

Chair's Report, November 19 Board Meeting

We have continued to be busy since the last Board meeting in August. We have maintained our display in the Washington State Fair thanks to the outstanding work of John Neorr, Byrna Klavano, Gale Trotter and the volunteers who represented WNPS so well to the public. In September, we kicked off the program year with another picnic at Powderworks Park in DuPont. We fed our guests well and had a good time. In October, we had the Fall Native Plant Sale at the Coach House in Olympia that was, once again, a success thanks to our wonderful volunteers. In addition, I have been working with Don Hardin and the Suksdorffia Chapter to coordinate the Native Plant Study Weekend 2018.

As your chair, I have represented the South Sound Chapter at meetings of the State Board, as a member of the Financial Advisory Committee, as Chair of the Stewardship Committee, and on the personnel Committee. Within the chapter, I have continued to work on plant sales, producing the Monthly Updates and the *Acorn*.

Public Outreach and Tabling. I am pleased that we are being requested to present programs on native Plants to a number of local groups that provide us the opportunity to talk about not only WNPS but also native plant issues.

Since our August meeting, I have had three presentations of the program *Common Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest Lowlands: Our Woody Plants and Ferns*. Presentations were made to the Mount Rainier Institute (9-6- 2017) and the National Wildlife Federation Stewards Training (11-2-2017). On 10-19-2017, Bonnie Blessing-Earle and I did informative hikes with groups of Timberline High School students on the lowland plants.

Upcoming, I have a request to cooperate with Sam Hain, Environmental Education Specialist of the Pierce Conservation District to do sessions with high school students as a part of their *Envirothon* program and I have been approached by MetroParks Tacoma about assisting in steward training.

Fall Native Plant Sale. As plant sale co-chair, I was heavily involved in purchasing plants and organizing the Fall Native Plant Sale. We had an excellent, if smaller, selection of native plants from our donations and vendors. Our vendors included Firetrail Nursery, Woodbrook Native Plant Nursery, Eatonville Nursery, Derby Canyon Natives, Tadpole Haven Natives, Storm Lake Growers, Watershed Native Plant Nursery, and Judd Creek Nursery. This plant sale, we tried a different physical set up inside the Caoch House and a modified cashier process that seemed to work well. The preliminary figures show sales of \$8,348 and expenses of \$ 4,107. I expect the profit to be diminished as well complete the fiscal review but we did well thanks to all the sales and volunteers.

One thing that contributed to the sale was three "presales" that totaled about \$1000. We will look at how to use that in the future.

The status of the Coach House for the future remains unclear. All staff of the Historical Society have been moved to Tacoma. We are set on meeting sits through May, 2018 but after that is a question.

Native Plant Study Weekend 2018. Not much to add to the August report at this time. When the San Juan Chapter was unable to get a weekend organized, rather than see the event cancelled for the first time since the eruption of Mt St Helens cancelled the event at Cispus, the Suksdorffia Chapter (White Salmon and Clark County) and the South Sound Chapter have taken on the task

of organizing the weekend in the Columbia Gorge, May 5-7, 2018. The leads in the effort are Don Hardin for Suksdorffia and me for South Sound.

The Columbia Gorge with all its beautiful flora presented some unique challenges both in finding a facility and coordinating efforts. Don and I have worked closely with the facility which is actually immediately across the Columbia in Hood River Oregon. Meeting will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus, Hood River Inn. I will be traveling to Hood River on November 13 to work on details of the meals with Don and the hotel staff.

The theme for the weekend is "Rainbows of Wildflowers: Celebrating the Botanical Diversity of the Columbia Gorge." Don Hardin is coordinating the hikes, I am handling the speakers. We have lined up Carlo Abbruzzese (DNR Natural Areas program) to talk about the natural areas, specifically Washougal Oaks and Washougal Oaks) and Susan Kephart of Willamette University on her work on camas. Carlo has also offered to lead hikes. In preparation, I have assembled a list of lodging in the area and other things to do. We have targeted early January to have registration up. Right now, I am traveling to White Salmon about once a month.

Election Results. Once again, I have stood for election to serve as chapter chair. I appreciate your confidence. After this year, I would like to step down as chair and turn those responsibilities over to someone who can bring new ideas and energy to the role. We have a year to consider that.

Finally, I want to thank Sharon Bergquist-Moody who is stepping down as our secretary not only for her fine work in that role but also for all the other things she does to support the chapter. Thank You!

WNPS SSC 2017 Budget/Actuals 11/19/2017

South Sound Chapter Financial Transactions for 2017

Date	Type	Activity	Deposit	Withdrawal	CB	Balance	Account Amt	Account	Description
01/01/17						\$23,711.40			
01/04/17	I	Deposit		250.00	Y	\$23,961.40	250.00	Misc Revenue	Adjustm. for lost check #3383
01/05/17	E	Ck 3411 Sarah Hamman			50.00	Y	\$23,911.40	50.00	Chapter Programs
01/05/17	E	Ck 3412 Jesica Stone			50.00	N	\$23,861.40	50.00	Chapter Programs
01/05/17	E	Ck 3413 City of Tacoma			250.00	Y	\$23,611.40	250.00	Marketing/Outreach
01/13/17	E	Ck 3414 Wa State Historical Soc			135.00	Y	\$23,476.40	135.00	Chapter Programs
01/13/17	E	Ck 3415 WNPS CPS Chapter			58.41	N	\$23,417.99	58.41	Plant Sales
01/25/17	I	Deposit		200.00		Y	\$23,617.99	200.00	Calendars
02/02/17	E	Ck 7000 Penderay Garden Center			100.00	Y	\$23,517.99	100.00	Gift / Membership
02/08/17	E	Bank debit			31.71	Y	\$23,486.28	31.71	Misc Expenses
02/25/17	E	Ck 3416 Jim Hadfield			150.00	N	\$23,336.28	150.00	Chapter Programs
02/25/17	E	Ck 3417 K Dodson & S Milliken			500.00	Y	\$22,836.28	500.00	Chapter Programs
03/13/17	E	Ck 3418 Bill Brookreson			311.72	Y	\$22,524.56	311.72	Plant Sales
03/13/17	E	Ck 3419 Byrna Klavano			34.36	Y	\$22,490.20	34.36	Chapter Programs
03/16/17	E	Ck 3420 Bill Brookreson			407.00	Y	\$22,083.20	407.00	Plant Sales
03/24/17	E	Ck 3421 Dan Hintz			100.00	Y	\$21,983.20	100.00	Chapter Programs
04/02/17	E	Ck 3422 WA State Historical Soc			125.00	Y	\$21,858.20	125.00	Plant Sales
04/13/17	E	Ck 3423 Watershed Garden Wor			317.25	Y	\$21,540.95	317.25	Plant Sales
04/13/17	E	Ck 3424 Storm Lk Growers			188.25	Y	\$21,352.70	188.25	Plant Sales
04/13/17	E	Ck 7001 Derby Canyon Natives			354.00	Y	\$20,998.70	354.00	Plant Sales
04/17/17	E	Ck 3425 Lakota Middle School			250.00	Y	\$20,748.70	250.00	Grants
04/17/17	E	Ck 3426 4 P Natives			45.00	Y	\$20,703.70	45.00	Plant Sales
04/17/17	E	Ck 3427 Tadpole Haven Natives			126.25	Y	\$20,577.45	126.25	Plant Sales
04/17/17	E	Withdraw cash for sale			325.00	Y	\$20,252.45	325.00	Plant Sales
04/22/17	E	Ck 3428 Firetrail Nursery			1,412.25	Y	\$18,840.20	1,412.25	Plant Sales
04/22/17	E	Ck 3429 Bonnie Blessing			180.03	Y	\$18,660.17	180.03	Plant Sales
04/24/17	E	Ck 3430 John Bishop			400.00	Y	\$18,260.17	400.00	Chapter Programs
04/24/17	I	Deposit A			4,028.00	Y	\$22,288.17	3,703.00	Plant Sales
04/24/17	I	Deposit B				Y	\$22,288.17	325.00	Plant Sales
04/24/17	I	Deposit			6,259.00	Y	\$28,547.17	6,259.00	Plant Sales
04/25/17	E	Ck 3431 Bill Brookresson			252.37	Y	\$28,294.80	252.37	Plant Sales
04/25/17	I	Deposit			210.00	Y	\$28,504.80	210.00	Plant Sales

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04/25/17	E	Ck 3432 JuddCreek Nursery		433.00	Y	\$28,071.80	433.00	Plant Sales	Plants, Spring Sale
05/01/17	E	Ck 3433 Thurston Conserv. Dist.		250.00	Y	\$27,821.80	250.00	Grants	Schneiders Prairie
05/01/17	E	Merchant Card Services		232.27	Y	\$27,589.53	232.27	Plant Sales	Bank charges, credit card machine
05/05/17	E	Ck 3434 Storm Lake Growers		326.00	Y	\$27,263.53	326.00	Plant Sales	Plants, Spring Sale
05/05/17	I	Deposit	30.00		Y	\$27,293.53	30.00	Plant Sales	Check, plant sale
05/08/17	E	Ck 3435 M Kat Anderson		400.00	Y	\$26,893.53	400.00	Chapter Programs	Honorarium
06/02/17	E	Merchant Card Services fees		2.00	Y	\$26,891.53	2.00	Plant Sales	Bank charges, credit card machine
06/14/17	E	Ck 3436 WA State Historic Soc.		90.00	Y	\$26,801.53	90.00	Chapter Programs	Coach House rental
07/06/17	E	Ck 3437 WNPS - CPS Chapter		58.41	Y	\$26,743.12	58.41	Plant Sales	Replace Ck 3415 (lost)
07/12/17	E	Ck 3438 Anna Thurston		300.00	Y	\$26,443.12	300.00	Education	Botany Washington scholarship
07/25/17	E	Ck 3439 Sue Butkus		397.63	Y	\$26,045.49	397.63	Chapter Programs	Dinners, speaker gifts
07/30/17	E	Ck 3440 Chehalis R Basin Ld Tr		250.00	Y	\$25,795.49	250.00	Grants	Chehalis R Basin Land Trust
07/30/17	E	Ck 3441A Bill Brookreson		235.67	Y	\$25,559.82	96.80	Chapter Programs	DuPont Park rental + deposit
07/30/17	E	Ck 3441B Bill Brookreson			Y	\$25,559.82	138.87	Chapter Programs	Display panel for Fair
08/23/17	E	Ck 3442A Bill Brookreson		106.34	Y	\$25,453.48	4.35	Plant Sales	Copies
08/23/17	E	Ck 3442B Bill Brookreson			Y	\$25,453.48	101.99	Education	Display racks
08/28/17	E	Ck 3443A WA State Historical Soc		260.00	Y	\$25,193.48	125.00	Plant Sales	Coach House rental (sale)
08/28/17	E	Ck 3443B WA State Hist Soc			Y	\$25,193.48	135.00	Chapter Programs	Coach House rental
09/12/17	E	Ck 9000 DerbyCanyon Natives		382.66	Y	\$24,810.82	382.66	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
09/14/17	E	Ck 3444 WNPS		420.00	Y	\$24,390.82	420.00	Calendars	Calendars 70
09/18/17	E	Ck 9001 4P Natives		118.75	Y	\$24,272.07	118.75	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
09/19/17	E	Ck 3445 Eatoville Nursery		771.00	Y	\$23,501.07	771.00	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
09/25/17	E	Ck 3446 Storm Lake Growers		183.80	Y	\$23,317.27	183.80	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
09/25/17	E	Ck 3447 Conserva. Connect		250.00	Y	\$23,067.27	250.00	Marketing/Outreach	Fair booth Outdoors Alliance
09/26/17	E	Ck 3448 Cyndy Dillon		52.22	Y	\$23,015.05	52.22	Chapter Programs	Food for fall picnic
09/26/17	E	Ck 9002 Watersh Garden Works		216.50	Y	\$22,798.55	216.50	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
10/01/17	E	Ck 3449A Chehalis R Basin L T		520.63	Y	\$22,277.92	500.00	Grants	Chehalis R Basin Land Trust
10/01/17	E	Ck 3449B Chehalis R Basin L T			Y	\$22,277.92	20.63	Donations	Donation to Land Trust
10/06/17	E	Ck 3450 L&L Printing		301.67	Y	\$21,976.25	301.67	Education	Printing for Fair
10/06/17	E	Ck 9003 Tadpole Haven		47.00	Y	\$21,929.25	47.00	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
10/09/17	E	Ck 3451 WNPS		1,000.00	Y	\$20,929.25	1,000.00	Education	Plant Checklist Project
10/11/17	I	Deposit A	1,212.00		Y	\$22,141.25	1,162.00	Chapter Rebates	Chapter refund

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10/11/17	I	Deposit B							Picnic rental refund
10/16/17	E	Ck 3452 WNPS Suksdorffia Chap		1,500.00	Y	\$22,141.25	50.00	Misc Revenue	
10/24/17	E	Withdraw cash for sale		325.00	Y	\$20,316.25	1,500.00	Study Weekend	Study Weeknd Support
10/27/17	E	Ck 3453 Firetrail Nursery		1,211.10	Y	\$19,105.15	325.00	Plant Sales	Cash for plant sale
10/27/17	E	Ck 3454 Judd Creek Nursery		368.00	Y	\$18,737.15	1,211.10	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
10/30/17	E	Ck 3455 Bonnie Blessing		476.50	Y	\$18,260.65	476.50	Plant Sales	Plants for fall sale
10/30/17	I	Deposit	1,540.00		Y	\$19,800.65	1,540.00	Plant Sales	Check receipts plant sale
10/30/17	I	Deposit A	2,237.00		Y	\$22,037.65	1,894.00	Plant Sales	Cash receipts plant sale
10/30/17	I	Deposit B			Y	\$22,037.65	325.00	Plant Sales	Return cash for plant sale
10/30/17	I	Deposit C			Y	\$22,037.65	18.00	Donations	Plant Sale donation
11/01/17	E	Ck 3456A Bill Brookreson		213.08	Y	\$21,824.57	192.41	Plant Sales	Plants, copies, supplies, truck
11/01/17	E	Ck 3456B Bill Brookreson			Y	\$21,824.57	20.67	Education	Copies
11/02/17	E	Ck 3457 Franclyn Heinecke		100.00	Y	\$21,724.57	100.00	Chapter Programs	Honorarium
11/02/17	I	Deposit	4,531.00		Y	\$26,255.57	4,531.00	Plant Sales	credit card receipts
11/09/17	I	Deposit	365.00		Y	\$26,620.57	365.00	Plant Sales	Check receipts plant sale
11/13/17	E	Merchant Bank Services Fees		34.40	Y	\$26,586.17	34.40	Plant Sales	Bank charges, credit card machine
11/16/17	E	Ck 3458A Jane Ely		53.47	N	\$26,532.70	25.48	Misc Expenses	postage
11/16/17	E	Ck 3458B Jane Ely			N	\$26,532.70	27.99	Plant Sales	plant sale permits, stapler
Year to Date Income and Expense Totals:			\$20,862.00	\$18,040.70					
Year Beginning Bank Balance:			\$23,711.40						
Bank Statement Balance:			\$26,844.58						
Current Outstanding Checks:			\$311.88						
Current Outstanding Deposits:									
Actual Balance:			\$26,532.70				\$26,532.70		

Hike Report \ Cyndy Dillon

WNPS SSC Hikes, Aug 13-Nov 19

Completed

August, Far Reaches Nursery, Point Townsend, Bill Brookreson

September 13, Dupont Park, 8 participants

October 21, Lake Wilderness, John and Chris Neorr, 13 participants

Planned

November 26, Sunday, Deschutes Falls

December 17, Sunday, Alderbrook (Sharon's idea)

January, 360 trail at Gateway Park, Key Peninsula

February, Woodard Bay, Olympia (Bill's idea)

March, Lichen walk, Jean Ponzetti

April 7, Saturday, Trilliums at Lake Sylvia, Montesano, Helen Hepp

May, Snoquara Falls (Byrna's idea)

June, Morse Preserve

Future considerations

Tolmie State Park, Olympia

Big Creek Loop, Olympic National Forest

Grant and Fair Reports – John Neorr, November 18, 2017

Grant Summary:

- Granted \$1900 of our \$2500 budget.
- Had limited success in follow-up after initial payments made
- Need to improve follow-up
- Capital grants easiest to manage
- Restoration/Pollinator garden projects difficult to manage
- Need to improve outreach to meet grant budget goals

2017 Budget

Grants Approved

Project	Amt Granted	Amt Dispersed	Status/Comments
Lakota Middle School Pollinator Garden	\$500	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Complete • Funds used for soil for raised beds • Money well spent. Fits well into environmental program and garden area. Completed site visited by J. Neorr • Signage would have greatly improved value. • Documentation incomplete, no receipts received • Enthusiastic teacher, but has moved to another district
Thurston Conservation District Schneider Prairie Restoration	\$500	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project not started • Lacks project leader • TCD still interested • Site visited by G. Trotter
Chehalis River Basin Land Trust Tablet Purchase for Trust Property Surveys	\$500	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablet procured and in use • Presentation given by CRBLT • Inadvertent overpayment of \$250 • Reimbursement requested • Suggest we forgive and make donation • Made \$20.63 already to cover total cost of tablet which was \$520.63.
South Hewitt Lake Pocket Park Restoration	\$400	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visited by J. Neorr • Contract sent to Project leader for signature • Project leader is Wildlife Steward • Project leader working with Erica Guttman
Totals	\$1900 (Budget = \$2500)	\$1250	

Fair Summary:

- Fair ran from 9/1 – 9/24, Open 20 days (Closed on each Tues and on Weds 9/6
- Overall fair attendance over 1 million
- Booth attendance unknown – seemed like good traffic
- 51 volunteers staffed our booth during the Fair - putting in 152 hours
- An additional 25 hours worked in booth prep/support
- Our cost: \$250 which was a voluntary contribution to the Northwest Outdoor Alliance (NWOA) – the ad-hoc group that manages displays in our building.
- This year we bought a table covering that shows our name also bought a 10-pocket literature stand to hold our handouts. It worked very well.
- Thanks to
 - Byrna for administering/managing booth appearance and displays
 - Gail for volunteer signup and coordination
 - Bill for plants and setup/takedown
 - Cyndy for setup/takedown and booth duty
 - Other who pitched in when needed.