

# South Sound Native Plant Society

JANUARY 19, 1999

## Winter Meetings

7:30 at the Olympia Community Center

**3 February.** Peter Dunwiddie, Stewardship Ecologist for The Nature Conservancy of Washington, will present a slide show on "Long-term studies of rare species and communities in Puget Lowland prairies". Peter has been conducting studies on TNC's Yellow Island Preserve since 1981. Yellow Island includes a remarkable remnant native prairie that historically covered much more of the island. Pete will discuss this unique ecosystem, management actions, and efforts to restore the prairie community. Peter will also present an update on genetics of *Castilleja levisecta*.

**3 March.** Art Kruckeberg will present a slide show on "Geology and Plant Life from a Pacific Northwest Perspective". Art will discuss serpentine as an example of the impact of geology on plant endemism. Art has recently traveled to Turkey to study their serpentine areas, so we may view a few jewels from outside the Pacific Northwest.

**This meeting will start at 7:00 and be at the General Administration Building, 210 11th Street, on the corner of Columbia and 11th near the State Capitol building.**

**7 April.** Bridget Simon, with the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board, will present an update on noxious plants in Washington. More to follow on this one!

## New Officers

It is that time again to start thinking about new officers for next year. Most of the current officers will be moving on to other responsibilities and will need to be replaced with inspired and motivated people. Please spend some time thinking about taking on a position yourself or contacting some people who you think would be interested. Feel free to contact any one of the current officers for more information about the positions.

## Volunteer Coordinator

Hello, South Sound native plant enthusiasts! My name is Erikka Pearson, and I am the new volunteer coordinator for the South Sound NPS. I am interested in facilitating plant society involvement in the community in any way that would interest the membership. This could include propagating, planting, learning about or advocating for native plants. Let me know if you have any interests that you would like to see this chapter pursue or you hear about a volunteer opportunity that might catch the interest of the membership. I can be reached in the evenings or on the weekends at (360) 352-9524.

## Budget Report

A brief run down on the 1998 finances of the South Sound Chapter:

Total Income:	\$2213.73
Total Expenses:	\$2338.42
Net Loss for the year:	\$-124.69

Checkbook Balance	
12/31/98:	\$2457.03

Although we had a minor loss this year, we still have over \$2000 in the account. Any ideas of what we should do with some of the money?

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*Other things going on in town:*

**Native Plant Salvage Project:**

Salvage Dates: February 27 and March 14. Salvages start at 10 a.m., with afternoon potting at Dirt Works. Sign up for dates and shifts that work for you: 704-7785.

Workshops and other events: (please the above number for more details and registration)

"Propagating Native Plants - Seeds and Cuttings" Tuesday February 9, 7pm.

"Thurston Conservation District's Annual Native Plant Sale" Saturday, March 6, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash & Carry: Thurston County Fairgrounds.

"Early Spring Plants and Birds" Sunday, March 7, 1 p.m. Co-sponsored with Black Hills Audubon Society.

"Native Plants for the Drought-tolerant Garden", with

Clay Antieau. Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m. Sponsored by City of Olympia Water Resources Division. call 753-8793 for more information.

"Naturescaping for Water and Wildlife", Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m. Co-sponsored with Stream Team on behalf of Green Cove Creek Stewardship Project.

**Black Hills Audubon field trips:**

February & March trips are still tentative: if you are interested in any of these, call Jean MacGregor in the evening (866-0166) to obtain more information.

February 13: All-dat Hood Canal wetlands trip, with Andrew Beelik.

February 27: Nisqually Wildlife Refuge morning walk.