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### Highlights of the May 6th Annual NPSO State Board Meeting

*by Harold Zald, NPSO Secretary*

The Mid-Columbia Chapter hosted the May Board meeting and the NPSO Annual meeting at Legion Hall in Mosier. The weather was excellent, and many people enjoyed the spring wildflower bloom on numerous NPSO organized trips. On Friday evening (May 5th) NPSO held its annual meeting banquet, followed by a great presentation by Robert Michael Pyle (author of *The Butterflies of Cascadia*). Thanks to the Mid-Columbia chapter for a great job putting together a very successful event.

Sunday (May 6th) the Board heard reports on activities from chapters and committees, in addition to focusing on numerous subjects—membership numbers, website design, Native Plant Appreciation Week, the Oregon Endangered Species Act, Field Research Grant proposals, updates on the Oregon Flora Project, and the open positions for a Westside/Eastside conservation chair.

Membership numbers remained stable, but with a large amount of lapsed memberships. Renewal reminders sent to individuals members, combined with recruitment of new members, have been crucial to maintaining membership numbers. Board discussion regarding membership focused on gaining a better picture on why people are letting their memberships lapse, assessing the effectiveness of chapter-level renewal reminders, and determining if members are getting what they want (i.e. services, information, activities, etc.) from NPSO at the chapter and state levels.

One often mentioned way to improve membership numbers is to enable people to become members and renew membership online. This is consistent with a general desire of the Board to significantly refurbish the NPSO website in the following months.

Linda Hardison gave a brief update on recent work of the Oregon Flora Project (OFP). OFP website upgrades are almost complete. There have been major additions to the Plant Atlas, with almost 500,000 mappable specimen points. Sometime in the coming months, an online checklist will be available using the proposed nomenclature for the Oregon Flora. The nomenclature for graminoids will be provisional (from the North American Flora Project). The work to create Friends of the Oregon Flora Project, Inc (a non-profit devoted to finding funding sources for the OFP) continues.

The next Board meeting will be in Portland at a yet to be determined date (late September or early October).



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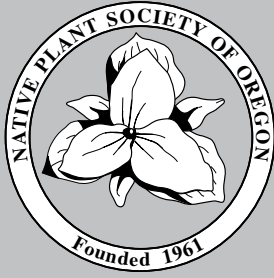
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## NPSO Needs You!

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

### CURRENTLY VACANT POSITIONS

**Conservation Chair and Committee Members.** The conservation chair advises the state board on issues/actions happening around the state that may affect native plants and their conservation. The chair plays a vital role in keeping the board informed about present and future issues so that the NPSO can respond to proposed actions that may affect plant conservation.

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

**Fellows Committee Member.** The Fellows Committee gathers information about botanists/naturalists who have made significant contributions to our knowledge of Oregon's flora and nominates individuals for NPSO Fellows (lifetime achievement) awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

**Bulletin Mailing Coordinator.** Someone from the Eugene-Springfield area is needed to organize the bulk mailing of the *Bulletin* each month.

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



TANYA HARVEY

*Mt. Hood, balsamroots and lupines—it must be the Columbia Gorge! More photos from the NPSO Annual Meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue.*

## 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)

### June 2, Saturday, 11 am

**Field Trip: Canoe Trip on the Willamette.** Longtime NPSO member and wetland biologist Craig Markham will lead this trip on an easy stretch of the Willamette River, exploring the shoreline for wildlife and native plants. For safety, swimmers only; at least one experienced paddler per boat. Bring or borrow life jackets (required), serviceable canoe or kayak, lunch and water. Meet at Dayton City Park at corner of Ferry and Third Streets, then caravan to put-in point at Grand Island. To get to the park, take Highway 18 north of McMinnville to the Dayton exit. At exit, turn east toward Dayton on Third St. The intersection with Ferry St. is only a few blocks from Highway 18. For length and difficulty of trip and other information, call Craig at 503-537-0587 or [cmarkham@teleport.com](mailto:cmarkham@teleport.com).

### June 9, Saturday, 8:30 am–3 pm

**Field Trip: Kingston Prairie.** This tall-grass prairie will be in full bloom in June, a rare sight to behold with *Dodecatheon* sp., *Delphinium menziesii*, *Lomatium bradshawii*, Willamette daisy (*Erigeron decumbens*), white-topped aster (*Sericocarpus rigidus* [*Aster curtus*]) and tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*). The Nature Conservancy ecologist Greg Fitzpatrick will lead us through prairie and wetland, accessible only by permission. This is a joint trip of the Willamette and Cheahmill chapters, so see Willamette Chapter's announcement for an alternate meet-up location. Easy walking. To reach the site by 10 am, meet in McMinnville at 8:30 am at the corner of Northeast

Linfield Ave. and Blaine St., adjacent to the Linfield College campus. Take Highway 99W in south McMinnville and, at Jake's Deli, turn east on Linfield Avenue. For more information, call 503-835-1042 or visit [www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/preserves/index.html](http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/preserves/index.html).

### June 23, Saturday, 10 am–12 pm

#### **Field Trip: The Butte Old Growth.**

The Butte is a BLM Area of Critical Environmental Concern primarily

because of a grove of large Douglas fir thought to be 300 years old. The Butte is accessible only with permission, so don't miss this chance, especially if it's a clear day, since the view can be spectacular. Former Park Board member and longtime NPSO member Dave Hanson will lead us on a short but steep climb without a trail to get to the top, where it is almost level and we're sure to see some interesting plants. Meet in McMinnville at 10 am at the corner of Northeast Linfield Ave. and Blaine St., adjacent to the Linfield College campus. Take Highway 99W in south McMinnville and, at Jake's Deli, turn east on Linfield Avenue. It takes 15 minutes to get to the site, and the hike may take a couple hours. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy boots and bring water. For more information, call Dave at 503-843-4338.

### July 7, Saturday, 8:30 am

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain.** In this joint mountain wildflowers trip with the Corvallis chapter, we will climb a moderately steep 2-mile trail to the summit of Iron Mountain in the central Cascades, a biological wonderland with 17 tree species (!) and 60 wildflowers considered unusual for the area. Professors Kareen Sturgeon from Linfield College and Dan Luoma of Oregon State University will lead us. Meet at 8:30 am at the corner of Linfield Avenue and Blaine Street on the Linfield College campus in McMinnville. For more information, call 503-472-0866.

### July 14, Saturday, 8:15 am–4 pm

**Field trip and Work Party: Fanno Meadows.** Ecologist and land steward Greg Fitzpatrick will lead us to the meadows, a Nature Conservancy property east of Dallas. We have been invited primarily to help identify wetland plants or join a work party to remove ox-eye daisy, velvet grass and Scots broom. Fanno Meadows is a rare example of spring-fed, high elevation sphagnum-sedge wetlands more common in Alaska. The 744-acre preserve

### 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.



hosts two rare plant species, as well as elk and black bear. The preserve is accessible only by permission. Meet at 8:15 am at the corner of Linfield Avenue and Blaine St. on the Linfield College campus in McMinnville or call for an alternate meeting site. The trip is limited and there are clothing, supply and other requirements. Preregistration is required to go on this trip for either plant ID or volunteer work. Call Marna Porath at 503-835-1042. If you have e-mail, leave your address for a complete memo.

## Corvallis

*If you would like to receive monthly e-mail reminders about NPSO activities please send an e-mail to [mattbs@peak.org](mailto:mattbs@peak.org)*

### June 23, Saturday, 10 am–3 pm

**Field Trip: Marys Peak.** Esther McEvoy and Phil Hays will lead participants up the trail through the Noble fir forest and up to the rock garden on the top of Marys Peak. Meet at 10 am at the parking lot across from the Monroe Beanery for carpooling to the campground. Contact Esther if you plan to go on the hike at 541-754-0893.

### July 7, Saturday, 8 am

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain.** Joint trip with the Cheahmill chapter. Spectacular wildflowers with over 200 species of vascular plants recorded along this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. 4-5 miles, moderately difficult all-day hike. Meet at 8 am at the OSU parking lot SW of The Beanery, 26th and Monroe, Corvallis. Call Dan Luoma, 541-752-8860, for more information

## Emerald

### June 2, Saturday, 8 am

**Field Trip: Horse Rock Ridge RNA in the Coburg Hills.** Alan Curtis will lead a tour through this botanically rich region of rock outcrops and grassy slopes. Limit of 12 participants. Meet at 8 am at South Eugene High School. For more information and to sign up call 541-746-9478.

### June 16, Saturday, 8:30 am

**Field Trip: Youngs Rock.** Many species unusual for Lane County occur along this ridge trail that passes through ponderosa pine woods and numerous meadows up to a dramatic 200' pillar rock. Somewhat steep 4 miles round trip with 1500' of elevation. Limit of 15 participants. Meet at 8:30 am at South Eugene High School or 9 am at the Lowell covered bridge park on Dexter Lake. For more info and to register contact Tanya Harvey at 541-937-1401 or [wild.iris@att.net](mailto:wild.iris@att.net).

### July 7, Saturday, 8 am

**Field Trip: Fairview Mountain.** David McClurg and Sam Friedman will lead a tour of the 6,000' summit of Fairview Peak southeast of Cottage Grove. For reference see Bill Baker's monograph. We will walk 2 or 3 miles. Meet 8 am at South Eugene High School. Call 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

### June 14, Thursday, 7:30 pm

**Meeting: Early Summer Wildflowers in the Gorge.** Business Meeting reviewing grant proposals. Jerry Igo Speaker. The Commodore Building Conference Room, 3rd and Court Street, The Dalles.

## North Coast

### June 2, Saturday, 1:30 pm

**Field Trip: BayOcean Spit South of Tillamook.** Many wildflowers, part of trail follows Tillamook Bay with several

migrating birds. Meet at the trail parking lot at 1:30 pm. From Tillamook travel south on 3rd St. also known as Hwy. 131. Turn right after the second bridge which is BayOcean Rd. towards Cape Mears, follow for about 3 miles to large sign on the right stating Bay-Ocean Spit History, follow the most right road along the Tillamook Bay to the parking lot. Dress for any weather, bring water. For information call Joy Jones (days) 503-842-3433 or Vivian Starbuck (eves) 503-377-4141.

## Portland

### June 6, Wednesday

**Field Trip: Angel's Rest.** This is a rare chance to go on a weekday NPSO outing. We will be hiking on a wild flower rich trail to a stunning viewpoint. We will see lots of Oregon iris (*Iris tenax*) and one of the very few populations of salmon polemonium (*Polemonium carneum*) in the Gorge. The hike is about 6 miles round trip and has 1500' of elevation gain. Contact Don at 503-235-6234 or [donj@donjacobsonphoto.com](mailto:donj@donjacobsonphoto.com) for more information and to register.

### June 9, Saturday, 8 am

**Field Trip: Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge.** Visit the SE slopes of Mt. Adams to help build plant and animal lists for the refuge, a good site for birding, dragonfly & butterfly viewing, and numerous beautiful (and sometimes rare) plant species. We should see wild peony, phantom orchid, showy downingia, blue-eyed grass and many others. 200 miles RT drive. Hike 3 miles with no elevation gain. Several other car stops to view flowers. Optional stop for dinner en route home. Call Paul Slichter 503-661-3292 or e-mail at [pslichte@teleport.com](mailto:pslichte@teleport.com) to register.

### June 14, Thursday, 7 pm

**Meeting: More Than Monarch Food! A Look at Mexico's Diverse Milkweeds.** Dr. Mark Fishbein, Director of the Portland State University Herbarium, will enlighten us about milkweeds and his field work in Mexico's deserts and rain forests. Room 202, First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW

Jefferson St., Portland; just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX station.

### June 23, Saturday, 8 am

**Field Trip: Lookout Mountain.** East of Mt. Hood, with meadows, forests, rocky ridges and fine views. We hope to find *Dicentra uniflora*, *Penstemon fruticosus*, and *Cordylanthus capitatus*, among many others. 160 miles round-trip drive (12 miles on gravel); hiking approx. 8 miles, with 1400' elevation gain. Wilderness limit of 12 people. Call Jan and Dave Dobak at 503-248-9242 to register.

### June 30, Saturday

**Field Trip: Tamanawas Falls.** Tamanawas Falls trail would be worth the trip even if there weren't a beautiful waterfall at its terminus. On the eastern slopes of Mt. Hood this is a moderate 5.5 mile hike with 500' of elevation gain. Almost 90 species of plants have been recorded on this trail. The number of hikers is limited. Call Don at 503-235-6234 or e-mail donj@don-jacobsonphoto.com for reservations, times, trailhead and car pool location.

## Siskiyou

### SOU Herbarium Open to the Public

During the summer, the herbarium will be opened only by appointment by a NPSO volunteer. Call Connie at 541-488-0368 to schedule a time.

### June 3, Sunday, 9 am

**Field Trip: Colestine Valley.** Tour an oak woodland with incredible views of Mount Shasta that has recently been placed under a conservation easement with The Southern Oregon Land Conservancy for the permanent protection of its ecological values. We'll use our plant and habitat identification skills as we walk through parts of the 160-acre property with the Conservation Coordinator from the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy. We will be limited to 5 cars at the site; a 35 minute drive from Ashland, 1-2 miles of walking on moderate slopes. Meet at 9 am in the Ashland Bi-Mart parking lot at the intersection of Ashland St. and Tolman Creek Road, about 1/4 mi west of I-5 exit 14, to carpool. For more

info please contact Dominic DiPaolo, dominic@landconserve.org or Anita Seda, 541-301-2561.

### June 23, Saturday, 9 am–2 pm

**Field Trip: Sharon Fen Preserve.** A rare opportunity to "walk on water"! This 20-acre fen near Grizzly Peak is owned by The Nature Conservancy and is home to bog buckbean, cottongrass, yellow waterlilies, 2 species each of sundews and bladderworts, and much more. If lucky, a pair of sandhill cranes will greet us as we arrive. The fen is a short walk from our parking spot but requires a log crossing to reach the fen mat. High clearance 4WD vehicles are needed for the rough road. Bring footwear that can get wet, water and lunch. This trip is limited to 15 people due to the sensitive nature of the fen. Meet at 9 am in the Ashland Bi-Mart parking lot at the intersection of Ashland St. and Tolman Creek Road, about 1/4 mi west of I-5 exit 14, to carpool. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Molly Sullivan, 541-770-7933.

### June 30, Saturday, 8:30 am

**Field Trip: Grizzly Peak.** East of Ashland up Dead Indian Memorial Road, an easy-to-moderate, 5-mile round-trip hike through forest, rock outcrop and meadow areas at 5300–5900' elevations. We hope to see tall delphinium on the east slopes, sedums and *Lewisia* at the rocky viewpoint, and *Illiamna bakeri* in the forested area burned by wildfire in 2002.

## Umpqua Valley

### June 2, Saturday, 9 am

**Field Trip: King Mountain Rock Garden.** This area has never disappointed photographers, hikers, or plant enthusiasts due to the variety of plant taxa. Often stunted scarlet fritillary (*Fritillaria recurva*) and Siskiyou fritillary (*F. glauca*) can be seen here along with four species of sedum, two species of penstemon, and various violets and phacelias. Bring a sack lunch. Meet at 9 am in the NE corner of the parking lot behind the Douglas County



*Balsamroots and lupines were not the only beautiful flowers in bloom at the Tom McCall Preserve. Abundant Triteleia howellii were buffeted about by the typically strong Gorge wind.*

Courthouse, west of Fowler Rd, between Hwy.138 and Douglas Ave. in Roseburg or at the Tri City McDonalds, Exit 103 at 9:30 am to car pool or caravan. For information call trip leader Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

### June 9, Saturday, 9 am

#### **Workday: Native Plant Garden.**

Please join us for more weeding and planting at the VA Hospital Native Plant Garden. Feel free to spend a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon. Bring a sack lunch, gardening tools, and garden gloves. Meet at the VA Hospital, in the west side parking lot of the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) off Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg. For information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

### June 14, Thursday, 7 pm

**Meeting: To be announced.** Please check the *News Review* or call Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589. Meet upstairs in the Mercy Education Bldg., 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg.

### June 16, Saturday, 8:30 am

#### **Field Trip: Red Pond Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).**

Come learn about the importance of the Roseburg BLM's 134-acre Red Pond ACEC located in the Swiftwater Resource Area with trip leader and botanist, Julie Knurowsky. This area was designated a critical area for environmental concern for its unique ecology, vegetation, and educational potential. It's a great place to escape the valley heat for the day. Unique plants we may

encounter are Columbia water meal (*Wolffia columbiana*), least bladderwort (*Utricularia minor*), and wayside aster (*Eucephalus vialis*). We'll also stop to see Umpqua mariposa lily (*Calochortus umpquaensis*) on the way there. The terrain is easy walking. Bring lunch. 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; or, at Colliding Rivers Rest Area in Glide at 9 am. For more information call Julie Knurowsky at 541-464-3349.

### June 23, Saturday, 8:30 am

#### **Workday: Native Plant Garden.**

Please join us for more gardening work at the VA Hospital Native Plant Garden. The garden is really taking off. Here's your chance to take part in this exciting endeavor. Don't forget your lunch, gardening tools, and gloves. Meet at the VA Hospital, in the west side parking lot of the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) off Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg. For information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

### June 30, Saturday, 8:30 am

#### **Plant Survey: Rough Popcornflower.**

Join us for a couple hours in the morning at Sutherlin's Timber Days Fairgrounds in Sutherlin Park to monitor the rough popcornflower. The Umpqua Chapter has offered to assist the City of Sutherlin with this endeavor in a conservation agreement. The park is located just south of Central Ave., between Willamette and Umatilla Streets in Sutherlin. Bring a sack lunch. 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; or, in the southwest corner of Sutherlin Park at 9 am. For information call Neal Hadley at 541-679-8889 or Sam Friedman at 541-673-0589.

## Willamette Valley

### June 3, Sunday, 7 am

**Field Trip: Dog Mountain.** Participants in this all-day hike will enjoy identifying and viewing wildflowers on

## NPSO Items for Sale

**NPSO Membership Directory** lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of NPSO members (April 2007). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. \$4 postpaid.

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

**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, send check for the appropriate amount (made payable to NPSO) to: **Occasional Papers, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.**

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



Dog Mountain located on the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge. This is a difficult hike with a 2800' elevation gain, but the flowers are well worth it. Bring lunch and water. For more information or to register, please call leader John Savage 503-399-8615.

### **June 9, Saturday, 10am**

#### **Field Trip: Kingston Prairie Preserve.**

This 152-acre preserve, southeast of Stayton, is the best example of native prairie remaining in the central Willamette Valley. Both wet and dry prairie habitats harbor native grasses and rare wildflowers. Bring water and lunch. Return around 2:30 pm. For more information and to arrange for carpooling, call John Savage at 503-399-8615.

## **William Cusick**

For information on the William Cusick Chapter contact Sandy Roth at 541-963-7870 or [sroth@oregontrail.net](mailto:sroth@oregontrail.net).



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*Participants at the NPSO Annual Meeting in Mosier enjoyed the wide open space and wildflowers of the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve on the Washington side of the Gorge.*

## **Siskiyou Field Institute Courses**

*To learn more about courses or to reserve your place, visit [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org) or call 541-597-8530.*

### **Mycology at Deer Creek Center**

**June 2 & 3 • Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR**

Discover the vital role wild fungi play in the growth and health of the forest. Study the biology and ecology of forest fungi with Daniel Luoma, PhD, through a combination of lab time and hikes to Deer Creek Center's diverse habitats. Learn identification of edible, commercial and poisonous mushroom species. Our findings will contribute to the inventory and monitoring of the mushroom resource at DCC. \$75.

### **Redwood Tide Pools and Coastal Bluffs**

**June 15-17 • Near Crescent City, CA**

Immerse yourself in the wonders of coastal tide pools and bluffs with biologist Wendell Wood. Examine the fascinating creatures that inhabit tide pools and observe marine mammals and shorebirds. Hike scenic coastal bluffs and learn about plants that are adapted to live there, including beautiful and resilient wildflowers. Lodging at the lovely Redwood Hostel for two nights is included, making this a great coastal getaway. Hikes will be moderate and plant and marine species lists will be provided. \$135.

### **Trees & Shrubs of the Rogue Valley**

**June 23 • Ashland, OR**

Discover and explore the Klamath-Siskiyou's renowned plant diversity. Join naturalist Kristi Mergenthaler to learn identification tricks and natural history stories that will help you recognize common Rogue Valley trees and shrubs in a variety of habitats, including oak woodlands, riparian areas, and mountain forests. Kid Friendly age 12+. \$38.

### **Siskiyou Photography**

**June 30 • Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR**

Capture the serene beauty and breathtaking landscapes of the Siskiyou Mountains with photographer and naturalist Lee Webb. Begin with the basics of good photography, including how to use your camera (digital or 35 mm), lighting and composition. Hike to scenic Bigelow Lake and Mt. Elijah where you'll get tips on how to photograph flowers, scenery, the sunset and anything else that inspires you. Please let us know if you will be bringing a digital or 35 mm camera when you register. Class hours will be from 10am to midnight. We will be hiking back after dark, by flashlight, on a good trail. \$42.

## OTHER EVENTS

### HJ Andrews Experimental Forest Annual HJA Day

**June 19, Tuesday**

You're invited to HJA Day, the annual field day at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest near Blue River. HJA Day is a kind of "show and tell"—we tour interesting sites and researchers share information about science, education, and research-management interactions centered at the Andrews Forest. A barbecue caps the day. This year, HJA Day will be held on Tuesday, June 19th, and our featured theme is "Climate Variability and Ecosystem Response." Please go to the "What's New" section of the Andrews Forest website at <http://www.fsl.orst.edu/lter> for more information and to register. Directions to the Andrews Forest can be found in the "About Andrews" section of the same website. We hope to see you there!

### North American Butterfly Association (NABA) Events

**Soda Mtn. Butterflies And Mardon Skippers  
June 10–11, Sunday & Monday**

On Monday morning, June 11, The BLM in Ashland will guide our NABA group the only site in Oregon for the rare Mardon Skipper. It will be necessary to stay over on Sunday to be available for this trip. Jackson County is a paradise for butterflies. On Sunday, an informal group will visit other sites in the Soda Mtn. Monument which is known for its great biodiversity. Camping locations or lodges are available in Soda Mtn., and in Ashland. Limited to 15 persons. For more information or to register, please call Dixie 541-343-3028 or Ellie 541-684-8973.

**Fourth Of July Butterfly Count for Eugene-Springfield  
June 30, Saturday (Rain Date July 1, Sunday), 9 am**

The first of our two butterfly counts will be led by NABA-ES officers, Ellie Ryan and Donald Gudehus. The count teams will explore for butterflies in Mt. Pisgah, the West Eugene Wetlands, Spencer Butte and more. All are welcome to participate in the count. Butterfly experts are available in each group. Beginners are encouraged to join this learning experience in butterfly identification while enjoying good company. Meet at the Campbell Senior Center parking lot (155 High St., Eugene) at 9 am. Pre-registration is required. There is a \$3 fee for participants which supports activities of national NABA. To pre-register, please contact Ellie Ryan at 541-684-897 or [woodnymph3000@gmail.com](mailto:woodnymph3000@gmail.com).

### Oregon Wild Events

*Formerly Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC). For more information visit [www.oregonwild.org](http://www.oregonwild.org).*

**Eagle Creek Wildflower Hike  
June 7, 8:30 am**

Join Wendell Wood for a leisurely plant identification hike in one of the most lush areas of the Columbia Gorge. Moderate, 4.5 miles, 600' elevation gain. Space is limited to 15 participants. RSVP with your name, phone number and e-mail to: 503-241-3762 x 103 or [hikes@gorgefriends.org](mailto:hikes@gorgefriends.org).

**Columbia River Gorge: Wildflowers  
and Waterfalls Hike  
June 9, 8:30 am**

Wendell Wood will lead a leisurely hike to waterfalls while sharing his knowledge of the area's wildflowers. Moderate, 3.3 miles, 780' elevation gain. Space is limited to 15 participants. RSVP with your name, phone number and e-mail to: [hikes@gorgefriends.org](mailto:hikes@gorgefriends.org) or 503-241-3762 x 103.

**WILDERNESS WEEK 2007:  
June 23–July 1**

Wilderness Week is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore Oregon's spectacular wildlands. Oregon Wild and conservation partners will offer dozens of events and free guided hikes through unprotected wilderness areas around the state. For a complete list of hikes and events visit [www.oregonwild.org](http://www.oregonwild.org). Eugene area hikes include:

**Upper Middle Fork Willamette Hike  
June 23, Saturday, 9 am**

Hike through old-growth forest to see springs and the last truly dynamic portion of the Willamette River above all the dams. Hike is 4-6 miles easy to moderate with slight elevation changes.

**Brice Creek Family Hike  
June 24, Sunday, 11 am**

Bring the whole family along on this kid-friendly afternoon hike. Hike a well-loved trail along beautiful Brice Creek and to the Upper Trestle Creek Falls for a picnic and forest exploration. Hike is 3.5 miles, easy to moderate, best for kids ages 5 and up.

**Wild Rogue Presentation  
June 27, Wednesday, 6:30 pm**

Join Oregon Wild for a photographic journey of the wildlands cradling Oregon's world-renowned Rogue River. Come learn about how to permanently protect the Wild Rogue! Eugene Public Library, 10th and Olive St., Eugene.

**Chucksney Mountain Hike  
June 30, Saturday, 9 am**

Explore the best of what the Cascades has to offer on this full-day hike that includes diverse forests, wildflower meadows, and a 360° loop with views of the Cascades from all angles. Hike is difficult—10 miles with 2,000' elevation gain.



## 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).

### Outdoor Field Sketching Workshop Sunday, June 24, 1–4pm

Join Kris Kirkeby in an early summer field sketching class. Participants can choose a specific subject to focus on or broaden their scope to the landscape. Discussion will include incorporating writing into sketchbooks and some “tricks of the trade” for drawing outside. Bring your favorite art materials, (include watercolor or color pencils.) Beginners or seasoned field sketchers are welcome. Kris always tries to expand our horizons. Ages 13 and up. Fee: \$20 (\$15 MPA members.) Pre-Registration required.

## North Mountain Park Nature Center Events

620 N Mountain Ave., Ashland. For more info and to register, call 541-488-6606 or visit <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

### Getting to Know the Neighborhood: Landscape Ecology of an Urban/Rural Interface with Donn Todt June 6, Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Take a walk through the North Mountain Park and Riverwalk neighborhoods and open space and look closely at the landscape of the home. We'll discuss the wonderfully interrelated aspects of native plants, introduced plants, weeds, relic landscapes, hybrid landscapes, wildlife, parks, lawns, street trees and urban forests. We'll discover that both the suburbs and the adjacent wildlands may be viewed or “read” as fascinating bio-cultural artifacts. Donn Todt is the horticulturist for Ashland Parks & Recreation. Cost \$5.

### Demonstration Garden Tours June 13, 23; July 11, 28 & August 8, 25; 9:30 am

Soak up the sights and smells of summer while learning about the gardens at N MT Park with volunteer docents and master gardener, Susan Lander and Marjorie Ratner. Discover how to attract wildlife in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile Gardens and Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden and enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Ages 10 years to Adult. Free.

### Insect Pollinators: What's in it for me? June 27, Wednesday, 7:30–8:30 pm

Kathleen Donham will present a discussion and photos of pollinators of rare flowers in the State of Jefferson. She will provide a description of how pollinators were identified and the probable mechanisms for their attraction to particular flowers. Kathleen has been involved in field research of rare plant pollinators through Southern Oregon University for 10 years. Ages 12 years and up. \$5 adult /\$3 youth.

## 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 Ecoroofs June 9, Saturday, 10 am–noon

This alternative to bare, impermeable surfaces is intriguing homeowners and gardeners across the world. Portland Community College instructor Greg Haines of Ecoroofs Everywhere will take you step-by-step through the process of creating your own ecoroof garden on a garage or shed roof. From liner and bed structure to soil mixes and plant selection, find out how to produce a beautiful, unique and life-enhancing addition to your landscape. We'll be taking a look at The Berry Botanic Garden's own new Ecoroof Demonstration Project. \$15 (\$12 BBG Members).

### The Eco-Logical Garden: Practical Permaculture June 16, Saturday, 10 am–4 pm

Are you ready to take your garden to a new level? Author of celebrated home permaculture guide, *Gaia's Garden*, and Portland State University adjunct professor, Toby Hemenway has devoted many years to the science and art of functional and beautiful landscapes. His instruction has been called “supremely practical, balancing the ideal with the real.” In this day-long workshop, learn to design natural landscapes that not only produce food and beauty for people, but also shelter birds and beneficial insects, harvest water and preserve biodiversity. This workshop will cover basic principles of ecological landscape design, including efficient and pest-resistant garden layout, selecting plants that have many uses, drought-proofing your yard, creating plant communities that work together and conserving energy through careful landscape planning. \$40 (\$32 BBG Members).

### Beyond Identification: Edible and Medicinal Wild Plants July 14, Saturday, 10 am–2 am

Once you know the local wild plants, deepen your understanding by learning the many ways they have been used and how they may still enrich your life. Join ethnobotanist and Audubon instructor Alice Froehlich in an exploration of useful plants from our moist Valley habitat. Over four hours we will take a journey from the forest to the classroom, covering identification, sustainable harvest, preserving and preparation. Learn which plants are tasty and which will heal. You will produce a tincture to add to your medicine chest. Workshop offered in partnership with Trackers NW. \$45 plus \$10 materials fee. Registration required. To register, go to [www.trackersnw.com](http://www.trackersnw.com). Call The Berry Botanic Garden 503-636-4112 x102 with questions—space is limited!

# Botany Professor William Weber Attends the NPSO Annual Meeting

by Rhoda Love, Emerald Chapter

Professor Emeritus Bill Weber, traveled from the University of Colorado at Boulder to attend our 2007 NPSO Annual Meeting in Mosier. Dr. Weber (b.1918) earned both his Masters and PhD degrees at Washington State University. He was a conscientious objector during World War II and was stationed in the Columbia Gorge where he became well acquainted with its flora—especially the bryophytes. He had not been back to the Columbia Gorge since the 1940s.

In 1932, at the death of prodigious collector Wilhelm Suksdorf of Bingen, WSU received 30,000 of the eccentric German's collections. In the early 1940s, Marion Ownbey, then Herbarium Curator at WSU, assigned Bill Weber the task of determining

Suksdorf's sites and collecting itineraries. Weber did a splendid job, which should be applauded now and forever by anyone concerned with our Northwest flora. For the task, Weber needed to combine the skills of a detective as well as those of a cryptographer. The young graduate student was able to match Suksdorf's cryptic personal symbols and codes in notebooks with those on plant collection sheets, a few of which also bore complete place names. The result is that we now know the true locations of virtually all of Suksdorf's sites.

For example, Suksdorf's Donnerthal is the valley of present-day Big Muddy Creek on the south flank of Mt. Adams, and Falconthal or Falcon Valley is the Camas Prairie-Conboy

Lake area of northwest Klickitat County. In addition, Weber provided a chronological day-by-day itinerary of all of Suksdorf's collecting forays in Iowa, California, Washington, Oregon, and Montana for 57 years, from 1872 to 1929. Weber's was a singular and very important achievement. (See: Weber, WA. 1944. *The Botanical Collections of W.N. Suksdorf 1850-1932*. Research Studies of the State College of Washington, (12) 51-121.)

Now retired, Professor Weber returned to the Gorge for the Annual Meeting in Mosier. He spent Saturday on the field trip to "Suksdorf Country" with leaders Paul Slichter and Rhoda Love, and was given a warm welcome by Jerry Igo at the evening banquet.



William Weber in Siberia, July 1978.



Bill Weber on the "Suksdorf Country" field trip, Saturday May 5, 2007.

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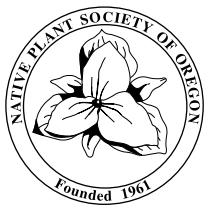
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