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The Importance of Your NPSO Membership

by David Lebo, State President, and Dan Luoma, State Vice President

The Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO) began almost 50 years ago in Portland. Since then, the Society has increased to 13 chapters around the state that sponsor local monthly meetings, presentations by guest speakers, field trips, and other activities. The Society brings together Oregonians from all walks of life who share a passion for learning about native plants—their biology, ecology, and habitats—and a commitment to ensuring their conservation and protection.

Native plants and their habitats, as we are all aware, are threatened by

expanding human population growth, land development, land management practices, non-native invasive plants and animals, and pollution. NPSO chapters around the state are actively involved with issues in their local communities that may affect native plants. The NPSO state board joins the efforts of local chapters in tackling conservation issues across Oregon, several recent examples being actions we have taken on: 1) a proposed liquid natural gas (LNG) pipeline which threatens the rare serpentine-inhabiting species of mariposa lily (*Calochortus coxii*), near

Roseburg; 2) discovery that a potentially invasive species of Australian tree fern (*Sphaeropteris cooperi*) has recently shown up along the coast in southern Oregon; and 3) the Bureau of Land Management's WOPR (Western Oregon Plan Revisions) which proposes to dramatically increase timber harvest and allow logging of almost one-third of old-growth forests remaining on BLM lands in western Oregon.

Issues such as these require the attention of a state-wide organization dedicated to the conservation and protection of native plants and their habitats. The NPSO is the only non-profit, all-volunteer organization in the state focused solely on native plant

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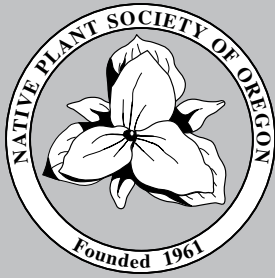
January to December is the NPSO membership year, and now is the time for members to renew for 2009. Check the address label on this issue of the *Bulletin*. If 2008 appears along the top edge you need to renew before February 15, 2009 to ensure you don't miss out on any future issues, or on the 2009 issue of *Kalmiopsis*! (If the top of the label is blank or if the year appearing there is greater than 2008, you don't need to renew at this time.) To renew, use the remittance envelope in this *Bulletin* or the membership form on the inside back page if the envelope is missing.

It's also a good time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to our special funds, such as the Leighton Ho Memorial Award, which is used for research projects in western Oregon, the Rare and Endangered Plant Fund, which supports work with our most threatened plants, or the Augusta Rockefeller and Jean Davis Memorial Scholarships, which are awarded to botany students at an Oregon university or college. You can also include a contribution to the Oregon Flora Project along with your dues.

Notice for Earth Share contributors: it is unnecessary to send in the membership form unless you wish to become a regular member of NPSO. You'll continue to receive the *Bulletin* for one year from the time of your contribution.

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Welcome New *Bulletin* Layout Artist!

We now have a volunteer to produce the *Bulletin*! India De Kanter, a member of the Portland chapter, will begin working on the *Bulletin* with the February 2009 issue. She is a graphic designer who currently works for the offices of a "green" toy store; she also has a biology degree from Portland State University. A Portland native, she says she has "always appreciated our local wonderland" and feels excited at the prospect of working on the production of the NPSO *Bulletin*, which will bridge her two talents of design and biology. India and her husband Ketch have two small children, ages two and four, and hope to instill in them the love of nature India feels so strongly. She writes that she's dusting off her plant books and atlases of the Northwest, and has even rediscovered her plant press in anticipation of her new assignment with the NPSO *Bulletin*. India, we welcome you enthusiastically and look forward to meeting and working with you!

NPSO 2009 Annual Meeting

This is the first announcement for the 2009 NPSO Annual Meeting. Mark your calendars now for a visit to Yachats—"Gem of the Oregon Coast". The meeting will be June 5–7 and is being organized by the Corvallis Chapter. Field trips and the banquet will be on June 6th. More information and registration materials will appear in the *Bulletin* soon. You can learn much about Yachats at this web site: www.yachats.org. Of special interest will be the opportunity to visit the gardens of longtime NPSO members Jim and Janice Gerdemann. For more information visit www.yachats.info/Gerdemann.html.



TANYA HARVEY

Do you recognize these blossoms?
Clockwise from upper left: *Lithophagma glabrum*, *Coptis laciniata*, *Parnassia cirrata*, *Allium campanulatum*, *Calochortus tolmiei*, *Parnassia fimbriata*.

State

January 24, Saturday, 10am

Board Meeting: The Willamette Valley Chapter will host the next quarterly State Board of Directors meeting at the Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, Salem (near Olinger Pool), 10 am–2 pm. Directions will appear in the January *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

January 22, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Plant Lovers' Social. Come to share gardening experiences, ask questions of one another, and receive inspiration for spring planting. For more information, contact Erin Rainey at 503-435-8589 or at erin.rainey@baileynursery.com.

Corvallis

To join the Corvallis e-mail list to receive notification of upcoming events, please e-mail matthbs@peak.org

December 8, Monday, 6:30 pm

Meeting: Annual Holiday Party. Bring slides or digital images of fascinating botanical adventures and a dessert or drink to share with new friends and old. We'll meet at the home of Loren and Flo, 3420 SW Willamette, Corvallis. From SW Philomath take SW 35th going south, turn left on SW Long, then an immediate right onto SW Longhill, and right on SW Willamette. Look for the steep driveway and impressive rock garden. Questions? Contact Matt Blakeley-Smith, 541-231-9861.

Emerald

December 15, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Holiday Social and Slide Show. Bring 10 to 12 slides (traditional or digital) 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. Call 541-746-9478.

January 12, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Hydrophytes, Water-Loving Plants Found in Wetlands in and near Eugene. Drawing from her 30-

year slide archive, Charlene Simpson, Emerald Chapter's R & E Chair, will discuss the types and value of wetlands in and near Eugene and the adaptations of plants found in these habitats. She'll explore the origins of Willamette Valley clay soils and discusses aerobic and anaerobic respiration, comparing these processes with photosynthesis. She'll conclude with a brief look at biological pollutants—invasive exotic species that out-compete natives in the wetland environment. EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. Call 541-746-9478.

High Desert

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

Klamath Basin

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

Mid-Columbia

December 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Winter Potluck. Bring yourself (with or without holiday appetizers, cookies, and other treats) for a special social evening of plant talk. Cider and tea will be provided. Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

North Coast

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

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. **BRING WATER AND LUNCH.** Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Dogs are not allowed. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for some field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason is to limit human impacts on these fragile areas. Groups using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

Portland

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

December 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Annual Members' Slides Presentation. Join us for an evening of interesting images and good company. Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church on SE Belmont at SE 54th. Enter the church parking lot from SE 54th.

Siskiyou

December 11, Thursday, 6:30 pm

Meeting: Holiday Celebration and Potluck. (Note the change of date to the 2nd Thursday) Bring table service and a dish to share to experience retired

Southern Oregon University biology professor Dr. Frank Lang's (aka "Mr. Nature Notes") Christmas surprise. Alcohol is permitted. Talent Community Center (formerly City Hall), 206 E. Main, Talent. Call Kristi Mergenthaler for more information at 541-535-3659.

Umpqua Valley

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

December 11, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Annual Holiday Potluck. Come mingle, feast, and visit with new friends and old. Bring a dish to share. Ron Hatt will show PBS's Nova episode "First Flower," about a tantalizing fossil that bloomed during the dinosaur's era and has resurfaced in China. Mercy Community Education

Building, 2459 NW Stewart Pkwy., Roseburg. Contact Donna Rawson, 541-459-2821 or uv_president@NPSOregon.org, to coordinate food or for further information.

January 8, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: TBA. Contact Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821 or the Umpqua Valley Chapter website for details. Meetings are held in Room 1, Mercy Community Education Building, 2459 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg.

January 10, Saturday, 10 am

Work Party: VA Native Plant Garden. Weather permitting, fall planting and garden clean-up will continue. Bring tools, gloves, lunch and water, and join us for a few hours of satisfying fun. Park in the employee parking area near the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) on weekends; the garden can be seen from there. For more information or to learn more about the garden itself, call Donna Rawson at 541-459-2821 or check the Chapter website.

Willamette Valley

December 4, Thursday, 7 pm

Program: Ethnobotany—Uses of Common Oregon Native Plants. Dr. Morris Johnson, retired professor emeritus, Western Oregon University, will talk about how the indigenous people of our region made use of plants such as horsetail, sword fern, skunk cabbage, sedges, elderberries, beargrass, camas, and cattails for food, shelter, medicine, clothing, hunting, and religious ceremonies. Straub Environmental Learning Center (1320 A Street NE, near Olinger Pool). For more info, call John Savage after 7 pm at 503-399-8615.

William Cusick

Meetings of the William Cusick Chapter will resume in February 2009. Programs are planned for the latter part of February, March, and April 2009; future issues of the Bulletin will have details. Visit our website at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> for updates and general information.



Western pasqueflower (Anemone occidentalis) at Crater Lake.

TANYA HARVEY

Grant Proposals Requested

The Native Plant Society of Oregon 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.

Persons interested in applying for funding can obtain a copy of the program policy and guidelines from:

Dan Luoma
Field Research Grants Committee Chair
3740 NW Harrison Ave.
Corvallis, OR 97330

The link on NPSO's web site is www.npsoregon.org/grants.html. Research proposals are due by March 1st of each year.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

34901 Frank Parrish Rd. (I-5, exit 189 to Seavey Loop Rd.), SE of Eugene.
For more information or to register, call 541-747-1504 or visit www.efn.org/~mtpisgah.

Life Among the Mosses Walk December 7, Sunday, 10am–12 pm

David Wagner, botanist, Eugene Natural History Society President, and former NPSO President, will lead a walk amid the elfin world of mosses, liverworts, and lichens and tell stories to enhance appreciation of the "little folks" of the plant world, which are most active and happy in the winter around the time of the Solstice. Limit 20 persons. Cost: \$5. Meet at the Visitor Center, rain or shine. Reservations required.

WREN West Eugene Wetlands Walks

Tsanchiifin Trail December 9, Tuesday, 9–10 am

Wetland Wanderers are casual walks through various West Eugene Wetlands sites each 2nd Tuesday of every month. WREN will provide binoculars. For more information contact Holly McRae at 541-683-6494 or hmcrac@wewetlands.org.

Ashland Parks System 100 Year Celebration

December 13, Saturday, 4–7 pm Pioneer Hall, 78 Winburn Way, Lithia Park

Come to a gala reception commemorating the December 1908 founding of the Ashland Parks System and the setting aside of land for Lithia Park. There will be a slideshow and display of local artifacts dating back to the early 1900's. Board members of the Ashland Parks Foundation and staff of Ashland Parks & Recreation will also attend.

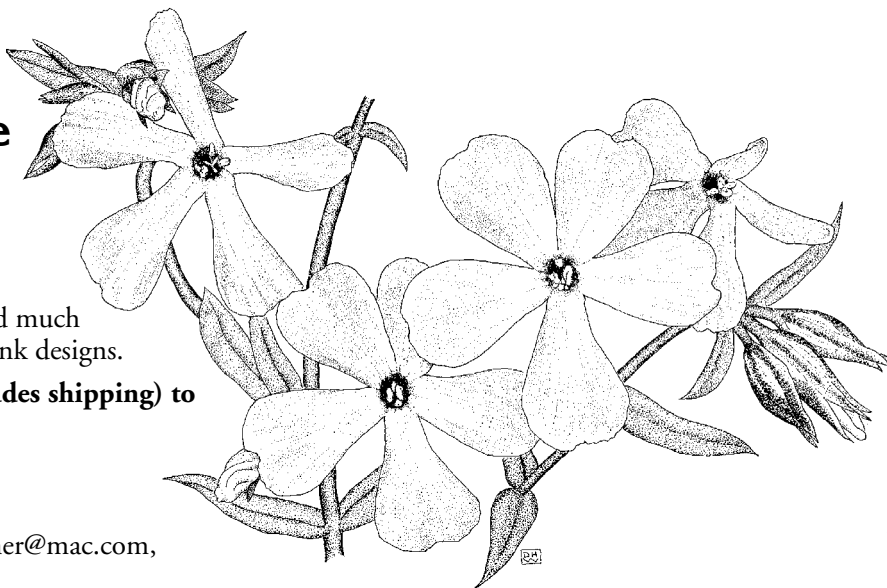
2009 Willamette Valley Nature Calendar Available

David Wagner of the Northwest Botanical Institute now has ready an unusual homemade 2009 nature calendar containing gardening hints, wildflower bloom times, fish migrations, large mammal breeding seasons, and much more. It is illustrated with 12 original pen and ink designs.

For single orders, send a check for \$18 (includes shipping) to

Northwest Botanical Institute,
P.O. Box 30064,
Eugene, OR 97403-1064.

For quantity orders contact David at davidwagner@mac.com, 541-344-3327.



DAVID WAGNER

Stream Restoration With Home-Grown Native Plants

by Mike Burke and Celia Scott, Bulletin Editor

In October of 2006 we moved to our present permanent home approximately 4 miles west of the town of Oakland, on 10 hilly acres at about 900' elevation, right above another 10 acres we purchased in 2002 as a "get-away" property. Both acreages had been logged in 1998 in a manner that can only be described as brutal, causing the seasonal creek which runs through both parcels to suffer badly from erosion. The average annual rainfall for our location is 40 inches, which falls mainly in the winter and early spring months. In those seasons our little stream ("Type F" in Oregon Forest Practices Rules nomenclature, meaning it is not fish-bearing and therefore deemed unimportant) can in full flow sound like a miniature Niagara Falls. The water collects from the slopes of the property immediately above ours, comes down a hill and into a small canyon, finally to emerge on terrain of a gentler slope before it leaves our property to eventually flow into Dodge Creek, a tributary of Calapooia Creek, itself a tributary of the Umpqua. Our portion of this unnamed seasonal creek has, over the last 10 years, suffered stream bank failures, severe channel down-cutting, and soil slippage on slopes above, which are disturbing signs that all is not well with this beautiful little waterway.

This damage alarmed us, and we began placing large stones in the creek at vulnerable points, putting straw hay bales held by large tree branch poles in the creekbed, and placing some cuttings of Scouler willow (*Salix scouleriana*) in the sides of the creekbed. This worked somewhat, but it was soon clear that we needed to do more. About this same time we decided to look into having our property designated a wildlife conservation area. Marnie Allbritten, a biologist from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, helped us fill out a very detailed form which asked about soils, critters, plants, water, etc. on our land, and finally, in early 2008, our entire 20 acres was placed under a Wildlife Habitat Conservation and

Management Plan. The terms of this Plan called for, among other things, creek restoration and the establishment of riparian vegetation, as well as the removal of invasive plants (mainly Scotch broom) in the next five years and Oregon white oak habitat development and maintenance in certain areas on our property where they are dominant. Taken together, all these steps would contribute to the enhancement of wildlife species native to this area.

With this designation under our belts, we are redoubling efforts to restore our stream, especially since the owner of the land above us just had three acres clearcut in late October, 2008. Scores of trees of many species were toppled, and much debris is filling the streambed (the stream actually begins at this point). We are concerned about what will happen to the water catchment above us without these madrone, Douglas-fir, and Incense-cedar. However, the debris in the bed of the stream will probably do more good than harm now that the trees are gone, for it will hopefully act as a barrier to prevent water from rushing down the bed from the newly-bare soil.

With the occasional help of his son Jason (when he can make it up from the Bay area), Mike hauls and places large bales of straw supported by logs at crucial points in the stream to act as check-dams, which collect and hold back silt. We are using native plant cuttings and seed-grown natives from our own land to place in and along the creek, such as big-leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), willows (*Salix* spp.), Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*), red-flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*), and thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*). Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), and incense-cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*), purchased from Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District in June 2007 and 2008, are being placed above the high-water mark to stabilize the upper soil areas.

Most of our field work is done in the fall and winter months, when the

numbers of yellow jackets and hornets has subsided, and cooler temperatures make for more pleasant working conditions. The fall is the season to remove invasive plant species such as non-native blackberries and Scotch broom so that desirable plant species are freed up and the ground can be prepared for winter planting from our inventory of native plants. Many of the new native plants must have wire cages placed around them to prevent deer damage, for although we want to encourage the browsing of the larger native shrubs and trees, the small natives just two or three years old have to get much larger before they can sustain such browsing and still thrive.

During the spring and early summer we maintain an extensive trail system by mowing existing paths and cutting back overhanging berries and as much of the troublesome poison oak as we can manage. This enables us to monitor the progress of our new plantings, to control invasive plant species, and to deliver water to first-year plantings. Since our entire property is on a south-facing slope, water is crucial for the survival of the new plants. It is delivered by a hand-held hose (or bucket, for those plants uphill from the trails) from a 35-gallon tank transported by our DR Power Wagon, a wonderful invention indeed, a motorized cart which travels with ease along the trails and roads.

Although some new plants perished from the harsh summer conditions of a few months back, many others made it and apparently have some pretty effective root systems established. Looking into the streambed these days, we see the check-dams are beginning to collect water and silt behind them, and we're encouraged enough to begin again with planting along the sides of the streambed. We're invigorated by the crisp fall weather, and inspired by the healing power of nature to once more contribute our puny efforts to the process of restoring this land we love so much.

Seasonal Change at Tire Mountain

by Tanya Harvey, Emerald Chapter

Today (November 16), when I should have been wrapping up this issue of the *Bulletin*, I went for a hike on Tire Mountain, one of my very favorite places in the nearby Western Cascades. These late season trips are extra special as the weather may change any day, bringing snow that may block the roads and postpone my cherished mountain outings until next spring.

It was a gorgeous sunny day. A temperature inversion pushed the temperature up into the 60s and capped the haze over Oakridge below me with an invisible lid. While there was little in bloom (a few candyflowers and some small knotweeds), there is still much to discover this time of year. I was most interested in seeing how plants respond to the change from summer to winter.

Naturally, many plants are going dormant. A number of the deciduous trees and shrubs were still clothed in their autumn colors, including some lovely *Viburnum ellipticum* in shades from yellow to bronzy red. Others, including the vine maples, had already lost all their leaves. Herbaceous perennials, such as *Oxalis oregana* and inside-out flower (*Vancouveria hexandra*)

covered the ground with their buttery yellow leaves. Abundant along the trail were a number of evergreen plants, including sword fern, wild ginger (*Asarum caudatum*) and small-flowered alumroot (*Heuchera micrantha*), that will prevent the ground from seeming bare when the others are gone.

Some species have only recently come out of dormancy. Licorice ferns (*Polypodium glycyrrhiza*), *Selaginella wallacei*, and western saxifrage (*Saxifraga rufidula*) come back to life after fall rains break the summer drought. *Lomatium hallii* and *L. utriculatum* have also reappeared with fresh leaves, but there is no sign of life below the dead flower stalks of *L. dissectum* or *L. nudicaule*.

Somewhat surprisingly, quite a few plants are getting a jump start on next year. The sloping meadows of Tire Mountain are famous for their fabulous displays of colorful annuals each June. The meadows are void of flowers now, but a closer look at the green haze covering the soil reveals countless tiny seedlings of *Gilia*



TANYA HARVEY

Fresh seedlings of monkeyflower (*Mimulus guttatus*) [wavy-edged leaves near bottom], and rosy plectritis (*Plectritis congesta*) [long-petioled one at upper right]

capitata, *Mimulus guttatus*, *Plectritis congesta*, annual clovers and many more I don't yet recognize, most having only their first pair of true leaves. The glorious promise they hold is what will sustain me through the coming winter.

The Importance of Membership

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conservation. The Society provides members with a way to voice and share their enthusiasm and concerns, become informed, and unite in taking up conservation causes. The NPSO monthly *Bulletin* and newly redesigned website assist in keeping members informed about chapter activities across Oregon.

Each year the Society supports new field research dealing with native plants through the awarding of small grants given for the most part to students starting careers in areas of plant conservation or taxonomy. In just the last three years, we have awarded 14 grants of up to \$750 each. The goals of our field research grants are 1) 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. Also, in conjunction with the Institute for Applied Ecology, we have helped fund internships that provide field experience to individuals considering restoration ecology or conservation biology as a career.

The Society is a long-time financial backer of the Oregon Flora Project and supports scholarships and targeted projects through the special funds listed on the membership form. Most importantly, however, it is the involvement of over 900 members in chapters around Oregon that creates a statewide, grass-

roots network of plant conservationists who stay informed about activities and issues that may affect native plants in and around their local communities.

Landscape-altering activities around the state that threaten natural habitats and native plants will never abate. In the coming year, new issues will undoubtedly arise. With that in mind, we would like to encourage Society members to renew their memberships and warmly extend an invitation to friends, neighbors, and colleagues around the state to consider becoming new members of the NPSO—thereby joining in the effort to conserve our old-growth forests, oak woodlands, grasslands, wetlands, coastal dunes, and other natural habitats in Oregon, and the incredible native plant diversity they support. Thank you.

Highlights of October 25 State Board Meeting in Redmond

by Rhoda M. Love, Chair, NPSO Fellows Committee

The High Desert Chapter hosted this quarterly meeting in Redmond at the Public Library, and was congratulated on their enthusiasm and thanked by the attendees for the coffee and goodies provided. Those present included President David Lebo, Vice President Dan Luoma, retiring *Bulletin* editor Tanya Harvey, Umpqua Valley Chapter's Sam Friedman, Board member Judi Sanders, Fellows Committee representative Rhoda Love, Treasurer Cyndi Dion, Emerald Chapter's president Brian Basor, High Desert Chapter's president Eileen Obermiller, and Berta Youtie and two visitors, also from the High Desert Chapter.

Clay Gautier sent a membership report addressing the problem of declining membership, which sparked a useful discussion by the Board. David Lebo and Dan Luoma volunteered to write a front-page article for the December *Bulletin* which will urge our members to renew, and ask each Chapter to do all it can to encourage continuing memberships.

An Occasional Paper Report, sent by John Christy *et al.* comparing the flora of Portland in Martin W. Gorman's time (ca. 1875) with the flora of today, will go to press early in 2009. The Board voted to carry over funds to help with publication fees into next year, planning to be reimbursed from sales and hoping also to realize a profit (as happened from Papers 1 and 2, now out of print). Following this, Rhoda Love, in her report on the Fellows Committee, stated that Frank Callahan of Siskiyou Chapter has been nominated by Cindy Roché as a Fellow of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. The Board approved the nomination. David Lebo, President, will write a letter to Mr. Callahan inviting him to accept his award at the 2009 Annual Meeting to be hosted by the Corvallis Chapter in Yachats in early summer.

Chair Les Gottlieb communicated by letter to the Board that he cannot prepare a Federal listing petition for *Calochortus coxii* until population

numbers are more accurately known. Sam Friedman and Umpqua Valley Chapter will take on the challenge of planning a survey during the next blooming season. Then, reading from a report sent by Linda Hardison on the current status of the Oregon Flora Project, the Board learned that operations have resumed on the Project, thanks to a \$105,300 award from the Oregon Community Foundation. These funds support a staff of 4 part-time employees and will cover work for a period of one year. Also, the Bureau of Land Management is funding a morphology database that will lead to an on-line identification key for the grasses and some other monocot families. Work is beginning on a "Contributor's Guide" for the printed *Flora of Oregon*. Professor Jaman Talukdar is volunteering his time to prepare treatments of a number of families. NPSO members are urged to give generously during fundraising efforts for next year, which will take place in December 2008 and January 2009, to make possible payment of salaries beyond the one year the grant provides.

Dan Luoma discussed the Australian tree fern, pointing out that the appearance of the non-native tree fern outside of cultivation in southwest

Oregon indicates that the spores and gametophytes are now able to survive in this habitat. He suggested that the Board recommend to State Parks that the escaped trees be eradicated and that monitoring for new plants continue in the future. The Board agreed and David and Dan will collaborate on a letter with our recommendations.

Longtime, outstanding *Bulletin* Editor Tanya Harvey, who will resign at the end of 2008, was thanked by the Board for her meritorious service. The Board also expressed a "welcome on board" to new co-editors Celia Scott and India de Kanter. It was decided that the number of *Bulletin* issues will be reduced from 11 to 10 per year with a single December/January issue. Submissions should continue to be addressed to Bulletin@NPSOregon.org.

Dan Luoma reported that 2009's Annual Meeting, hosted by the Corvallis Chapter, will be held in late May or early June in Yachats. Dan also pointed out that NPSO will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2011, and suggested that that year's Annual Meeting be held in Portland, where we began!

The next Board meeting will take place on January 24 in Salem or McMinnville. Watch your *Bulletin* for the exact location.



Tanya Harvey (left), outgoing *Bulletin* editor, and another NPSO member photographing wildflowers at Groundhog Mountain at this year's annual meeting.

RHODA LOVE

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter (if known) _____

Is this a change of address? If so, please write your old address here:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please make checks for dues and contributions payable to:

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Send completed form and full remittance to:

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☐ Sustaining – \$50

☐ Patron – \$100

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Friends of the Oregon Flora Project \$ _____

Membership in the Native Plant Society of Oregon is open to all.

Membership applications, renewals and changes of address (include old address) should be sent to the Membership Chair. Changes of address may also be e-mailed to Membership@NPSOregon.org.

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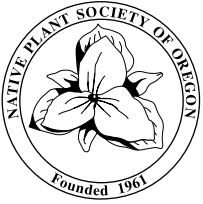
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It is time for our annual fundraising event—and we hope that you will give your support to the Oregon Flora Project. We have weathered an extremely difficult year, during which a lack of funding resulted in a work stoppage over the summer. The situation made a number of people aware of the value of the information the OFP provides, especially through the online Plant Atlas.

A grant from the Oregon Community Foundation has provided us with funds to operate for the next year. This does not, however, remove our need for the continued financial support of the many individuals, businesses, and agencies that rely upon the OFP for information about Oregon's plants. A show of your continued support sends a strong message to the Oregon

Community Foundation that yes, the OFP is definitely a project we all should work to see completed!

These are strained financial times for most of us. I challenge each user, each supporter of the goals of the Oregon Flora Project to make a contribution that will work for you. Your show of support with a donation of any amount demonstrates to our new Foundation funders the dedication that has kept the OFP moving forward for the past 14 years. Please give generously to *your* Oregon Flora Project!

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