

Highlights of the July 13th Quarterly NPSO State Board Meeting

by Harold Zald, Outgoing NPSO Secretary

The Emerald Chapter hosted the July Board meeting at Lane Community College. Also thanks from the Board to the Emerald Chapter for hosting the NPSO Annual Meeting, and finding great hikes despite the late bloom caused by our late winter. The board heard reports on activities from chapters and committees, and also focused on: the Status of the Oregon Flora Project, website revisions, the

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proposed liquefied nature gas (LNG) connector pipeline in Southern Oregon and its impacts on *Calochortus coxii*, publication updates, current membership numbers, welcoming new Board members, and the NPSO budget.

Linda Hardison gave an update on recent work, as well as the time and financial constraints faced by the Oregon Flora Project (OFP). Due to extremely low operating funds, the OFP staff was laid off. The appointment for the coordinator's position was reduced to 8 hrs/ week. For the near future the Oregon Plant Atlas will continue to be available (although no new updates will occur). Linda is currently looking into potential organizations to host and provide support to the Plant Atlas. On recommendation by Linda, the Board has now directed donations to the OFP to pass through the Agricultural Research Foundation at Oregon State University, rather than OSU Foundation. Continued support by contributors (both time and financial resources) is essential to maintain the OFP. The OFP continues to search for additional funding sources to bolster its important work.

Ron Hatt gave a brief update on the current status of the LNG pacific gas pipeline connector proposed for southern Oregon. The proposed pipeline route would go directly through populations of *Calochortus coxii* (crinite mariposa lily, a State Endangered and Federal Species of Concern), and could also impact *Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii* (Kincaid's lupine, a State Endangered and Federally Threatened species). NPSO remains strongly opposed to the proposed pipeline. Ron and the entire Board of Directors encourage concerned individuals to write letters to the Bureau of Land Management, local country officials, and representatives elected to hold state and federal offices to express concerns regarding the negative consequences the proposed pipeline will have on Southwestern Oregon's natural resources.

The Board thanks outgoing directors-at-large Ron Hatt, Frances Stillwell, and Les Gottlieb for their service to NPSO. The Board also welcomed Sam Friedman, Laurel Moulton, and Judi Sanders as newly elected directorsat-large. No candidate stepped forward to fill the position of Secretary in time for the election. However, David Barts from the Portland Chapter was approved by the Board to fill the position. Good luck David!

The Board also approved a couple of cost saving measures. It is no longer cost effective to produce and mail hard copies of the NPSO membership directory. Both the Washington and California Native Plant Societies have stopped printing and mailing of membership directories for the same reason. The Board and Membership Committee are still working out the kinks, but in the future membership directories will likely be sent via e-mail. For those that really liked having a hard copy or do not have e-mail access, we recommend contacting your chapter president or NPSO Board members. A second continued on page 83



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NPSO Has a Brand New Website!

by Norm Jensen, Webmaster

There's a new website in town, and it's pretty darn spiffy, if I do say so myself. After a couple of years of planning, testing, revising, and getting past the inevitable delays, the new NPSO website (still at www.NPSOregon.org) went online July 27.

Sporting a completely different look—new colors, new layout, some added content (with more to come), and lots of photos-it has a format that we are sure will be easier and more convenient to use. One early reviewer said that it's "pretty, very pretty." It also contains all the material from the old site, reorganized to make finding it simple. Take a look and judge for yourself. And please tell us what you think, both positive and negative, or send suggestions for improvement. We do want to hear from you. Send comments to webmaster@npsoregon.org, or use the link on the home page.

We want to have a collection of digital photos (or drawings) of a wide variety of Oregon native plants, and NPSO people doing things, to use in various places on the website. Anyone with photos you could share, please contact me at the webmaster@npsoregon.org address.

Finally, mega thanks to everyone who helped and offered comments, encouragement, and criticism in this project: Leslie Gottlieb, Armand Rebischke, Clayton Gautier, Tanya Harvey, Dave Dobak, Dan Luoma, David Lebo and probably a few others I've missed. It couldn't have been done without you.



NPSO CALENDAR

Blue Mountain

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

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For more information visit the chapter website: www.oregon-nativeplants.com

September 4, Thursday, 5–7 pm Work Party: McMinnville Library Native Plant Garden. Volunteers will be maintaining the library garden on the first Thursday of each month.

September 25, Thursday, 7 pm Program: The Exquisite Orchids of Oregon. Charlene Simpson's program will touch on the economic importance of orchids world-wide and explore their diverse morphology, habitat preferences, and reproductive strategies. She will discuss the high cost of pollinator specialization and obligate mycorrhizal associations. Charlene draws from her 30-year archive of photographs to illustrate her program with stunning images of Oregon's native orchids. Carnegie Room McMinnville Public Library.

Corvallis

To join the Corvallis e-mail list to receive notification of upcoming events, please e-mail mattbs@peak.org For information on the Corvallis Chapter call Matt Blakely-Smith at 541-231-9861.

Emerald

September 15, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Habitat and Species Management at Fern Ridge Lake. Wes Messenger, a botanist with the Army Corps of Engineers, discusses challenges of protecting rare Willamette Valley habitats. EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene. For more information, call 541-746-9478.

October 20, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: The Changing Nature of the

Willamette Valley. As a result of enormous changes to the Valley since the arrival of EuroAmerican settlers, some former habitats and associated species have become rare. Preventing species invasion and restoring historic landscapes present challenges socially and philosophically, as well as ecologically. Botanist and field ecologist Bruce Newhouse will give us a look at regional conservation planning efforts, such as the Oregon Conservation Strategy, and show how they are reflected in specific local planning and restoration efforts. EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

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 some 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.

High Desert

To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming events, please contact Maria Britton at mebritton@bendbroadband.com. For questions or additional information, please contact Eileen Obermiller at hd_president@NPSOregon.org

August 16, Saturday, 8:15 am

Field Trip: Broken Top Wildflowers. Stu Garrett will lead a hike through spectacular glaciated scenery and alpine wildflowers in the Cascades, west of Bend. Meet at the north end of the Pilot Butte State Park parking lot at 8:15 am to arrange carpools and get directions. Return around 5 pm. This 6-mile loop hike is one of our more strenuous and our field trip size is limited to 12. A NW forest pass will be required for parking. Pre-registration is required, please contact Stu Garrett at 541-389-6981 (evenings) to secure your spot.

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

September 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: TBA. Topic and speaker to be announced in e-mail and local newspapers at the end of August.

North Coast

For information on the North Coast Chapter call Vivian Starbuck at 503-377-4141.

Portland

If you would like to receive the chapter's semi-official e-mail newsletter, The Calochortus, e-mail Don Jacobson at donjphoto@gmail.com

September 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: The Four Deserts of California. Chapter member Brent Miller will present the night's program. Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church on SE Belmont Street at SE 54th Avenue. Enter the church parking lot from SE 54th Avenue.

Siskiyou

September 18, Thursday, 7:15 pm

Meeting: Share Your Slides. Come at 7:15 pm for refreshments before the program begins at 7:30. Bring pictures of special plants, trips, events, or discoveries (such as last year's underwater fungi). Contact Kristi Mergenthaler, 541-535-3659, for more information.

Umpqua Valley

August 16, Saturday 8:30 am Field Trip: Alder Creek Children's Forest in Riddle, summer PICNIC, afternoon exploration of Jordan Creek restoration project. We have

decided to combine our summer picnic with a field trip. Please join us in the morning for a tour at the Alder Creek Children's Forest in Riddle from 10-12. Alder Creek Children's Forest (ACCF), a charitable nonprofit organization, serves two of Oregon's greatest treasures: our youth and our natural resources. They offer a place, partnerships, and programs designed for young citizens to learn to work together to create healthy, sustainable forests, watersheds, and communities. We will proceed to a suitable picnic site for lunch. In the afternoon we will travel on to Jordan Creek. The Umpqua Band of the Cow Creek Indians has done extensive improvements to the RV Park near the casino. These improvements include natural habitat restoration along Jordan Creek. We plan to carpool to save on gasoline. Meet at the BLM parking lot 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. Roseburg at 8:30 am. For more information on the field trip call Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589. For information about the picnic and what to bring, call Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821. Information can be found



View NE towards Mt. Adams as seen from Silverstar Mountain on the Portland Chapter's July 19th field trip. Plants in foreground include American Bistort (Bistorta bistortoides), Common Paintbrush (Castilleja miniata), Broadleaf Lupine (Lupinus latifolius latifolius), and Golden-pea (Thermopsis montana ovata).

on our improved chapter website: www.umpquavalley.npsoregon.org

September 11, Thursday, 7 pm Meeting: Program TBA, followed by our monthly business meeting. You can learn more about our chapter at our meetings. We meet every second Thursday at 7 pm in room one at the Mercy Community Education Bldg, 2459 NW Stewart Parkway Blvd, Roseburg. Contact: Donna Rawson 541-459-2821

September 27, Saturday, 10am

Workday: VA Native Plant Garden. Now that cooler weather has arrived, it is time to get back to the VA garden. Chores scheduled: clean up and planting. Bring a friend and introduce them to our garden project. Bring tools, gloves and a lunch if you wish. Parking is allowed in the employee parking area on weekends near the Transitional Care Unit (TCU). For more information contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821 or check our chapter web site.

Willamette Valley

For information on the Willamette Valley Chapter call John Savage at 541-399-8615 after 7 pm.

William Cusick

All announcements about chapter meetings and field trips are also posted at www.williamcusick.npsoregon.org.

August 16, Saturday, TBA

Field Trip: Cougar Meadows RNA. Cougar Meadow is located near Anthony Lakes and was recently dedicated to the memory of Charlie Johnson. It has a large sedge and tufted hairgrass component, and contains one or more species of moonworts/grapeferns. There is a small aspen stand that is not regenerating, with young conifers establishing in the understory. The lack of aspen regeneration may be related to wild ungulate grazing, but the cause is unknown. Led by Jenifer Ferriel to look at the aspen regeneration issue and also try out the new sedge key.

NPSO Needs You!

The Native Plant Society of Oregon is the only organization in the state entirely devoted to native plants. For over 40 years, members of NPSO have worked to conserve our native plants and their habitats; led field trips and work parties; host-ed meetings, wildflower shows and plant sales; given lectures and much more. They have also performed the many mundane tasks required to keep the organization working, both on the state and chapter level. None of this could be done without volunteers. If you are not already a volunteer, please consider contributing some of your time, energy, and talents to help NPSO pursue our important mission.

Bulletin Editor. This job consists of gathering the submissions, editing copy and laying out the file for the monthly newsletter. This is then sent to the printer and must be proofed before printing. It would be possible to split this job between two people.

Education Chair and Committee Members. This committee focuses on creating outreach opportunities to engage and educate the public about native plants—their conservation, diversity, ecology, and importance to our natural heritage.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please contact NPSO state president, David Lebo, at president@NPSOregon.org.

NPSO Items for Sale

NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2007). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Ave., Portland OR 97212. **\$4 postpaid.**

Vascular Plants of Lane County, Oregon: An Annotated Checklist. Emerald Chapter, NPSO. More than 1,740 species and varieties representing 39% of the 4,460 plants currently recognized by the Oregon Flora Project are listed with information on habitat, ecoregion, occurrence frequency, and native or non-native origin for every species. To order, send **\$15** payable to Emerald Chapter, NPSO to Lane County Checklist, Emerald Chapter, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.

"Land of Umpqua" T-Shirt featured at the 2005 Annual Meeting is still available. It depicts the delightful *Calochortus umpquaensis* illustrated by Dorothy Schattenkerk and in cream, purple, yellow, and green. The shirts are **\$16 plus \$5 shipping** and come in light gray, beige, pink or light blue in sizes M, L, and XL. To order call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

Bulbs of North America on Sale

The North American Rock Garden Society is offering surplus copies of the book *Bulbs of North America*, edited by Jane McGary and published by Timber Press, at the much reduced price of \$12 per copy including shipping. This is a 251-page hardcover volume with a section of color photos, covering all the major bulbous genera of the continent north of Mexico (except *Trillium*) in chapters by many different experts. Entries for species include botanical, ecological, and horticultural information in a readable style, with emphasis on diagnostic characters. To order, please contact Jane McGary, 33993 SE Doyle Rd, Estacada, OR 97023, or via e-mail: janemcgary@earthlink.net. For a review of this fine book, see the February 2002 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarship Award Winners

by Thomas Jenkins, Willamette Valley Chapter, Scholarship Committee Chairman

The Willamette Valley Chapter is pleased to announce it has selected the winners of two scholarships for 2008. The Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund will award \$1,000 to Todd Dalotto, of Corvallis. The Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund will award \$1,000 to Gina Bono, of Springfield.

Gina will be attending Lane Community College in the Fall. She intends to later transfer to OSU and attain her BS in Biology. This summer will find her working for the US Forest Service as a biological field technician in the Willamette National Forest.

Todd attends Oregon State University. He was the recipient of last year's Jean Davis Scholarship. His goal is a career as a teacher and researcher focused on sustainable and ecological horticulture.

Gina and Todd are exceptional students and are highly deserving of our support and encouragement. Congratulations to them both!

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cost saving measure approved by the Board was to discontinue bar-coded mailing of the *Bulletin*. Not to worry, this won't change your receiving of the *Bulletin*; it will just be cheaper to mail it. Finally, if you haven't looked at the NPSO website in a while, check it out! It has been undergoing renovations for a while now and is looking great. In addition to a new look and easier to find information and links, there are great photos of native plants taken by NPSO members.

Great Plants and Great People Make for a Great 2008 NPSO Annual Meeting

by Bruce Newhouse, Annual Meeting Committee Chair

E ver so quickly, the Annual Meeting came upon us and has past. Sometimes one wants enjoyable time to go a little slower—or at least have there be three days in every weekend! The 2008 NPSO Annual Meeting in Eugene was a lot of fun for the 75 to 80 people who attended, but it did seem like the time passed much too quickly.

Statewide meetings are a chance to catch up with old friends from other NPSO chapters around the state, to hike and view wildflowers and other plants in new areas, and to enjoy some good food and interesting displays. And although those activities sound pretty simple, they do take quite a bit of time and choreography to arrange.

The Emerald Chapter hosted this meeting at the wonderful Mt. Pisgah Arboretum in Eugene. The Arboretum staff helped us greatly, and gave NPSO a "sweet deal." The Emerald Chapter and the Arboretum have had strong ties for many years, and we hope that will continue. The Friday social and Saturday banquet both occurred in the White Oak Pavilion in the Arboretum. The Pavilion was transformed into a hub of native plant-enthused people energy for the two evening events. Dave Wagner's brainstorm to create a black box theater in a quarter of the pavilion to increase the enjoyment of the two slide shows by darkening the environs—thereby making the screen pictures come more alive—came off beautifully.

We had yummy deli trays (and delightful classical music provided by a trio) on Friday night, and also as appetizers on Saturday before the main banquet meal was catered by Our Daily Bread (and they did a great job of it). It was truly heartening to be a part of a committee that decided from the outset to conduct an annual meeting in accord with our mission statement so minimizing environmental impact (e.g., local organic food if available) and as little waste (e.g., real dishes with the catered meal) as possible.

Several people spent a lot of effort organizing the event to assure it was special occasion. Tanya Harvey did an amazing amount of on-the-ground research making sure all field trip sites were accessible (quite a job, considering the enormous snowfall this past winter and spring), and familiarizing all leaders with their sites. The field trips, all to the Western Cascades of southern Lane County, came off flawlessly, and all attendees seemed to be very, very happy afterwards. (The weather cooperated, too: perhaps even a little too much as the temperatures in the Valley climbed well into the 90s.) The leaders volunteered their time to do site reconnaissance and lead trips, so they get gold stars, too! Some of the best wildflower photographers in the PNW were along on these ventures, so expect to see some great photos here in the Bulletin and on web sites.



Participants on the Hell's Half Acre trip were treated to the start of a great flowering of beargrass (Xerophyllum tenax).



Moon Point, one of the field trip locations, is the most northerly site for green-flowered wild ginger (Asarum wagneri), a rare Oregon endemic. It is abundant here, where it grows in meadows rather than forests as do our other wild gingers. It has relatively short-tailed flowers and wide, floppy leaves.



At the end of a fun day of botanizing, field trip participants gather in front of large sweeps of tall mountain shooting star (Dodecatheon jeffreyi) in the wet meadows of Groundhog Mountain.



The tiny flowers of the alpine mitrewort (Mitella pentandra) require a handlens to appreciate their unusual shape. Several species of mitreworts were seen by participants.

Charlene Simpson has worked on annual meetings more than once in the past, and offered great advice during the planning process and helped greatly with registration. Jenny Lippert and her son Zach did a beautiful job with the flowers on each table. Mike Hartman handled all the registrations and name tags, and still found time to set up all the non-alcoholic drinks and the sound system—and even do a few other things. Clay Gautier was outstanding in working with the caterer, in particular, but also in assisting in every step along the way as my confidant and sounding board. Several other folks on the Committee helped out a lot with the effort, and there is not room to thank all of them here. But you know who you are, and you all did a great job for your fellow NPSO members!

Friday night's slide show preview of the field trip sites by Tanya Harvey was nothing less than inspirational, and really fostered positive anticipation for Saturday's trips. And Saturday's banquet presentation on how false brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*) is "outrunning its enemies" here in Oregon was the perfect example of how a presentation of very interesting science also can



The sparkling white flowers of heart-leaf miner's lettuce (Claytonia cordifolia) were in bloom at several field trip sites.

be very accessible—and enjoyable!—to everyone attending. Congratulations to Bitty Roy for finding that perfect balance, and inspiring all those follow-up questions. Those questions demonstrated the high interest in her stimulating presentation. Also during the Saturday night banquet, the new state board officers were installed by President David Lebo and Vice President Dan Luoma.

As always, it is/was an honor to volunteer for NPSO. So many folks have done the same to create memorable annual meetings all around the state that I have attended, and it is a pleasure to have been able to "return the favor!" Thank you to everyone who helped plan and set up and clean up, displayed artwork, donated to the silent auction, and of course, to everyone who attended! See you all next year!

Siskiyou Field Institute Classes

For more information or to register for courses call 541-597-8530 or visit www.thesfi.org

Mary Paetzel—an Appreciation and Remembrance Tour—Dutchman Peak August 16, meet at GPIO, Grants Pass

Mary "found" Dutchman Peak in the mid '80s, and it became a favorite spot. \$40.

Klamath River Ethnobiology and Traditional Ecological Knowledge Raft Trip August 28–31, Near Happy Camp, CA

Drift and paddle down the Klamath River while learning about traditional ecological knowledge. Meals and lifejackets are supplied. \$410.

Nature Sketching and Journaling September 26–28, Deer Creek Center, Selma

Tap into your artistic potential with guided exercises in creative writing and drawing. \$100.

The Nature of Poetry September 27, Deer Creek Center, Selma

Express your relationship with the natural world through poetry. \$40.

Siskiyou Photography September 27, Deer Creek Center, Selma

From daylight to midnight, learn to use your digital or 35 mm camera to photograph flowers, the landscape, the sunset and other wonders of the Siskiyous as you hike to Bigelow Lake and Mt. Elijah. \$40.

Nature Illustration with Watercolors September 27–28, 10 am–2 pm, Deer Creek Center, Selma

Discover watercolor techniques at the inspiring Deer Creek Center with artist Paula Fong. \$96.

Lead Nearby Nature Walks for Kids this Fall!

New Volunteer Orientation September 10, Wednesday, 6:30–8 pm, Eugene Public Library (Tykeson Rm)

Looking for a good reason to spend time outdoors this fall? Enjoy working with kids? Want to make a difference in your community? Then YOU should be a volunteer Nearby Nature guide in Alton Baker Park in Eugene!

Nearby Nature guides take small groups of K–5th graders on interactive nature walks in Alton Baker Park, sharing with them the wonders of everything from beavers to butterflies, rocks to recycling. Using hands-on activities, nature games, and storytelling, guides help kids learn to appreciate as well care for local natural areas. Walks are held on weekday mornings from late September through mid-November. No experience is necessary. Training happens in September and covers everything from local natural history to the art of teaching children.

To learn more about leading nature walks as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities, please attend the group's fall new volunteer orientation on September 10. If you can't make this meeting, be sure to call us at 541-687-9699 or e-mail us at info@nearbynature.org to let us know you're interested. For more information and a training schedule, call or see www.nearbynature.org.

Berry Botanic Garden

11505 SW Summerville Ave., Portland. To register or to get more information, visit www.berrybot.org or call 503-636-4112x102.

Annual Fall Plant Sale September 27, Saturday, 11 am–3 pm

At Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Portland. More than 20 vendors will offer unusual plants including Pacific Northwest natives, perennials, hardy trees and shrubs, and alpines. For more information visit www.berrybot.org/events/plant_sales. html.

North Mountain Park Nature Center

620 N. Mountain Ave, Ashland, www. northmountainpark.org. To register visit http://ashlandparks.recware.com or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk August 30, Saturday, 9–11am

Enjoy a fun and informative exploration of native and naturalized edible and medicinal plants at North Mountain Park. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the beneficial properties as well as to gain tips on gathering and preparing many common plants. Printed information will be provided. Instructor Jon Carlson is a teacher and practitioner of herbology. His experience spans 16 years and includes wildcrafting, medicine making, clinical herbology, herbal first aid and herb retail. Ages 12 & up. \$20 fee.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: As part of the changes occurring in the Oregon Flora Project, we are asking that donors contribute to the OFP by making their gifts payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation (ARF) at Oregon State University. The ARF is a non-profit organization on campus dedicated to raising funds as well as funding research for agricultural-related projects at OSU. The ARF does not assess a management fee from donations originating in Oregon or surrounding states. The result is that 100% of a donation goes to accomplish OFP work, rather than the 85-95% we receive when donations are routed through the OSU Foundation. **Checks for the Oregon Flora Project should be made payable to: "Agricultural Research Foundation" and include "Oregon Flora Project — 4482" on the memo line.** They can be mailed to: **Friends of the OFP, P.O. Box 402, Corvallis, OR 97339-0402.** As always, contributions are tax-deductible.

Things are quiet around the workspace of the OFP, as our lack of funding has resulted in staff layoffs and a remaining total of 8 hours/week employment. Since notification of our budget crisis, we

have received \$3,090 in contributions from individuals, the Carex Working Group, and the Cheahmill and Umpqua Valley NPSO Chapters. NACSE, our computer science collaborators, have committed to provide in kind services for ~90% of the expenses for hosting the Atlas and our website. We are also working with the BLM and US Forest Service Region 6 to develop an agreement that will fund the completion of the grass morphology database and its online key. Thank you, generous supporters! These contributions are a convincing first step to getting the OFP operational again.

Contributions and pledges are definitely needed now. Why not donate some of your economic stimulus payment and help the OFP resume work on our botanical resources?