Native Plant Society South Sound Chapter

January 2000



Spring Meetings

7 pm, US Forest Service Building 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia

February 2, 2000

Come learn more about the Black River and Nisqually Refuges. The speakers will be Monica Hoover from the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Nanette Seto, biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

March 1, 2000

The speaker will be **David Biek**, recent author of a book on the Flora of Mt. Rainier. He will be speaking about the **Flora of Mt. Rainier**. This will be just in time to get us ready for the spring and summer botanizing season!

April 5, 2000

The speaker will be **Dr. Al Wiedemann**, professor of botany from The Evergreen State College. His topic had not been decided by the time of the newsletter publication, but I'm sure it will be well worth while.

May 3, 2000

7:00 pm. US Forest Service Building, 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia. This month will feature **Sarah Cooke**. Sarah is a renowned regional wetlands biologist, and author of the book 'A Field Guide to the Common Wetland Plants of Western Washington and Northwest Oregon'. (Note: Sarah was scheduled to speak at our October meeting, but due to a mix up on our part, we missed having her then).

Budget Report

Balance December 31, 1999 \$3435.89

Volunteer Opportunities!

Earthweek 2000

Several environmental organizations in Olympia are planning a week of events to celebrate the earth this spring. The festivities will extend from after the Procession of the Species until Earth Day, April 15-22. We have been invited to participate by planning an activity or event. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Lila Muller at 570-8296.

Mt. Rainier Greenhouse

Help is needed during spring and summer, to care for seedlings and cuttings which are being grown at the National Park greenhouse in Ashford. The plants are used for restoration purposes at Mount Rainier. Call David Palumbo, horticulturist, at 360-569-2211 ex 2323.

Workshops

Sponsored by the Native Plant Salvage Project For details and registration call 704-7785

Propagation from Seeds and Cuttings Thursday, Feb 10, 7 pm.

Early Spring Plants and Birds
Saturday, March 11, 8:30 am
Co-sponsored with Black Hills Audubon Society

Naturescaping for Water and Wildlife Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm.

Still time to Vote on bylaw changes!

Just as WNPS revised its by-laws in 1997, the local chapters were requested to do the same. A committee from the South Sound Chapter met this summer to review and revise our operating procedures and by-laws. The Board is now requesting that the membership approve these revisions. The complete revised by-laws have been available at the past three general meetings and will be available at the 2-2-00 general meeting. The "reader's digest version" is as follows. Territory was changed to be compliant with WNPS which allows affiliation with any and all chapters no matter where the member may reside (as opposed to specific geographic regions.) The language was changed to be more gender neutral, ie. chairman was changed to chairperson. Duties of added officers were delineated. Expenditures over \$200.00 now require the approval of the majority of members at a general meeting where a quorum is present, (was \$30.00 and no quorum mentioned). Members may vote by the ballot enclosed, may email their vote using the web site wnps.org South Sound Chapter, at the February 2, 2000 or call any of the officers. Please vote or you may be asked to revise the revision!

If you wish to mail this ballot, send it to the return address on this newsletter.

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