

The Acorn

*Serving the South Sound Chapter of the
Washington Native Plant Society*

FALL 2006

Chapter Welcome

Greeting WNPS Members;

And for those of you who are new to our group, an extra welcome to the South Sound Chapter! We enjoy presentations about native plants and related topics during the rainy months of the year in both Olympia and Tacoma. We also offer field trips and propagation workshops throughout the year.

First, we invite you to peruse our fall issue of the Acorn, our tri-annual newsletter. We've provided a list of presentations and outings for the Chapter and hope you will consider the various opportunities to participate with us or our partner organizations. Whether you participate as a beginner or intermediate learner (with or without botanical interests), or whether you lead an outing or a presentation, we look forward to extending the wealth of our time together and knowledge with you.

For those of you who want even more fun, we invite you to participate in the operation of the Chapter where we have numerous opportunities to support our up front or behind the scenes operations available. If you seek to enhance our chapter, making it even better than it already is, **please complete our member survey on page 8** and return it so that we can contact you for activities that fit your desires.

In addition, if you are interested in receiving the chapter newsletter, electronically, please let us know, (it helps us save money). We work to earn and save our annual budget for top notch speakers in addition to educational literature and membership brochures.

If we haven't already, we are looking forward to meeting you, and fulfilling your goals as a member of the South Sound Chapter of the WNPS!

Anna Thurston, Chair, South Sound Chapter, WNPS

SOUTH SOUND TACOMA MEETINGS

When: 7 PM – 9 PM, 2nd Wed of each month
Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., & May

Where: Tacoma Nature Center
1919 South Tyler Street; east of SH-16

SOUTH SOUND OLYMPIA MEETINGS

When: 7 PM – 9 PM, 2nd Monday of each month
Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., & May

Where: Capitol Museum Coach House
211 21st Avenue SW – Olympia 98501

Thank You...

The Washington Native Plant Society - South Sound Chapter thanks the **Tahoma Audubon** and **Metro Parks Tacoma** for access to their fabulous **Nature Center** facility !

Our Tacoma meetings wouldn't be the same without it...

Members, please echo our thanks when you visit this urban watershed and *premier* education center.

Chapter Presentations

Monday, October 9th (Olympia) and Wednesday, October 11 (Tacoma); 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Melissa Rathbun-Holstein – Native Orchids of Washington

There are 42 orchids native to the state of Washington. Many are rare; some endangered. The Washington Native Orchard Society was founded to protect orchid plant communities and to promote awareness of these natives and their habitats. Because orchids require very specific conditions of shade, moisture and soil, they are nearly impossible to transplant and are very vulnerable to human carelessness. Our presentation, by the society's founder, will recommend the best approaches for viewing and photographing these plants. For those interested in using native orchids in their landscapes, some native orchids have been successfully propagated and are available commercially. Examples will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Wednesday, November 8th; 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Tacoma)
Tom Touse – Sustainable Forestry Ecology at Pack Forest

The Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest near Eatonville, a working forestland bequeathed to the University of Washington in 1926, has served as a forested classroom for more than 70 years. Tom Touse, Interpretive Education Coordinator, will discuss the ecology of the Nisqually Watershed and the Center's mission to discover, teach and demonstrate the concepts of sustainable forestry.

Monday, November 13th; 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Olympia)
David Wilderman – Eastern Washington's Natural Preserves; A Place to Go

is currently the Westside Ecologist for the Natural Areas Program, Washington Department of Natural Resources, after having spent 10 years as the Eastside Ecologist. His presentation will provide a synopsis of the Natural Areas Program and then provide an overview of the Natural Area Preserves that occur in Eastern Washington. Special focus will be on some of the projects he was involved with while working in Eastern Washington, and the rare plants that occurred on the preserves he has managed.

Monday, December 11th (Olympia); 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Ben Legler –How the UW Herbarium can help YOU Botanize

The University of Washington Herbarium plays an active role in studying the flora of Washington and provides numerous resources for the public. Ben Legler has been instrumental in the development of the Herbarium's website and has personally provided thousands of beautifully detailed photographs. His presentation will begin by providing background on what an herbarium is and the role it serves, then move on to discuss the herbarium's current projects and activities. Ben has also participated on many collection trips with the Herbarium and will focus on the Herbarium's collecting activities in the National Parks, with an accompanying slide show. Ben will finish by introducing the online resources available through the Herbarium's web site.

Wednesday, December 13th (Tacoma); 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Brett Johnson/Green Man Gardens Trunk Show & Sale w/ focus Winter Twig ID

Get into the holiday spirit with Brett Johnson, owner of Green Man Gardens in Seattle. Brett graduated from the WNPS Native Plant Stewardship program in 1998, and he "enjoys blurring the boundaries between landscape gardening and habitat restoration". His discussion will help people with their winter twig identification while he shares common and unusual native plants and answers audience questions.

Brett has also offered to secure plants of your choice (call WNPS/South Sound Chapter at 253-566-3342 up to one week in advance of the presentation to submit your wish list), and everything that he brings will be for sale. Attendees can start browsing at 6:30 when the doors open, and the plant sale will start at 8:30 pm.

Monday, January 8th (Olympia) and Wednesday January 10th (Tacoma), 2007 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Chapter Member Pot Luck & Show and Tell

Members... This is your opportunity to meet and greet. It's also a great time to taste and exchange your favorite recipe, and to tell stories from the year/lifetime behind us. Especially if you have botanized in some place special, we hope that you'll bring slides, e-files, photos, books, maps, recipes, etc. to share with others. Slide and laptop projectors will be available for your use.

South Sound Chapter Field Trips

As a recent Stewardship graduate, I'm excited to be coordinating field trips for the WNPS South Sound Chapter. I've got some ideas, but to help get me going, I'd like to know where you would like to go and what you would like to see. And, if you have any suggestions on people who would be good at leading short or long trips, I'd like to know that information too. A couple of member / stewards have already agreed to lead short local hikes to their favorite park this fall (see below). Which leads me to my point. If you have a favorite park, special place, or seasonal interest you'd like to share with others this year, let me know and I'll add it to our schedule. You can contact me at michaeldeckert@mindspring.com, or by phone at 253-922-3952. Thanks! **Michael Deckert**

**Winter Twig ID - Saturday, November 4th, 10:30 am – noon.
Edgewood/Nelson Nature Park - 2228 118th Ave East – Edgewood, WA**

WNPS Native Plant Steward, Sue Miller will lead a short hike through this passive park nestled in a serene wetland area. The 1/2 mile, paved walking path winds by tall trees and native vegetation, takes you over foot bridges, and has benches along the path for bird watching and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. Here's your chance to catch that interesting period when you can leaf through your winter twig guide, while getting closer to the leaf scars that help you nail that naked plant's identification to your brain. Meanwhile the buds are developing, leading next year's new growth. Beginners and experts alike are invited! Contact Michael Deckert to sign up by November 2, 2006: michaeldeckert@mindspring.com, or by phone at 253-922-3952.

Announcing the WNPS 2007 Photo Calendar



Photos featured for this first-ever calendar, produced by the Society, are photos of WNPS members who submitted them as contestants in a WNPS photo contest. Over 150 photos were viewed by a specially formed committee. This calendar represents the best of those photos.

This is the extraordinary cover photo of Olympic Chapter member, Don Paulson. Every month you'll find an extraordinary photo of Washington native plants to remind you of all of the special places Washington has to offer the wildflower enthusiast.

Help support the WNPS by purchasing this first of its kind publication. Calendar cost is \$10.00. Shipping costs \$2.00.

Save on shipping!

The WNPS 2007 Wildflower Calendar will be for sale before/after South Sound Chapter Meetings.

WNPS Photo Calendar Order Form

- Please send me the **2007 WNPS Photo Calendar:** # _____ X \$10.00 = _____
 Shipping costs: # _____ X \$ 2.00 = _____
 I am a member of the South Sound Chapter (a \$5 rebate supports the S Sound Chapter!)
TOTAL _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL ORDER FORM TO:
 Washington Native Plant Society
 6310 NE 74th St., Ste. 215E
 Seattle, WA 98115
(Expect delivery within 2 weeks.)

Local News & Events

Botany: Celebrating Wildflowers Website Resource Available

The U.S. Forest Service's newest website at www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/ provides a gateway to botanical information provided by a wide range of partners from across the nation. Every region, forest, grassland and prairie has representative coverage. Web surfers can find information about pollinators, Beauty of it All, native gardening, plus more under *Just for Kids*, and *Teacher Resources* to name a few. A number of other modules such as rare plants, native plant materials, Ethnobotany, lichens, ferns and other botany subject areas are currently under development and will be posted to the web site as they become finalized. The Forest Service is extremely proud of the work the botanists, plant ecologists and other resource specialists and their many partners contributed to the current content of this site. Visit the site to see why!

Upland Plant Associations of the Puget Trough NHP Update Available On-Line

The Washington Natural Heritage Program collects and distributes information about native ecosystems and rare species to provide an objective, scientific basis for which to prioritize conservation actions. Under the leadership of Chris Chappell, NHP Vegetation Ecologist, details about the characteristics of native-dominated plant associations that occur on upland sites in the Puget Sound Trough has just been completed. These plant associations had never been comprehensively documented in the past. You can download the entire association document at www.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/communities/index.html. Chris thanks all who have helped to create this resource, and wants user feedback. He can be contacted at 360-902-1671 or by email: chris.chappell@wadnr.gov.

Aquatic Weeds Management Grant Workshop Tuesday - September 26 – Lacey 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Ecology Bldg. Rm. 32-34

This workshop will help local governments and others eligible for funding learn more about the grant program and application procedures. Ecology will be offering approximately \$200,000 for freshwater weed projects in Fiscal Year 2007. Immediately after this workshop from 11 until noon in the same room there will be an **Algae Management Workshop** to get feedback about what kind of algae program would work for you. For more information on both these workshops contact Kathy Hamel at (360) 407-6562 or e-mail kham461@ecy.wa.gov.

Cascade Land Conservancy Pierce County Benefit Luncheon Monday, October 23 – 11:30 AM – Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center

CLC will be celebrating innovative conservation and effective stewardship in Pierce County and throughout the region. Attendees can also learn about the Green Tacoma program getting started with a catalog of Tacoma's open spaces with an objective to rid these special spots of weeds while enhancing Tacoma's quality of life. Learn more about other CLC activities happening in western Washington, including the Cascade Agenda – a 100 year plan to purchase and steward over a million acres of open space in Washington State. Meet and talk with fellow conservationists from throughout the South Sound area and WNPS will have a display on hand. For more information about the benefit luncheon contact the CLC at 206-292-5907 x 113 or register by e-mail at www.cascadeland.org/events.

Metro Parks Tacoma / Nature Center October 7, 2006, Plant Sale 9 am-4 pm

Fall is a great time of year to do your planting and planting natives ensures the conservation of our precious water resources and provides habitat for local birds, mammals and insects. Shoppers will be able to purchase groundcovers, shrubs, trees, and more, all native to the Puget Sound trough.

Central Chapter Plant, Seed and Bulb Sale October 14, Magnuson Park, 10 AM- 4 PM

The Central Chapter of WNPS invites you to attend its annual fall sale of hard-to-find seeds and bulbs, along with over 170 species of bare root and potted trees, shrubs, and ground covers. Sale planners have increased the supply of potted plants and secured a larger space for the sale at Magnuson Park (access via Sand Point Way at NE 74th). If you are looking for Alliums, Camassia, Fritillarias, Irises, and Trilliums, this is the sale to attend. There will also be extra Kinnickinnick, Ribes, Salal, evergreen huckleberries, Mahonia, and ferns. A list of all species to be sold is posted at www.wnps.org.

Native Plant Sale to benefit Chase Garden

Chase Garden is taking orders for native plants until September 20. Pick up will be the last week in September in Seattle, Kenmore, Olympia, Tacoma and at Chase Garden in Orting. They have trillium, fawn lily, Smilacina, Arnuncus, twinflower and more. To get the full list of native plants and to order call Rosina McIver (206) 242-4040 or email rosina@chasegarden.org.

Local News & Events

The Mountaineers 2006 Northwest Environmental Issues Course – South Sound

Become a fully informed environmental advocate for the Northwest by taking the Mountaineers Northwest Environmental Issues Course. This course provides lectures and optional field trips designed to help students learn about the issues facing the South Puget Sound region including forest and farm protection – how a strong economy and land protection go hand-in-hand - and efforts to protect the Puget Sound.

The Mountaineers will partner with the University of Puget Sound and the Washington Environmental Council for this course with lectures and information supporting the four legislative Priorities for a Healthy Washington.

The course runs from October 18 to November 15. Lectures will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the University of Puget Sound. Cost for the five-lecture series is \$50 for non-Mountaineer members, \$45 for Mountaineer members, and \$25 for students.

Register on line at www.mountaineers.org/conservation or call 800.573.8484 to register by phone. For more information, please contact Nancy Neyenhouse at 253-449-8120 or neyen82@hotmail.com.

Re-Imagining Restoration: An all-day seminar and AGM of the Society for Ecological Restoration, BC Chapter.

Saturday, September 30, in the Harry Hickman Building, University of Victoria. Doors open at 8:00 am, seminar begins at 8:30 am. Stick around for an gourmet banquet featuring locally grown and harvested organic foods!

Speakers will explore the past, present, and future of restoration. Open panel discussions will be lead that invite everyone to share their thoughts. We are challenging people to ponder what they think about ecological restoration, and then try and re-imagine something different. Where have we come from in restoration theory and practice? Where should we go?

This unique Saturday event is being held in conjunction with the Restoration of Natural Systems Program 10th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, Sept. 29.

For more details about the program, see www.uvcs.uvic.ca/restore/anniversary

For all other questions please contact me (beckwith@uvic.ca), or Eric Higgs (ehiggs@uvic.ca).

Adopt A Wildlife Area Steward (AAWA) Training Sessions

Helps Citizens for a Healthy Bay monitor and maintain restored areas along Tacoma's Commencement Bay!

- Thursday October 5th** 5:30 - 7:30 at the CHB (917 Pacific Ave. Suite 100, in the back of the bldg).
- Saturday October 7th** from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm; Ending with an Apple Cider pressing party.

Responsibilities of Wildlife Area Stewards:

- Adopt a restoration site for at least one year.
- Attend all training events associated with program.
- Quarterly perform monitoring duties associated with adopted site, and if not able to do so one month, contact CHB staff and let them know before the 25th of the month.
- Return the data collection form to Citizens for a Healthy Bay in a timely manner.
- Participate in stewardship activities on adopted site, including: trash removal and other minor maintenance duties.
- Report any problems or questions to Citizens for a Healthy Bay when they arise.
- If you can't complete your year commitment, you must return all resource materials provided.

If you are interested PLEASE RSVP to Gina Quiram at gquiram@healthybay.org.

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Sierra Club- Tatoosh Group Ivy League Opportunities

The WNPS supports activities of the Sierra Club's Ivy League. You do not need to be a member to help out. They provide gloves, tools, water and a snack. Please wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves. For more information contact LeeAnn Perry at 253-761-2983 // leeannperry@harbornet.com

Sept 23 - China Lake is located at S. 19th and Shirley, in Tacoma. Go west past Fred Meyer on S. 19th. The lake is located right on the other side beyond the freeway overpass; there is a parking lot to pull into. We will start the year off with removing ivy from this sweet little green space. Hope you can join us!

Oct 28th - Please meet at the Boathouse parking behind Anthony's restaurant at Point Defiance Park. We will be removing ivy. There will be plenty of work for all!

Nov 18th - Please note early date. Meet once again at the Boathouse parking behind Anthony's restaurant at Point Defiance. We will continue to remove ivy and we will be replanting the slope with plants provided by Metro Parks.

Your Comments Help Protect Roadless Areas

The Heritage Forests Campaign and WNPS partners throughout Washington are working to protect the state's undeveloped roadless national forests, but your help is needed! Governor Christine Gregoire recently started a public comment period and we need to let her know that Washingtonians want complete protection for all of our roadless areas.

Washington contains nearly two million acres of roadless areas of national forest land. These roadless areas were protected under Clinton's Roadless Area Conservation Rule adopted in 2001, after receiving broad public support from 1.9 million Americans, including 81,762 Washingtonians. In 2005, the Bush Administration repealed the 2001 Rule and replaced it with an optional Governor's petition and rule-making process that allows for Governors to decide on the management fate of federally owned public lands. Four states, including Washington have filed a lawsuit challenging the legalities of the state petitioning process.

Meanwhile, to ensure that the character of these roadless areas is protected, the Governor is petitioning the U.S. Department of Agriculture in November 2006. Before submitting this petition regarding the management of Washington's roadless areas, the Governor is asking Washingtonians to provide input on the issue. Please lend your support by answering the questions posted on the Governor's comment form. Please note that all **comments must be received by October 13, 2006.**

There are ways for the public to submit comments on how roadless areas should be protected:

1. Use the online comment form at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/roadless/comment/default.htm>
2. Download and print the comment form at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/roadless/commentform.pdf> and mail it to:

Roadless Areas Comments
Governor's Executive Policy Office
PO Box 43113
Olympia, Washington 98504-3113;

Comment form pointers:

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| 1. Identify your values | Because over 1.9 million Americans, including 81,762 Washingtonians, submitted public comments in support of this rule. The Rule ensures that all 58.5 million acres of IRAs be protected from commercial logging and road building. |
| 2. All management activities, except for fuels reduction and habitat enhancement should be limited in the inventoried roadless areas (IRAs). | |
| 3. Management requirements outlined in the 2001 Roadless Rule should be implemented. Why? | 4. Are there any elements in the 2001 Roadless Rule that you would delete or add? Please explain. |

All IRAs in Washington should be fully protected under the 2001 Roadless Rule including the additional 150,000 roadless areas recently identified by the Colville-Wenatchee-Okanogan National Forest in their forest planning collaborative process.

Fuels reduction activities should not be based on commercial thinning, but based on pre-commercially thinning and hand piling followed with prescribed fire when appropriate.

Chair Report

Now that the heat of summer is angling lower in the sky I am taking stock in what a fun summer it has been. After all of my years as the "Chair" you'd think I would have attended more WNPS functions, but these were my first Study Weekend and Botany Washington (aka BOT WA) excursions. About both, I am enthusiastic, and would proselytize anyone with any interest in plants to attend. The evening speakers at these events were captivating (not to mention educational) and the outings were hard to choose from because I wanted to do them all!

Rod Gilbert, who after more years as Vice Chair than me as Chair, would like to step down, has tentatively agreed to coordinate the 2008 Study Weekend. We would need chapter-wide help to pull this off however. If you'd want to help with this let us know via the **enclosed survey (page 8)**.

Meanwhile, back in the garden... I noticed which plants endured the heat and extended drought. Two things stand out that may help newer gardeners: - the plants that look best are those placed in locations that most closely match the environment in which they have originally adapted. - other plants had varied reactions to the compost that I paid dearly to have sprayed throughout my entire landscape last fall.

The devil's club is doing great in the shade of the deck where the bird bath water overflows. Only five feet away where the mid-day and western sun sneaks in, another of these spiny clubs is suffering. My native rhododendron is suffering too, especially after being relocated for the deck. Three people couldn't budge it, we had to tow its formidable root ball from its former location. It ended up a foot higher than the original soil line. I tried to add soil to bring the entire bed up to the same grade, but it still slopes and the water would rather run off than percolate into the soil where it is most needed. Fortunately, I'm not too attached to this plant, or the work that went into it, but others would likely feel differently if their sweat equity and/or finances were pinned on the survival of plants in their landscape.

As for the compost application, I re-learned that not all plants like a high-nitrogen soil, and that others can bomb when they take in too much of a good thing. Natives plants were blasé about the mulch addition, but some exotics reacted with succulent that attracted aphids and white fly enmasse. The unusual weather and extended spring rains added to the effect. Thank goodness for the passel of bushtits and chickadees that visit my garden 2-3 a day to keep my bugs under control. The added benefit is that I no longer need bird feeders! Imagine not having to buy, carry, store and distribute "tons" of bird food, having

bird food weeds sprouting in the garden, or having to clean out feeders to prevent the spread of disease...

Although the South Sound Chapter has been relatively quiet over the summer months, we have been formulating activities for the coming season. Please help me to welcome **Lila Muller** and **Greg Arnold** into the fold as they help us coordinate speakers in both Olympia and Tacoma. **Mariela Tuquero** and **MaryLynn Abe** have been instrumental in helping us with public events that help us expand our membership while we spread the word about the numerous values of native plants at local events. **Heather Halabisky** is also working with **Laurie Skinner** to develop this newsletter. **Sue Summers** has been planting ideas about garden tours and plant sales in my head, that with help might take root.

We plan to get out to the woods and prairies as we develop partnerships with the Chase Garden (near Orting), the Cascade Land Conservancy, and other organizations. If you'd like to get involved, we could use the support, especially when it comes to leading field trips and keeping a finger on the pulse of activities that might threaten native plant habitats. As many of you know, **Mary Fries, who is recovering in a Tacoma care facility**, has thankfully handled that effort solo for nearly 30 years. If two or more people took on this important role they could coordinate and disseminate invitations to members and others about ways that all of us can make a collective impact just by being aware, if not by responding in ways that can influence how "progress" will march forward.

If my optimism bears fruit, we'll have another Native Plant Stewardship Training program next spring for people who are committed to learning while giving back to the community. This infusion of trained individuals will not only answer the huge need for native plant information, but enhance the general public's interest and appreciation. This supports a recognition of the value of knowledgeable people by the entities that engage us, not just as volunteers, but also as paid professionals.

In addition to thanking our Executive Committee and Stewards, I want to acknowledge the Central Chapter for donating a complete computer set-up. We are nailing down where to have an office where volunteers can help support, or just learn about the WNPS and the South Sound Chapter. I lastly offer thanks to all of our dedicated members. Your membership make it possible for us to secure and acknowledge great speakers. You have also helped us to make this a rewarding team experience! I'm looking forward to seeing you at our presentations.

Anna Thurston, Chair,

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Volunteer Opportunities

WNPS members are sought to support chapter activities that make the South Sound Chapter one of the fastest growing in the state. This is a rewarding experience when you get to see a full audience at the seminars that you've helped to create, or when you get to visit with like minded people on a plant-hunting adventure.

Volunteers, like YOU, are vital to our process! Especially if you'd like to see us doing more in both Pierce and Thurston County, we need your help to pull it off. By maintaining one chapter for both locations we economize on our volunteer and our financial resources. By spreading out the load of activity among many we can make even greater inroads towards our mission of *appreciation and conservation of Washington's native plants and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy.*



We hope you'll join us in fun work with fun people for the production of fulfilling programs and activities.
If you'd like to participate, please check up to five (5) items below that interest you.

Field Trips & Workshops

- Lead Field Trips to _____
- Plant ID or leader support
- First Aid; current as of _____
- Seed collection and processing
- Plant propagation
(best day(s) of week _____)

Staff a WNPS /SSC display at events

- Puyallup Fair (Spring? Fall?)
- Pt Defiance Flower & Garden Show
- Plant Sales
- As needed in Olympia? or Tacoma?

Administrative Support

- E/Email list management
- Grant writing & fund raising
- Meeting hospitality + clean-up
- Securing meeting venues
- Assist w/ volunteer coordination
- Meeting notes
- Website updates
- _____

Communications & Travel

- I have a home computer & use e-mail
- Computer software I have/use includes:

- I have a car and can travel as needed
- I travel by bus

Outreach

- Share program using Power Point
- Share program w/o computer aid
- Presentations (for adults?, for kids?)
- Pursue partners/sponsors
- Securing in-kind/other donations
- Preparation of newsworthy postings
- PR - Media liaison
- Graphics for posters/letters
- Plant sale preparations
- Plant sale staffing
- Garden tour coordination
- Parade float/team effort

Comfort level of participation

- 4 hours/year 8 hours/year
- 4 hours/mo. 8 hours/mo.
- 4 hours/week 8 hours/week
- 2 hours/week open-ended
- I am a caretaker and would like to bring
my _____ year old children

Please describe training, skills and experience you have you feel may be useful to the program:

Your Name _____

Phone_(____)_____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Please mail completed survey to: Anna Thurston at 227 Contra Costa – Fircrest, WA 98466

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Chapter Affiliation

- Central Puget Sound (Seattle)
 - Central Washington (Yakima, Ellensburg)
 - Columbia Basin (Tri-Cities)
 - Koma Kulshan (Bellingham)
 - NE Washington (Spokane)
 - Okanogan
 - Olympic Peninsula
 - Salal (Mt Vernon, Skagit Valley)
 - San Juan Islands
 - South Sound (Olympia, Tacoma)
 - Wenatchee Valley
 - At-Large
 - Palouse (inactive)
 - Suksdorfia (inactive)
- Each membership includes affiliation with one chapter. Add \$5.00 for each additional chapter.

WNPS POSTER

"Wildflowers Across Washington"
 A beautiful 24" x 36" full-color poster featuring 36 native species, \$8 (members \$6)
 Shipping \$2.50 each poster

Membership Category

- \$25 Individual Rate
- \$35 Family
- \$50 Club/Institution
- \$15 Budget
- \$50-99 WNPS Friend
- \$100-499 WNPS Special Friend
- \$500 WNPS Best Friend
- \$1,000 WNPS Sustaining
- \$5,000 WNPS Patron

ENCLOSED ARE:

My dues: Please Sign me up! \$ _____
 Additional Chapters (\$5 each) _____
 \$8 for each poster (\$6 members) _____
 Shipping (\$2.50/poster) _____
 TOTAL \$ _____


Make checks payable to WNPS and mail to:

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South Sound Chapter Partner Announcement

The Tacoma Orchid Society invites the WNPS South Sound Chapter to their monthly meetings held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 101 E 38th St in Tacoma. For more information, visit the TOS at <http://www.wanativeorchids.com>

September 26th - Growing Hardy and Native Orchids by Arlen Hill of Keeping it Green Nursery.

October 24th - Conservation of *Cypripedium montanum* by Jane & Roger Smith from Kelsey Creek Labs.

November 28th - Growing hardy *Bletilla* orchids by Melissa Rathbun from Washington Native Orchid Society.

WNPS MEMBERS - TAKE NOTE:

Olympic National Park plan public-comment period extended to 9/30

Most people are unaware that the temperate rain forest of our Olympic peninsula is one of the rarest ecosystems in the world, and animals and plants that exist only there have been largely un-cataloged. Why then does the favored plan for the Olympic National Park (ONP) involve increasing the park's recreational and commercial use? What kind of recreational or commercial use are envisioned? What measures would be taken to protect natural resources, animals, and plants? How much protection vs. disturbance can the area sustain in order to continue as it is? These are questions that should be answered. How can YOU voice an opinion? Visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/olymp> before the deadline.