency efforts to monitor, slow the spread, and treat for this pest. Speaker Christine Buhl currently serves as the state Forest Entomologist with the Oregon Department of Forestry where she provides statewide technical assistance to public and private landowners and monitors forest health via aerial and ground surveys. Zoom link to be published on [Emerald Chapter website](http://emerald.npsoregon.org) and distributed to members via email.

## **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](https://www.facebook.com/Native-Plant-Society-of-Oregon-High-Desert-Chapter), or email [highdesertnpso@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnpso@gmail.com). The new field trip coordinator is High Desert Chapter Vice President Jenifer Ferriel.

**Monday, February 27th, 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Ashes to Fens: The Legacy of Mount Mazama Eruptions**

**A short member meeting will precede the Program.**

**Presenter: Rick Dewey, retired Botanist, Deschutes National Forest**

**Location: East Bend Deschutes Public Library, 62080 Dean Swift Rd., Bend, OR**

**Thursday, March 30, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Program: Native Flower Power: Biodiversity**

Presenter: Carolyn Hunsaker, retired Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service

Location: Brooks Room, Deschutes Public Library, 507 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR

## 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](#).

## 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*.

The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

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

**Program: Supplying Native Plant Diversity to the Willamette Valley Ecoregion; No-tech, low-tech, and old-tech seed production methods**

**Presenter: Lynda Boyer, Owner of Heritage Seedlings**

Lynda will share her work with Heritage Seedlings to restore native habitats. Her 40-acre native seed production program grows seed for over 120 species of native wildflowers, grasses, and sedges, supplying multiple restoration sites in the Willamette Valley. She has helped restore over 300 acres of oak, prairie, and riparian habitat of which 200 acres have a permanent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conservation easement.

Register for this event on Zoom; you will receive an email with a link to the event. Save it!

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkc-msrToqG9duc\\_d3516v-tQPLKj440wF](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkc-msrToqG9duc_d3516v-tQPLKj440wF)

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

**Program: Snow Brings Flowers, Sycan Marsh Preserve**

**Presenter: Sarah Ratay**

At the east edge of the Cascades and a mile high sits The Nature Conservancy's 30,000-acre Sycan Marsh Preserve. Join us for an overview of the site's interesting plants and plant communities. This important landscape-scale preserve is helping inform the forest management debate. Hear from the Preserve Steward about the interesting botanical treasures and challenges of the remote Preserve.



Sarah Ratay has spent 25 years working in botany and conservation. She studied the rare plants of the California Islands for a Master's degree project at University of California Los Angeles and helped with conservation projects on the amazing Baja peninsula. Moving to the other end of the California Floristic Province, Sarah's job is a never-boring mix of prescribed fire implementation, maintenance of an off-grid field station, fence repair, and a lot of snowplowing! She is an active member of the Klamath Basin Chapter of NPSO.

Register for this event on Zoom; you will receive an email with a link to the event. Save it!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdOGtqT4iGddo2vo3nPvMJ-3ViGKAVVx>

## **Siskiyou**

To sign up for the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO monthly eNews on a new platform: [sign up](#)

To view our YouTube Channel and watch past programs: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

To join a native plant google group forum: [Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com](mailto:Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com)

To join our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

**Thursday, February 16th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Grass Ecologies of the Rogue Basin**

**Sponsors: Rogue Valley Audubon Society and Siskiyou Chapter NPSO**

**Presenter: Vanessa Robertson**

**Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Building, Room 161 (watch party)**

Vanessa Robertson will discuss unique grass community ecologies and relevant species that occur in the Rogue Basin. Her experience working with meadows, oak savanna, mixed forest systems, and coastal systems will be referenced to explore processes related to habitat restoration from a practitioner perspective, and plant interactions as they occur regionally in a shifting climate. She will elaborate on some of the unique physiological responses that common grasses within the Rogue Basin demonstrate, and their relation to habitat recovery over time. Vanessa has a Master of Science from Portland State University, has studied plant community responses for over ten years, and has worked across the Pacific Northwest on a variety of habitat restoration projects. She currently works for The Understory Initiative as an Ecologist and Private Lands Program Coordinator.

Vanessa began her ecological study in the Columbia Basin, and was involved in both tidal and freshwater restoration work through The Nature Conservancy, the Mount St. Helens Institute, the Institute for Natural Resources, and research funded by the National Science Foundation. Her graduate studies explored the effects of fungal symbionts on salt marsh plant competition in restored salt marshes, in hopes of informing current plant stock inoculation practices in coastal wetlands. She also worked with a research

collective to explore success perceptions of restoration practitioners and community stakeholders. She has loved the variety of work performed in sagebrush steppe, old growth forest, vernal pool and oak savanna, estuarine, rocky intertidal, and tropical rainforests, but remains focused on plant community ecology and developing sustainable restoration practices.

This program will also be provided via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. To register for the zoom: <https://bit.ly/npsos2022-23talks>.

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. To join our mailing list, please contact our Chapter President Charmane Mitchell at [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NPSO> SouthCoast Chapter. We are seeking additional members to assist with running the Facebook page.

Thanks to everyone who attended our first gathering as a new chapter. Special thanks to Umpqua Valley Chapter President, Rod Trotter, who travelled to the coast to give us a lovely talk.

Our Events and Activities Committee is busy working on a calendar of hikes, speakers, and workshops for 2023. Members from other chapters or from the California Native Plant Society are welcome! We will contact members by email with updates, as well as the date for our next chapter meeting. If you would like to help out with leading a plant hike or workshop, or have suggestions for speakers, please reach out to our Activities Committee Chair Gail Perrotti at [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net).

## **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](https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

## **Willamette Valley**

**Thursday, February 16th, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm**

**Zoom Program: The Oregon Dunes - A Changing Ecosystem**

**Presenter: Dina Pavlis**

The Oregon dunes are home to a diverse ecosystem with many beautiful native plants. However, the dunes are disappearing. The real threat to native plants is not the harsh dune environment to which they have adapted, rather it is the spread of invasive plants and the loss of open sand habitat. Join coastal interpreter, radio host, and author, Dina Pavlis, as she talks about the native plants on the dunes, how they are losing ground to invasive species, and the challenges we face when trying to save our disappearing dunes and the plants and animals that live there.

Dina Pavlis has been a U.S. Forest Service volunteer interpretive ranger for over 19 years on the central Oregon coast. She is the host and producer of the syndicated radio program, *Beyond Your Front Door*, a weekly program exploring Oregon's diverse and interesting coast with local experts. Author of the book *Secrets of the Oregon Dunes*, Dina is an avid hiker, outdoor enthusiast, and nature photographer. She has been featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting's *Think Out Loud* and National Public Radio's *Oregon Grapevine*. She is a member of the Siuslaw Vision, an Oregon Coast Quest builder and member of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@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](mailto:susanmgeer@gmail.com). Our website is not currently functional.

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