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Jewel milkweed (*Asclepias cryptoceras*) growing on barren clay soil that was actively slipping down the steep slope.

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What a year 2020 has been. Our Annual Meeting was cancelled, as were most chapter meetings, programs, and field hikes. We've learned to "zoom," wear masks, and "social distance," among other things. Without face-to-face interactions, our publications—the eBulletin and *Kalmiopsis*—take on new importance as a means to communicate and connect with each other in the Society. This year I'm pleased to offer a selection of articles that span Oregon from east (Leslie Gulch) to west (Coos Bay) and view our native plants and habitats from the perspective of Native Americans (*Abronia*), monarch butterflies (*Asclepias*), and greater sage-grouse (sagebrush steppe). In addition, this is the first time that *Kalmiopsis* has published a reprint from another source. However, the new species of *Monardella* described from Oregon in the Idaho Native Plant Society's *Sage Notes* by Don Mansfield was one that needed to be shared with NPSO members. In an article on milkweeds in Oregon, including two not yet in the new Oregon Flora, the authors introduce you to the amazing complexity of milkweed (*Asclepias*) flowers. Don't worry about the multitude of new vocabulary words. The floral structures are all illustrated, and you will marvel at the diversity of species that grow in Oregon.

Two new Fellows have been initiated into the select group of honored members: Lisa Blackburn and Dave Wagner. Be sure to read the stories of their lives and contributions to the Society.

The Native Plant Society of Oregon is dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats. Conservation is the common thread for the four articles in this issue and spans both rare plants (*Abronia*, *Monardella angustifolia*, and some *Asclepias* species) and the importance of more common plant species for imperiled insects (*Asclepias* for monarch butterflies) and animals (sagebrush steppe wildflowers for greater sage-grouse). I hope that NPSO's "phytocurious" members enjoy this issue and learn from it as well.—Cindy Roché, Editor.



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