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NPSO 2023 Annual Meeting logo and t-shirt design featuring the Columbia lily and anise swallowtail. Contributed by Tanya Harvey.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Eugene, June 2nd-June 4th.

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## Membership Committee News Spotlight on NPSO's Newest Chapter

*The Membership Chair is a volunteer position, appointed by the NPSO President. The position will become vacant on July 1st, 2023, and we are currently seeking applicants. This is a great position for someone who wants to get to know our great group of NPSO members across the state. Contact the current [Membership Chair](#) with any questions.*

*Our newest NPSO chapter, South Coast chapter, is a real success story, as described by Chapter President, Charmane Mitchell, below. - Margaret Conover, Membership Chair*

The NPSO South Coast chapter is up and running thanks to the active responses from nearby native plant enthusiasts in Coos and Curry counties!

In February 2022, Charmane Mitchell was diving into another homework assignment on her way to gain certification as a master gardener. In the process of searching for information about native plants and what might thrive in her area as she wanted to create a new "dreamscape" for her landscape, she found the website for NPSO. Aha! She said with a big smile on her face! She wanted to learn more about protecting the nearby native plants and pollinators that thrive within that habitat. After joining the NPSO and

recognizing that there was not an active chapter in the area, she sent an email to the NPSO president asking why. The response was it was in her ball court to start one with good support from NPSO. And so she did! It started with telling friends, garden club members, other master gardeners, and anyone that might listen! She was not going to give up. Nature and conservation studies have been her love since 1965.

In October of 2022, with twenty people at the in-person “meet and greet” meeting, a board was elected and the South Coast chapter was alive! In the next few months, Charmane (as elected president) completed the required state legal procedures and had a good report to share with enthusiastic members in the January meeting.

The South Coast chapter is looking forward to several activities this year, thanks to a creative activities committee and enthusiastic active members!

Because the South Coast chapter covers a large territory of both Coos and Curry counties, our in-person meetings are held four to five times annually in Port Orford, a good central location for all. We enjoy potlucks and guest speakers! We have the option to meet on Zoom as well and have hosted a presentation by Norma Kline from Oregon State University on “Native Trees of Oregon’s South Coast.”

We appreciate the opportunity to learn from other chapters and look forward to joining in hikes and educational activities promoting NPSO.

The South Coast supports a diversity of flora that ranges from the wind-swept community of the headlands, to shaded groves of redwood, to carnivorous plants of acidic wetlands.

Our chapter recently held a botanical hike to the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern, one of our most notable places claiming a rich natural and human history. New River is a paradise of mycorrhizal plants, especially those in the Ericaceae family. The large populations of bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) and bristly manzanita (*Arctostaphylos columbiana*) have resulted in several individuals of the *Arctostaphylos x media* hybrid. Parasitizing the abundant salal (*Gaultheria shallon*) was a striking display of the small groundcone (*Kopsiopsis hookeri*.) On our hike we saw not just the more common giant rattlesnake plantain (*Goodyera oblongifolia*), but a heart-leaf twayblade (*Neottia cordata*) as well.



Heart-leaf twayblade (*Neottia cordata*). Photographed by Olivia Dethlefsen during 2023 South Coast chapter field trip to New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The Storm Ranch trail system crosses a number of different ecotones: open dunes with sand dune phacelia (*Phacelia argentea*), wetlands of willow (*Salix* sp.) and spirea (*Spirea* sp.), and canopies of twisting Pacific wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*) where serviceberry (*Amelanchier* sp.) blooms along sunny edges. New River has numerous rare and endangered species, and conservation projects coexist here with recreational use.

Our chapter will be returning to explore nearby areas later this year or next year. The

Blacklock Point - Floras Lake trail system passes through a fascinating wetland where one can walk among western bunchberry (*Cornus unalaschkensis*), bear-grass (*Xerophyllum tenax*), and western false-asphodel (*Triantha occidentalis*). There are also several offshoots onto the sea bluffs, where our endemic Klamath thistle (*Cirsium remotifolium* var. *rivulare*) grows. -Charmane Mitchell

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## Annual Meeting Update

We hope you will be joining the Emerald Chapter for our Annual Meeting June 2nd to June 4th in Eugene, Oregon!

When you get to Eugene, please come visit us and pick up your packet at our booth in the Lane Community College parking lot before field trips on Friday and Saturday or at Wildcraft Ciderworks Friday night.

We'd like to encourage all participants to visit the link to the [NPSO 2023 Annual Meeting Flora-blitz · iNaturalist](#) project so you can join the project to add plants from your field trip onto our combined species list for the Annual Meeting Event. At the Banquet on Saturday night, we'll hear how this data we've collected during the day is useful to multiple scientific pursuits. -Emerald Chapter Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Committee

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## OregonFlora Your Support is Needed!

OregonFlora is advancing the discovery and use of plant information on several fronts: we are working on a Rare Plant Guide with the support of NPSO and its Rare and Endangered Plant Committee; we are supporting the Oregon State University Herbarium by hosting the specimen database and images on our website; and we are a reliable resource for government agencies, environmental consultants, conservation groups, and plant lovers throughout the region. Last and most importantly, we are working to publish Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*, bringing to completion the vast and comprehensive body of knowledge about Oregon's plant diversity. The information of the *Flora of Oregon* books is the framework for the oregonflora.org website. Through our online presence, we have put a digital version of the *Flora* into the hands—and consciousness—of tens of thousands of people.



*However, we are currently facing budget constraints that will bring OregonFlora work and services to a halt if we cannot obtain funding for our program after July 2023.*

Our program is 100% funded by grants and donations. OregonFlora does not receive line-item support in the budgets of the State of Oregon, federal or state agencies, nor Oregon State University. That means our financial security rests on charitable donations from individuals and organizations, and on awards from competitive grant applications. Our existing grants are coming to an end this summer, and decisions on our submitted proposals will not be known until the end of the year. During Fiscal Year 2022, donations covered approximately 70% of our operating budget.

- We want to continue providing the public with accurate, comprehensive information about the plants of Oregon.
- We want our website resources to remain available to users at no cost.
- We want to finish Volume 3 of the Flora—we're more than halfway there!

OregonFlora needs your support to keep operating and bringing you the information you use—photos, maps, identification tools, gardening help, and more. **There is no other resource that provides this depth of information about Oregon's botanical resources!**

We are asking the individuals, the businesses, and the organizations that rely on OregonFlora to donate so our program can continue to provide the knowledge base that we all need. Here's how you can help:

--Become a sustaining donor with monthly contributions to OregonFlora. Our online [PayPal account](#) through our fiscal sponsor, the Agricultural Research Foundation, makes this easy.

--Make a contribution earmarked for OregonFlora via a check or [online gift](#) to the NPSO. This option lessens our administrative fees.

--Ask your circle of plant-loving friends if they are supporting OregonFlora. Does your NPSO chapter, your favorite native plant nursery, Master Gardeners chapter, Backyard Habitat program, Soil and Water Conservation District, etc. know about the wealth of information OregonFlora provides, and do they help fund it?

The missions of NPSO and OregonFlora are deeply intertwined. The work of each organization supports the other. Please give generously to OregonFlora to ensure access to plant knowledge continues!

*We want to hear your ideas, stories, and questions! Write us at [info@oregonflora.org](mailto:info@oregonflora.org), or contact Linda Hardison, OregonFlora director, at 541-737-4338. -Linda Hardison*

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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.





These five photos were taken by Frances Grewe, volunteer naturalist, at Lamas Prairie Natural Area on April 30, 2023. Top row, left to right: lineleaf Indian lettuce (*Montia linearis*), common spikerush (*Eleocharis palustris*). Second row, left to right: Nuttall's quillwort (*Isoetes nuttallii*), water-plantain buttercup (*Ranunculus alismaefolius*.) Bottom: bog saxifrage (*Micranthes oregana*.)





Red columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*). May 15, 2023. Marina Longden's garden in McMinnville, Oregon. Photo by Marina Longden.



Great camas (*Camassia leichtlinii*). May 10, 2023. Marina Longden's garden in McMinnville, Oregon. Photo by Marina Longden.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed

Congratulations to Dave Predeek who correctly identified the May Mystery Plant as *Romanzoffia thompsonii*, commonly known as Thompson's mistmaiden. According to the OregonFlora website, this delicate annual in the Hydrophyllaceae family is endemic to the central and southern Cascade Mountains and Siskiyou Mountains of Oregon. Its habitat is seasonally wet, open, sunny cliffs and gravelly slopes.



Thank you to Tanya Harvey for contributing the photo. Tanya said annual meeting field trip participants may see it in bloom on Tire Mountain!



Photo by Tanya Harvey.

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



This month's mystery plant was photographed by Marion Fox, on May 3rd, 2023, on a wet cliff face in the western Columbia River Gorge. If you can identify this plant, send your response to [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

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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# 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, June 24th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Come volunteer with us! We work around the Carnegie Building with a friendly crew to maintain the beauty of this demonstration garden. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For more information contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto:catie.fishback@gmail.com) or 971-241-7634.

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, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**Field trip: Marys Peak Scenic Botanical Area**

**Leaders: Phil Hays and Esther McEvoy**

Phil Hays and Esther McEvoy will lead a hike from the campground through the noble fir forest, along the meadow edge trail to the summit and back to the campground. It will be about a three-mile roundtrip hike of medium difficulty. For carpooling meet at the parking lot on the north side of Wilkinson at 9:00 am (between NW 27th Street and Arnold Way at Oregon State University.) Bring lunch, water, and appropriate hiking gear. If planning to join, contact Esther at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, June 24th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

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

We will do summer clean up and work on fencing repair. Bring water, gloves, and

clippers. Contact Esther if you plan to join in at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, July 8th, 8:00 am to late afternoon**

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain and Cone Peak**

**Leader: Dan Luoma**

We will hike the Iron Mountain-Cone Peak loop, identifying wildflowers in this botanical hotspot. Over 200 species of vascular plants have been recorded across this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. *Wildflowers of the Western Cascades* (Ross and Chambers, 1988) focuses on the flora of this area. A delightful post about the area by Tanya Harvey can be read here: <https://westerncascades.com/2019/06/18/a-rainbow-of-colors-at-cone-peak-and-iron-mountain/>. Tanya's plant list is here: <https://westerncascades.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Iron-Mountain-Cone-Peak-plant-list.pdf>

The loop is about five miles through moderately difficult terrain and will take all day since we will walk slowly looking at so many flowers. There is about a 1,000-foot elevation gain, mostly in the first one-third of the hike. Bring a lunch and water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes (there may still be snow drifts).

Meet at the Oregon State University, Wilkinson Hall parking lot (44.5692746, -123.2810976) southwest of Allan's Coffee and Tea at 26th and Monroe. For more information, contact Dan: 541-752-8860 or [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu). Please leave furry friends at home.

## **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.

**Saturday June 10th, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Field Trip: Herbert Farm Restoration**

**Leader: Sara Alaica**

Meet at South Eugene High School and we will carpool to Herbert Farm near Corvallis. We will see some or all of the rare plants at the site, including golden paintbrush, Nelson's checkermallow, Oregon checkermallow, Kincaid's lupine, and peacock larkspur. We will also walk by the girdled trees where we are releasing oaks, the riparian row plantings where we are improving the buffer to the river, and the berms created for streaked horned lark habitat. Sign up [here](#).

**Saturday June 10th, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Jill Paulson**

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 has 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 July 8th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Horsepasture Mountain**

**Leaders: Krista Farris and Jenny Lippert**

Join retired U.S. Forest Service Forest Botanist Jenny Lippert and outgoing U.S. Forest Service District Botanist Krista Farris on a walk up to the top of Horsepasture Mountain. See a glorious wildflower display and eat lunch at an old fire lookout. Help pull common St. John's Wort at the top if there is still some there. The trail is moderately steep and the walk is three to four miles in length. Bring a walking stick, lunch, water, and a camera. Sign up [here](#).

**Thursday July 13th, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Field Trip: Howard Buford Recreation Area, East Entrance**

**Leader: Ed Alverson**

Celebrate "International Field Botany Day" to commemorate the first documented (in writing) botanical excursion to identify plants, which was in England on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1629. Join Ed Alverson in a walk in the SE corner of Howard Buford Recreation Area (Meadowlark East and Meadowlark South), which has a lot of interesting natives that bloom in July. Since parking at the East Trailhead is limited, we'll meet up two miles away at the Pisgah Public Market in Pleasant Hill, and carpool from there. From southbound I-5 take exit 188 for OR58 East, "Oakridge-Klamath Falls", and continue on OR58 for just under four miles. The Pisgah Public Market is on the left as you enter Pleasant Hill. Sign up [here](#)

**Wednesday July 19th, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Special Event: Emerald Chapter's Annual Picnic at Amazon Park**

Join your botanical friends for a picnic! We will brainstorm presentations and field trips for next season and share information about great places to see wildflowers. Bring a potluck item to share, your own plate/utensils, a folding chair, and drinks. Emerald Chapter will provide dessert.

**Saturday August 12th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area**

**Leaders: Jenny Moore, Sarah Uebel and Jenny Lippert**

Join us for a foray into the botanical wonderland of Gold Lake Bog, which was designated as a Research Natural Area in 1965. Gold Lake Bog hosts several rare botanical species such as American Scheuchzeria (*Scheuchzeria palustris*), several species of carnivorous bladderworts (*Utricularia* sp.), and other fun fen species. Bring a walking stick as we will be walking downhill from the trail into the bog and cross-country once there. Plan to get

your feet wet or wear rubber boots. Bring a lunch and water and a sun hat. Sign up [here](#)

## **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). The new field trip coordinator is High Desert Chapter Vice President Jenifer Ferriel.

**Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 am to afternoon**

**Field Trip: Sycan Marsh**

**Leader: Sarah Ratay, [sarah.ratay@TNC.ORG](mailto:sarah.ratay@TNC.ORG)**

**Location: The Nature Conservancy lodge, Sycan Marsh**

Come explore the 30,000-acre preserve a mile high in the Eastern Cascades. The Nature Conservancy's Sycan Marsh Preserve has 395 plant species and beautiful vistas. No matter what your outdoor interest might be- wildflowers, birds, or bees, there's something here for you. Join Preserve Steward Sarah Ratay on a few short hikes around the Preserve to botanize. Bring rubber boots if you would like to hike to the fen. Participants that are interested should plan to make iNaturalist observations. Camping is available on the grounds of the the Nature Conservancy lodge or at the nearby Thompson Reservoir Campground. This field trip is in conjunction with the Klamath chapter.

**Saturday, June 24th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Event: Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory Wildflower Show and Pollinator Festival**

**Location: Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory, 57245 River Road, Sunriver, OR 97707**

There will be a wildflower display showcasing hundreds of native wildflowers, botanic garden tours, educational talks and demonstrations, children's activities and crafts, native plants for sale, and educational stations and resources.

The High Desert chapter will be assisting the Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory with gathering and identifying wildflowers. A High Desert chapter representative will be at the show to answer questions about flowers and about the NPSO.

**Sunday, June 25th, 10:00 am to Return to Bend by 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Deep Creek Exploration**

**Leader: Jill Welborn**

**Location: U.S. Forest Service Ochoco National Forest Office front parking lot, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville**

Join us for a trip to an exquisite area on the Ochoco National Forest, near the confluence of Deep Creek and the North Fork Crooked River. This area was the site of a riparian restoration project from 2016 to 2019 by the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with Trout Unlimited. NPSO members have visited the area in recent years to pull knapweed and to monitor the endemic Peck's mariposa lily (*Calochortus longebarbatus* var. *peckii*).

This trip will focus on enjoying and observing the lush riparian plant community that is establishing because of the project, including planted and seeded species as well as natural regeneration. There are many flowering forbs, sedges, and willows growing in the area, along with pollinators. There is also the possibility of crossing Deep Creek and hiking a short distance down the North Fork to a beautiful grove of mature Ponderosa pine along the river. The more people wear sandals or amphibious footwear, and bring hiking poles for stream crossing, the more we can explore! Regular hiking boots welcome, also, of course. This trip is limited to twenty-five people. To sign up for this trip please email Jill Kellogg at [HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com) with Deep Creek in the subject line.

## **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 monthly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com). You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page: [meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/](https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/). Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos: [facebook.com/npsopdx.portland](https://www.facebook.com/npsopdx.portland). Visit our chapter website at [portlandnativeplants.org](http://portlandnativeplants.org) for archived newsletters and to register for current programs. View recordings of past programs on our Youtube channel. Join one of our iNaturalist projects: [inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://www.instagram.com/npsopdx/).

Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the Bulletin, in The Calochortus newsletter, and on our social media channels. The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

**NPSOPDX202 June Bloom Wildflower BioBlitz continues all month!**

**Click here:** <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx2023-june-bloom-wildflower-bioblitz> to view iNaturalist project page.)

Welcome to the 2023 Portland Chapter of the NPSO June Bloom Bioblitz! During this June Bloom Bioblitz, we want to continue to track all the blooming native species we can find, especially shrubs! Post your observations with a full frame photo focusing on both the flowers and the leaves.

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

**Zoom Program: Changing minds: Supporting Community Partnerships that Raise Awareness about Native Plants and Actions that Support Biodiversity**

**Presenter: Dr. Derron Coles, Executive Director of The Blueprint Foundation**

Dr. Coles, Executive Director of the Blueprint Foundation, will share his experience with a workforce development program intent on reconnecting Black youth to nature and diversifying the “Green Sector” through green space enhancement projects.

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/tZ0udO6trj4pG93\\_FclCURY7Fn5oeoTY37xq](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udO6trj4pG93_FclCURY7Fn5oeoTY37xq)

## 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/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

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>

**Friday, June 2nd, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Hike: Identifying Wildflowers of the Cathedral Hills**

**Leaders: Doranne Long and Amanda Snodgrass, Bureau of Land Management Botanist**

Join wildflower enthusiast, Doranne Long, and Bureau of Land Management botanist, Amanda Snodgrass, for a stroll in the Cathedral Hills near Grants Pass, Oregon. The group will walk the 0.8-mile Madrone Trail looking for wildflowers in bloom. Copies of the new *Wildflowers of Cathedral Hills* brochures will be provided.

Directions to Sky Crest Trailhead: From Highway 199, take Highway 238 south 0.2 mile. Go left on Harbeck Road for 0.3 mile. Go left on Grandview Avenue for 0.3 mile. Go right on Sky Way for 0.7 mile to the trailhead. Restrooms are available at the trailhead, and dogs must be on a leash. Note: poison-oak and ticks are common, so dress accordingly.

To register for this free hike, please follow link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildflowers-of-cathedral-hills-tickets-601760571067>  
For more information on Cathedral Hills Trail System, please visit: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/cathedral-hills-trail-system>.

**Wednesday June 7th, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Event: Eighth Annual Mariposa Preserve Stewardship Day - Star Thistle Pull**

**Event Leaders: NPSO, KS Wild, Bureau of Land Management, Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

Join the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO, KS Wild, Bureau of Land Management, and Friends of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument for the 8th annual invasive weed pull in the Mariposa Preserve. Just outside of Ashland, this 222-acre Botanical Area is a designated conservation area (botanical preserve) that lies within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. It contains portions of the historic Oregon-California Trail and provides year-round habitat for blacktail deer and a small elk herd. The preserve serves to protect two rare endemic plants: Greene's mariposa lily (*Calochortus greenei*) (the Botanical Area's namesake!) and Detling's microseris (*Microseris laciniata* ssp. detlingii). Greene's mariposa lily only grows in southern Jackson County, Oregon, and northern Siskiyou County, California, while Detling's microseris exists only in select areas of Jackson County, Oregon. We will continue to clear yellow star thistle and observe wildflowers

blooming along the way. For more information, please contact field trip coordinator Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.Katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.Katelyn@gmail.com).

To sign up, please use the registration form at <https://secure.everyaction.com/yVQR9KhAHEa4Yn0lcR9zAQ2>.

**Thursday June 8th, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Program: Don't Panic, It's Just a Grass!**

**Presenter: Cindy Roché (aka grassgirl on iNaturalist)**

**Location: Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon Science 161**

You know you love botany, but find grasses are really hard? They all either look alike or differ by details way too complex or too small? Here's a secret: every plant family has its own structure and vocabulary. Life becomes much, much easier once you learn the terminology and can apply it to the grass in hand. Cindy will show you lovely color photos of all the parts of the grasses, so you will no longer be confused by lemmas or ligules, paleas, or panicles. You will see a sample of the variation present in grass morphology, so you can recognize a spikelet in all its forms. And, since life is not complete without sex, or at least reproduction, Cindy will explain the combinations of gender found in grass genera: bisexual, monoecious, dioecious, gynodioecious, and more (like the boarding school separation of boys and girls). Also, the role of vivipary, pseudovivipary, apomixis, cleistogamy, rhizomes, and stolons. Once you've mastered the terminology, you're ready to apply it in the field.

For more information, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). This program is free, and open to the public. People registered for the field day on June 10th are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Saturday, June 10th**

**Field Workshop: Don't Panic, It's Just a Grass!**

**Presenter: Cindy Roché (aka grassgirl on iNaturalist)**

As a follow up to her June 8th talk, Cindy will be teaching a one-day field workshop on grass identification in the Applegate Valley. It is limited to twelve students, so no one gets lost in the crowd. Using the "Field Guide to Grasses of Oregon and Washington", the group will practice keying, identifying common genera on sight, and using the images to strengthen our understanding of the terms. Workshop price: \$50 for Siskiyou Chapter NPSO members; \$220 for non-members. (To become an NPSO member, please follow the link: <https://www.npsoregon.org/online.html>).

Please bring your own copy of the "Field Guide to Grasses of Oregon and Washington", hand lens and small millimeter ruler, a notebook, and samples of grasses you want to know (optional). You will also need food and water, comfortable footwear, and sun protection. For more information please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). To register, please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dont-panic-its-just-a-grass-registration-619963346057?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>.

**Saturday, June 10th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Babyfoot Lake with KS Wild**



**Leaders: Allee and Alexi**

Join KS Wild and the Siskiyou chapter of the NPSO on a moderate 4.7-mile hike in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness to Babyfoot Lake. This hike will feature a wide array of wildflowers. We'll witness post-Biscuit fire regeneration before entering a diverse forest of pine, spruce, and cedar. For more information, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). To register, please use link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/--G-erT02EaPRQNgmwM2aw2>.

**Saturday, June 24th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Vesper Meadow Wildflowers & Seeds**

**Leader: Tuula Rebhahn**

Spend the day botanizing Vesper Meadow during the peak of wildflower season; then give back to the land by collecting native seed for revegetation projects and removing weeds in native planting areas. Vesper Meadow Education Program is a center for habitat restoration and human reconnection to the landscape at the crest of the Cascade-Siskiyou. Hike leader Tuula Rebhahn has been an active part of Vesper Meadow Education Program since its launch in 2019. She is also a “professional seed collector” with The Understory Initiative and Rogue Native Plant Partnership. Expect the hike to be moderate difficulty (< 3 miles hiking, less than 700 ft. elevation gain, uneven terrain that may be wet at times).

Plants we can expect to see flowering include *Camassia leichtlinii*, *Camassia quamash*, *Anemone deltoidea*, *Castilleja miniata*, *Eriogonum* sp., *Fritillaria* sp., *Lomatium* sp. and *Potentilla* sp. Seed will be collected from *Plectritis congesta*, *Lomatium utriculatum* and *Clarkia* spp. The group will be meeting at the Rite Aid parking lot (2341 Ashland Street, Ashland, OR 97520) at 9am. Those who do not wish to carpool may meet us at Vesper Meadow at 10am (address provided after RSVP) Other details: Bring lunch and a hand lens. Those who carpooled may plan to be back to Rite Aid by 4:00 pm. For more information, please contact field trip coordinator, Katelyn Detweiler at [Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). To register, please use link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vesper-meadow-wildflowers-and-weeds-tickets-601767872907?aff=erelpanelorg>.

**Sunday, July 9th, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm**

**Field Trip: Botanize Buck Prairie and nearby Cottonwood Glades**

**Leader: Wayne Rolle**

Buck Prairie is north-northwest of Hyatt Reservoir and is one of the few large moist meadows in the Cascades that are not dominated by introduced grasses. Retired U.S. Forest Service botanist, Wayne Rolle, will guide the group to wildflowers including a showy, yellow-flowered Indian paintbrush which has only recently been found in Oregon. Time permitting, the group will also visit the nearby Cottonwood Glades. The Buck Prairie hike is easy and the Cottonwood Glades hike is moderately easy, depending on how the group chooses to reach it. Plan to rendezvous in the easternmost portion of the Rite Aid parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am to carpool to the site.

For questions, please contact Wayne Rolle at 541-261-4611. To register, please sign up using the following link- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hike-and-botanize-buck-prairie->

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. Guests of members of other chapters are welcome at our events. 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/NPSOSouthCoastChapter>.

**Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Garden Tour**

**Organizer: Maggie Daly**

**Location: Bandon, Oregon**

Our self-guided garden tour includes five properties in the Bandon area that exhibit different starting points (a mature forest, a subdivision lot), different purposes (two memorials, defensible space), different amounts of time cultivating natives (one to twelve years), and different aesthetics. Common to the sites are a love of native plants and invasive removal! Two landowners have introduced natives to their traditional ornamental yards, replacing some plants, providing support for pollinators, and attending to the needs of the local fauna. Another landowner is combining natives with an edible food forest. The tour also includes a natural area being converted from gorse and a very moving memorial site in Old Town.

The Garden Tour will be open to members and their guests. We will request that participants sign up closer to the tour date. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Daly at [marguerite.l.daly@gmail.com](mailto:marguerite.l.daly@gmail.com). Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer as garden angels, who will keep the landowner free to talk about their plants.

## **Umpqua Valley**

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**

**Wednesday, June 14th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Herbert Farm and Natural Area**

**Leader: Sara Alaica**

Restored over the past decade, the 221-acre Herbert Farm and Natural Area represents one of the best examples of prairie restoration in the Willamette Valley. Sara Alaica, restoration ecologist for the Institute for Applied Ecology, will lead a walk to view the wildflowers of the site including checkermallows, tarweeds, *Collomia* spp., peacock larkspur, and golden paintbrush. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at [wvnpso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpso@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, June 28th, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm**

## Field Trip: Iron Mountain

Leader: John Savage

Enjoy one of the best wildflower hikes in Oregon. Iron Mountain features more than 300 different species of flowers amid stands of trees and meadows. John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead the all-day hike over a six-mile loop with more than a 1,000-foot elevation gain. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate foot gear and clothing. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:susanmgeer@gmail.com). Our website is not currently functional.

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Filipendula

For more information, visit our Facebook page: [NPSO-Filipendula Chapter](#)

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