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



*Fall
2018*

Spring 2018 Native Plant Sale

Once again, our Spring Native Plant Sale on April 21 was a success. The sale was held at the Lord Mansion's Coach House and was scheduled from 9-3 but we closed at 1 pm when the plants were largely sold out. The selection of plants this year was broad, with some interesting omissions where the plants were simply not available. We provided plants from local nurseries and growers as far away as Peshastin, Washington and Mosier, Oregon. Our sales total was just under \$9500 with expenses just under \$4700. The profits support chapter programs and grants, and our plants support wonderful native gardens and restorations.



Our Fall Plant Sale date will be October 6

at the Lord Mansion Coach House. Come early and get great plants for fall planting.

No plant sale would happen without our wonderful volunteers who donated plants, helped transport plants, set up the sale and worked the sale day. Our thanks to Reba Van Andel, Marian Bailey, Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Allan Borden, Bill Brookreson, Sue Butkus, Peggy Butler, June Coloff, Cyndy Dillon, John Dillon, Penny Douglas, Jane Ely, Lee Fellenberg, Mary Sue Gee, Don Guyot, John Hefner, Catherine Hovanic, Byrna Klavano, Jacob Lehman, Deb Naslund, John Neorr, Jane Ostericher, Cherry Pedrick, Jim Pedrick, Kurt Reidinger, Kathleen Riley, Nashesha Rowberg, Marv Sanberg, Jenny Schlee, Gail Sklar, Ann Stephenson, Gail Trotter and Dave Zink. A special thanks to Gail for organizing and feeding our volunteers.

Native Plant Study Weekend 2018

Native Plant Study Weekend 2018 was centered in the Columbia Gorge and co-sponsored by the South Sound and Suksdorfia chapters of WNPS. The theme was Rainbow of Wildflowers: Celebrating the Botanical Diversity of the Columbia Gorge. The headquarters for the events was the Best Western Plus in Hood River, Oregon, which provided an excellent facility. This year's event was one of the largest ever with about 190 attendees, trip leaders and speakers.



We were fortunate to have excellent weather for the field trips and wonderful diversity and selection of wild flowers to observe. The program began Friday evening with a buffet dinner and a keynote address by Carlo Abbruzzese focusing on the preservation work by DNR in the Natural Areas Program where Carlo is a Regional Manager. Saturday morning, we had the first 13 field trips. Because of the number of attendees, many of the field trips were somewhat larger than usual, but almost all had multiple trip leaders.

Saturday, we had a reception and banquet as well as enjoying a slide show on the areas flowers prepared by Kevin Head. In the evening we had a number of speakers in addition to the primary presentation by Dr. Susan Kephart of Willamette University focusing on her work with *Camassia* varieties. In addition, Ben Legler updated the status and gave a preview of the revised Flora of the Pacific Northwest, and Van Bobbitt presented WNPS awards to Bill Brookreson and Dr Sarah Richart (posthumus). The events culminated on Sunday with another set of field trips.

Everything worked very smoothly despite the larger than anticipated attendance. We owe a special thanks to Denise Mahnke and Dottie Moulton for their great work in keeping everything organized, Don Hardin for organizing the hikes and all our wonderful trip leaders.

Other South Sound Chapter Activities

Chapter Officers & Bylaws Revision

At the October chapter meetings, the proposed slate of officers will be presented by the Nominations Committee, and additional nominations will be solicited. The ballot will also allow for a write in candidate. We currently have a slate of ballot nominees from the committee as follows:

- Chair – Gail Trotter
- Vice Chair (Thurston County) – Deborah Naslund
- Vice Chair (Pierce County) – Gail Sklar
- Secretary – Allan Borden
- Treasurer – Rita Hummel



In addition, we ask that you vote on some updates and changes in the chapter's bylaws. These include:

- Simplifying expenditure wording,
- Providing for two members at large on the chapter board,
- Making the officers' service period from Jan 1 to Dec 31,
- Putting some additional wording for treasurer's tasks,
- Rearranging some text for clarity,
- Clarifying standing versus ad hoc committees and identifying all standing committees in the bylaws,
- Clarifying who are voting board members,
- Changing the board title from "Executive Board" to "Board of Directors."

A copy of the proposed revised bylaws:

southsoundchapterwnps.org/

By Oct. 22, 2018, a ballot will be sent to each member whose dues are current as of Oct. 1st: an email ballot for whom we have a current email address, and a paper ballot to each member without a current email address on file. If you have not received a ballot by Oct. 26, 2018, please contact Lee Fellenberg webmanager@southsoundchapterwnps.org. Paper ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 2, and received no later than Nov. 7, 2018, to be counted. Results will be announced at the November meetings, on the chapter website and in the newsletter updates. Please take the time to vote.

Grant Program Report from John Neorr

One of the most important things we do with the money we raise from our Spring and Fall Native Plant Sales is give back to the community in the form of special programs and grants to support worthwhile projects. This year, we have five grants that are either new, continuing or finishing up:

- Schneider Prairie Restoration (\$500)
- South Lake Hewitt Neighborhood Park Native Plant Restoration (\$400)
- Sehmel Homestead Native Plant Trail (\$500)
- Valhalla Elementary School Pollinator Garden (\$500)
- Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge 'Eye on Nature' Program (\$1,000)



Workshops and Conferences

Restoring Resilient Communities in Changing Landscapes

The Society for Ecological Restoration (SERS) and the Society of Wetland Scientists are pleased to announce their joint Pacific Northwest Regional conference October 15-18, 2018, in Spokane, Washington. The conference will also provide a forum for members of North American Chapters of the SERS to address regional and continental North American issues of importance to wetland science and ecological restoration. The conference will gather scientists, practitioners, and decision makers around the theme of restoring ecological resilience and resilient communities in changing landscapes.

Registration includes:

- Attendance and participation at technical sessions, poster sessions, and open conference sessions, as well as symposia and plenaries
- Lunch and refreshments for main conference days
- Catered evening socials on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Options to participate in workshops and field trips (Monday only; price not included)

For information on costs and registration, visit

<http://restoration2018.org/register-now/>

Other South Sound Chapter News

Botany Washington 2018

Botany Washington 2018, June 8-10, was again a joint activity between the Washington Native Plant Society and the University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum (WTU). The theme was Late Spring Along Willapa Bay, Pacific County. The event centered at Ocean Park Camp & Retreat Center. The event combined speakers, field trips and technical study. The South Sound Chapter was well represented.

Our volunteer coordinator Gail Trotter shared her experience at Botany Washington and why it was worthwhile for her: *I decided to go to 2018 Botany Washington because of the location at the ocean. I thought it would be a great way to learn about what plants were in the area that I had enjoyed in the past. It was that plus a lot more and I was amazed at the connections I made. I did hikes at the two state parks learning the unique plants near the ocean and impacts from a jetty that was built on the Columbia River, which caused the sand dunes to shift allowing the shore pines and other trees to come in at Leadbetter Point over the last 30 years. The shifting sands are impacting the point and the entrance to Willapa Bay.*

I reconnected with Cathy Maxwell who had shared information with me on Kincaid's Lupine named after my mother-in-law's father. I asked one night at dinner about what the UW Herbarium may have on the subject. Our guest speaker was at the table and knew of a recent article about the naming and I got another connection: <https://tinyurl.com/y99lxjvz>

While out on the plant walks I saw a plant I thought I knew from the prairies--it was one that was introduced. I had switched an identification rule in my head from lack of use, so another connection was made to past information. It made me realize how unused knowledge can shift, which made me want to get back to volunteering with seed collection to keep my knowledge fresh. The weekend was one I valued in making new and old connections.

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 October through May. Meetings consist of a quick review of local items and announcements, and a presentation lasting approximately an hour. This year, we will have some changes to note in September and December.

Programs are geared for all levels of botanical knowledge. Unless otherwise noted, as with the Sept. and Dec. meetings, 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. Contact Sue Butkas at presentations@southsoundchapterwnps.org if you have a suggestion for a presentation.

September 2018	<p>Wednesday, Sept. 12, Joint Tacoma and Olympia Meeting at Titlow Park Lodge in Tacoma <i>Marty Stump and Tom Dargan, Titlow Restoration – 8 Years in the Making</i></p> <p>You are invited to join us for a special 2018 kickoff meeting at Titlow Lodge, Titlow Park in Tacoma to share hearty appetizers, hear Marty Stump, Design and Construction Manager, and Tom Dargan, Project Manager, talk about the restoration of Tacoma's Titlow Park. Appetizers and a short business meeting at 5:00; appetizers 5:00 to 5:45, program 5:45 to 6:45; park tour starts at 6:45. Come, enjoy the fellowship and learn about the changes at Titlow Park at 8425 6th Ave., Tacoma.</p>
October 2018	<p>Monday, October 8 (Olympia), Lynda Mapes: Restoration and the Elwha Dam</p> <p>Lynda V. Mapes is the environmental reporter for the Seattle Times and an observer of the natural world. She is the author of four books: <i>Washington: The Spirit of the Land</i> (with photographers Terry Donnelly and Mary Liz Austin); <i>Elwha: A River Reborn</i> (with photographer Steve Ringman); <i>Breaking Ground: The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and the Unearthing of Tse-whit-zen Village</i>; and her newest book <i>Witness Tree: Seasons of Change with a Century-Old Oak</i>. She researched and wrote <i>Witness Tree</i> while a Knight Fellow in science journalism at MIT and a Bullard Fellow in forest research in residence with her oak at the Harvard Forest.</p> <p>Wednesday, October 10 (Tacoma), Sarah Low: Tacoma's Tree Canopy Program</p> <p>With the threat of global warming and the need to capture carbon, tree canopies have new interest and importance. Join us to learn about Tacoma's Tree Canopy Program from Sarah Low, Tacoma's Tree Canopy Program Manager.</p>

November 2018	<p>Monday, November 12 (Olympia), Nelson Salisbury: Restoration for Pollinators</p> <p>Whether it is native plants or food crops, the loss of pollinators poses a profound threat. Come and hear about some of the work being done to address this problem. Nelson Salisbury is co-author of the new Earth-Corps publication, <i>The Native Pollinator Habitat Restoration Guide</i>. We will have copies available for purchase.</p>	
	<p>Wednesday, November 14 (Tacoma), Jack Nesbit</p> <p>Historical Adventures with Plants in Washington, Oregon and Idaho</p> <p>Jack Nesbit is an author and naturalist from Spokane. Jack has written many books about the natural history of the Intermountain West. These include <i>Purple Flat Top</i>, <i>The Collector</i>, <i>David Douglas--A Naturalist at Work</i>, and <i>Ancient Places</i>. Jack Nesbit will talk about his newest book, <i>The Dreamer and the Doctor</i>. Those who have heard Jack know we are in for an extraordinary treat.</p>	
December	<p>Wednesday, December 5 (Olympia -joint meeting with Tacoma)</p> <p>This year we are trying something new, a joint meeting at the Coach House for the holiday gathering, Note: the change from the normal date. The meeting will feature presentations by members of their activities, door prizes, and potluck of sharing favorite snacks or deserts. No Tacoma meeting in December.</p>	
January 2019	<p>Wednesday, January 9 (Tacoma) Member presentations</p> <p>This meeting will feature presentations of more member activities.</p>	
	<p> Monday, January 14 (Olympia) To be announced</p>	

Chair Report

Reflections on 2018 and More By Bill Brookreson

Having decided to step down as the Chair of the South Sound chapter of WNPS at the end of this year, I thought it would be an appropriate time to reflect on the past year. What has stuck with me most is the wonderful people with whom I have had the privilege to work. I have been blessed with an outstanding executive board; Cyndy Dillon, John Neorr, Deb Naslund, Jane Ely, Jane Ostericher, Sue Butkus, Allan Borden, Gail Trotter and Lee Fellenberg make me look much better than I deserve by their work and dedication. Bonnie Blessing-Earle stepped down because of work load but contributed mightily. Additionally, I credit all the volunteers and supportive members of the chapter. I couldn't be luckier.

At the state level, when you are the chair of a chapter, you serve on the State Board of Directors. I served on the Financial Advisory Committee, the Personnel Committee and chaired the Stewardship Advisory Committee. That is a chance to get to know and work with some exceptional people like our President Don Schachtel, Treasurer Rob Smith, and our office's staffers, Denise Mahnke and Elizabeth Gage.

One of our major tasks of the year was working with the Suksdorfia Chapter to put on the Native Plant Study Weekend 2018, in the Columbia Gorge. I worked very closely with Don Hardin and Dottie Moulton in putting it together. It took several drives to White Salmon, but the weekend came off very well. Again, it gave a chance to work with a lot of members from across the state.

Our plant sales are our biggest single fundraiser. With a lot of volunteer help, they always seem to come together. Thanks to John Neorr, we have found some excellent projects to return money to the community in the form of grants. Giving talks on native plants gives a chance to help people understand how improve our environment. Being the chair opens the door to make contacts and change things for the better.

As your chair, I have had a great time. I hope I have made a small difference for you as well. I intend to remain a active member of the chapter; I am not very good at retiring. With your help, we will continue to make a difference.



Conservation Reflections – the Sustainability in Prisons Project By Gail Trotter

Conservation of native plants is often involved in research and in restoration of the land to support a species in need. But through that effort people's lives are changed too. I have observed this in my own life and with others with whom I have worked. One community that surprised me in their impact to restoration projects and changed lives are the prisoners who raise native plants including species in danger of going extinct. The Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) has been a major contributor to ecological restoration work. I wanted to share with you some reflections on the project from SPP Co-Director, Kelli Bush.

The mission of the Sustainability in Prisons Project is to empower sustainable change by bringing nature, science, and environmental education into prisons. In response to the crises of ecological degradation and mass incarceration, we aim to reduce recidivism while improving human well-being and ecosystem health. SPP brings together incarcerated individuals, scientists, corrections staff, students, and program partners to promote education, conserve biodiversity, practice sustainability, and help build healthy communities.

SPP was cofounded by The Evergreen State College and the Washington Department of Corrections (WDOC). Our work includes more than 180 programs in all 12 prisons statewide with more than 100 partner organizations. Program examples include gardening, composting, raising endangered butterflies, and science and sustainability workshops.

One of SPP's longest-running education and training programs breeds and supports native prairie plants. Since 2009, incarcerated nursery technicians have helped raise more than two million plant-plugs for restoration of Salish lowland prairies. Plug production is concentrated at Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen and at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy. Native seed cultivation programs are located at the Washington Corrections Center and the WCC for Women in Shelton.

Nursery technicians perform daily plant production tasks with supervision from WDOC staff. SPP graduate student staff from Evergreen provide technicians education, training, lectures and seminars. Lecture and seminar topics range from restoration of Salish lowland ecosystems to global climate change.

In addition to education and training, technicians report receiving personal benefits from participating in the program. A technician cultivating early blue violet seed for Speyeria zerene fritillary butterfly recovery recently commented, "For the first time since being incarcerated, I felt a purpose in here. A purpose that comes from living plants and being able to care for something."

SPP is also piloting production of wetland emergent vegetation mats in prisons. These mats are intended for Oregon spotted frog restoration sites dominated by invasive reed canary grass. SPP programs are developed with partner organizations to complement education and restoration goals. Funding support for native plant programs primarily comes from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Center for Natural Lands Management, WDOC, SPP Foundation donations and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Plant materials are used by a variety of federal, state and non-profit organizations.

Participants in SPP programs receive education and training while making significant contributions to environmental restoration. Through education and training, we also aim to support participants in successful reentry and positively impact community safety for all. SPP continues to grow opportunities for collaborations benefitting people, communities and ecosystems.

If you wish to contribute to SPP and help change lives through conservation see the simple options at: <https://tinyurl.com/ya5dph6v>

Hikes and Field Trips

Chapter members continue to work on arranging hikes and other native plant walks. These are announced our website and in the monthly updates. If you have a favorite hike you would like to share and lead, please contact Cyndy Dillon at cpdillongh@comcast.net Cyndy has done an outstanding job arranging hikes in almost every month of the year.

Native plant hikes are a great way to learn more about our wonderful flora and to enjoy the company of other plant enthusiasts. We also try to recommend hikes you can do on your own. If you enjoy having plant lists to check your skill, go to the WNPS website's plant lists <https://tinyurl.com/d7ve59z>



Samantha Morgan visiting blooming Balsamorhiza deltoidea for the first time after growing hundreds of thousands of these as plant-plugs for habitat recovery.



Native Plant Resources

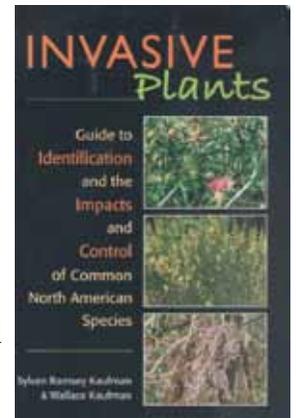
Invasive Plants: Guide to Identification and the Impacts and Control of Common North American Species by Sylvan Ramsey Kaufman and Wallace Kaufman.

Whether you are a home gardener or involved in a restoration project, invasive species are the bane of your efforts.

Invasive Plants provides full-color photos and descriptions of 175 alien species--both terrestrial and aquatic. For each species, detailed accounts include information on identifying characteristics, effects on the ecosystem and effective management techniques. This second edition added 23 additional species and updates throughout the text. You will find the pictures and text exceedingly well done.

One tidbit on the plants I particularly enjoy is "How it came to North America." Most came without ill intent. Scot's broom, for example: Captain Walter Colquhoun Grant, a retired English army officer from Scotland brought Scot's broom to plant on his estate near Sooke, British Columbia, in the 1850s, and from there it was sold commercially. Himalayan blackberries were introduced to California by the famous plant breeder Luther Burbank in about 1885. Some good history lessons here.

Invasive Plants, 2nd edition, Stackpole Books, 2013, \$39.95. This book first was published in 2007 and was revised and updated in 2013. <http://www.invasiveplantguide.com/the-book/>



The Native Pollinator Habitat Restoration Guide: Best Management Practices for the Puget Sound Lowlands by Matthew B. Schwartz and Nelson Salisbury. The EarthCorps, Seattle, 2018.

With the decline in pollinator populations brought about by habitat loss, habitat degradation, pesticides, nonnative species and climate changes, we are seeing a growing awareness of the need to support a more pollinator friendly environment. For those who want to address the problems, this small guide is an excellent place to begin whether you are restoring a large area or just your own property.

It provides a guide on how to access a site, to plan a restoration, and to carry the restoration out, and recommendations by habitat type. You will find the recommendations to be very practical with useful details on each step. It talks about the value of our native plants, and the needs for diversity and redundancy (one plant does not make a habitat).

The charts in the back help identify the flowering seasons to help planting to have food for pollinators throughout the critical times. The manual discusses the other needs for elements, such as shelter for nesting, egg laying and overwintering of pollinators. Section 3.4 provides some specific requirements for a variety of pollinators.

This guide may not be the definitive account but it is an excellent beginning and includes a good list of resources for further work. Check out Matthew Schwartz's blog post at <https://tinyurl.com/ybpobux6> or download the guide at <https://tinyurl.com/ycklmzlp>

Plant Sale

Fall Native Plant Sale

The South Sound Chapter will have its Fall Native Plant Sale on Saturday, October 6, at the Lord Mansion Coach House, 211 21st Ave SW, Olympia from 9 am to 3 pm. Come early for the best selections.

Tacoma Nature Center, Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9 am-2 pm. A list of plants will be posted on TNC's website, by 1 pm the day prior to the sale. Come early for best selection.

Central Puget Sound Chapter has decided not to have a Fall Native Plant Sale in 2018.

Bulbs, Seeds and More

Looking for bulbs and seeds? On September 22, 2018 starting at 10 am, CPS will be having a booth in partnership with Eastside Audubon's fall native plant sale. It will be held at 21 Acres during the Sammamish Valley Fall Harvest Festival. Eastside Audubon will also have partner booths from Bats Northwest and Rent Mason Bees, and 21 Acres will be hosting a falconry group. CPS will have over 45 species of plant material to sell there. 21 Acres is located at 13701 NE 171st St, Woodinville, WA 98072



Updated WNPS Plant Lists Available Online

Thanks to support from our chapters and others, plus a grant from the Garneau-Nicon Foundation, WNPS recently released our collection of plant lists as an online database. This database has three great new features. First, it can always keep you updated on the currently accepted names of plants in the list; whenever a scientific name changes you can see the new name as well as the one used when the list was submitted. Second, you can print or download the list in a variety of formats to suit your interests; for example, you can sort species by family or genus. And third, you can sign up to be a contributor and create a new list or edit species on an established list.

Visit <https://wnps2.org/plant-lists> and click on Plant Lists to try out the new database. You will find the same state map of counties you are familiar with plus, by clicking the FIND ON MAP tab, a zoomable map marked with locations of the nearly 700 lists in the collection. Clicking the SEARCH PLANT LISTS tab unleashes the power of the database by letting you find lists for a specific place name, plant name, and other criteria either singly or in combination.

A great way to start is to find a list for an area you want to visit, print it and take it with you. Plant lists have always been great identification aids, as they narrow down the number of species from thousands to perhaps 50-200. With these lists it is easier to learn the current scientific names and reorganized family names.

You can start your own list if you don't find one for your area of interest by becoming a Contributor.

There is no better way to learn! Because you can add species to your list as you discover them, you can start with a single visit and add species each time you return. You can invite your WNPS friends to help—it can be a great chapter activity. You can do this for a local park or a distant trail, or anywhere in between.

To become a Contributor, send an email message to plantlists@wnps.org. Ron Bockelman, the WNPS Plant Lists Manager, will set up an account for you and send instructions to get you started. Once you have a username and password you can also edit existing lists with permission of the list's primary contributor. This is a great way to improve our lists with multiple visits. This database was developed by Ben Legler of the UW Herbarium at the Burke Museum. It is linked to the Flora of Washington Checklist and regularly updates accepted names.

Check out the new WNPS website. The transition should be complete in September.

State Bylaws

Proposed Changes to State Bylaws. The State Board of Directors has voted to present a proposal to the membership to amend the state bylaws to add "Stewardship" as a standing committee to the state Board of Directors. This will be subject to a vote of the membership and we ask your support for this important change.

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Become a Member or Renew Your Membership The easiest way to become a member or renew your membership is on line at WNPS.org. If you have any questions, contact the WNPS office or Bill Brookreson chair@southsoundchapterwnps.org

Volunteer Opportunties

One of our goals as a chapter is to give a wide variety of opportunities for members to get involved in something that gives them satisfaction and enjoyment. This coming year, we will have a wide variety of such things. In October when we will have our Fall Native Plant Sale, we will need volunteers for everything from setting up the sale, to working the actual sale day.

And there are the restoration projects, mostly removing invasive plants and, in the wet season, planting more native plants, that we highlight each month in the Monthly Updates – Lord Museum Native Plant Garden, Tacoma Nature Center, China Lake, Wapato Lake, Ryan's Park and the South Sound Prairies. They all need more volunteers Gail Trotter has taken on the job of Volunteer Coordinator. Please enjoy yourselves, and keep Gail very busy.

The mission of the Washington Native Plant Society is to promote the appreciation and conservation of Washington's native plants and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy.



**WNPS 2019 Calendars
will arrive in September.
Only \$10 per calendar.
They make a great
holiday gifts.**

2019 Calendar



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