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## EDITORIAL

I imagine that I'm typical of most NPSO members in that recycling is important to me. I do it as a matter of course in my daily routine. But, there are situations where total recycling is not the best option; for example, volunteers for NPSO tasks. Cycling through the same individuals for holding offices, organizing meetings, publishing newsletters, and writing articles for *Kalmiopsis* year after year can lead to volunteer burnout and stagnation. There have been only a few changes to the *Kalmiopsis* Editorial Board in the last two decades, so I'm pleased to announce that we have added a new board member: Karen Sturgeon. Karen is not new to NPSO, but she brings a tremendous amount of fresh energy and skill to *Kalmiopsis*. It also helps that she recently retired and wants to donate her time to our journal. Also exciting is that we have a completely new set of authors this year who have never published in *Kalmiopsis* before. And, they write about subjects from north to south (the Blue Mountains to the Pueblo Valley) and east to west (saltgrass playas to the Coast Range). In this issue, Nan Vance shares her fascination with our lovely wild peony and the native insects that interact with it. Marilyn McEvoy will inspire you to look for rare plants with her search for Pueblo Valley Peppergrass. Caitlin Coberly tells us everything we wanted to know about sex and saltgrass, but were afraid to ask. Finally, I expect that everyone will drop whatever they are doing this summer and head to Marys Peak, the Queen of the Coast Range, after reading about the wildflower bonanza described by Phil Hays, Bob Frenkel, and Esther McEvoy. It's not "out with the old and in with the new," because NPSO couldn't publish *Kalmiopsis* each year without the stalwart volunteers who serve year after year. But, an infusion of new volunteers boosts the energy level for all and bodes well for the future of our Society. —Cindy Roché, Editor



Pueblo Valley peppergrass in sand dunes south of Fields, Oregon. Photo by Marilyn McEvoy.

Cover Photo: Brown's Peony (*Paeonia brownii*) on Antelope Mountain, photographed by Norm Jensen on June 25 during the 2011 NPSO Annual Meeting.

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Wildflower display at the summit of Marys Peak. Photo by Phillip Hays.



*Penstemon cardwellii* at the top of Marys Peak. Photo by Phillip Hays.



Boisduval's blue (*Plebejus icaroides*) on *Gilia capitata*. Photo by Phillip Hays.



*Lupinus lepidus* var. *lobbii* at the Marys Peak rock garden. This species is common east of the Cascades but is found only at a very few places in the Coast Range. Photo by Esther McEvoy.

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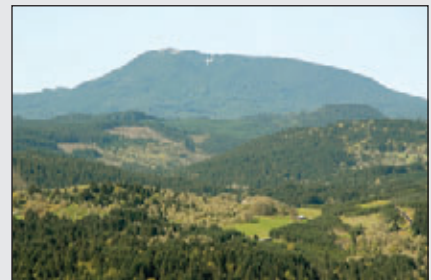
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