

WNPS South Sound Education Committee Report
Aug 8, 2015

Jane Ostericher continues to work with the Peninsula School District Science specialists, helping to support their use of native plant resources in their curricula. She hopes to expand the pilot program from Purdy Elementary to other schools in the district this coming school year. She plans to meet with the PSD Science specialists this September.

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Volunteer

1. Completed

- a. Apr 17-18 spring plant sale. Olympia, 28 volunteers
- b. Apr 24, Shorebird Festival, Grays Harbor, 4 volunteers
- c. May 2 Presbyterian plant swap, 1 volunteer
- d. nine April-Aug TNC work parties, 3-14 volunteers
- e. two May and Jun Capitol Museum work parties, 3-5 volunteers

2. Planned

- a. Go Green Games, Meridian Habitat Park and Community Center, Puyallup, Saturday, Aug 29, 12-4pm. This event will feature activities, competitions, and entertainment that focuses on protecting the environment.
- b. Greater Peninsula Conservancy Trail decommissioning, Sehmel Homestead, Gig Harbor, sometime in Oct
- c. Western Washington Fair, Sep 11-27; set up and take down Sep 8 and 28
- d. Seattle Flower and Garden Show, Jan 2016
- e. Tumwater Falls Ethnobotanical Garden, tbd

Hikes

1. Completed.

- a. Mar 31, Cyndy, Puyallup Hatchery, 5 attended
- b. Apr 26, Phyllis Sturges, Squalitchew, 8 attended
- c. May 6, Sehmel Homestead bird/native plant walk, 9 Audubon and 1 WNPS members attended
- d. May 16, Chris and John Neorr, Lake Wilderness Arboretum
- e. May 25, Kit Ellis, her Gig Harbor property, 16 attended
- f. Jun 11, Will Clausen at Chase Gardens, 9 attended
- g. Jun 27, Mary Sue Gee, Maxine Morse Preserve, 5 attended
- h. Jul 9, Faith McAdams, Mary Theler bird/native plant walk, 4 Audubon and 2 native plant members attended

2. Planned

- a. Carbon River, Aug 18, Bill
- b. Hylebos wetland, Aug 23, Cyndy
- c. Clark Lake, Key Peninsula, tbd
- d. Ft Lewis, tbd
- e. Hanson Farms Chehalis, tbd
- f. Tumwater Falls Park, tbd

Chair's Report.

Changes in WNPS Office. Since the last meeting, there have been significant changes in the WNPS Office. Administrator, Elizabeth Faircloth has resigned. Barbara Harrell, the Office Assistant, who volunteered to cover the office while a new Administrator was recruited, has also resigned effective September 30. The Office Assistant costs are shared with the Central Puget Sound Chapter. As a result, both positions are in process of recruitment but the position descriptions and recruitment process are still being discussed.

Capital Museum and Coach House. With the resolution of the budget issues, we have the Coach House for our next year's meetings and plant sale. We will also continue work on the Native Plant garden.

Statewide Stewardship Program. For the last few months, Gary Smith and I have been the co-chairs of a WNPS Committee to establish a statewide Native Plant Stewardship Program. For over twenty years, The Washington Native Plant Society has had a Native Plant Steward's training program. The program has been a success. Between 1996 and 2014, 562 Native Plant Stewards graduated from 24 training classes, including two in Pierce County, and have contributed back over 135,000 volunteer hours. It has been limited to King, Snohomish and Pierce. That changed when WNPS received the generous gift provided in the estate of Jane Titland and the opportunity to establish a statewide stewardship program accessible to all chapters became possible. We are in the process of figuring out how to make that a reality. Certainly, the method of delivery and some of the emphasis will change.

One of the first steps was to hire a program administrator to focus on making that a reality. We went through an extensive recruiting and hiring process. We had over 30 applicants, interviewed 8 in Seattle and White Salmon, and selected James Evans who has agreed to accept the position. Although the focus of the program will be statewide, South Sound Chapter may also want to participate in the training.

Presentations and Events:

4/25 "Native Plant Gardening" presentation to EnviroHouse in Tacoma (ca. 15 people)

5/3 Booth at Shorebird Festival in Hoquiam (lightly visited).

7/16 "Plants of the PNW Coastal Lowland" to Tacoma Audubon (ca. 17 people).

8/1 "Native Plant Gardening" presentation for Pierce County Master Gardeners (ca. 17 people).

Moss Workshop. Lee Ellis has agreed to do a moss workshop for us on November 14 at the Tacoma Nature Center – ½ day in the classroom and 1.2 day in the field. The Nature Center is reserved and will be a co-sponsor. Lee is a well-regarded expert on mosses serving as the moss expert for the Burke Herbarium. We can accommodate up to 12. If there is sufficient interest, Lee has offered to repeat the workshop in the spring. I would propose a fee of \$15.00 from which we will provide materials and a lunch (The Nature Center activities are all with a nominal fee). **I would request authorization to expend up to \$250.00 to cover Lee's travel and costs.**

Plants for the Fair Booth. I will be out of state when the Fair Booth is set up. I have a list of plants that I can furnish (assuming they stay acceptable looking), provided someone can transport them. I have a list attached.

My Schedule:

August 13-16. Bellingham are for Native Plant Study Weekend.

September 1-13 Traveling out of state – email contact will be sporadic.

Reports for August 7, 2015

Grant Report

- Last two grant projects have been completed and final reports have been accepted (reports attached)
 - Kitsap master gardener bench in native plant demonstration garden
 - Purdy Elementary Playground Field Guides
- Would like to have reports posted on the website, publically available
- We still have \$1500 left in our 2015 grant budget and there are no outstanding grant projects
- Please solicit friends and neighbors for grant applications! ☺

MacKinnon Presentation Report

- Topic: "Life Above the Treeline: Plant adaptations to the Alpine."
- Presentation will take place at 7Pm on September 30th at Evergreen College Recital Hall
- Venue arranged thru Dr. Frederica Bowcutt who is making the presentation part of her fall Botany class
- Thank you Cyndy for establishing this contact!
- A light hors d'oeuvres reception will be held in the recital hall area at 5:45PM – only members and their guests will be invited
- Estimated attendance at reception: 90; Estimated attendance at presentation: 150
- Evergreen Conference Services will provide the eats and drinks
- Estimated cost for reception: \$1000 (which is within our budget)
- Coordinating MacKinnon logistics with Central Puget Sound Chapter where Andy will talk on Oct 1.

Monthly Presentation Report

- Just started recruiting for Fall/Winter.
- Have several good candidates in the queue.
- Suggestions/Recommendations always welcome!!
- Committed thus far:
 - October in Olympia – Frederica Bowcutt, Evergreen State College Professor/Botanist - Tan Oak
 - January in Oly and Tacoma – Kevin Zobrist, WSU Extension Forester, Washington State Conifers

Reports for August 7, 2015

Fair Report

- Fair runs Sept 11-27
- John serves on Fair Committee that administers NW Outdoor Building, the venue of SSC booth
- SSC staffs a booth daily from 11AM-5PM with volunteers
- Booth contains plants, SSC display board, several different handouts, plant sale info, sign up sheet
- Cyndy recruits volunteers that staff the booth
- Bill provides plants for booth
- Byrna provides onsite management during Fair replenishing bulletins as needed
- **We need 2 volunteers in addition to Cyndy and John to help with setup on the 8th – would Cyndy please provide?**
- See below for detailed Fair plan – this plan has been developed as a template that can be used each year in the future by Fair Chair.

2015 Washington State Fair Plan				
Date	Day	Event	Who	Comments
8/1	Sat	Email volunteer request to SSC members and "Interested"	Volunteer Chair with help from Web manager.	Volunteer chair sends email text to Web manager and asks him or her to email that information our to SSC members and people on the SSC "interested" list.
8/1	Sat	Email volunteer request to CPS members	Volunteer Chair with help from WNPS State office manager.	Volunteer chair sends email text to State Office manager and asks him or her to email that information our to CPS members.
8/20	Thu	Receive tickets for volunteers	John	John gets these at Fair committee meeting
8/20	Thu	Send tickets to Cyndy	John	These are the tickets Cyndy will distribute to volunteers
8/22	Sat	Send email to volunteers from last year who have not yet volunteered this year.	Volunteer chair	Send this special appeal to last year's volunteers who have not yet volunteered. This gentle reminder may encourage them to sign up again this year.
9/1	Tue	Send email to volunteers with instructions, and let them know that tickets are in the mail.	Volunteer chair	Continue sending this email to volunteers as they continue to sign up.
9/1	Tue	Mail tickets to volunteer	Volunteer chair	Continue doing this as volunteers continue to sign up.
9/8	Tue	Setup the display	Cyndy, John -- need 2 more people	Be there at 8AM to beat the rush. Drive car thru service gate at back of fair.
9/11	Fri	Fair Starts	Byrna will provide booth oversight management including stocking of handouts.	Fair Hours: Mon - Thurs ...9AM - 11PM Fri -Sat 10AM - 10PM Sunday 9AM - 10PM Our Booth Hours: Mon - Sun ...11AM - 5PM
9/27	Sun	Fair Ends		Send this special appeal to last year's volunteers who have not yet volunteered. This gentle reminder may encourage them to sign up again this year.
9/28	Mon	Display Takedown	Bill, Cyndy, John - - could use one more person	Be there at 8AM to beat the rush. Drive car thru service gate at back of fair.

Project Report for Kitsap Master Garden at Kitsap Fairgrounds

We were awarded a \$250 grant from the Washington State Native Plant Society. We used this to purchase a bench made out of driftwood. At the same time Jenifer Mick purchased a matching birdbath as a donation. Both were made by Floradrift out of Lilliwaup, Washington.

Both are beautiful and in our native plant section of our display garden. The bench is on one end so that you are shaded by the shed and look down the garden. We had one of our members make a plaque out of wood where he etched the words. It fits in perfectly with the bench.

Our garden is open all year round but gets the most traffic each August at the Kitsap County Fair. We staff it with at least four Master Gardeners from opening to 5pm each day of the fair. We answer questions and show off our garden. We raise several hundred pounds of food each year for our local food bank.

The native plant garden was started in 2014. We already had a Tall Oregon Grape and a Sword Fern there but now we have a Snow Berry, Current, Deer Fern, Trillium, Salal, violets, Rattlesnake Plantain, Oceanspray, Columbine, and Bunchberry. We have plans to eventually take over another part of the garden and expand. During the fair we have all of our plants labeled. We managed to move a huge old log into the garden (nearly breaking my husband's shoulder and injuring the groin muscle of another member) which helps shade the smaller plants.

Thank you so much for the donation, everyone is in love with the bench and we really needed a place for people to stop and rest and enjoy the garden.

Jenifer Mick and the Master Gardeners of Kitsap County/Heritage Garden



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BENEDICT PURCHASED
WITH A GRANT FROM
WASHINGTON NATURAL
PLANT SOCIETY

**WNPS South Sound Grant Report
Purdy Elementary Science "Field Guide" Curriculum Support
June 19, 2015**

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Project Accomplishments:

This year, 120 fifth grade students at Purdy Elementary were involved in the creation of a "Playground Field Guide". Students actively participated in sequential steps to publish a personal "Field Guide" book. Students first created field study norms – rules that their class would follow when learning in an outdoor environment. Then they perused a wide variety of field guides to create a list of text features that they would incorporate in their "Field Guide." This led students to use the "Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast" Field Guide by Pojar & MacKinnon. Students were able to obtain hands-on experience identifying native plants growing on their school grounds. Then the "Playground Field Guide" work began: students identified their own plant, made a field drawing including important and unique characteristics, and finally wrote a monograph on their plant. Jenna Troyer, Purdy Elementary Science Specialist, led students through the development of their "Playground Field Guide" and assisted students in the proper use of field guides.

Grant Utilization:

WNPS South Sound Chapter awarded Purdy Elementary a grant to purchase 12 copies of the "Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast" Field Guide by Pojar & MacKinnon for the development of a Field Guide Curriculum. This grant allowed 3-4 students to share one copy of the Pojar & MacKinnon books instead of 1 copy for the entire class. It provided more visual and written detail than the resources Purdy had previously. The availability of the Pojar & MacKinnon books also allowed students to view the quality of field guide photos, important plant details and characteristics, as well as a quality written monograph on their plant.

Future Plans:

Purdy Elementary is planning on continuing the field guide curriculum in the future. Next year, Jenna Troyer plans on including more intentional lessons on "how to use" a field guide. Jenna also hopes to allow more student choice by permitting students to pick any of the native plants on the playground to study, as well as, provide more time for students to edit and revise their final draft (ensuring that all provided facts are correct) and include fun facts about their plant. Additional future plans may also include invasive species, edible plants, and orienteering.

South Sound Chapter Financial Transactions for 2015

Date	Type	Activity	Deposit	Withdrawal	CB	Balance	Account Amt	Account	Description
01/01/15						\$18,131.71			
01/02/15	E	Ck 3313 Lee Fellenberg	0.00	303.62	Y	\$17,828.09	303.62	Newsletter/Website	Paper, postage, copy 2014
01/19/15	E	Ck 3314 David Droppers	0.00	275.00	Y	\$17,553.09	275.00	Chapter Programs	D. Droppers Honorarium
01/27/15	I	Deposit	230.00	0.00	Y	\$17,783.09	230.00	Calendars	Calendar receipts
01/30/15	E	Ck 3315 John Neorr	0.00	250.00	Y	\$17,533.09	250.00	Chapter Programs	D. Nicandry Honorarium
01/30/15	E	Ck 3316 Nisq. Reach Nature C.	0.00	421.64	Y	\$17,111.45	421.64	Grants	NRNC Grant
02/15/15	E	Ck 3317 Wash. State Historical Soc.	0.00	135.00	Y	\$16,976.45	135.00	Chapter Programs	Coach House rent spring
02/24/15	E	Ck 3318 Wash. State Historical Soc.	0.00	125.00	Y	\$16,851.45	125.00	Plant Sales	Coach House rent plant sale
03/15/15	E	Ck 3319A Bill Brookreson	0.00	560.02	Y	\$16,291.43	17.62	Education	Plants, posters
03/15/15	E	Ck 3319C Bill Brookreson			Y	\$16,291.43	251.40	Grants	Pojar & McKinnon books
03/15/15	E	Ck 3319B Bill Brookreson			Y	\$16,291.43	291.00	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
03/16/15	I	Deposit	50.00	0.00	Y	\$16,341.43	50.00	Calendars	Calendar receipts
03/16/15	E	Ck. 3320 Eatonville Nursery	0.00	13.50	Y	\$16,327.93	13.50	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
03/17/15	E	Ck 3321 Byrna Klavano	0.00	26.07	Y	\$16,301.86	26.07	Chapter Programs	Meeting refreshments
03/21/15	E	Ck 3322 Bill Brookreson	0.00	100.00	Y	\$16,201.86	100.00	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
03/25/15	I	Deposit	119.00	0.00	Y	\$16,320.86	119.00	Chapter Rebates	Chapter rebate
03/26/15	E	Ck 3324 WNPS	0.00	406.00	Y	\$15,914.86	406.00	Calendars	Calendar purchase
03/26/15	E	Ck 3323 Watershed Garden W	0.00	266.20	Y	\$15,648.66	266.20	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
04/09/15	E	Ck 3325 Jenifer Mick	0.00	250.00	Y	\$15,398.66	250.00	Grants	Garden Bench
04/09/15	E	Ck 3326 Fourth Corner Nurs.	0.00	284.50	Y	\$15,114.16	284.50	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
04/16/15	E	Ck 3327 Firetrail Nursery	0.00	1,647.55	Y	\$13,466.61	1,647.55	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
04/18/15	E	Withdraw cash for sale		350.00	Y	\$13,116.61	350.00	Plant Sales	Cash for Spring Sale
04/18/15	E	Ck 3328 Tadpole Haven Nursery		2,132.80	Y	\$10,983.81	2,132.80	Plant Sales	Plants for spring sale
04/18/15	E	Ck 3329 Lee Fellenberg		9.00	Y	\$10,974.81	9.00	Plant Sales	Return of cash for till
04/20/15	I	Deposit	1,502.00		Y	\$12,476.81	1,502.00	Plant Sales	Check receipts
04/20/15	I	Deposit	2,639.00		Y	\$15,115.81	2,639.00	Plant Sales	Cash receipt, sale
04/22/15	I	Deposit	5,105.00		Y	\$20,220.81	5,105.00	Plant Sales	Credit card sales
05/04/15	E	Merchant Card Services		240.24	Y	\$19,980.57	240.24	Plant Sales	Bank charges
05/05/15	E	Ck 3330 Bill Brookreson		48.12	Y	\$19,932.45	48.12	Plant Sales	Plant sale supplies
05/12/15	E	Ck 3331 Kevin Head		35.00	Y	\$19,897.45	35.00	Chapter Programs	mileage for Tacoma talk
05/12/15	I	Deposit	22.00		Y	\$19,919.45	22.00	Plant Sales	Cash receipt, sale
05/23/15	E	Ck 3332 Bonnie Blessing	80.31		Y	\$19,999.76	80.31	Plant Sales	Plant sale supplies
06/01/15	E	Merchant Card Services		2.00	Y	\$19,997.76	2.00	Plant Sales	Bank charges
07/21/15	E	Ck 3333 Conservation Connection		200.00	Y	\$19,797.76	200.00	Marketing/Outreach	contribution to Fair Committee

Year to Date Income and Expense Totals: **\$9,747.31** **\$8,081.26**

Year Beginning Bank Balance: **\$18,131.71**

Bank Statement Balance: **\$19,637.14**

Current Outstanding Checks: **\$0.00**

Current Outstanding Deposits: **\$0.00**

Actual Balance: **\$19,637.14**

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Notes:

1. Normally report is sorted by date - in the following cell column order: A (Oldest to Newest), C (A to Z), I (A to Z)
2. To get account totals, sort by columns: B (Z to A), I (A to Z), A (Oldest to Newest), C (A to Z),
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5. Cell highlighted in pink is entered manually from current bank statement
6. Cells highlighted in blue represent the total for that particular account (only applies when report sorted by account)
7. Recommend not printing column K when report sorted by date

SPRING PLANT SALE 4/18/15

INCOME

Credit sales	\$5,105.00	
Cash Sales	\$2,289.00	subtracted 350.00
Checks	\$1,502.00	
Addl cash & checks	\$22.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,918.00	includes \$50 donations

Watershed Gardenworks	\$266.20
Firetrail Nursery	\$1,647.55
Coach House rental	\$125.00
Bill Br (Eatonville Nursery	\$120.00
Bill Br (copies)	\$18.50
Bill Br. (Eatonville Nursery)	\$152.50
Tadpole Nursery	\$2,132.80
Eatonville Nursery	\$13.50
Bill Br (Hanson Farms)	\$100.00
Fourth Corner Nurseries	\$284.50
Bill Br (supplies & copies)	\$48.12
Bank charges	\$242.24 90 last fall
Publicity, Zvents	\$0.00
food, tablecloth,marketing, fuel	\$80.31
lunch for volunteers	\$0.00
Lee F, loan to till	\$9.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,240.22

INCOME - EXPENSES = \$3,998.33

Bonnie Blessing Report to WNPS Board

Plant Procurement and Storage

I have salvaged and maintained some red currants, snowberry, salmonberry and Shorepine. Some are being stored at a facility on Littlerock Road. I will be submitting a small invoice to Jane Ely for a sprinkler timer and standpipe setup soon. Most plants seem to be doing ok at this time.

Environmental Education

I have received financial support for mileage, materials and plants from WDFW and USFWS. As a volunteer, I have conducted 'outreach' on use of native plants to enhance wetland habitat on a website, with Thurston Conservation District, Thurston County Planning staff, Center for Natural Lands Management, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WDFW staff and Skagit River Salmon Enhancement Group. Skagit River Salmon Enhancement group is seeking further advice on use of wetland native plants in restoration.