



The Acorn

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Conservation Report

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MT. RAINIER RESTORATION WORK

Conservation volunteers have committed much time and have enthusiastically helped the Mt. Rainier Greenhouse staff with important subalpine meadow restoration work. Participants have picked seeds at Sunrise and Paradise in Mt. Rainier National Park to be stored and planted in the Mt. Rainier Greenhouse. The seeds are picked in September of one year and tended in the greenhouse until fall of the next year, and then are planted for restoration in subalpine meadows at Paradise and Sunrise. The greenhouse staff would appreciate any volunteer assistance to carry out important meadow restoration work. Please contact Libby Roberts, Greenhouse Work Coordinator, at 360-569-2211 x6170 or libby_roberts@nps.gov; or Dan and Pat Montague at 360-709-8066 or montague30@comcast.net.

INVASIVE WEED REMOVAL

In addition to the important volunteer work at the Mt Rainier greenhouse, Tacoma members of the South Sound Chapter have helped remove non-native, invasive plants for Metro Parks Tacoma and at Swan Creek Park. Herb Robert, also known as “Stinky Bob,” a very invasive forest weed in dry, Douglas-fir forests, is the primary invasive. In Swan Creek Park, chapter members are working to protect a very small and rare creeping plant, Torrey Peavine, easily overgrown by Herb Robert and other invasives. If interested in assisting with invasive weed removal, please contact Mary Fries at 253-272-9192.