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Growing NPSO??!! Really? Why?

by Cecile Shohet

Ts it time to hire an Executive Direc $oldsymbol{1}$ tor, write grants, and expand our

Or, are we satisfied with our many accomplishments as an all-volunteer organization?

The way we look at it, NPSO is an organization with REAL clout in this state and throughout the Pacific Northwest – our organization is over fifty years old, established, and not likely to disappear anytime soon. We are an all-volunteer society run by many who devote hundreds of hours to planning programs, field trips, annual meetings, and myriad other activities. Our membership base crisscrosses the entire

state, drawing from all corners and counties. We are 13 independent chapters and a state organization. We organize events to promote our glorious native flora; publish a scientific journal; raise money for research, internships for recent graduates in conservation, scholarships, and the Oregon Flora Project; educate the public and youth about habitats, plant communities, and plant species; have a citizen science rare plant data collection program; offer botanical education workshops; get involved in conservation issues; and work towards changing policy. NPSO was a key player in establishing the Oregon

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The well named fall knotweed (Polygonum spergulariiforme) is one of the last flowers of the season to flower in western Oregon, often blooming well into October. Youngs Rock trail, Lane County, 10/4/13.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Now is the time for members to renew for 2014. To find out whether you need to renew, please look at your address label on this issue of the *Bulletin*. If 2013 appears along the top edge of the label, you need to renew before February 15, 2014 to ensure that you do not miss out on any of the Bulletins or on the 2014 issue of Kalmiopsis. If the year is absent (i.e. top of label is blank) or if you see 2014, 2015, or a later year, ignore this notice - you do NOT need to renew at this time. Please use the remittance envelope in this issue of the Bulletin to send in your dues, or use the membership form on the inside back page if the envelope is missing.

It's also a great 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 Rockafellar 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.

Earth Share Contributors: ignore this notice unless you wish to become a regular member of NPSO. You will continue to receive the Bulletin for one year from the time of your contribution.

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Please Nominate Outstanding NPSO Members for Our Fellows Award

The NPSO Fellows Committee is ready to accept nominations for new NPSO Fellows for 2014. The Fellows award recognizes individuals for outstanding service to our society. Nominations can come from a chapter, an individual, or a group. A chapter may wish to nominate their founder or other active member. You may wish to nominate an outstanding teacher of botany or a present or former officer or board member. Fellows receive a lifetime NPSO membership, a ceremony and plaque at the annual meeting, and a biographical article with their photo in *Kalmiopsis*.

Your nominating letter can be sent by email. It should contain biographical and background information about the nominee. Please also provide a photo of the prospective Fellow or Fellows. Your nomination will move from this committee to the State Board for approval. When approved, we will make a plaque and plan a ceremony for our next annual meeting - this coming year to be held in Cannon Beach in early June.

Please send letters of nomination by the end of 2013 to the NPSO Fellows Committee Chair, Jan Dobak, at npsopdx@gmail.com.



Take Your Best Shot: 2014 Native Plant Appreciation Week Poster Contest

Summer's over . . .but remember all those great photos you took of native plants in Oregon this spring and summer? Now that you're probably spending more time indoors, you could take this opportunity to select the best of your photos and submit them for the Native Plant Appreciation Week Poster Contest. Entries must be submitted online via the NPSO Photo Gallery (http://npsoregon.org/photos/main.php) in the album titled "2014 NPAW Photo Contest." Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, species or other description, family, common name, location, and date). All entries must be received by December 15, 2013. Photos will be rated on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. Complete details can be found at: http://npsoregon.org/photocontest.html. If you have any questions, please email Judi Sanders, judi.sanders@gmail.com.



Grant Proposals Requested

NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are:

- 1. To stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state.
- 2. To promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due annually by March 1. The guidelines are available online at: www.npsoregon.org/grants.html. For a paper copy of the program policy and guidelines, contact:

Dan Luoma, Field Research Grants Committee Chair 5 NW Edgewood Dr. Corvallis, OR 97330 541-752-8860

NPSO CALENDAR

State Notes

NPSO Annual Meeting 2014

June 6 - 8, Friday - Sunday

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be sponsored by the Cheahmill Chapter. Join us for a coastal weekend in and around Cannon Beach. Meeting head-quarters will be at Surfsand Resort. Look for registration information in the February *Bulletin*.

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. To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming programs and events, please contact cheahmillchapternpso@comcast.net.

November 21, Thursday, 7 pm

Talk: Citizens' Rare Plant Watch. Erin Gray, co-chair of NPSO's Rare and Endangered Plants Committee, will introduce the new Rare Plant Watch program. Anyone can become involved in citizen science and conservation by searching for and documenting rare Oregon plants. Doors open at 6:45 pm for socializing, meeting/ program starts at 7. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams St. (corner of Hwy 99W and SW 2nd St.). Parking lot entrances on Adams and 2nd Streets. For more information, contact Luke Westphal, 971-388-9200 or lukeowestphal@

Corvallis

gmail.com.

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter email list, contact Alexis Brickner or Kevin Weitemier at co_president@NPSOregon. org or 208-921-0827.

November 2, Saturday, 1 - 4 pm

Potting Party: Avery House. Come help us prepare cuttings and divisions

of native plants to be ready for the Spring Garden Sale. You may go home with a new cutting to keep! Please bring gloves, a trowel, rain gear, and any native cuttings or divisions you may have to pot up. Location: Avery Park Lion's shelter (near the Avery House). RSVP to Esther McEvoy, 541-754-0893 or esther@peak.org, so we can gauge needed supplies.

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. A sample waiver form is available at http://npsoregon.org/ documents/NPSO_waiver.pdf. 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. You must preregister for all events. 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. A trip leader checklist and sample waiver form are available at: http://npsoregon.org/calendar.html

November 11, Monday, 7:30 pm Meeting: Gardening with Native Plants for Wildlife. Come learn how to use native plants to make your garden attractive habitat for our other native creatures, such as bees and birds. Location: Avery House in Avery Park, Corvallis. Park to the south of the Avery House in the park's parking lot. For more information contact Esther McEvoy, 541-754-0893.

December 9, Monday, 7 pm Meeting: Corvallis Annual Winter

Party. Join us at the house of Loren and Flo. Please bring slides or digital images of your botanical adventures to show and a dessert to share with the group. Location: 3420 SW Willamette Ave., Corvallis. Contact Loren, loren.russell@comcast.net.

Emerald

Visit the Emerald Chapter Web site at http://emerald.npsoregon.org to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists & botanical information about Lane County plants & the people who love them.

New meeting location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd. Turn off MLK Blvd. onto Scout Access Rd. across from Autzen and take the first left into the parking lot. The meeting room is on the right side as you face the building.

November 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm

Meeting/Talk: Post-fire Vegetation
Dynamics in the Northern Sierras.
David E. Hibbs will summarize nearly

David E. Hibbs will summarize nearly 20 years of studies of post-fire vegetation change in the northern California Sierras. Using comparisons of vegetation with and without active post-fire management, biologists were surprised several times by the robustness of the vegetation change process. Dr. Hibbs is Associate Department Head, Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Silviculture, in the Department of Forest Ecosystems at Oregon State University. Location: Conference Room at Lane County

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Mental Health, 2411 MLK Blvd., see above for directions. For more information, call 541-349-9999.

December 19, Thursday, 7:30 pm Event: Holiday Social and Slide Show. Bring 10 to 12 digital photos and a snack to share if you wish. Location: Conference Room at Lane County Mental Health, 2411 MLK Blvd., see above for directions. For more information call 541-349-9999.

High Desert

This chapter has recently become active. For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: www.highdesertnpsoregon.org and Facebook page: Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter, or email highdesertnpso@gmail.com.

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at wusara96@yahoo.com.

November 21, Thursday, 7 pm

Program/Meeting: White Salmon River Restoration. Jeanette Burkhardt will describe planting projects at Lyle Falls and the post-Condit White Salmon River: how the projects have gone thus far, some of the challenges that have come up, and the somewhat experimental things being done at these sites. She is a watershed planner for the Yakama Nation Fisheries program in the southern ceded lands of the Yakama tribe, and has been involved with salmon recovery and land use planning, education & outreach, and restoration projects in local watersheds. Location: Room 1.366, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

December 19, Thursday, 7 pm

Program/Meeting: Ecological Studies of the Northern Oregon Cascades. Jake Hurlbert will describe the ecology of the Cascades area, mostly from the

Estacada drainage up to Mt Hood. He will stress the relationship between the members of the Oregon biota, including mushrooms, plants, and a few insects. Hurlbert has a Masters in Science and Education from Western Oregon University and is a member of several mycological societies in the Pacific NW. Recently, he developed eight regional biota studies of Oregon. Location: Room 1.366, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

Portland

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

Facebook: Take a look at our Facebook page. Native Plant Society of Oregon-Portland-Chapter. It will have the most up-to-date information on hike and other events as well as great plant pictures.

Meeting location: The Portland Chapter meets the second Thursday of most months in the Metro Building at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. Enter from NE Irving St. on the north side of the building and walk across the upper plaza to the entrance (not the door on 600 NE Grand Ave.). An attendant will let you in and direct you to the meeting room upstairs. Meetings and programs begin at 7 pm.

November 14, Thursday, 7 pm Program: Plants and Habitats of the Salish Sea. Join nationally known botanical illustrator, Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik, for a presentation of the flowers and native plants around the San Juan Islands where she lives. Her botanical artwork will be on display and for sale. Visit Linda's website at http://www.vorobikbotanicalart.com. Location: Metro Building, see above for details. Contact: Mary Smith at alphiesmith@comcast. net or 503-288-4340.

December 12, Thursday, 7 pm Members Party: Photo Sharing. Bring your digital photos of native flora from Oregon and beyond for our annual year end celebration of the wildflower season. Bring some holiday goodies to share as well. Meeting location: Metro Building, see above for details. Contact: Mary Smith at alphiesmith@comcast. net or 503-288-4340.

Siskiyou

To join the Siskiyou Chapter email list: Send an email, from the address at which you want to receive announcements, to announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org. No subject or message is required. You will get a confirmation email. If you would like to volunteer to lead a hike in 2013, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program please contact Sasha Joachims at: sasharain71@gmail.com.

November 21, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Red Buttes Wilderness Natural & Cultural History. Luke Ruediger, author of the recently released Siskiyou Crest: Hikes, History & Ecology, will discuss the natural and cultural history of the exquisite Red Buttes Wilderness, a small but special wilderness area south of Applegate Lake in Northern California. Refreshments at 6:45 pm, meeting and program at 7 pm. Free. Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Building, Rm 171. Contact Kristi: 541-941-3744.

Umpqua Valley

Visit www.umpquavalleynativeplants.com for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our e-mail list.

Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-399-8615 or Alexandra Ninneman at 503-391-4145.

William Cusick

Visit our Web site at http://williamcusick. npsoregon.org or contact Laurie Allen at 541-805-0499 for updates and general information.



OTHER EVENTS

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

November 16th, Saturday, 10am - noon

Walk: Water Garden Ecology. Join Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Assistant Site Manager, August Jackson, for a seasonal exploration of the dynamic ecology of the Arboretum's Water Garden. Learn about the hydrology of this unique area, and the lasting impact that powerful fall storms have on the local ecology. Discover the birds, insects, fungi, and flora that make the Water Garden their home during the short and wet days of mid-Autumn. Rain or shine. Location: 34901 Frank Parrish Rd., Eugene. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free. For more information: www.MountPisgahArboretum.org or 541-747-1504.

Ashland Parks & Recreation

November 16, Saturday, 10 am - noon

Work Party: Bear Creek Restoration. Join other volunteers in making our watershed healthier for people, fish and wildlife. Work will include planting of willow and other native species as well as pruning and weeding. Tools, snacks, and instruction will be provided. Event will be held rain or shine. All ages welcome. Location: Park at the Ashland Dog Park, just off Nevada/Helman Streets, and walk down the Bear Creek Greenway past the Water Treatment plant to the project location near the confluence of Ashland Creek and Bear Creek. For more information: http:// www.ashland.or.us/Files/NMP_newsletterFall13.pdf or 541-488-6606.



The three spiraling pink stigmas of Baltic rush (Juncus balticus) look like party favors. Cache Meadows, Clackamas County, 7/20/13.

wow what a win if we could gain 17% in membership each year. In 2002, our membership was 11% higher at 934. And what about demographics? Although we don't track age statistics, it can be safely said that the majority of our membership is 45 and over... Where are our 20 and 30 somethings? We need them to carry NPSO into the future, protecting, educating, and promoting our precious native, wild, flora. How can NPSO attract younger members and why aren't we now?

From 2002 through 2004, a Strategic Planning Committee (Kareen Sturgeon, Nick Otting, Kelly Van Norman, Linda Hardison, and Leslie Rossmell) met to revise NPSO's Mission Statement and write the NPSO Handbook (2005). They concluded that the membership was doing a good job of enjoying and studying native plants and habitats, and that the organization's focus on conservation could be expanded. They believed that strengthening our efforts in this direction would bring us in line with our stated mission and, importantly, would help us increase our visibility and membership. Informal conversations of several

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Dwarf chamaesaracha (now Leucophysalis nana) is a small member of the tobacco family (Solanaceae) found from central Oregon south into California and Nevada. Badlands Wilderness, Deschutes County, 6/1/13.

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Department of Agriculture's Rare Plant
Program. Our numbers consistently
range from 800 to 950 strong, and we
likely have just as many friends that

could be members.

In the eyes of foundations, grantors, and policy makers, NPSO is a powerful organization with a long history of committed members who have consistently impacted Oregon life. The Development Committee (a subgroup of board members) of NPSO is pondering the question of what else we can or should do as an organization to examine the possibilities/desires for the future and plan strategically, wanting to represent as best as we can the voices of our membership across Oregon and utilize our resources to best represent the native, wild flora of Oregon. Recent dedicated work on the Arundo donax issue points to the breadth of what there is to do and how much we can accomplish.

Membership in NPSO is currently 830 and has been at about this level for a number of years, with a good number of members each year choosing not to renew, 17% in 2013, and interestingly, with about the same number of incoming, new members. Knowing why so many choose not to renew might be helpful for the organization – and,

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early career professional botanists and recent graduates from Oregon State University in Corvallis suggested similar findings. They enjoyed attending a meeting or two of their local chapters but didn't find activities that motivated them enough to become involved. At the stage of life that these recent graduates were in – establishing a career, becoming knowledgeable in their fields, having limited time and a deep concern and love for the environment - NPSO's activities didn't resonate strongly with them. For them, compelling civic activities are mission focused, like a stream clean-up with social, networking time following the event; or a training that then enabled them to lead an event – they point to the popularity of NPSO's Citizen's Rare Plant Watch for this reason.

A quick glance at the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) website reveals full-fledged programming in six categories: Conservation, Education, Growing Natives, Rare Plant Science and Vegetation. A closer look at one of these – the Education program – shows a variety of professional-level botanical workshops, educational curricula designed for a variety of age levels, a statewide scientific conference every three years with smaller symposia held more frequently, a citizen science based Rare Plant Treasure Hunt that engages the public and students alike, and an educational grant program to help students with research and the financing of their education. Josie Crawford, the Director of Education at CNPS shared her philosophy with me a short time ago: CNPS strives to offer botany/ecology students their first chance at presenting their research at a CNPS scientific conference; then offers them high level professional trainings in vegetation science, ecology, plant taxonomy, etc.

California's population is 10 times that of Oregon's – and CNPS has ten times more members, about10,000. We can never do what CNPS does, nor do we want to be like California. But we can provide opportunities to train and attract younger, environmentallyminded Oregonians (and ourselves) and develop fuller programming within

the Education/ Conservation/ Rare Plant Science/ Vegetation/ Growing Natives categories. It would be fun!

The Washington Native Plant Society is more similar to NPSO in terms of its memberships with 1600 (down from 1800) members, about double the size of NPSO. WNPS was founded in 1976, built their organization slowly, and currently has an Executive Director, one other three-quarter time individual, and 5 - 6 people on service contracts. Their state organizational expenses range from \$130,000 to \$150,000 and include office space open to the public. Membership dues, donations in excess, grants, and plant sales provide these operating expenses yearly.

The first step in the process of growing an organization is to develop a strategic plan. With a strategic plan in place, NPSO could apply for grants from both foundations and governmental granting sources. Strategic planning is an organization's process of defining its strategy, or direction, and making decisions on allocating



Our smallest bladderwort, Utricularia minor, is considered a rare plant, but seeing its tiny flowers—no more than a half inch long—is an even rarer event. Black Wolf Meadows, Clackamas County. 7/19/13

its resources to pursue this strategy. Perhaps the first step once grant monies are obtained would be to hire an Executive Director - someone to keep the momentum going, fundraise, develop and implement programs, and maintain the continuity of what has been created. Foundations want to see some particular person is responsible for following through after funding is granted. The Ford Family Foundation in Roseburg funds organizations like NPSO to create a strategic plan, as long as a financial plan is in place to become self-sustaining in the future.

If the membership determines this to be a good path for NPSO, a fundraising campaign to show potential grantors we are serious will be our next step. Please let the development committee know how you feel. In the next *Bulletin*, there will be a questionnaire so you can let the board know what the NPSO membership wants for the future. And, if you are moved to do so sooner, drop me a line (cshohet@gmail.com), letting the development committee know your ideas... Yes, feedback is really wanted!

New Bulletin Layout Artist

Thank you to Jocelyn Duffy for making the Bulletin beautiful for the past several years. –Ed.

Please welcome Cat Mead, who is replacing Jocelyn Duffy as the *Bulletin* layout artist. We are maintaining the current *Bulletin* format, except for a few new fonts.

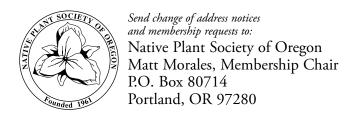
Join the Native Plant Appreciation Week Committee

The Native Plant Appreciation Week Committee is looking for new members to help promote Native Plant Appreciation Week (NPAW)! The purpose of the committee is to promote activities for NPAW. We also select the photos for the annual NPAW poster. We meet by email so the time commitment is relatively minimal, but since NPAW is our largest single annual public outreach, promoting activities is very important. To join, please email Judi Sanders, judi.sanders@gmail.com.

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operating budget. If you would like to be a part of the team that keeps the OFP progressing, please contact us at ofpflora@oregonflora.org, or phone 541-737-4338.

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