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## Native Plant Society of Oregon

*Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats*

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### NPSO Receives Environmental Award

NPSO is proud to have been recently awarded this year's Oregon Recreation & Park Associations - Natural Resource Section's Environmental Fund Award & Donation. Each year the ORPA - NRS gives out one award and donation to an organization based on the following criteria: A) Must be a 'Not For Profit Organization;' B) Must be Oregon-based; C) Must be nominated by an ORPA - Natural Resources Member; and D) Must promote Natural Resources Stewardship. The award comes with a plaque and a \$200.00 check. The following is a statement written by outgoing President of ORPA - Natural Resources Section, Joan Andersen-Wells. For more about ORPA visit [www.orpa.org](http://www.orpa.org).

#### NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON

Their opening statement on their web site says it all, "Enjoyment, Conservation, & Study."

Oregonians live in a state with exceptional natural beauty and diversity that includes alpine lava fields to coastal sand dunes.

For over 40 years, members of the Native Plant Society of Oregon have been visiting the wild places of Oregon to enjoy, conserve, and study its natural vegetation. Founded in Portland in 1961, NPSO has grown to a statewide network of 13 chapters and over 1000 members.

NPSO works tirelessly for plant and habitat conservation. Oregon would not have an Endangered Species Act if, in the mid-'80s, NPSO members had not sought out farsighted legislators, attended endless committee meetings, testified at hearings, and educated legislative staff in order to explain the importance of plant protection.

Today, NPSO state conservation chairs track major issues and chapters are involved in local efforts to protect and conserve threatened and endangered species. They carry out rare plant surveys and monitoring programs; have developed guidelines and policies regarding native plant gardening, ethics, grazing, mining, and forest management; and are involved in plant salvage and re-introduction.

Chapters sponsor field trips and work parties, involving members in conservation of Oregon's diverse plant heritage.

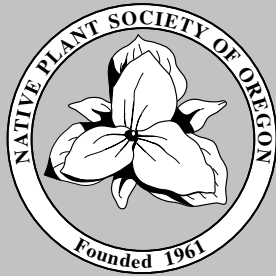
NPSO offers a yearly college scholarship for study within the State, as well as field research grants for botany students, giving many young people the opportunity for hands-on experience in plant research and conservation.

### NPSO Seeks Candidate for Treasurer

The election cycle for NPSO officers and directors is upon us. Our current Treasurer, Candice Guth, is retiring from office. Candice has served in this position for 5 years and NPSO needs a candidate as soon as possible so that she can train the new person during a transition period. Knowledge of Excel, Quicken, or similar software is desirable. If you can help our Society in this way, please contact Dan Luoma, NPSO Nominations Committee Chair, at 541-752-8860 for further information.

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Opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors of the articles. They do not represent the opinions of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, unless so stated.

## 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, and 2) to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

### For a copy of the program policy and guidelines contact

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Corvallis, OR 97330  
541-752-8860

or visit NPSO's web site,  
[www.npsoregon.org/comm/FRGC.htm](http://www.npsoregon.org/comm/FRGC.htm).  
Research proposals are due by March 1, 2007.

## Call For Papers

The new issue of *Kalmiopsis* has been published, which means that I'm looking for articles for next year. All materials submitted should pertain to Oregon's native vegetation and flora. *Kalmiopsis* publishes two series articles: Plant of the Year, and Oregon Plants, Oregon Places, as well as articles about historical botanists and other features related to native plants or plant communities in Oregon. Please refer to previous issues of *Kalmiopsis* for length and content of articles; maximum length is 5,000 words. I would like to extend a particular invitation to authors writing about parts of Oregon not recently covered in *Kalmiopsis*. Contact the editor (me) for a copy of "Instructions to Authors" or to place your name on a call list for writing book reviews.

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*Pacific willow (Salix lucida var. lasiandra) is an elegant tall shrub or small tree often seen beside creeks and lakes at all elevations. It blooms later than many willows, its yellow catkins appearing after its long narrow leaves come out.*

TANYA HARVEY

## State

**January 20, Saturday, 10 am**

**State Board Meeting:** The Emerald Chapter will host the next quarterly state board meeting at Lane Community College. More information will be in upcoming issues of the *Bulletin*.

## Blue Mountain

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

## Cheahmill

For more information visit the chapter website: [www.oregon-nativeplants.com](http://www.oregon-nativeplants.com)

**November 4, Saturday**

**Field Trip: The Butte.** The Butte is a 40-acre basalt ridge harboring a grove of old-growth Douglas fir and a remnant stand of Oregon white oak, not far from McMinnville. Although it's a BLM preserve, it is accessible only by permission of an adjacent landowner. If the day is somewhat clear, the view is amazing. This is the same trip as at the annual meeting. For the meet-up time and location, please call leader Dave Hanson at 503-843-4338.

**November 25, Saturday, 1–4 pm**

**Field Trip: Mushroom Foray.** Jack Murphy, who teaches mycology for the Linfield College Biology Department, will lead this mushroom foray for both adults and their children. We will caravan to a yet-to-be-determined destination somewhere near McMinnville. Be prepared for off-trail hiking, but not very far from a road or trail. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, so plan to walk off some of those calories while enjoying nature and whatever the rain brings! Bring a basket or bag to carry specimens in, and a roll of waxed paper. Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Linfield Ave. and Blaine St. right beside the campus of Linfield

College in McMinnville. Please contact Marna Porath at 503-835-1042 or [marna@onlinemac.com](mailto:marna@onlinemac.com) no later than Wednesday, November 22, to register for the trip.

**November 30, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Meeting: Conservation and Restoration of Willamette Valley Native Woodland Habitats (and associated prairies).** Brad Withrow-Robinson, the OSU Extension Forester for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, will give a brief overview of the changing landscape and ecology of the Willamette

Valley. He will discuss the challenges to maintaining native habitats such as oak savannas. Brad's presentation will examine the roles of education and collaboration in developing a cohesive Adaptive Management approach to habitat restoration and conservation. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Library, 225 NW Adams. For more information contact Susan at 503-538-1865 or [helgesusan@comcast.net](mailto:helgesusan@comcast.net).

## Corvallis

**November 13, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting: Finally! Proof of Weapons of Mass Destruction!** Invasion by spotted knapweed and other Centaureas. Andrea Thorpe recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Montana, where she studied spotted knapweed in Montana and Romania. Dr. Thorpe is currently leading the Conservation Research Program at the Institute for Applied Ecology. Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. For more information contact Matt Blakeley-Smith at 541-752-1091.

## Emerald

*Please note all Emerald Chapter presentations will now be held at the Eugene Water and Electric Board Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue in Eugene. From the Fifth Street Market go one block north and one block east. For more info call David at 541-746-9478.*

**November 20, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting: Iron Mountain: Subtle Habitat Differences Equals Greater Floral Diversity.** Bob Ross, retired Professor, Linn-Benton Community College, and photographer for *Wildflowers of the Western Cascades*, will use beautiful photography to point out that subtle differences can help us see flowers we often miss. 7:30 pm, EWEB Training Room, 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene.

### 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.



**December 11, Monday, 7:30 pm**

**Holiday Social: Members' Slide Show.** Bring 10 to 12 slides and a snack to share if you wish. Come and socialize with others who share your interest in native flora. EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. For more information call David at 541-746-9478.

## High Desert

For information on the High Desert Chapter call Berta Youtie at 541-447-8166.

## Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby, 541-884-5703, [smalaby@cs.com](mailto:smalaby@cs.com).

## Mid-Columbia

**November 9, Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting: Updates on Plant Restoration Efforts in our Area.** The Commodore Building, Downstairs Conference Room, 3rd & Court Street, The Dalles. For more information call Mike Igo at 541-905-3187.

## North Coast

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

## Portland

**November 9, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Meeting: Table Mountain.** Don Jacobson will show pictures of plants of Table Mountain, near Oroville, California. Room 202, First United Methodist Church, 1938 SW Jefferson St., Portland, located just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX stop.

## Siskiyou

**November 16, Thursday, 7:30 pm**

**Meeting: Nevada High Country.** Jan and Dave Dobak, NPSO members from Portland, will show and tell about the botanical wonders of the Ruby Mountains and Great Basin National Park (Wheeler Peak) in northeastern Nevada. The trails begin at 9000' and climb higher. Room 171 of the SOU Science Building, Ashland. For additional information, contact Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964.

### SOU Herbarium Now Open to the Public

NPSO volunteers have opened the SOU Herbarium to the public on the first Friday of every month from 3-5 pm. The Herbarium is in room 206 of the Science Building on the Southern Oregon University campus in Ashland. For information call Connie Battaile at 541-488-0368.

## Umpqua Valley

**November 4, Saturday, 9 am**

**Field Trip: Myrtle Island.** In honor of Mildred Thiele, who we lost this year (see p. 110), we will visit one of her favorite places near her ranch home. Meet in the NE corner of the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, west of Fowler Rd., between Hwy. 138 and Douglas Ave. in Roseburg. Be prepared to walk across the river, which is very low this time of year. For information call trip leader Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589.

**November 9, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Meeting: The Flora of California's King Canyon.** Dana York, US Forest Service botanist, will give a presentation on a Flora of California's King Canyon. Always a great speaker, Dana will summarize his doctoral studies while he shares pictures of the interesting botany of this very special place.



*NPSO State Board members Sam Friedman, Dan Luoma, Frances Stilwell and Ron Hatt, and leader Don Heinze were among those who explored a Darlingtonia fen after the Fall Board Meeting in Selma, October 14. They were happily surprised to find plenty of plants to enjoy including a few remaining Parnassia californica, Rhododendron occidentale in glorious fall color with some unexpected late season fragrant flowers, late-blooming Aster chilensis, one last deep blue flower of the rare Gentiana setigera, and, of course, the wonderful hooded pitchers of Darlingtonia californica. Even this late in the year, it is worth exploring your favorite places!*

Mercy Community Education Center, 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. For information call Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589.

**November 11, Saturday, 9 am**  
**November 25, Saturday, 9 am**

**Workdays: Native Plant Garden.**

There is now water to the planting areas of the garden, so get ready to plant! Bring your imagination, love for gardening, shovels and gloves, and spend a fun morning helping out at our new native plant garden at the Roseburg VA. Meet at the VA Hospital, off Garden Valley Blvd., in the west side parking lot of the Transistionary Care Unit (TCU). For information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

## Willamette Valley

**November 2, Thursday, 7 pm**  
**November 9, Thursday, 7 pm**

**Program: Oregon's Native Conifers.**

Oregon is home to nearly 30 species of native conifers. Wilbur Bluhm, professor emeritus of the Oregon State University Extension Service and horticulture expert on plant species native to Oregon, will teach a short course about our native conifers. In this two-part session, participants will learn about the uses, distribution and status of conifers and how to identify them. The classes, which may include a field trip on a date to be announced, will be held from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, Salem (next to Olinger Pool and near North Salem High). The class, part of the Amateur Naturalist series, is co-sponsored by the Willamette Chapter and the Friends of the Straub Environmental Learning Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 503-399-8615.

## William Cusick

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

## NPSO Items for Sale

***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.

**The Atlas of Oregon Carex** was NPSO's first Occasional Paper. The Atlas has 128 location maps, one for each Carex taxon in the state of Oregon. Also included are a synonymy, fun facts about sedges, a history of the project, and Oregon geography maps. **Price: \$5.**

**Louis F. Henderson (1853-1942): The Grand Old Man of Northwest Botany** by Rhoda M. Love. NPSO's second Occasional Paper is the only existing publication with detailed coverage of the long and fascinating life of this John Muir-like western character. Included: 56 pictures, 133 notes, chronology, list of plants named for Henderson. Fourth printing, February, 2004. **Price \$10.**

To order either or both Occasional Papers, send check for the appropriate amount (made payable to NPSO) to: **Occasional Papers, Native Plant Society of Oregon, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.**

**NPSO Membership Directory** lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2005). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. **\$3 postpaid.**

**Oregon's Rare Wildflower Poster** depicts Punchbowl Falls and three of the Columbia River Gorge's endemic wildflowers. Stu Garrett, 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend, OR 97701, 541-389-6981. **\$12 each**, plus \$3 shipping per order. Posters are mailed in tubes.

**NEW Salal T-shirt.** Attractive forest green t-shirts with botanical drawing of *Gaultheria shallon* in cream-colored ink by Carlton, OR artist and Cheahmill Chapter member, Marilynn Karbonski. High quality t-shirts, S-XL, short sleeve **\$15 plus \$5 shipping.** To order, call Jennie Sue Dunn-Dixon at 503-472-1745.

**"Land of Umpqua" T-Shirt** featured at the 2005 Annual Meeting is available again through the Umpqua Chapter. It depicts the delightful *Calochortus umpquaensis* illustrated by Dorothy Schattenkerk and in cream, purple, yellow, and green. Arched over the top in black letters are the words "Land of Umpqua", and underneath it says, "Native Plant Society of Oregon." 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.



## OTHER EVENTS

### Mt. Pisgah Events

34901 Frank Parrish Rd. (off of Seavey Loop Rd.), Eugene. For more information or to register call 541-747-1504 or visit [www.efn.org/~mtpisgah](http://www.efn.org/~mtpisgah).

#### Mushroom Walk

**November 4, Saturday, 12–2 pm**

It's mushroom season! Take a walk through the Arboretum's forested trails with experienced mycologists, Chris Melotti and Molly Widmer of the Cascade Mycological Society, and hunt for these fascinating fungi. Discuss identification, habitat, characteristics, natural history and the role of fungi within an ecosystem. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$3 (MPA members free!)

### Wildflowers of the Swiss Alps

**November 14, Tuesday, 7 pm  
Medford Congregational United Church of Christ  
1801 E. Jackson St., Medford**

The Siskiyou chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) will host NPSO members Dave and Jan Dobak who will show slides of wildflowers of the Swiss Alps. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Phyllis Gustafson at 541-664-1775.

### Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah 15th Annual Fall Celebration

**Fulfilling the Vision: Growing Buford Park—Purchasing the  
1400-acre Wildish Lands**

**November 16, Thursday, 6:30–9:00 pm**

**First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene**

Chris Orsinger, Executive Director of Friends of Buford Park, and others will speak about the benefits of bringing into public ownership the 1,400-acre parcel owned by Wildish Land Co. along the Middle Fork of the Willamette. The presentation offers a vision for the future of Mt. Pisgah, and explores the importance of this piece of land for fish, wildlife, recreation, and a community legacy.

Please come to enjoy fine food, meet community groups working on restoration & natural areas, and bid on exciting goods and services at our Silent Auction. Suggested donation: \$3 to \$25 (no one turned away). For more information, call 541-344-8350 or visit [www.bufordpark.org](http://www.bufordpark.org)

#### Kalapuya Harvest Walk

**November 12, Sunday,  
10 am–12 pm**

Centuries ago at this time of year the native people of the Willamette Valley were baking camas bulbs and burning the grasslands to facilitate seed and acorn collection. Discover culture and harvest practices of the Kalapuya on this informative walk led by Arboretum Nature Guide Adrienne Scharz. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center, rain or shine. Suggested donation: \$3 (MPA members free!)

**Mushrooming on the Mountain  
November 18 & 19,  
Saturday & Sunday, 10 am–4 pm**

This intensive class for beginning 'shroomers offers instruction on identification, picking, cooking, ecology, folklore and more. Maggie Rogers of the Oregon Mycological Society will lead the class with interactive demonstrations, discussion and field identification. A mushroom hunt will follow Maggie's presentation, and participants will have an opportunity to cook and taste the fantastic fungi. Fee: \$60 (\$50 members.) Pre-registration required.

### Institute of Contemporary Ethnobotany Events

For more information contact 541-513-8263, [contemporaryethnobotany@yahoo.com](mailto:contemporaryethnobotany@yahoo.com) or visit [www.foodnotlawns.com](http://www.foodnotlawns.com)

**Plants for the People—  
A Local Materia Medica  
November 14, Tuesday, 6–9 pm.**

With Nome McBride (Under The Yew Botanicals) & Tobias Policha. This informal presentation will introduce basic herbal actions as well as locally adapted plants that have medicinal value. Learn when, how and why to use weeds, native plants, and common garden herbs for health and nutrition. By donation. Upstairs at the Growers Market, 454 Willamette St., Eugene.

**Food Not Lawns: How to Turn Your  
Yard into a Garden and Your Neighbor-  
hood into a Community!  
November 21, Tuesday, 6–9pm.**

Heather C. Flores, author of *Food Not Lawns, How to Turn Your...*, will give an interactive presentation that will explore the possibilities for self-sufficiency and community with limited resources. Topics will include: soil fertility, water stewardship, plant polycultures, seeds, ecological design, community organizing, and gardening with children. \$0-50. Walnut Room at the EMU (UO, 13th & University, Eugene). Sponsored by the Survival Center.

**Winter Twigs  
December 9, Saturday, 1–4pm.**

With Tobias Policha. Learn to identify your favorite trees and shrubs in the absence of leaves and flowers. Winter identification requires observing many unique characters that are often overlooked, discover hidden beauty while learning a new skill! We will use the book *Winter Twigs* by Gilkey and Packard. \$10–30. Meet at Amazon Parkway and 24th, Eugene.



# Wildflowers of the Wasatch Mountains

**November 7, Tuesday, 7 pm**  
**Eugene Garden Club**  
**1645 High St., Eugene**

The Emerald chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) will host NPSO *Bulletin* editor Tanya Harvey who will show slides of the fabulous wildflower display at this summer's NARGS meeting in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah. The Wasatch mountains are just outside of Salt Lake City and provide an amazingly accessible way to see alpine and subalpine flowers which were abundant this year. Free and open to the public. Door prizes, refreshments and sales of plants and the speaker's art and photography follow. For more information contact Jim Regali at 541-484-1284.



TANYA HARVEY

*Linanthus nuttallii* is a beautiful member of the Phlox family that grows in Oregon and much of the West. Here it is seen growing in the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah.

## Berry Botanic Garden Events

11505 SW Summerville Ave., Portland.  
To register or to get more information,  
visit [www.berrybot.org](http://www.berrybot.org) or call  
503-636-4112x102.

### Introduction to Botanical Art and Illustration

**November 18 – 19, Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Raised in Paris, Catherine Watters now lives and teaches in San Francisco, where she documents plants at the Filoli estate garden and serves on the Board of the American Society of Botanical Artists. In this two-day workshop she draws from her extensive artistic education and experience, beginning with a brief history of Botanical Art and moving into an introduction to the time-honored methods of plant illustration. \$150 (\$120 for BBG members).

## Please Nominate Outstanding NPSO Members For Our Prestigious Fellows Award

by Rhoda Love, NPSO Fellows Committee

It has been 4 years since an NPSO member has received NPSO's important Fellows Award. We very much hope to be able to present this award to one or more outstanding NPSO members at next spring's Annual Meeting in the beautiful Columbia Gorge. The Fellows Committee is now ready now to accept nominations.

Present Fellows (some, alas, now deceased) are: 1998: John Robotham, Keith Chamberlain, and Ruth Hansen; 1999: Ken Chambers and Wilbur Bluhm, 2000: Karl Urban and Frank Lang; 2001: Charlene Simpson, Veva Stansell and Rhoda Love; 2002: Jerry Igo; 2003: Charlene Holzwarth and Russ Jolley. Friends receive a lifetime NPSO membership, a ceremony and plaque at the Annual Meeting, and a biographical article with photo in *Kalmiopsis*. We all know many outstanding and hard-working members of our society who deserve this honor.

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. Many long-time NPSO board members also deserve this honor.

Your nominating letter can be sent to me by e-mail. 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 the nominating committee to the State Board, for approval. When approved, plans will be made to print a plaque and plan a ceremony at the next Annual Meeting where the award will be presented. The new Fellow(s) will be featured in an article in the next *Kalmiopsis*.

Please send letters of nomination by the end of 2006 to: Rhoda Love at [rglove@uoregon.edu](mailto:rglove@uoregon.edu). You are welcome to call me at 541-345-6141 for more information. Let's have one or more NPSO Fellows awards in the Columbia Gorge in the spring of 2007! I await your letters.

## Mildred Thiele 1915 ~ 2006

Long time NPSO member, Douglas County botanist, and artist, Mildred Thiele passed away September 10, 2006.

Mildred was born July 13, 1915, to parents Hiram and Agnes Arburg Powell of River View Ranch, Tyee. Mildred attended Tyee grade school, a one room school where one teacher taught all eight grades. She was the only one in her grade for the eight years. She graduated valedictorian from Oakland High School in 1932 in a class of eleven students! She graduated from Teachers Training School in Monmouth and taught school one year at Paradise, west of Elkton.

Mildred married Perry Thiele on July 19, 1936 at her family's home, River View Ranch, in Tyee. Perry operated heavy duty machinery on road construction for three years then they moved to Roseburg. In 1952 they moved to Laurelwood where Mildred remained until her death.

They had two children, Norma and Karl. During their school years Mildred was active in their children's activities, including Campfire Girls

and Boy Scouts. In 1948 Mildred and her family spent most of the summer building Camp Tyee, the first Camp Fire Girls camp, just down the river from the Bullock Bridge. Perry volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy in the World War II and served for two years. During his absence Mildred taught in the Roseburg schools and continued teaching for several years. Mildred participated in a number of civic and social organizations in Roseburg, but those close to her heart were Mercy Hospital Pink Ladies, Roseburg Art Association, and developing the Douglas County Museum Herbarium.

In 1960 Mildred and Perry traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska, in their pickup with a camper. From there they flew 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle with a bush pilot and his wife. They landed on the sandy margin of Lake Chandalar, which is on the north slope of the Brooks range, and drains toward the Arctic Ocean. The sun never went down. The men fished until one o'clock in the morning. Mildred was fascinated with the carpet of wildflowers covering the tundra. She con-

tinued to enjoy the wildflowers during their Alaskan trip and made watercolor sketches of many of them.

On her return home she contacted Lois Wesley and Joan Fosback who were also interested in the scientific identification of the flora. Working together these ladies continued collecting, identifying, cataloging, and making lists of the flowers in each location they visited. They identified the specimens for the Glide Wildflower show for many years, and taught wildflower identification at UCC, and published two books on Douglas County flora. In 1980 Mary Carlson joined Mildred's group. Later they were invited to house their botanical collection in the Douglas County Museum where they developed a scientific herbarium of over 3000 specimens.

In 1990 they contributed over 200 hundred lists of Douglas County flora and locations to the OSU for the Oregon Flora Project. Mildred carried two cameras with her after 1982, taking slide pictures, and she presented programs of wildflower adventures to many organizations. In 2005 she donated nearly 5,000 flora slides to OSU for the Oregon Flora Project.

Mildred was an outstanding artist. She was especially proficient in watercolors and taught classes for the Roseburg Art Association. She also did extensive work with silk screening and produced many posters and greeting cards. She was a longtime member of the Roseburg Art Association and in 1969 she participated in the planning the first Roseburg Art Festival.

She was still going strong at 90, and had turned her interests to the history of her ancestors and of her own pioneer life, producing a book called *My Story—Growing up on River View Ranch in Tyee*, and to updating herbarium records at the Museum.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, September 30. Donations may be made in her memory to Friends of Douglas County Museum for the Herbarium. She will be much missed.





## Danna Lytjen, 1947 ~ 2006

On September 18, the NPSO lost willow expert, riparian ecologist, and general great field botanist Danna Lytjen. She had been diagnosed with brain cancer a year ago, and died quietly at home, cared for by life partner Nick Otting, her sisters Janice and Jeannie, and her daughter Jessica and son Seth, supported by many friends and neighbors.

Danna had a life-long love of the outdoors. She was out in it energetically, hiking, camping, gardening, working. Gradually her work concentrated more on plants, and eventually on esoteric (but fun) issues of plant taxonomy. She had a varied and sometimes challenging life, which she faced with energy and the resilience of the willows she studied.

Danna spent about five years with Eugene worker's cooperative the Hoedads, doing the strenuous job of planting trees in Oregon's mountainous forests. In 1978, she joined the new cooperative Second Growth, founded by Nick Otting and a few other friends from the Hoedads. Nick and Danna met there and soon become partners both personally and professionally. At Second Growth, they planted trees and did timber stand exams.

The two studied botany at Lane Community College starting in 1988. Their new plant taxonomy skills helped them branch out into rare plant surveys and they formed their own company, Duckfoot Survey Company. A few years later they moved to Corvallis to complete their bachelor's degrees in botany, while still working summers in the forests.

In 1993, when they were seniors, they helped form the Carex Working Group with other botanists interested in those diverse graminoids. The group rushed a preliminary *Carex* atlas into production and then began the slow process of annotating all the *Carex* specimens at the OSU herbarium. They enjoyed summer field work sponsored by the Native Plant Society of Oregon and, later, the Bureau of Land Management. In 1999 they published

*the Atlas of Oregon Carex*, the NPSO's first Occasional Paper.

Nick and Danna stayed on in Corvallis after graduation and chose to earn Master's degrees studying riparian ecology in eastern Oregon. Danna concentrated on two aspects of the ecology of riparian shrubs, mainly willows. She analyzed variation in the shrub communities in relation to elevation and substrate, and she measured the effects of grazing cattle and elk on the shrubs. Meanwhile, Nick worked on the effects of graminoids, such as sedges, on groundwater. The two helped each other lay out plots and analyze data.

Since graduation, Danna and Nick have been engaged in diverse botanical projects through both Duckfoot and the Carex Working Group. The two were co-authors on articles about ecology and restoration of riparian shrubs. Contracting with the Forest Service, they worked on riparian ecology and willow propagation east of the Cascades, and they trained Forest Service botanists to identify willows. For the BLM, they assessed the condition of aspen stands on Steens Mountain, and

(with the Carex Working Group) they surveyed for sedges and trained agency personnel to identify these challenging plants. Their plant surveys in the rarely-visited Dry Creek basin of southeast Oregon resulted in interesting finds and produced herbarium specimens for OSU and the New York Botanic Garden. A contract to assess sage grouse brood-rearing habitat brought Danna back to her childhood home in northeast California.

An active member of the NPSO, Danna served terms as president of the Corvallis chapter and secretary of the Emerald chapter. She was also a co-author of native plant gardening guides put out by Emerald chapter.

Danna's loss seriously sets back the understanding of willow species in Oregon. It makes completing the Carex Working Group's *Field Guide to Sedges* more difficult. It represents losses in understanding plant taxa and riparian community dynamics in eastern Oregon. She was also a good, responsible, kind person. Oregon's botanists will miss her.



BRUCE NEWHOUSE

## NPAW Poster Photo Contest

As we did last year, this year the NPSO will be hosting a photo contest to select an image for the 2007 Native Plant Appreciation Week poster. Photos should showcase a plant community or a portrait of an Oregon native plant. Entries must be submitted online to the NPSO Photo Gallery website: [www.npsoregon.org/photos/index.html](http://www.npsoregon.org/photos/index.html).

Initial judging will be from pre-view-sized digital images, but the winning photographer must provide a high-resolution image (at least 300 ppi 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 December 30, 2006. E-mail questions to Judi Sanders at [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com).

## Graphic Design Volunteer Needed

To facilitate creation of a truly impressive poster for Native Plant Appreciation Week, the coordinator is looking for a volunteer with expertise in graphic design who would be willing to design our poster (using the photo(s) selected from the photo contest). This would require relatively rapid design in early January with the hope of having a camera-ready copy of the poster available for the January board meeting. If you have questions or are willing to volunteer, please e-mail Judi Sanders at [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com).

## Check Out The NPSO Online Photo Gallery

Some members have already discovered the Photo Gallery on the NPSO website. Our webmaster, Norm Jensen, added this great feature this spring. The Gallery consists of photos that members upload themselves. To post photos or view full-size images, you first have to go through a very easy online registration, then whenever you want to add a photo you go to the upload page, type in a caption, choose your photo, click on a button to upload and your photo will appear perfectly sized for the page. You can place your photos in an album according to when the photo was taken, enter the NPAW Photo Contest (see above) or even put pictures of mystery plants up for fellow members to ID. Whether you'd like to view the photos in the Gallery or add some of your own, check out this great resource at:

[www.npsoregon.org/photos/index.html](http://www.npsoregon.org/photos/index.html)

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ALEX MAKSYMOWICZ

*Monkshead (Aconitum columbianum) white form. Mt. Ashland, seep above FS 20, August 8, 2006. Look for the color version of this lovely image in the August 2006 section of the NPSO Photo Gallery.*

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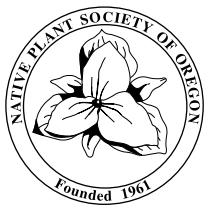
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