

NPSO Fellows Award

The Fellows Award is a prestigious honor bestowed by the Native Plant Society of Oregon on members who have made exceptional contributions to the Society. The award, which comes with a certificate of recognition and lifetime membership in the Society, was proposed by Shane Latimer of the Portland Chapter in 1997. Shane was inspired by the dedicated service of John Robotham, who answered an urgent plea in 1993 from the NPSO Board for an editor for the *Bulletin*. Rhoda Love and Veva Stansell were instrumental in organizing the selection process. The first three fellows were recognized at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Mosier. Since then, 30 Fellows have been recognized, of which 19 are still living. Multiple awards were made in some years and, in others, no nominations were received. Through 2014, biographies of Fellows were published in our annual journal, *Kalmiopsis*; from 2015 forward, biographies are posted on the NPSO website (<http://www.npsoregon.org/fellows.html>).

Nomination procedures

Nominations for the Fellows Award should be sent by December 31 to the Fellows Committee at fellows@npsoregon.org. Nominations should include an essay (Word document [.docx] or rich text format [.rtf]) describing the nominee's accomplishments and a good quality digital photo of the nominee that is suitable for publication. Completed nominations will be evaluated by the Fellows Committee using the criteria listed below and, if approved, a recommendation will be made to the State Board. Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting, and biographies and photos of recipients will be posted on the NPSO website.

Guidelines for preparing the essay:

1. Review write-ups of recent Fellows awards in *Kalmiopsis* for style and content.
2. Summarize the nominee's
 - a. Chapter affiliation and length of membership in NPSO
 - b. Education (degrees, institutions attended, locations)
 - c. Career or work experience
 - d. Expertise with Oregon native plants
3. Describe the nominee's contributions to NPSO based on the criteria listed below.
4. Since length of service to the Society is of great consequence, include dates for all activities.

Criteria for NPSO Fellows Award

Below is a list of contributions to potentially consider when writing a nomination letter. The nominee must be a current member of NPSO, and awards are not made posthumously.

Category 1: Service to NPSO

- A. Chapter activity
 1. Helped found a new chapter
 2. Held one or more chapter offices
 3. Led field trips
 4. Helped organize an annual meeting
 5. Presented a program for a chapter meeting

6. Participated in other chapter activities, such as volunteered at local herbarium, helped put on wildflower show, worked in native plant demonstration garden, or donated art
- B. State level activity
1. Held one or more State offices
 2. Edited or served on editorial board of the *Bulletin*, *Kalmiopsis*, or the Publications Committee
 3. Served as NPSO webmaster
 4. Participated in other state level activities such as served on committee for updating the handbook, wrote policy statement, lobbied for native plant causes, donated art
 5. Served on budget, nominating or other State level committee
 6. Wrote articles for *Kalmiopsis* or the *Bulletin*
 7. Served as speaker for annual meeting

Category 2 Contributions to the “enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon’s native plants and habitats”

1. Demonstrated botanical competence in Oregon’s native flora and habitats
2. Participated in wildflower show for public outreach
3. Volunteered at agency or educational institution herbarium
4. Participated in community event sponsored by other groups (*e.g.*, Pulling Together, Watershed Council, Public Lands Day) for activities such as native plant conservation, riparian restoration, community native plant gardening and landscaping
5. Volunteered for conservation projects such as rare plant surveys and maintenance of RNA or ACEC
6. Wrote or reviewed treatments, or provided species lists, for the Oregon Flora Project or Flora of North America
7. Contributed photos to the Photo Gallery of the Oregon Flora Project
8. Wrote article about Oregon native plants and habitats for the public in newspapers, magazines, or journals in either print or online format
9. Taught class or workshop on native plants for youth and/or adults
10. Mentored students in botany and/or recruited new members to NPSO
11. Represented NPSO on community committees to advocate for native plant conservation (*e.g.*, Watershed Council)