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2006 ANNUAL MEETING

June 7-9

in McMinnville

*Don't miss it!
Registration form and
other information
are enclosed*

2nd Annual Native Plant Appreciation Week May 1-8, 2006

Planning for the second annual Native Plant Appreciation Week is underway! Join NPSO in celebrating the wonder and beauty of native plants from May 1-8, 2006.

In 2005 Governor Kulongoski officially proclaimed Native Plant Appreciation Week and we expect him to do the same this year. One of the main goals of Native Plant Appreciation Week is to share our passion for native plants with the general public. Some of the ways we accomplished this last year were by creating store-front art exhibits, wildflower shows, bookstore displays, school programs, plant sales, and interesting native plant walks. We especially encourage collaboration with other organizations such as Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, government agencies, and others. We will be updating the NPSO website shortly and hope to have a comprehensive list of activities and new information to encourage your participation. New ideas are always welcome and encouraged! Please contact Matt Blakeley-Smith at mattbs@peak.org if you have any questions or would like to participate or plan an event.

PHOTO CONTEST

This year NPSO will be hosting a photo contest in order to select an image for the 2006 Native Plant Appreciation Week poster. Photos should showcase a plant community or a portrait of an Oregon native plant. Entries must be submitted online on the new NPSO photo gallery website:

www.npsoregon.org/photos/index.html

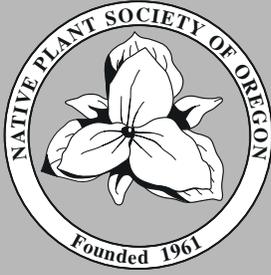
Initial judging will be from preview-size digital images, but the winning photographer must provide a high-resolution image (300 dpi at 8.5 X 11) and must allow NPSO to reproduce the image free of charge for our poster. Please limit yourself to two submissions and have them in by March 16, 2006. Questions can be e-mailed to Matt Blakeley-Smith mattbs@peak.org

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Seasonal Field Botanists Needed

The Student Conservation Association is now hiring seasonal field botanists to lead teams of 3 young adult volunteers to collect native seeds for the Bureau of Land Management.

Staff positions will be based out the following BLM field offices: Twin Falls, ID; Hollister, CA; and Baker City, OR. Positions start on March 20, 2006 and end September 1, 2006. Salary is \$500/week with benefits. Applications are now being accepted.

The ideal candidate has a minimum of one year of experience leading groups of young adults in field settings, at least one year of project management, and a strong background in field botany. Familiarity with the local flora is highly desired.

To apply, please send a cover letter and résumé to Bryan Baker, Native Plant Corps Director, at bbaker@thesca.org or fax 206-324-4998. For more information about SCA visit www.thesca.org.

New Institute of Contemporary Ethnobotany

We are excited to announce the formation of a new organization dedicated to deepening the knowledge of sustainable interactions between plants and people. We offer workshops and classes on botany, herbalism, gardening and more! To see a full schedule of events go to www.foodnotlawns.com. For more information or to be put on our mailing list, please e-mail Tobias Policha at tpolicha@uoregon.edu. Thank you for your interest.



Manzanitas are early bloomers and green-leaf manzanita (Arctostaphylos patula) is no exception. It occurs from southwest Oregon up through the Cascades on both the east and west slopes. At its lowest elevation sites it may start blooming as early as March. It differs from the common hairy manzanita (Arctostaphylos columbiana), which grows in similar areas in the Cascades, by its greener leaves and lack of long bristly hairs.

TANYA HARVEY

State

March 25, Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm

Board Meeting: The Mid-Columbia chapter will host the spring board meeting at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles.

June 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

Annual Meeting: The Willamette Valley and Cheahmill chapters will jointly host the Annual Meeting at Linfield College in McMinnville. Information and registration materials are included in this *Bulletin*.

Blue Mountain

For information on the Blue Mountain Chapter call Jerry Baker at 541-566-2244.

Cheahmill

March 23, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Seeing the trees from the forest—New insights into western ecology from the last Ice-Age to present. Geologist and paleobotanist, Peter Van de Water, will give a Powerpoint presentation discussing examples of adaptive physiological changes which have occurred in select North American plant species over the last 20,000 years. Over this time period, the geographic distribution of many plant species has been altered in response to changing environmental conditions including shifts in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Find out how new technology has increased the wealth of information gathered from fossil records. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Library, 225 NW Adams St. For more info contact Susan Williams at 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net.

April 6, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Presentation: Gathering Moss—Lessons from the Small and Green. Robin Wall Kimmerer, an Associate Professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, will give a slide presentation on mosses at Linfield College. Ms. Kimmerer's first book *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses* won the 2005 John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Natural History Writing. This lecture is co-sponsored by Linfield and the Cheahmill Chapter. Linfield College, McMinnville, Graf Hall 101. For more info call Susan at 503-538-1865.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. **Bring water and lunch.** Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Dogs are not allowed. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for many field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason is to limit human impacts on these fragile areas. Groups using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

April 29, Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm

Workshop & Field Trip: Bryophyte Basics. This 'all-day' educational experience will be led by John Christy of the Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center at OSU. The event is co-sponsored by Linfield College and Cheahmill Chapter. The morning workshop on how to identify mosses will be held on the Linfield campus in McMinnville followed by an afternoon field trip to Mt. Hebo. Cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required. Participant numbers are limited. To register, send check payable to 'Cheahmill NPSO' to Susan Williams, 29601 NE David Ln., Newberg, OR 97132. For more info call Susan at 503-538-1865 or e-mail helgesusan@comcast.net.

Corvallis

March 13, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Five Months at 3 mph—Notes from the Pacific Crest Trail. What's it like to walk for months at a time? OSU graduate student and amateur botanist Craig Smith will talk about his 2005 trek from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific Crest Trail. From the Mojave Desert to the Cascades, hiding in Joshua trees for shade, and sharing water with carnivorous pitcher plants, past Shasta and Rainier, dodging rattlesnakes, please join us on a photographic journey of a narrow slice through the American West. Meetings are held at the Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information please contact John Syring at 541-752-0414.

March 18, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Lichen Identification Walk at Luckiamute Landing. Daphne Stone will teach lichen ID as we stroll through a rarely-visited valley bottom gallery forest. The walk is about 5 miles round-trip on flat ground. Bring hand lens and a lunch. Meet at the OSU parking lot SW of

the Beanery, 26th and Monroe, Corvallis, at 9 am. For more information please contact John Syring at syringj@science.oregonstate.edu.

Photo Contest Entries Wanted

Corvallis chapter is sponsoring a photo art show, "Native Plants of Benton County," May 2-31. Up to thirty 8" x 10" images will be selected to hang in the art display window at the Birkenstock Store on Third Street. Members are invited to submit their prints to Frances Stilwell or Matt Blakeley-Smith by Monday, April 24 at 5 pm. Each submission must be matted in white and labeled on the back with plant ID, location and date. A few potential themes include native plant portraits, plant communities, native plant gardens, pollinators, or people interacting with plants. Please contact mfstilwell@peak.org or mattbs@peak.org with any questions.

Emerald

March 11, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Lichen Identification

Walk on Blanton Heights. Daphne Stone will teach lichen ID in an oak savannah southwest of Eugene. Bring hand lens and wear boots. The more sensitive may need poison oak protection. Meet at 9 am at South Eugene High School. We'll return to Eugene by 1:30 pm. For more information call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531.

March 27, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Trees, Travels and Waterfalls in Southern Brazil.

Alan Curtis is a forester with ongoing studies of forests in Latin America. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Ave. East, Eugene. For more info call 541-345-5531.

April 1, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Sweet Creek in the Coast Range. Learn moss identification and view spring flora. Rob Weiss will lead a 2- to 3-mile hike along the Sweet Creek Trail. He will supply each participant with a list of 60 bryophytes

found in the area. Bring hand lens, rain gear and lunch. Meet at 9 am at South Eugene High School or 10 am at the lower Sweet Creek trailhead. For more info call Rob at 541-563-3947 or Dave at 541-345-5531.

April 24, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Grand Canyon Flora. Bitty Roy and Michael Wherley will show pictures of botanical treasures and rapids at the bottom of the Grand Canyon of Arizona seen while rafting down the Colorado River. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Ave. East, Eugene. For more info call 541-345-5531.

Vases Needed for May Wildflower Festival

Do you have flower vases that you no longer use, or would you be willing to scout yard sales and second hand stores and purchase vases? These will be used for the flower displays at the annual Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival. Bring your vases to Emerald Chapter public programs and we will collect and store them for use.

High Desert

There will be no meetings this winter. For information on the High Desert Chapter contact Berta Youtie at 541-447-8166.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby, 541-884-5703, smalaby@cs.com.

Mid-Columbia

March 1, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Container Planting. Chapter members Lorraine Fritsch and Marilyn Sarsfield will give tips on planting in containers and some general information on the Klickitat County Master Gardeners program. The *Dalles Chronicle* Meeting Room, 317 E. 3rd, The Dalles.

North Coast

Wanted, new members for our group, located in Tillamook County. Trips subject to suggestions. Please phone Janet Stahl 503-842-8708.

Portland

March 9, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Oak-Prairie Habitats of the Willamette Valley. Although oak trees may be the most famous residents of our historic oak and prairie habitats, there are many other trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers, butterflies, mammals, "herptiles", birds and even fungi that can be seen in these rich and varied habitats. Come join Bruce Newhouse, longtime NPSO member (and former NPSO state president!) as he gives a broad overview of all these species, plus a little history of how these habitats have declined in recent history. Room #202, First United Methodist Church, 1938 SW Jefferson St., Portland. Located just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX stop.

March 11, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Catherine Creek. The premiere early flower spot in the Gorge, with *Olsynium douglasii* in profusion, *Fritillaria pudica*, *Lithophragma glabra*, several *Lomatiums*, and many others. Leave at 8:30 am, Gateway/NE 99th Ave Park and Ride, southeast corner of parking lot. Second meeting place at 9:45 am across from Bingen Post Office on SR-14. 120-mile round-trip drive; easy walking 3 to 4 miles, with 500 ft. elevation gain. Call Jan and Dave Dobak at 503-248-9242 for more info.

April 8, Saturday, 10 am

Field Trip: Madrone Wall. The Madrone Wall is an unusual Pliocene lava flow bluff overlooking the Clackamas River that supports a large and uncommon stand of mature Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*). The Madrone Wall Preservation Committee (www.savemadrone.org), dedicated to the long term preservation of the Wall, will lead a public tour with the Portland Chapter to view wildflowers at

this unique geologic area. Portland members with wildflower expertise are encouraged to attend. Meet for a carpool at TriMet's Gateway/N.E. 99th Avenue Transit Center in Portland at 10 am. We will be back by 1:30 pm. Bring your hiking boots for an adventurous, off-trail look what is to be preserved at this amazing civic treasure. RSVP to Keith Daellenbach (kdaellenbach@att.net).

Siskiyou

March 16, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: A Virtual Tour of the Cascades-Siskiyou National Monument/Weeds on the Pacific Crest Trail. See the mountains and forests of southwestern Oregon with a bird's eye view! Fly over the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument through a highly detailed computer landscape with your tour guide, Peder Nelson (Southern Oregon University graduate student). View Pilot Rock, Soda Mountain, Jenny Creek, and other unique places from a new perspective while learning a little more about the character of this area. Peder will also share the results of his Master's thesis *Weeds on the Southwest Oregon Pacific Crest Trail* where he examined the presence and abundance of weeds along a 120-mile section of the PCT from I-5 north through Crater Lake National Park. Room 171 of the SOU Science Building, Ashland. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Celeste Coulter, 503-780-6360.

Umpqua Valley

March 4, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Beatty Creek RNA. We will revisit the Beatty Creek rocks formations, south of Roseburg to observe the latest bloomers. Some of the flowers we hope to see are grass widow (*Olysinum douglasii*), goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*), romanzoffias, lomatiums, and more of the lovely saxifrages. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg at 8:30 am or at the Tri

City McDonalds, Exit 103 at 9 am. For more information call Sam Friedman 541-673-0589.

March 15, Wednesday, 7 pm

Program: Rare and Endemic Plants of the Northwest. Mark Turner, a professional photographer from Bellingham Washington, will present a portion of his exquisite photograph collection of rare and endemic plants. This presentation will focus on several rare beauties found in the Olympic Mountains, Steens Mountain, the Klamath/Siskiyou Mountains, and the Columbia Plateau. Mark photographs extensively for books and magazines. His new book called *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest* features some of these photographs. Mark has traveled to almost every corner of the Northwest to painstakingly capture the best flower images, so if you love photography and wildflowers, this is one event you won't want to miss. Ford Room in the Douglas County Library, 1409 Diamond Lake Blvd., Roseburg at 7 pm. For more information call Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589.

March 25, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Wolf Creek Falls. It's always a pleasure to visit Wolf Creek Falls, east of Roseburg, with its ancient forest feel. We'll walk the easy trail to the falls while looking at the many mosses, liverworts, lichens, and ferns. We also hope to see the flowers of *Trillium ovatum*, goldthread (*Coptis laciniata*), oxalis, osoberry, and wild ginger along with a few others. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg at 8:30 am. For information call Sam Friedman 541-673-0589.

Willamette Valley

March 2, Thursday, 7 – 8:30 pm

Program: South African Botany. Dr. Robert Meinke, plant conservation biology program leader for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, will present an introductory program on the botany native to the Western and Northern regions of the Cape of South

Africa. Meinke, who recently visited South Africa, will use slides to illustrate the wide variety of plants that grow in the fascinating Western Karoo area. This unique area is geophyte rich which means it produces many perennial plants that propagate underground. Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street NE., Salem (right next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High School). Free and open to the public. For more information, call 503-399-8615.

March 19, Sunday, 7 am – 6 pm

Field Trip: Catherine Creek/Dalles Mountain Road. See premier wildflower sites in the east Columbia Gorge. Frequent stops are planned for this easy 2- to 3-mile hike. Participants will then drive up The Dalles Mountain Road stopping at key view points. Bring lunch, water and rain gear. Pre-register with leader John Savage at 503-399-8615.

William Cusick

For information on the William Cusick Chapter call Frazier Nichol at 541-963-7870.



Bigleaf maples (Acer macrophyllum) open their large pendulous racemes of yellow-green flowers in March in the lowlands.

TANYA HARVEY

Berry Botanic Garden Events

Portland's Berry Botanic Garden has a number of native plant oriented events. To register or to get more information on events at the garden call Kris at 503-636-4112x22 or visit their website at <http://www.berrybot.org>.

Cabin Fever Hike on Rowena Plateau March 9, Thursday, 8:30am – late

Ready to hit the trail? This is just a first taste of spring and summer hiking, but what a taste! Part of the Nature Conservancy's Tom McCall Preserve, the Rowena Plateau supports a wealth of early wildflowers. Grass widows, gold stars, desert parsley—there are always delightful surprises to be had in the rapidly-changing early spring season. The views of the Gorge and the terraced grasslands of Washington are tremendous as well. This is an easy hike of 2.2 miles round trip, with little change in elevation. Donations welcome!

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Events

34901 Frank Parrish Rd, (off of Seavey Loop Rd.), Eugene. For more more information or to register call 541-747-1504.

Introduction to Botanical Illustration March 18 & 19, Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Learn the basics of drawing plants from seasoned botanist, illustrator and teacher, Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik. She introduces participants to basic drawing skills, parts of the plant, and the field of botanical illustration through demonstrations and lectures. Dr. Vorobik also demonstrates use of watercolor and pen and ink for finishing illustrations beyond the pencil sketch. Mornings begin with a lecture and demonstration followed by supervised sketching; afternoons include lecture, demonstrations and sketching time. The workshop closes with a friendly critique of drawings produced. All skill levels are welcome; accomplished artists can learn from added botany skills and skilled botanists will learn to draw. Fee: \$125 (\$100 for MPA, NPSO and GNSI members).

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Nature Guide Training

Love nature and enjoy working with children? Mount Pisgah Arboretum is currently recruiting volunteers who enjoy working with children and want to learn more about local natural history. Trained nature guides lead morning walks along the Arboretum trails with small groups of 6-8 elementary school students. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore the plants and animals of our forests, meadows and waterways, while making science come alive for young students.

Guide Training begins Wednesday evening, April 5, and covers natural history, teaching techniques, group management and storytelling. Volunteers are required to lead a minimum of one morning tour or afternoon activity session per week (April 24–June 14). Senior citizens encouraged to apply. Credit available for U of O and LCC students. For information or an application, call the Arboretum Education office at 541-747-1504 or e-mail to mtpisgfr@efn.org.

Leach Botanic Garden Events

6704 SE 122nd Ave. Portland, OR. For more information call 503-823-9503.

Leach Botanical Garden offers tours of the garden every Saturday at 10 am, February to November. The first Saturday of each month is the "Gardener's Tour" led by garden steward, Scotty Fairchild. Each month the tour will focus on a theme. The March theme is "The Garden Awakens," come see what's in bloom. In April, "Ferns & Riparian Companions" features our unique collection of ferns emerging along the banks of Johnson Creek. Free admission.

Nearby Nature Volunteer Orientation

March 8, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8 pm EWEB, 500 E. 4th Ave., Eugene

If you love spending time outside and want to make a difference in your community, then you should volunteer for Nearby Nature in Alton Baker Park, Eugene. This spring, Nearby Nature volunteers will lead school nature walks, assist with special events, and do restoration work in the park. Nearby Nature volunteers get free training, meet new people, and have lots of fun. Training for our nature walks program starts in March. To join us at our spring volunteer orientation, call 541-687-9699, e-mail info@nearbynature.org, or see www.nearbynature.org.

40th Annual Glide Wildflower Show

April 29 & 30, 9 am - 5 pm Glide Community Building, 20062 N. Umpqua Highway 138

This annual show features hundreds of plants from the diverse habitats of Southwestern Oregon, arranged by family and identified by botanical and common names. Photographs of rare and endangered species are also on display. Special exhibits highlight intriguing aspects of our native flora, and botanists will be on hand to answer visitors' questions.

For more information call 541-677-3797 or visit www.glidewildflowershow.org.

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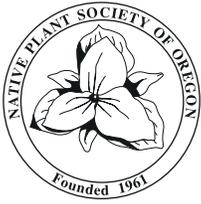
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www.oregonflora.org

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TANYA HARVEY

*Another sign of spring is the bright yellow spathe of skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*). Its real flowers are tiny and grow in precise patterned rows on the spadix.*