



# The Acorn

Serving the South Sound Chapter of the  
Washington Native Plant Society  
Fall 2013

## Native Plant Study Weekend 2013

Native Plant Study Weekend 2013 was sponsored by the South Sound Chapter at the Cispus Learning Center outside of Randle, June 28-30, 2013. The event was well attended with about 160 members present to enjoy fellowship, excellent speakers and a wide variety of field trips. We enjoyed almost perfect weather in addition to the weekend activities.

The weekend had many highlights. The speakers were excellent - David Biek and Susan McDougall spoke on their *Flora of Mount Adams, Washington*, and Dr. John Bishop presented a fascinating look into the recovery of Mt. St. Helens and his research. We had a number of outstanding field trips with great field trip leaders - Jim Riley, Linda Swartz, Joe Arnett, David Wilderman, Rod Gibert, Cyndy Dillon, Fred and Anne Weinmann, Dana Bresette, Jim Prichard, Frank Knight, Lou Whiteaker, Chris Earle, Clay Antieau, Ed Lisowski, Kenya Bugner, Ray Yurkewycz, Phyllis Sturgis, Don Knoke, Paul Slichter and Kevin Flores. We owe special thanks also to Gar Abba, District Ranger for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest; Tom

Mulder, Manager for the Mount St. Helens National Monument and Linda Swartz, the Forest Botanist, for allowing us the entry into Windy Ridge and Norway Pass before the roads were open to the general public. The Saturday night look back at 35 years of study weekends by Catherine Hovanic, Fred Weinmann and Clay Antieau brought back many wonderful memories and enhanced the fellowship around the campfire and s'mores.

No activity is a success without a lot of helpers. Whatever success we had depended on a great group of volunteers. Heading that list are Dan and Pat Montague, our registrars, and Jane Ely, our treasurer. Without their selfless dedication, the weekend could not have happened. Thanks also to all those who helped around the camp including Lila Muller, Jane Ely, Lois Sweany, and several trip leaders, as well as the staff at Cispus. It takes a lot of people to make it work.

Next year's study weekend will be sponsored by the Olympic Peninsula Chapter. Don't miss it!



Cispus welcomes us



On the pumice plain with John Bishop (C. Hovanic)

## Other South Sound Chapter Activities

### Jack Nisbet Comes to Olympia and Tacoma

Those interested in Pacific Northwest history and botany are in for a real treat in September and October when Jack Nisbet will be in our communities. Teacher and naturalist Jack Nisbet is the author of several books that explore the human and natural history of the Intermountain West, including *Purple Flat Top*, *Singing Grass Burning Sage*, and *Visible Bones*. His work on Northwest fur agent and geographer David Thompson resulted in *Sources of the River* and *The Mapmaker's Eye*. Nisbet's recent projects have focused on Scottish naturalist David Douglas. *The Collector* follows his adventurous life, while *A Naturalist at Work* aims to connect Douglas's observations to the present and future Northwest. Those who have heard Jack speak will attest that he is totally engaging.

There will be three opportunities to hear Jack speak and view *David Douglas: A Naturalist at Work*, the museum exhibit currently on display at Tacoma's Washington State History Museum, where it will run through February 24, 2014.

**1. Saturday, September 21, 10 am to 4 pm. Opening of the David Douglas Exhibit at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma,** features Jack Nisbet, the exhibit curator and Tony Johnson, Shoalwater Tribe Education Coordinator. The schedule for the day:

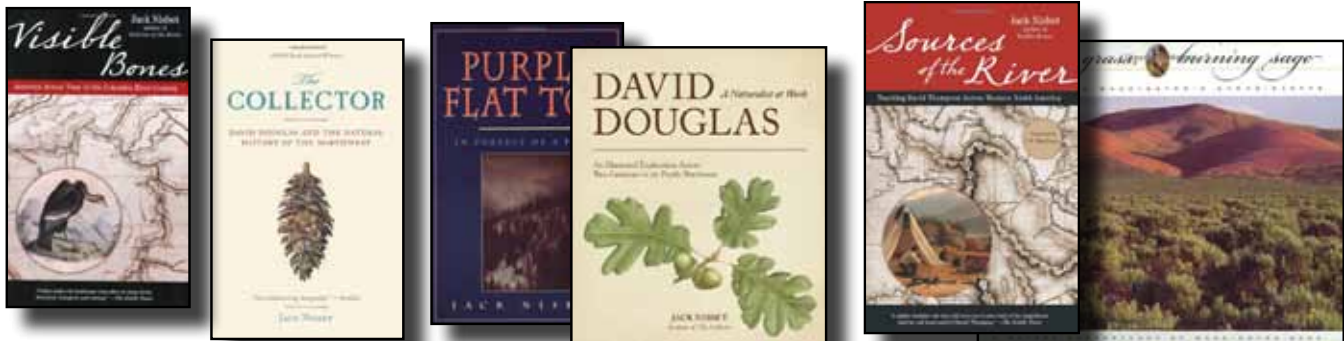
- 10 am** Exhibit opens. *A Naturalist at Work: the Making of the Book and the Exhibit* presentation with Jack on the mezzanine, followed by an exhibit tour with Jack.
- noon - 2 pm** Tony Johnson and Jack Nisbet in the gallery stationed in the corner exhibit on coastal culture, where Tony and Jack will discuss how Douglas and the Chinook worked together and how tribal groups work with the public today - the evolution since Douglas.
- 2-4 pm** Tribal members from the Shoalwater Tribe will serve tea made from plants outlined in Douglas' journals.

**2. Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Capital Museum in Olympia in conjunction with our plant sale, Jack Nisbet will host a gallery talk on the flora identified by Douglas, followed by an illustrated talk showing Douglas' artwork and contemporary images of native plants.** The schedule for the day:

- 10 am - 4 pm** Exhibit opening in the Capital Museum
- 9 am - 3 pm** Native Plant Sale presented by the South Sound Native Plant Society
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm** Garden tours with Jack and WNPS-SSC members
- 2:30 - 3 pm** Book signing (also after Jack speaks)
- 3 pm** Presentation by Jack in the Museum
- 4 - 5 pm** Reception honoring WNPS-SSC for work on the Delbert McBride Ethnobotanical Garden.

**3. Wednesday, October 9, 2013. The Tacoma WNPS Chapter Meeting will be held at the Washington State History Museum. Please note the times!** Schedule for the evening:

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm** A WNPS MEMBERS ONLY reception with Jack Nisbet in the mezzanine. Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- 6:30 - 7:30 pm** The gallery will be open for the public to view the Douglas exhibit, and Jack will be available to sign books.
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm** Jack Nisbet presentation in the auditorium, *David Douglas: A Naturalist at Work*, followed by questions and answers.





## Other South Sound Chapter Activities

### Spring Plant Sale a Success

Our third annual Spring Native Plant Sale was held again at the Capital Museum Coach House, Olympia, on May 4, 2013. The sale was a great success. Once again, we had an excellent turnout of native plant gardeners. Thanks to our volunteers, and to our customers who bought almost \$6300 worth of plants and raised over \$3200 for the chapter programs after expenses. The money raised allows us to provide grants to the community for native plant projects besides providing low cost native plants for gardens and restoration.

Our volunteers and plant donators included John Neorr, Cyndy Dillon, John Dillon, Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Chris Earle, Lee Fellenberg, Jane Ostericher, Jane Ely, Dan and Pat Montague, Mary Sue Gee, Dan Paquette, Sharon Berquist-Moody, Bill Brookreson, Richard Tinsley, Josh Davis, Karen Laing, and Cheri and Jim Pettigrew. Thanks to you all!



**Fall Native Plant Sale.** Mark your calendars and send us your wish list for our **Fall Native Plant Sale, Saturday, October 5, 9 am to 3 pm, at the Capital Museum Coach House, 211 21st Ave SW, Olympia.** Fall is the best time for planting your favorite trees, shrubs and perennials to give them the winter rainy season to get established. We expect to again have a nice selection of Northwest natives to brighten your gardens and landscapes, build bird and animal habitat, and restore our natural environment. We can always use volunteers to set up the sale on Friday, October 4, and assist in the Saturday sale events. We also can utilize any native plants that you may wish to donate. All proceeds from the sale benefit chapter grants and activities. To volunteer, contact Bonnie Blessing-Earle at [bonnie.blessing@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.blessing@gmail.com) or Bill Brookreson at [b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net), 253-564-1137.

### South Sound Chapter's Grant Program

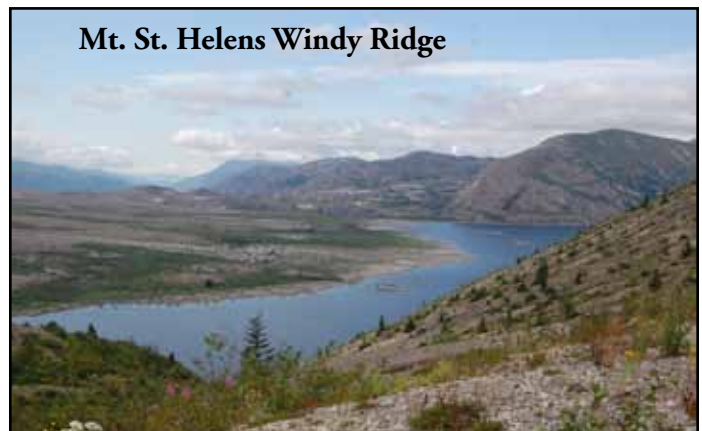
By John Neorr

In 2012, our chapter (SSC) started a grants program. This program provides small grants (\$250-500) to help support projects related to native plants – projects that are aligned with our mission “to promote the appreciation and conservation of Washington’s native plants and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy.” Our grant application process, documented on our website, provides smaller organizations with limited resources using a simple, straightforward grant application process. Grant committee members are also readily available to answer questions.

Since 2012, we have provided grants for four different projects in the South Sound area. Our first grant was to the New Market Skills Center for a native plant border along a walkway and a native plant demonstration garden. This project is now complete. Procurement and installation of native plants provided hands-on experience for students in the Skills Center’s Environmental Education Program and the demonstration garden will provide continuing education to future students in the program.

Our second grant went to the Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM), providing funding for bus transportation for two classes from Littlerock Elementary to visit the Glacial Heritage Preserve. These visits occurred in May of this year and were very rewarding to both students and staff. Remaining funds within this grant will be used for creating educational materials for future student visitations.

The latest two grants were awarded to the Nisqually Reach Nature Center for plant labels and education brochures and to the South Sound High School for plants and supporting materials for a demonstration garden.



### Election of Chapter officers

In 2009 the chapter modified the election procedure for officers to provide for broader participation by providing for e-mail or paper voting for the chapter officer positions. At the October chapter meetings, the proposed slate of officers will be presented by the nominations committee and additional nominations solicited. The ballot will also allow for a *write in*. Even if you do not desire an elected position, there are a number of other appointed positions where you can serve the chapter on the board. Currently we have a full slate of nominees from the committee as follows:

- Chair - Cyndy Dillon
- Vice Chair (Thurston County) - Bonnie Blessing-Earle
- Vice Chair (Pierce County) - Jane Ostericher
- Secretary - Byrna Klavano
- Treasurer - Jane Ely

By October 21, 2013, an e-mail ballot will be sent to each member for whom we have a current email address and a paper ballot to each member without a current email address on file. Contact Lee at [webmanager@southsoundchapterwnps.org](mailto:webmanager@southsoundchapterwnps.org) if you have not received a ballot by October 28, 2013. Ballots must be postmarked by November 2, 2013, and received no later than November 6 to be counted. Results will be announced at the November meetings, on the chapter website and in the newsletter updates.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Watch your monthly updates for volunteer opportunities.

### Washington Native Plant Society Education Grant Applications due November 15

The WNPS Education Committee encourages educators throughout our state to develop projects about native plants and plant habitats for their classes. Teachers who have been granted awards can serve as mentors for other teachers hoping to do similar projects in their school districts. Education grants are also available for projects linked to gardens, museums, parks and other public displays of or about native plants. Grants for WNPS members, funded by WNPS member dues, are available for education projects that further the goals of the society. Please contact committee chair Fayla Schwartz if you have any questions, or go to <http://tinyurl.com/88kxz4w>

### Botany Washington 2013

Botany Washington (BotWA) 2013, May 31 - June 2, took place at the Camp Delaney Environmental Learning Center at the beautiful Sun Lakes State Park in Grant County. This year's BotWa was the largest group yet for Botany Washington with over 60 participants coming from as far away as Nevada. For the second year, the event was co-sponsored by the Washington Native Plant Society and the UW Herbarium at the Burke Museum. The evening speakers were quite interesting. On Friday, Mare Nazaire spoke on *Diversification in Mertensia (Boraginaceae), with emphasis on Pacific Northwest Species*. On Saturday, Curtis Bjorck presented *Blooming Pools of Spring, Observations of the Columbia Plateau Vernal Pools*.



Botanist at work

BotWA again offered three tracks both on Saturday and Sunday for participants. Each day offered wildflower field trips with Julie Sanderson and Ed Lisowski on Saturday, and Pam Camp and Don Knoke on Sunday. Saturday, Pam Camp and David Giblin led a session on keying using Hitchcock, and Ron Kelly offered a taxonomic study session on the *Boraginaceae*. Sunday featured keying with Joe Arnett and taxonomic study of the *Asteraceae* with David Giblin. Again this year, it was an outstanding event.

### Hikes and Field Trips

Watch your monthly updates and the website for information on hikes and field trips.



### Workshops and Conferences

Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council Workshop, Invasive Species Workshop, The Tacoma Nature Center, November 5, 2013. For details visit the PNWIPC website at [www.pnw-ipc.org](http://www.pnw-ipc.org)

## Chapter Meetings

Meeting Times and Locations: We are very pleased to offer another series of interesting and educational speakers for our fall meetings. Chapter meetings are 7-9 pm. Meetings are normally scheduled on the second Monday (Olympia) and the second Wednesday (Tacoma) of each month from September through May. Meetings consist of a quick review of local items and announcements, and a presentation lasting approximately an hour. Programs are geared for all levels of botanical knowledge. Unless otherwise noted, as with the September picnic meeting and the Tacoma October meeting (see below), all Tacoma meetings are at Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 South Tyler Street, Tacoma. All Olympia meetings are at Capitol Museum Coach House, 211 21st Avenue SW, Olympia. Meetings are free and open to the public. Please contact John Neorr at [presentations@southsoundchapterwnps.org](mailto:presentations@southsoundchapterwnps.org) if you have a suggestion for a future presentation.

	<p align="center"><b>September 2013:</b> Monday, September 9, Joint Tacoma and Olympia Picnic Meeting Powderworks Park in DuPont, 6 pm start</p>
<p align="center">October 2013</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday, October 9 (Tacoma), Jack Nisbet</b> <b>David Douglas: A Naturalist at Work</b></p> <p>Since his presentation to the South Puget Sound chapter on David Douglas in 2010, author Jack Nisbet has been exploring the stories behind Douglas's landmark scientific collections. This time Nisbet will delve deeper into both the ethnographic and human aspects of Douglas's work, as well as describing the creation of a museum exhibit built around a dozen original Douglas plant specimens from Kew Gardens. <b>Note: this meeting will be at the Washington History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma.</b> See details in the <i>Jack Nisbet Comes to Olympia and Tacoma</i> article.</p>
<p align="center">November 2013</p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday, October 14 (Olympia), Tom Burke</b> <b>Treasure Everywhere – Studies Leading to the Book</b> <b><i>Land Snails and Slugs of the Pacific Northwest</i></b></p> <p>Discussion will follow the experiences and findings of biologist, Tom Burke, that led to his interest in mollusks, culminating in the book, <i>Land Snails and Slugs of the Pacific Northwest</i>. His work with habitats of many species, including threatened, endangered and sensitive animals and plants, led to discoveries of many range extensions and even several new species. Tom will discuss the ecology and reproductive specialization of land mollusks as well as their distribution, and various defense mechanisms. Have you seen jumping-slugs or taildroppers?</p> <p align="center"><b>Monday, November 11 (Olympia), Cheryl Fimbel</b> <b>Washington State Pollinators</b></p> <p>When the word “bee” is mentioned most people think of a honeybee. Honeybees, however, have been likened to “chickens” of the bee world because they are domesticated. The really interesting bees are the hundreds of species of <i>native</i> bees just outside your door. Join Cheryl Fimbel, staff scientist with the Center for Natural Lands Management, to learn more about our native bees who do the “heavy lifting” of pollinating our native plants. Cheryl will discuss the pollination process and pollinators in general as well as providing a detailed look at some of our native pollinators.</p> <p align="center"><b>Wednesday, November 13 (Tacoma), David E. Perry</b> <b>Seeing, Picturing and Sharing Outdoor Magic with your Smartphone</b></p> <p>Cameras in smart phones days are miniature wonders. They are nearly always within reach and are delightfully capable of making magical photographs that can quickly and easily be shared. Spend an hour with photographer, longtime blogger and storyteller, David E. Perry, as he demonstrates the amazing potential that smart phone cameras offer. Learn to both master their wonders and sidestep some of their inherent pitfalls. David will show simple processes and tricks to enhance your own smart phone photography and show which apps offer the most zing for \$1.99.</p>



December 2013	<p><b>Monday, December 9 (Olympia)</b>  <b>Holiday Celebrations and Member Presentations</b></p> <p>Chapter members involved in native plant activities and projects are invited to informally present what they have done or are working on. Presentations can include pictures, slides or other materials and can be as informal as simply speaking about your work. We request that speakers limit their presentations/talks to no more than 10 minutes. In addition to these member presentations, we hope to have trip leaders present brief overviews of the trip(s) they have led. Beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday, December 11 (Tacoma)</b>  <b>Holiday Celebrations and Member Presentations</b>  <b>See description above</b></p>
January 2014	<p><b>Wednesday, January 8 (Tacoma), Clay Antieau</b>  <b>Know Your Grasses</b></p> <p>Grasses are critical to many fields of science and practice, including wetland identification and delineation, ecosystem restoration, erosion control, and interpretation of natural history. Beautiful and diverse, grasses are fundamental to the past and future survival of humans. Clay Antieau, horticulturist, botanist, and environmental scientist, will explore the grass family and its distinguishing characteristics including those of invasive grasses, rare grasses, and ornamental grasses.</p>
	<p><b>Monday, January 13 (Olympia), Joe Arnett</b>  <b>Plant Species Disjuncts</b></p> <p>Why is this plant growing here? Is it a native? How did it get here? Are there more of these plants nearby? There are the kinds of questions asked when a plant is found growing in an area far from other members of its species or from its close relatives. These disjuncts are of particular interest to Joe Arnett, rare plant botanist for the Washington Natural Heritage Program. This program which tracks rare and endangered species, sometimes must reason about how a plant got where it is. Joe will speak to the topic of disjuncts, citing interesting examples in Washington along with rationale as to how these disjuncts may have occurred.</p>

## More Plant and Seed Sales

### Chase Garden Fall Plant Sale 16015 264th Street E. Orting

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 & 29, 10 to 3

The sale features fall and winter blooming cyclamen and silver leaf cyclamen and *Hepatica nobilis* for winter color. Fall is the best time to establish vanilla leaf, false Solomon Seal and fairy-bells. We'll have specialty vendors with unusual plants, and bird feeder wreath kits for children with supplies and instructions. Free entrance to the garden, [www.chasegarden.org](http://www.chasegarden.org)

### Native Plant Salvage Foundation 2013 Water Wise Plant Sale

The Native Plant Salvage Foundation will hold a Water Wise Plant Sale on Sunday, September 29. For details, visit [www.nativeplantsalvage.org](http://www.nativeplantsalvage.org)

### WNPS CPS Fall Planting Celebration Saturday, October 5 from 10 am to 4 pm

The Central Puget Sound Chapter will hold a Fall Planting Celebration at 7744 35th Ave NE, Seattle, (Hunter's Tree Farm Christmas Tree Lot in the Wedgewood neighborhood). Because of renovation at the usual Magnusson Park site, this is a **new location**. The event is an expansion of the traditional Fall Native Bulb, Plant and Seed Sale. It will be fun and educational.

- Chapter volunteers will hold a **Native Bulb, Seed, and Plant Sale**. The list of species will be posted at [wnps.wordpress.com](http://wnps.wordpress.com) in September.
- Planted pots will be available for decks and balconies.
- To address your questions about preparing your garden for the winter, native plant experts from WNPS will be on hand.
- Abundant free parking.
- Please bring your own boxes and trays.

### A Plea to Protect Our Pollinators by Bill Brookreson

We go into the grocery store or, if we're lucky, to a farmer's market or our own plants and enjoy an apple, a pear or any number of fruits and berries, or enjoy a beautiful or delicate native flower, all of which depend on honey bees and other insect pollinators. Almost 75% of our crops and flowering plants require pollinators. And yet, in spite of this, many of our pollinators are being threatened by disease, pests, and human activity. Six years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of a week in June as "National Pollinator Week" marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. Pollinator Week has grown to be an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles. The Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior designated June 17-23, 2013 as National Pollinator Week. Pollinator Week 2014 will be June 16-23.

Declarations are a good start but clearly do not solve the problem. The first day of National Pollinator Week 2013 – tens of thousands of bumble bees and other pollinators were found dead under trees at the Target store in Wilsonville, California, the result of the

misapplication of Dinotefuran (Safari), a systemic insecticide used to combat the aphids that are frequently found on linden, birch and other common street trees. According to Scott Black, Executive Director of the Xerces Society, "The landscape company did not follow label directions, *as it is not supposed to be sprayed during bloom.*" This seemingly small mistake led to over 25,000 pollinator deaths – mostly bumble bees – and pollinators continued to flock to the poisoned nectar every day.

Our honey bees, our most critical crop pollinator, continue to be ravaged by mites and disease and lack of clean forage. Our native pollinators are threatened by over use and misuse of insecticides and loss of habitat. On Monday, November 11, in Olympia, Cheryl Fimbal will talk to us on our native pollinators. What a great opportunity to increase our knowledge. What can we do? Learn more. Always use insecticides very prudently. Plant native plants that attract and sustain our native pollinators. Be grateful to them every time you bite that apple, eat that almond or enjoy that flower.

## Chair Report

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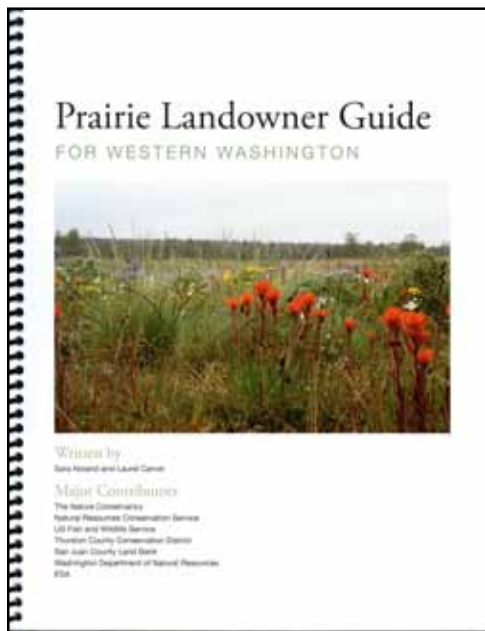
### A Stupendous Study Weekend By Cyndy Dillon

I'm sure those of you who attended will agree that the 2013 WNPS Study Weekend at the Cispus Center near Randle at the end of June was a rousing success. I was apprehensive last fall when Bill Brookreson first proposed that our chapter host the event since I had not participated in one before, but Bill's suggestions seemed promising. I dutifully reported progress on preparation at October and April WNPS State Board meetings as Bill coordinated food and lodging with the Cispus Center, lined up fabulous hikes and leaders, arranged intriguing evening speakers, and worked tirelessly with the Montagues to register participants and with Jane Ely to collect payments.

Bill subsequently gave me thorough updates as he scoped out trail conditions, determined best access and negotiated with rangers on otherwise closed routes, including one remarkable preliminary trip where he encountered snow. Before I knew it, it was June 28 and I arrived at Cispus Center without lifting a finger to help with the complexities of the weekend. I thought I could at least set up chairs, but all that was done. The refreshments table was overloaded

with fruit, snacks and beverages and I was able to just chat with participants as they showed up and were registered by the Montagues and their volunteers.

The dinners and the s'more roast provided further opportunities to meet members, many of whom had participated countless times. That was revealed in the entertaining slide show of Study Weekends over the past 35 years. The presentations were most informative, complemented several hikes and distracted us from the near-90 degree temperatures. I heard rave reviews of the walks and certainly enjoyed my two trails at Iron Creek and Grove of the Patriarchs/Silver Falls, where my companions helped identify and elaborated on historic uses of native plants. Of course, the most disconcerting part was my inability to convince the many who complimented the event that I did nothing and that all the credit goes to the super South Sound Chapter team of Bill, Dan, Pat and Jane, who contributed hundreds of hours to attend to every detail. I must say I am hooked and already have the Olympic Peninsula Study Weekend July 25-27, 2014, on my calendar.



**Prairie Landowner Guide for Western Washington, by Sara Noland and Laurel Carver, US Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy and ESA, April 2011.**

For the South Puget Sound, our prairies are a treasured part of the environment. Although the book is designed “for people who own, live, work on, or manage prairie lands in western Washington,” in the *Prairie Landowner Guide*, we have an excellent document that helps not only to understand the prairies better, but also a guide to preserving and restoring.

The first two chapters provide an excellent introduction to our prairies from a brief history, to where they are found, prairie soils, wet prairies, oak woodlands, and the plants and animals of the prairies. Chapters three, four, and five are very useful to those doing prairies restoration or who want to recreate a prairie on their own properties. Discussions of options on weed control are particularly relevant. For those wanting to learn more, there is an excellent set of appendices – bibliography, weed control options, native plant suppliers, funding sources, agencies and organizations, sources for maps and aerial photos, and native grassland communities.

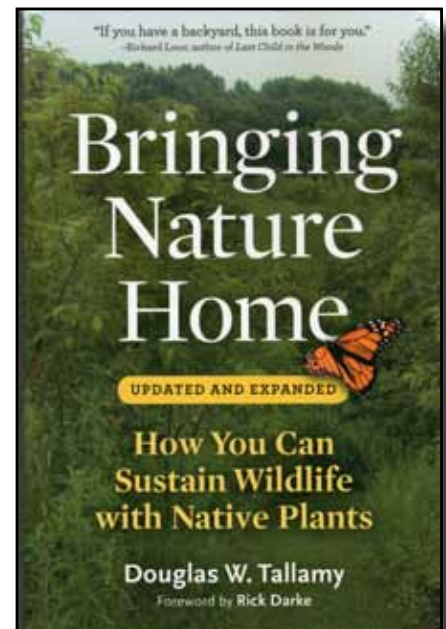
The guide is available from the Conservation Districts in hard copy or CD for free or may be downloaded at [www.southsoundprairies.org](http://www.southsoundprairies.org)

**Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants (Updated and Expanded edition) by Douglas W. Tallamy, Timber Press, 2009. \$17.95.**

Many of us have enjoyed Russell Link’s book, *Landscaping for Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest*. Douglas Tallamy’s *Bringing Nature Home* provides an excellent companion volume. Douglas W. Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. The book necessarily has a east coast focus but the theories and explanations remain the same no matter what part of the world you live in.

As an entomologist, Tallamy is studying the relationship of plants to insects to birds. In Tallamy’s study, there is an unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife. According to Tallamy, most native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. Wild creatures exist in a complex web of interrelationships, and often require different kinds of food at different stages of their development. When native plant species disappear or are replaced by alien exotics, the insects disappear, thus impoverishing the food source of birds and other animals. In many parts of the world, habitat destruction has been so extensive that local wildlife populations are in crisis and may well be headed toward extinction.

Tallamy sees a new and vital role for the suburban garden as a haven for biodiversity. By growing native plants, suburban gardeners can play an important role in helping create sustainable ecosystems. The fascinating book includes color photos; a listing of landscape-worthy, wildlife-attracting native plants by U.S. region; summary table of host plants of butterflies and showy moths; and experimental evidence for the ability of native as vs. alien plants to attract beneficial insects. Some of the charts are particularly revealing. Oaks, for example, support 534 species of Lepidoptera, willows 456. Chapter 9, Gardening for Insect Diversity, was my personal favorite. Whether you are a gardener or just interested in biodiversity, the book is an excellent read.





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- Central Puget Sound (Seattle)
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  - 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

- \$35 Individual Rate
- \$45 Family
- \$65 Club/Institution
- \$20 Budget
- \$50-99 WNPS Friend
- \$100-499 WNPS Special Friend
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- \$1,000 WNPS Sustaining
- \$5,000 WNPS Patron

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