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Stu Garrett of High Desert Chapter Is Latest NPSO Fellow

by Rhoda Love, NPSO Fellows Committee



BERTIE YOUTIE

part in a Columbia Gorge hike led by the late, indefatigable Ruth Hansen. At that time, NPSO had but a single chapter in Portland; however, when Stu subsequently moved east of the Cascades to set up his medical practice in Deschutes County, he met others there who were interested in botanical exploration, and they banded together

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As Bulletin readers are aware, ANPSO's highest award is that of Fellow of the Native Plant Society of Oregon.

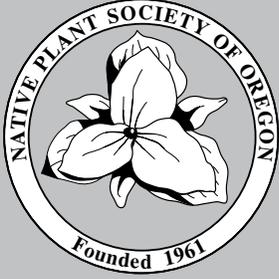
Since NPSO first established the award in 1998, 19 members of our society have received this honor, with a ceremony and a special plaque presented at an annual meeting. The following members have been honored from 1998 through 2009: John Robotham, Keith Chamberlain, Ruth Hansen, Kenton Chambers, Wilbur Bluhm, Karl Urban, Frank Lang, Charlene Simpson, Veva Stansell, Rhoda Love, Jerry Igo, Charlene Holzwarth, Russ

Jolley, Barbara Robinson, Joan Fosback, Mildred Thiele, Lois Hopkins, Mary Carlson and Frank Callahan. You can read about the recipients and their accomplishments in past issues of our journal *Kalmiopsis*, archived at our Web site: NPSOregon.org.

I am pleased to announce that the latest honoree will be Dr. Stu Garrett, co-founder of the High Desert Chapter in Bend, who was nominated by Berta Youtie. In her letter of nomination, Berta writes that Stu first became acquainted with NPSO in 1976 when he was a resident at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland and took

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Learn to ID Plants in the Field Near Eugene

This will be the 11th year for the Spring Plant ID class, taught by Marcia Cutler of NPSO's Emerald Chapter.

"Identification of Plants in the Field" will meet on Wednesday afternoons in April and May from 4-7 pm through Lane Community College in Eugene. Exact dates TBA.

This class focuses on plant ID and keying and is spent entirely in the field, meeting at parks and natural areas within 20 miles of Eugene-Springfield. Subjects will include plant families, botanical terminology, keying to a specific plant (using Gilkey and Dennis's *Handbook of Northwestern Plants*), habitat and ecology.

This is a community education class; no tests, no term papers (yea!) but no credit (boo!). The class is great both for beginners and for more experienced folks who want to practice keying, want a refresher course, are new to the area, etc. Any level of expertise is welcome.

The first class will meet at the LCC main campus, 4000 E. 30th Ave. Classes 2-8 will meet in various field locations.

For more information/details on the class, see the LCC spring 2010 catalog (which hopefully will be printed by the time you see this in the NPSO *Bulletin*). You can also check LCC's Web site at www.lanec.edu or contact Marcia Cutler at 541-687-2559, mar_c@efn.org. For info on registration, call the LCC downtown center, 541-463-5252.

Arizona native plants

Planning a trip to Arizona? The Arizona Native Plant Society puts out a splendid newsletter. You can see the latest version at www.aznps.com/documents/09.12Hap_000.pdf



Tall Oregon-grape (Mahonia aquifolium or Berberis aquifolium) will bloom in mid-spring with bright yellow flowers. The fruit of this evergreen shrub can be used to make jelly and wine. The state flower of Oregon, Mahonia aquifolium is considered invasive in some locations, including central Europe (Invasion Success by Plant Breeding by Christel A. Ross).

JOCELYN DUFFY

NPSO CALENDAR

Blue Mountain

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

Cheahmill

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

Corvallis

If you have questions about any of these programs or would like to join the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Laurel Moulton at lamoulto@yahoo.com.

February 8, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Lichen ID workshop with Bruce McCune, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University. Using his book *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest* (McCune and Geiser, 2009), McCune will guide us in basic techniques of lichen ID, including the use of spot reagents. This will be hands-on, so come prepared with lichen specimens and a hand lens. Other helpful items to bring include forceps, a razor blade, a copy of *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest*, and a dissecting microscope. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best! Avery House Nature Center. Contact Laurel Moulton lamoulto@yahoo.com

February 20, Saturday, 10 am-noon

Workshop: Herbarium workshop with Dick Halse sorting herbarium vouchers for the annual herbarium exchange. Oregon State University, Cordley Hall, Room 1064. Please come to the west door of Cordley by 10 am. Contact Esther McEvoy at 754-0893.

Emerald

February 6, Saturday, 10 am

NPSO State Board Meeting: Lane Community College in Eugene. Go to room 117 in the Science Building. If traveling on I-5 take exit 189 at 30th Avenue in South Eugene. Go around to the uphill side of the campus to

parking lot L. For campus map see www.lanec.edu/mpr/locations/mc.htm. For more directions call Dave at 541-345-5531.

February 8, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Sand Mountain Fire Look-out. Don Allen of the Sand Mountain Society gives historical information of the Sand Mountain Fire Lookout near Santiam Pass and tells of his efforts to protect the surrounding area from off-highway vehicle damage. EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

February 27, Saturday, 9 am

Field trip: Mount Pisgah. View early

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.

wildflowers and see habitat restoration work on the floodplain of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River. The walk is 3 miles, and we will see *Enemion stipitatum* (dwarf isopyrum) in bloom. Bring snacks and water. Meet at 9 am at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum. For more information call 541-345-5531.

March 15, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: "Wildflowers of the Marys Peak Meadows." Scientist Steve Carpenter will discuss the plant ecology, botanic history, geology and weather of Marys Peak, the highest promontory of the Coast Range. EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

High Desert

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

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

For more information, visit the chapter
Web site: www.oregon-nativeplants.com.

February 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Slide show: Our first-ever member slide show. Come find out what your fellow Mid-Columbia NPSO members have been seeing during the past year. Bring your own pictures to share. Board Room, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles.

North Coast

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

The North Coast chapter has no

meeting for February. We are a small group and mostly keep in touch by phone. We look forward to spring and getting out with our group. Keep up your good work, and happy New Year.

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.

February 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Talk: Wildflowers of the Wasatch Mountains of Utah. These mountains provide amazingly accessible views of alpine and subalpine flowers. Tanya Harvey has captured wonderful images of these plants, which range from familiar natives to local endemics, in a slide presentation. She'll also offer her cards and ornaments for sale. Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, Southeast Belmont at 54th Avenue. Church lot parking OK. Information: Billy Don Robinson, 503-515-1708.

Siskiyou

The Siskiyou chapter e-mails meeting reminders and last-minute information such as field trip cancellations. To be added to the list, please send your e-mail address to oregonbk@mind.net.

February 18, Thursday, 7:30 pm (refreshments at 7:15)

Talk: Rare Bryophyte, Lichen and Mushroom Species of Southwest Oregon. The Klamath Siskiyou region is famous for its flowering plant biodiversity, but the nonflowering plants and fungi are just as remarkable. Scot Loring, rare plant botanist, will discuss mosses, liverworts, lichens and mushrooms. Talk follows brief meeting. Room 171, Science Building, Southern Oregon University, Ashland. Contact Kristi Mergenthaler at 541-941-3744.

February 27, Saturday, 10 am

Winter Ecology Walk: Wagner Creek Loop Trail. Join botanist Kristi Mergenthaler and birder Frank Lospalluto for a half-day stroll along the Wagner

Creek Loop Trail. Focus on twigs, lichens, mosses and birds while investigating a beautiful riparian forest. Meet at Tark's parking lot in Talent at 10 am to carpool to site. Free, but space is limited. Co-sponsored by the Klamath Bird Observatory. Call Northwest Nature Shop to register: 541-482-3241.

Umpqua Valley

Visit www.umpquavalley.npsoregon.org for more information on chapter activities.

February 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Presentation: Geology and Plant Communities. Join Larry Broeker (Umpqua National Forest) and Craig Tozer (Wildlife Safari), two intrepid geologists, as they talk about unique geological formations and the plant communities associated with them. Room 1, Mercy Community Education Building, 2459 N.W. Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. Contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821.

Willamette Valley

Contact John Savage at wv_president@NPSOregon.org for information on upcoming events.

February 18, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm

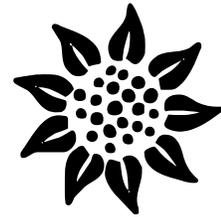
Program: Green Landscaping: Healthy Yards, Healthy Streams. Learn about environmentally-friendly landscaping alternatives to lawns. Deborah Topp, natural resource outreach specialist with the city of Salem, will discuss rain gardens and other landscaping options that reduce pollution, conserve water and create a haven for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. The program, sponsored by the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center and the Willamette Valley chapter, will be held at Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High. The program is open to the public. Cost is \$5 and registration is required. To register, call 503-391-4145. Contact Lisa Olivares at 503-391-4145 or John Savage at 503-399-8615.

William Cusick

Visit our Web site at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> for updates and general information.

February 25, Thursday, 7 pm

Chapter meeting: Baker City Library. Program to be announced later.



Stu Garrett, continued from page 1

to found NPSO's second chapter, in Bend.

Stu was the president of the High Desert Chapter for more than ten years as well as acting as field trip chairman and conservation committee chairman. He also organized two annual meetings during this time. Stu is given credit for our quaint tradition of swearing in new board members with a hand on Hitchcock's Manual! Stu also deserves kudos for the founding of our annual journal, *Kalmiopsis*, in 1991, for which he served on the editorial board for ten years. In addition, Stu has an outstanding record in conservation of eastside habitats and floras. A great deal more could be written about Dr. Garrett, and NPSO members can look forward to a lengthier biographical piece in the 2010 issue of *Kalmiopsis*.

Please consider attending the NPSO annual meeting at the Hancock Field Station near Clarno May 14-16 to congratulate Dr. Stu Garrett as he receives his well-deserved NPSO Fellow award.

OTHER EVENTS

Ashland Parks & Rec classes

Classes meet at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 N. Mountain Ave., Ashland. Registration required. Information: 541-488-6606; www.NorthMountainPark.org

Tuesdays, February 2 to March 2, 6:30–8:30 pm

Sustainable Landscape Practices: Landscape Architect Bonnie Bayard explores plant design considerations, plant composition, lower-maintenance landscape ideas, and going beyond xeriscape. \$60

Saturday, February 13, 10 am–12:30 pm

Winter Twig Identification: During winter, the beauty of dormant plants is often overlooked. Learn how to identify native deciduous trees and shrubs using clues including buds, leaf scars, fruit and overall architecture. Instructor is botanist Kristi Mergenthaler. \$10

Emerald chapter, Rock Garden Society

February 2, Tuesday, 7 pm

Flora of Steens Mountain in Southeastern Oregon: Dave Predeek is a native plant enthusiast who retired from the Forest Service. He is a longtime member of both NPSO and the Obsidians, and has hiked alpine areas all over Oregon. Dave will show slides of the beautiful alpine flora on this isolated fault-block mountain in Oregon's high desert. Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. Sponsored by the Emerald chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. Free and open to the public. Contact Tanya at 541-937-1401 or wild.iris@att.net.

Eugene Natural History Society

Free events are in room 100, Willamette Hall, University of Oregon.

Friday, February 19, 7:30 pm

Historic climate change: Find out about dramatic climate crises of the past at the society's February talk by Greg Retallack, paleobotanist and expert in paleosols at the University of Oregon. Through the fossil record, Greg will show definitive evidence for climatic crises in the past 300 million years. Sometimes the results included massive species eradication.

Friday, March 19, 7:30 pm

Find out how the native turtles of Oregon are faring in modern times. Sue Beilke, wildlife biologist and herpetologist, will talk about these tenacious yet vulnerable ancient species.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

The arboretum is in Lane County's Howard Buford Recreation Area, 34901 Frank Parrish Road, Eugene. Information: 541-747-1504.

Sunday, February 14, 1-3 pm

Life Among the Mosses walk: This walk is the annual celebration of the elfin world of mosses, liverworts and lichens. Botanist David Wagner will tell moss stories and weave lichen yarns. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum visitors center. \$5.

Sunday, February 21, 1-4 pm and Sunday, February 28, 1-3 pm

Nature Photography in a Digital World: Making the move into digital photography? Professional photographer David Stone will take the mystery out of the camera and show how to take amazing outdoor photos. If you want more information about your camera, bring your instruction book. If you are contemplating buying a digital camera, this workshop will help you make an informed selection. Rain or shine, Arboretum visitors center. \$25/\$20 members.

Saturday, March 6, 10 am–noon

Singles walk: Get to know Mount Pisgah in winter with Tom LoCascio,

arboretum site manager. Enjoy great vistas while meeting new friends. Singles of all ages are welcome for this vigorous hike. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water and snacks. Rain or shine, Meet at Arboretum visitors center. \$5.

Saturday March 13, 10 am–noon

Signs of Spring walk: Rhoda Love leads an easy winter walk to search for the signs of spring. Willows in bloom near the river? Filberts or osoberry (*Oemlaria cerasiformi*)? You may spot the rare dwarf rue anemone in the shade of a large maple. Rain or shine, Arboretum visitors center. \$5.

Iris Trek 2010

Monday & Tuesday, June 14-15

The Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris's 2010 Trek will take place in the hills near Roseburg during the height of the wildflower season. Each day, vans will ferry the 48 participants to see especially good sites for *Iris chrysophylla*, *I. innominata*, *I. tenax* and several hybrids. Deadline to register is May 1. Cost is \$105 and includes box lunches for both days. A downloadable registration form is at www.pacificcoastiris.org/framesoc.html.

North American Butterfly Association

Monday, February 1, 7:30 pm (7 pm refreshments and chat)

Bee All That You Can Bee! Pollinator Gardening for the Masses: Learn about butterflies and other pollinators, the plants they need and local garden tips from Bruce Newhouse. What plants do they need or want? Can you grow pollinator plants in your garden? Are there other things you need to do to attract pollinators and give them (and me) a healthy life? EWEB Training Center 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene.

2010 NPSO Annual Meeting Information

by Berta Youtie

The High Desert Chapter is planning a very exciting annual meeting in a remote location May 14–16. We hope for a moist spring that will lead to carpets of wildflowers at their peak.

The meeting site is Hancock Field Station, Clarno, in Wheeler County – 2 miles from the John Day River. Hancock is one of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's field camps.

Accommodation details

- Lawrence Memorial Grassland Maximum number for meals: 109.
- Cost of dormitory accommodations Friday and Saturday night plus Friday light dinner, Saturday three meals and Sunday breakfast: \$140
- Board meeting lunch: \$10
- Cost per night (dormitory cabins, 10 tent sites, 10 small RV sites): \$50
- Cost for meals on Saturday: \$25 (\$10 dinner, \$10 breakfast, \$5 box lunch)
- Sunday breakfast and lunch: \$10 each
- Friday night snacks: \$5 (you may want to bring additional food)
- You can bring your own beer and wine, but you must remove bottles and cans.

Alternative accommodations:

Camping

Free camping on BLM land along the JFree primitive camping on BLM land along the John Day River (west side downstream from the Clarno Bridge). Gravel and dirt road will be marked and signed. We will try to camp as a group. Site will be marked. High clearance vehicle needed.

Free camping is also available at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Fossil.

Paid camping: Fossil Trailer Park, 541-763-4075

Motels

Shaniko (45-minute drive):

Shaniko Hotel, 541-489-3441. This hotel has been for sale and may not be open in May.

Fossil (30-minute drive):

Bridge Creek Flora Inn and Fossil Lodge. 12 guest rooms \$75-\$95. 541-763-2355, fossilinn@centurytel.net

Fossil Motel and Trailer Park, 541-763-4075

Wilson Ranches Retreat B&B (about 15 minutes from Fossil), 866-763-2227 or 541-763-2227

Condon: (60-minute drive):

Hotel Condon: Historic elegance, 541-384-4624 or 800-201-6706

Other details

- Parking at the field station is limited. Plan on carpooling from your campsite or motel.
- No dogs at Hancock
- Bring camp chair, sunscreen, flashlight, water bottle
- Bring coolers with plenty of ice and water. There is water on site but no ice.
- Nearest gas and stores are in Madras, Shaniko and Fossil
- No cell phone coverage

Saturday evening banquet

Saturday evening's banquet speaker is Ellen Morris Bishop, geologist, program director of the Oregon Paleontology Institute and author of *In Search of Ancient Oregon* and other books. She will discuss how plants have influenced and controlled Earth's climate and landscape for the past 2 billion years.

Saturday field trips

Trip 1: Painted Hills (8:30 am-4:30 pm)

John Day Fossil Bed National Monument. Educational coordinator and hobby botanist Michelle Ordway will lead a hike into the backcountry of the Painted Hills. Expect a 3-plus-mile moderate loop hike with approximately 800 feet of elevation gain while exploring the diverse microhabitats of clay hills, basalt canyons and rocky slopes. Several John Day Valley endemic species such as barrel cactus, John Day chaenactis and yellow hairy paintbrush should be blooming. This is an unusual

opportunity to have permission to visit the backcountry. This trip will have a van for the 1 hour, 25 minute drive from Hancock.

Trip 2: Hancock Field Station Hike (8:30 am-3:30 pm)

This hike will be led by a knowledgeable Hancock staff member. A local botanist will be on hand to identify the blooming wildflowers. Hike from the field station through the John Day Fossil Beds Clarno Unit toward Laurel Canyon. At possibly 5-plus miles, this may be a strenuous hike. See lots of wildflowers and paleo sites such as the best preserved beds for fossilized nuts in North America.

Trip 3: Lawrence Memorial Grassland Preserve (8:45 am-4:00 pm)

Stu Garrett will lead a field trip to the Nature Conservancy's Lawrence Memorial Grassland Preserve. The preserve is a rare remnant of the land as it appeared to the pioneers. Tall native bunchgrasses are the dominant vegetation on the deep soil biscuits. This time of the year bitterroot, big-headed clover and many species of lomatiums are blooming on the shallow scablands. Drive half an hour from Clarno. Hike a fairly easy 3.5 miles.

Trip 4: Spring Basin Wilderness Area (9:00 am-4:00 pm)

Trip will be led by Aaron Killgore of Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) and Berta Youtie, Eastern Oregon Stewardship Services. Spring Basin, a gem in the John Day Basin, is Oregon's newest wilderness area. In spring the hills are covered with blooming wildflowers, several endemic or uncommon to Oregon such as barrel cactus (*Pediocactus nigrispinus*). Drive 15 minutes to trailhead. Hike will be moderately strenuous, lots of up and down for 5-plus miles.

Trip 5: Paleontology and Geology (9:15 am-4:00 pm)

Ellen Morris Bishop. Explore a unique badlands and fossil site near the John Day River south of Clarno. Requires driving on BLM roads, and

short but occasionally rigorous hikes. Find fossils, explore the evidence of 45 million years of climate and ecosystem change and volcanic eruptions, and see evidence of vast landslides that changed the river's course. Short hikes, but wear boots. A local botanist will join the trip.

Trip 6: Warm Springs Confederated Tribe, Pine Creek Ranch (9:30 am-3:30 pm)

Leaders: Brigitte Whipple (tribal anthropologist) and Rick Hayes (conservation area manager). Members of the Confederated Tribes will discuss cultural uses of plants and ranch purchase, management and restoration. The ranch is adjacent to Hancock Field Station. Short hikes.



Girl Scouts Now Can Earn a Native Plant Patch

If you're interested in native plant education for young people, here is a way to get involved:

A new program encourages partnerships between Girl Scouts and local National Garden Clubs, in which the Scouts will learn what plants are native to their area, how to preserve and protect them, and which invasive species may be in their locale. Local National Garden Clubs will offer resources and partnerships. The girls are encouraged to take on native plant projects, such as native plant gardens, and to seek help in completing their project requirements from native plant societies, horticultural professionals, and county extension services.

See www.gardenclub.org/Youth/GirlScoutPatch.aspx, or e-mail Patrice Lineberger, Girl Scout Liaison for the National Garden Clubs (PALtwinmom@alumni.Clemson.edu). Local chapters of the Oregon Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. may also be contacted for information.

IT'S STILL RENEWAL TIME

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Many of you have already renewed, but if you haven't yet, please do so before the end of February to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the *Bulletins* or the 2010 issue of *Kalmiopsis*. Before you send in your renewal, check the address label on this issue of the *Bulletin*. If it shows 2010 (or a later year) along the top, you are all set and do not need to renew now.

This is also a good time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds. The Leighton Ho Memorial Award is used for research projects in western Oregon. The Rare and Endangered Plant Fund supports work with our most threatened plants. The Augusta Rockefeller and Jean Davis memorial scholarships are awarded annually to a botany student at an Oregon college or university. You can also include a contribution to the Oregon Flora Project along with your dues. Your membership and donations make it possible to carry out more of the many projects that are needed to pursue the goals of NPSO.

NPSO Items for Sale

Native Notecards. Beautiful, high-quality notecards with art by Terry Peasley, Cheahmill chapter member, are available. Eight cards are offered through NPSO's Cheahmill chapter: trillium horizontal, trillium vertical, fawn lily, red columbine with hummingbirds, varied thrush on oak, kingfisher on red osier dogwood, Bewick's wren on Douglas spirea, and western tanagers on oak. See the cards at www.terrypeasleyart.com/pages/cards. The cost is \$3 each including envelopes, or 4 for \$10. Contact Marna Porath at P.O. Box 726, Amity, OR 97101, marna@onlinemac.com or 503-835-1042.

Booklets on Gardening with Native Plants. Emerald Chapter's three booklets about native plants of the southern Willamette Valley are "Native Herbaceous Plants in Our Gardens," "Native Shrubs in Our Gardens," and "Native Trees in Our Gardens." \$8.00/set of three, mail order. Individual booklets sold from the NGAP booth at Down-To-Earth, or by check made out to "Emerald Chapter NPSO" with "NGAP Gardening Guides" in the memo line to P.O. Box 902, Eugene OR 97440-0902. Also see online in PDF format at www.emeraldnpso.org Click on "Gardening with Native Plants."

Field Guide to Shrubs of Southwest Oregon. An 80-page, pocket-sized field guide identifies 56 of the most frequently-encountered shrubs in SW Oregon, and describes each species in detail with words and photos, including habitat, leaves, twigs, fruit, and flowers. Dichotomous keys, illustrations of common plant parts and glossary included. Janet Walker, NPSO Siskiyou chapter member, and Max Bennet, Forestry Agent with Jackson/Josephine Counties. \$7/copy; checks payable to "OSU Extension Service." Mail to Shrub Guide, Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502.

Poseidon's Necklace. Don Begnoche, Siskiyou chapter, has issued an Oregon field guide covering the coastal section, mile by mile, from Astoria to Brookings. Genesis of the coastal landscape and flora found on dunes, headlands and montane slopes; over 500 landscape and floral photographs as well as geologic maps and illustrations. PDF format on a CD. \$19.95 + \$2.50 s/h. Mail checks to Don Begnoche, 439 Herbert St., Ashland, OR 97520

In Memory of Frederick Ronald Hatt

by Donna Rawson, president, Umpqua Valley

Known to family and friends as Ron, Frederick Ronald Hatt passed away Thanksgiving morning, November 26, 2009. Ron was born in Richmond, Calif., served in the Air Force and raised his family in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He was passionate about anything he set out to accomplish. Some of those accomplishments included sailing and working as an amateur botanist and photographer. He was an avid nature lover.

Ron joined the Umpqua chapter soon after moving to Oregon in 2003. He served as chapter president as well as chapter vice president and member at large for the state NPSO board. He was proud to boast that the Umpqua chapter was able to maintain its members from year to year, largely due to his efforts to personally talk with every new member he signed up.

He led many of the chapter's field trips, taking pictures along the way, even from the roadside when he did



The late Ron Hatt, right, pauses during an NPSO hike on Fairview mountain on July 7, 2007, that featured hikers from both the Umpqua Valley and Emerald chapters. At the left is Richard Summer, another member of the Umpqua Valley chapter who died last year.

not have the energy to hike the trail. He was instrumental in establishing the native plant garden at the Roseburg VA Medical Center.

Ron spearheaded the chapter's opposition to the natural gas pipeline proposed to go through a field of *Calochortus coxii* in the Bilger Creek/Myrtle Creek area.

The Umpqua Valley Chapter is grateful to have benefited from Ron's contributions. We will greatly miss his energy, passion and leadership.

Highlights of the October 24 State Board Meeting in McMinnville

by Rhoda Love, NPSO Fellows Committee

It was a gorgeous fall day for the drive to McMinnville for the meeting; the forests and fields were aflame with fall color in the bright sunshine. At the McMinnville Public Library our hosts, members of Cheahmill Chapter, had coffee and brunch waiting for us, and we had a chance to tour the impressive native plant garden the chapter has created surrounding the Library.

President David Lebo called the meeting to order. Following chapter reports, we heard an impressive presentation from Linda Hardison on the Oregon Flora Project. Much progress has been made: 700,000 atlas records will be downloaded early in November, and the atlas program will appear online in a revised form. Treatments of the Gymnosperms and the Ericaceae have been completed for the much-anticipated Flora of Oregon, and the complete checklist will be online early in 2010.

Clay Gautier reported that NPSO membership, at 894 members, is the highest it has been since 2002. Dan Luoma stated that our financial balance is healthy. Rhoda Love showed a copy of our next occasional paper, *Urbanizing Flora of Portland Oregon 1806-2008* by John Christy et al., which was published at the end of 2008. Rhoda also reported that our next NPSO fellow will be Dr. Stu Garrett, founder of High Desert Chapter, who will receive his award at next May's annual meeting. The board voted to ask the Willowa National Forest to honor Oregon botanist Georgia Mason (1910-2007) by placing her name on a geologic feature in the Willowa Wilderness.

Other business: NPSO's conservation chairmen are: westside: David Lebo and eastside: Duncan Thomas. Discussion took place on size and number of bulletins per year, with no definite conclusion. The board supported a suggestion of a monthly reminder for articles in the bulletin to a targeted mailing list (developed from suggestions from the chapters). It also approved a letter to protect botanical values in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in support of the "Andrus Letter" opposing construction of a casino in the Gorge.

The next State board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, at Lane Community College, Eugene.

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