



# *The Acorn*

*Serving the South Sound Chapter of the  
Washington Native Plant Society  
Winter 2011*



## **South Sound Chapter's First Plant Sale!**

On October 16, 2010, the South Sound Chapter held its first Native Plant Sale. The sale was held at YMCA Friends & Family Program Greenhouse, 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma from 9 am to 4 pm, in cooperation with Rob Rousseau and the YMCA's youth program. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and the first sale was a success. Our 66 buying customers purchased \$1927 worth of plant material with a profit to the chapter, after expenses, of \$888. The shoppers seemed to be very pleased that we held a sale and to be anxious for another.

Based on the success of our first sale, the SSC Executive Committee has decided to hold a spring sale tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2011 and a fall sale tentatively set for October 1. Bonnie Blessing-Earle, our vice chair for Thurston County, has again agreed to head up the activity. We are looking for people who would like to be involved in raising plants, organizing and publicizing the sales, and working the plant sales. The success of the sales depends on volunteer activity. If you are interested, please contact either Bonnie Blessing-Earle at [bonnie.blessing@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.blessing@gmail.com) or 360-943-6629 or Bill Brookreson at [b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net) or 353-564-1137. We owe gratitude to all our volunteers who helped at the sale both before and on the sale day, provided plants and did all the other things necessary to make the day a success: Bonnie Blessing-Earle who coordinated all the efforts, Pat and Dan Montague, Cyndy Dillon, Reba Olsen, Chris Earle, Seth and Norel Swanson, Byrna Klavano, Sue Summers, John Neorr, Ben Alexander, Tim Walker, Anita Wahler, Barb Harmon, Bill Brookreson, Rob Rousseau (YMCA), Tim Walker, Linda Vane, Anna Thurston, and last, but not least, our Web Manager Lee Fellenberg.

## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Appreciation Day, Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10 am-3 pm**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Prairie Appreciation Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 14, at the Glacial Heritage and Mima Mounds nature preserves. Activities and programs will include: Prairie Wildflower Walks, Gardening with Native Plants, Ethnobotany (Native American uses of prairie plants), Birds of the Prairie, Prairie Insects (butterflies and bugs), Prairie Vertebrates, Prairie Restoration Efforts, Hay Ride (walk until you drop and ride back to the parking lot), Self-guided Natural History Walk, Geology of the Prairies (Mystery of the Mima Mounds), Prairie Pollinators and information on organizations involved in prairie preservation. At Glacial Heritage there will be many activities arranged for children.

Volunteers for the Washington Native Plant Society booth are requested to contact Dan and Pat Montague, 360-709-0866 or [montague30@comcast.net](mailto:montague30@comcast.net). Volunteers will also be welcome and appreciated for other activities. Wheelchair accessible activities for individuals and

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groups will be available at the Washington Department of Natural Resources Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve. Mima Mounds is also an excellent area for those with less time or who want a less demanding walk. For group tours leave a message for the site manager at 360-596-5144 or send an email to [roberta.davenport@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:roberta.davenport@dnr.wa.gov).

Please note: Pets are not allowed in Glacial Heritage. To get there: Take I-5 to exit 95, the Littlerock exit, about 10 miles south of Olympia. Go west through Littlerock to the T-intersection at Mima Road/Waddell Creek Rd. Go south (left) on Mima Road 2.7 miles and take a left onto an unmarked gravel road. Please be sure to adhere to the 10-mph speed limit on this road as there are often dogs and small children active nearby. Follow the road to its end and park near the gate. For limited mobility/wheelchair accessible tours turn right on Waddell Creek Rd. At the T-intersection and go 0.7 miles north. Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve is on the left.

## South Sound Chapter Activities

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### Olympia Waldorf School's Native Plant Landscaping

Using native plants donated by members of the South Sound Chapter of the Native Plant Society, the seventh-grade students, assisted by other younger students, and under the leadership of their teacher, Keenan Hand, have established a native plant garden at the Olympia Waldorf School. The garden has been an opportunity not only to beautify the front of the school but also for the students to hear and learn about restoration. In recognition of his work, Keenan Hand was awarded a membership in WNPS and the South Sound Chapter.



## Volunteer Opportunities

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### Native Plant Salvage Events (Thurston Co.)

All salvages begin at the site at 9:30 am. Volunteers then move to the holding beds after lunch (between 12:30 and 1:00 pm). For weekend salvage dates, hot vegetarian lunch and other snacks are provided; and they welcome those who join for the afternoon plant-potting shift! Native Plant Salvage Project staff will send directions after you sign up:

Monday, January 17 • Sunday, February 13  
Friday, February 18 • Monday, February 21  
Saturday, March 5

To volunteer, contact the WSU Native Plant Salvage Project & Native Plant Salvage Foundation, 360-867-2166 or [nativeplantsalvage@gmail.com](mailto:nativeplantsalvage@gmail.com).

### Native Plant Salvages (Pierce Co.)

Thanks to the efforts of Anna Thurston, native plant salvages, albeit on a reduced scale, have continued with all plants going to the collector's projects. At present, events are scheduled for Saturday, January 15; Sunday, February 27; and Friday, March 11. For details go to <http://www.ssstewardship.org/index.htm> and get on the notification list.

### South Sound Chapter Restoration Projects

Restoration work continues at the Tacoma Nature Center (Tacoma) and on the Woodland Trail (Olympia). Restoration work at the Nature Center in January is scheduled for Friday, January 7 and Friday, January 21, 9 am-noon. For information or to volunteer, contact Cyndy Dillon at [cpdillongh@comcast.net](mailto:cpdillongh@comcast.net) or 253-857-4003. Restoration work on the Woodland Trail is scheduled for, Thursday, January 6 and Thursday, January 20, 9 am-1 pm. For information or to volunteer, contact Bill Brookreson at [b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net) or 253-564-1137.

## WNPS 2011 Native Plant Photo Calendar Now Available

Enjoy the beauty of Washington's wildflowers throughout 2011 with our Native Plants of Washington Calendar. Our 2011 Calendar offers thirteen months of terrific photos and a whole new year of floral splendor. This year's calendar also includes smaller inset photos and dates of interest to those who are botanically inclined. Photos featured for this calendar produced by WNPS were selected from 75 images that were submitted by WNPS members.

Buy one for yourself and some for those on your gift list. Calendars may be purchased at the chapter meetings this winter and spring, or you may buy them online with a credit card. If you want to buy online go to [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org) and look for the calendar link under "What's New." Each calendar is just \$10, plus \$2 for shipping (one flat shipping rate of \$2 even for multiple calendars ordered). Buy one for yourself and some for family and friends.

The cover, shown on the mailing panel of this newsletter, features Michael Hobbs' photo of the exquisite seed-heads of western pasque flower (*Anemone occidentalis*).

### 2011 WNPS Photo Contest

The Washington Native Plant Society is looking for your great photos of Washington wildflowers and native plant landscapes. We know our membership has great photographic talent so we encourage you to send in up to five of your best photos. Photos selected in this contest will be used for the 2011 Native Plant Appreciation Week's Featured Photo and for the WNPS 2012 Native Plant Calendar. The photo contest is open to all WNPS members. Both amateur and professional photographers may enter. Photo contest deadline is January 20, 2011. For contest requirements and rules, see [www.wnps.org/photo\\_contest/index.html](http://www.wnps.org/photo_contest/index.html)

### Native Plant Appreciation Week, May 1-7, 2011

Our seventh annual Native Plant Appreciation Week will be celebrated this year May 1 through May 7, 2011. Again this year, because of budget constraints, the printing of posters has been scaled down. Watch the South Sound Chapter monthly updates and the NPAW section on the WNPS website for chapter and statewide activities.

### Botany Washington, May 13-15, Spokane

Botany Washington has been scheduled for May 13-15 in Spokane. The Bozarth Conference Center has been reserved for the meeting. Botany Washington provides a chance to enjoy the company of other botanists and plant lovers in a smaller educational and outdoor venue. Mark your calendar and watch your *Douglasia* for more information and details of registration.

## Workshops and Conferences

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### Native Plant Workshops

Erica Guttman (WSU) has arranged an interesting series of winter and spring workshops:

**"Winter Twig Identification,"** Sunday, January 23; Choose from two sessions: 10:00 am-12:30 pm or 1:00 to 3:30 pm, McLane Nature Trail. Cost \$5 or \$10.00 with *Winter in the Woods* guide.

**"Naturescaping for Water & Wildlife,"** 6:30-9:30 pm, Thursday, February 24 at Tumwater Fire Hall; Thursday, March 31 at Lacey community Center; and Saturday, May 7 at the Tumwater Fire Hall.

You will need to register in advance for workshops. To get more information or register, contact the WSU Native Plant Salvage Project & Native Plant Salvage Foundation, 360-867-2166 or [nativeplantsalvage@gmail.com](mailto:nativeplantsalvage@gmail.com)

### WNPS Study Weekend 2011 June 10-12, Winthrop

Study Weekend 2011 will be hosted by the Okanogan Chapter of the Native Plant Society in Winthrop, June 10-12. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful and unique flora of north-central Washington. Watch for more details and registration materials in *Douglasia*.

### Educational Grant Applications

Persons seeking WNPS Educational Grants are reminded that applications are due no later than May 15 at the WNPS office. Requirements and detailed instructions may be found at [www.wnps.org/education/education\\_grant.html](http://www.wnps.org/education/education_grant.html). Information on Conservation Grants and Research Grants is also available on the WNPS website home page.

### Membership Renewals

Do you sometimes miss your membership renewal date, or just wonder when it is due? You will find that date on the back page of each issue of *Douglasia* that you receive. Timely renewals help with less paper and postage from the WNPS office. You can renew your membership at [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org) if you wish to do it online. Membership forms are also usually available at chapter meetings.

## Meeting Times and Locations

We are very pleased to offer another series of interesting and educational speakers for our spring meetings. Chapter meetings are 7-9 pm. Meetings are normally scheduled on the second Monday of each month from October through May (Olympia) and the second Wednesday (Tacoma). 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, 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 if you have a suggestion for a future presentation.

### **Wednesday, February 9 (Tacoma), Peter Zika "Sedges and Rushes in Western North America"**

This illustrated talk emphasizes the widespread and common genera *Carex* and *Juncus*, sedges and rushes, which dominate so many of our marshes, mountain meadows, and shorelines in Washington. They form important plant communities providing food and housing to many vertebrates, and are critical indicators of wetland health and biodiversity. Peter will discuss their pollination, dispersal, immense diversity, rare species, evolutionary relationships, and some recent taxonomic changes since the publication of the sedge and rush volumes of *Flora of North America*. Come learn about these attractive, ubiquitous, but often overlooked members of the western flora.

Peter is a field botanist from Seattle, investigating and describing new species of plants from western North America. Working at the herbarium of the University of Washington, he is writing several chapters for new books on the Plants of California and the Flora of North America, as well as conducting biological inventories of National Parks and Nature Conservancy preserves, studying interactions between noxious weeds and native wildlife, and researching the diet of fruit-eating birds. His interests in ecology have led him across the tropics and into the polar regions for the last twenty years. In addition to teaching sedge and rush identification seminars, he serves as a ship's naturalist sailing on all five oceans, and traveling to all seven continents. Peter has published more than 90 scientific notes, articles and books; as well as occasional photographs, cards and reviews in the popular press.

### **Monday, February 14 (Olympia), Ted Thomas "A Preview to the Plants of Hokkaido"**

Hokkaido, the north island of Japan, is similar in climate and geography to Washington. Its position in the North Pacific Ocean and the influence of the cold, Pacific currents has produced a landscape with plant communities that would be familiar to visitors from the Pacific Northwest. The steep gradient from ocean to mountains on Hokkaido has produced a landscape dominated by steep volcanic mountains and broad coastal plains, with enormous wetlands. Join Ted Thomas as he presents a discussion and photos from several hikes he experienced in the mountainous national parks of Hokkaido.

Ted works in the Division of Listing and Recovery, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Olympia. His major responsibilities include developing conservation partnerships for the recovery of federally-listed or other imperiled, rare species of the Pacific Northwest. Prior to his work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ted worked for the U. S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station in Olympia and Corvallis, and as a Research Associate with the University of Washington, primarily working on forestry, botany, and wildlife relationships, including early work on promoting the development of late-successional forest habitat in managed forests for the northern spotted owl. Ted received his B.S. from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment, and his M.S. from Oregon State University Forest Science Department, with a focus on Forestry, Botany, and Entomology. His primary interest is the conservation of prairie ecosystems and their importance to plant and butterfly conservation. In his free time, particularly during the dark days of winter, Ted can be found on local trails hiking or trail running with his dog, Zeus. When he is not outdoors, Ted enjoys cooking, wines and playing guitar.

**Wednesday, March 9 (Tacoma), Judy Bentley “Hiking Washington’s History”**

Ever wondered about the human history of those trails you’ve hiked many times looking for your favorite native plants? Here is your opportunity! Author Judy Bentley will talk about historic trails in Washington: who made them, who used them, and how they have been preserved. She will provide some of the stories embedded in the state’s compelling landscape--from coast to mountains, to plateaus and canyons.

Judy Bentley teaches Pacific Northwest History at South Seattle Community College. She is the author of many books of young adult nonfiction. *Hiking Washington’s History* was published by the University of Washington Press this fall after a decade of research and hiking.

**Monday, March 14 (Olympia), Chris Earle  
“The Oldest Trees in the World”**

Trees are not people, and concepts like birth, aging, and death apply very differently to trees than they do to animals. This talk will discuss the biology of aging in trees, and will then go on a world tour of the 20 (or so) species of trees that are known to live for more than a thousand years.

As a young man, Chris moved around a lot and developed an interest in wilderness and critters at an early age. Currently Chris lives in Olympia, and has lived most of his adult life in Washington since moving to the state in 1975. He has earned undergraduate degrees in biology and geology and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology. He currently works as a consulting ecologist, providing consultation to various government agencies. Chris is also operator of the Gymnosperm Database ([www.conifers.org](http://www.conifers.org)), a leading source of information on conifer biology, ecology, and ethnobotany. For more information see: [www.conifers.org/zz/cje\\_me.htm](http://www.conifers.org/zz/cje_me.htm) and [www.conifers.org/zz/earle\\_cv.pdf](http://www.conifers.org/zz/earle_cv.pdf)

**Monday, April 11 (Olympia), Erica Guttman  
“One Piece of the Pie: Puget Sound’s Backshore Vegetation”**

What might tiny plants colonizing the upper beaches of Puget Sound tell us about the bigger picture of restoring these imperiled waters? Erica Guttman will share findings of her master’s study to characterize the vegetation of Puget Sound’s little-studied backshore, including sub-surface discoveries, hypotheses about how these plants survive their harsh environment, what role they play in supporting the food web, and what their future might be in the face of ever-increasing development. As part of her presentation, she will also briefly describe shoreline processes, anthropogenic disruptions, and the role of native vegetation in supporting a healthy Sound.

Erica Guttman has been a hands-on environmental educator for twenty-six years, and has led the WSU Native Plant Salvage Project since 1997. She teaches about and has authored several publications and videos on topics as diverse as winter-twig identification, wildlife- and water-friendly landscaping, marine shoreline stewardship, and low-impact development and rain gardens.

**Wednesday, April 13 (Tacoma), Pene Speaks  
“Exceptional Places--The Department of Natural Resources’ Natural Area System”**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages more acres of land for the conservation of ecosystems and rare species than any other state agency. The natural areas managed within the department’s Natural Areas Program include more than 130,000 acres in 83 sites statewide. The Natural Heritage Program, also part of the DNR, manages information and sets conservation priorities for rare plants and animals and the ecosystems for the state of Washington. Yet, these two science and land management programs, critical to the protection of rare plants in our state, are little known to the general public. We’ll take a tour of some of these outstanding natural landscapes and learn how they get identified and protected for this and future generations.

Pene Speaks has worked for the DNR since 1997. She manages the Natural Heritage Conservation Section, which includes the state’s Natural Heritage and Natural Areas Programs. Pene received a B.S. in botany from The Evergreen State College in 1982, and completed course work in the college’s Master of Environmental Studies program a few years later. She continues to volunteer in her community, spending time locally promoting conservation as the president of Capitol Land Trust. She lives in Olympia with her husband and two cats and likes to spend time in the southwest deserts to dry out her bones, soak up the heat, and recall what a real sunny day looks like.

**Monday, May 9 (Olympia), Bob Fincham “Small Conifers for the Small Garden”**

Properties are becoming smaller and people want to spend less time maintaining their gardens. They want plants they can enjoy the year round, that will not outgrow their locations and that allow them more time to enjoy the garden. This presentation is about conifers that are dwarf and have special attributes that make them year-round points of interest in the smaller garden.

A high school science teacher by profession, Bob has been collecting conifers for almost thirty-five years. His hobby/business, Coenosium Gardens, is known worldwide for rare and unusual conifers. For the last ten years Bob has been focusing on the miniature, dwarf, and slow-growing conifers for the smaller landscapes and rock gardens.

**Wednesday, May 11 (Tacoma) Peter Capen  
“Indigenous Uses of Native Plant in the Puget Basin”**

Peter Capen is an author, lecturer and award-winning photographer. A fellow of the British Royal Geographical Society, he has participated in expeditions to study and document wildlife on land and sea, indigenous cultures and archaeological sites in locations around the world. He is a former executive director of the Whale Museum in the San Juan Islands.

From his years of study of indigenous culture, Peter will share with members the role that native plants played in the lives of PNW Native Americans—from the mundane to the essential.

**Conservation Issues**

**Thurston County Updating Critical Areas Ordinance By Bonnie Blessing-Earle**

Thurston County is in the process of updating its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) that initially took effect in 1994. The ordinance governs how development or other activities can occur on or near environmentally sensitive lands. The goal is to bring the county into compliance with state regulations, to be consistent with best available science, and to protect critical areas while recognizing the needs of private property owners. Reconciling these goals, as you might guess, is no small task!

In 2010, the county received a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant to amend its Critical Areas Ordinance to incorporate updated protections specifically for the county’s threatened prairie and Oregon white oak ecosystems.

Potential amendments include the following:

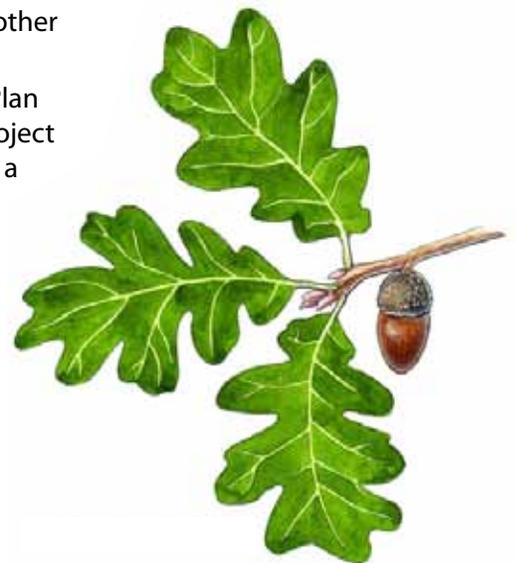
- A prairie or oak area as small as one acre could be classified as important habitat
- Individual Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) trees could be classified as important habitat if they are of value to fish or wildlife

Under the existing critical areas ordinance, a property owner who wishes to develop land that contains important habitat must provide a Habitat Management Plan. The same requirement holds for those who wish to develop within 600 feet, even for a location that is on another property.

Under the potential amendments to the CAO, a Habitat Management Plan or Critical Area Administrative Review would be required if the proposed project occurred within 800 feet of prairie habitat, which may be defined by soils or a single Oregon white oak. It would no longer be necessary for an area to be dominated by prairie vegetation in order for it to be considered a prairie.

Imposing these regulations on private property owners is a daunting proposition for county planners. For more information on the existing and proposed critical area ordinance and timing of hearings for comment, visit [www.co.thurston.wa.us/Planning/](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/Planning/) and click on “Critical Areas Updates.”

As citizens you may wish to comment either for or against the proposed amendments, or as property owners, simply to track the process. The outcome will have far reaching impacts on the future of Thurston County and on the protection of South Sound Prairies.



## Chair Report

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### Looking Forward By Seth Swanson

I am beginning my term as chair for the South Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society as a relative newcomer to the organization. I appreciate everyone's support, and will surely need it throughout my tenure as chair. In addition to all of the members and volunteers, I will be relying on the assistance of those involved in the South Sound Chapter's executive board and standing committees: Olympia's newly elected Vice Chair Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Tacoma's returning Vice Chair Cindy Dillon, Secretary Byrna Klavano, Treasurer Sue Summers, Editorial Committee Chair Bill Brookreson, Web Manager Lee Fellenberg, and Immediate Past Chair Reba Olsen.

This is sure to be a busy and exciting year for the South Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society. John Neorr has put in considerable time and effort to secure some great speakers and programs for the monthly chapter meetings. We had our first plant sale this past fall, which turned out to be a success. We are excited to host the second annual chapter fall plant sale, and the first annual spring plant sale, in 2011. These sales will hopefully be a strong avenue for financial support, new members, and public outreach.

The chief focus of the WNPS is "to promote the appreciation and conservation of Washington's

native plants and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy." We, as an organization, would not be able to carry out our mission were it not for members and volunteers who have made generous contributions of time and capital. Most everyone, as well as private and public organizations, has felt the constraint of the tough economic times that the nation and the entire world are in. The WNPS is not any different, and we, as an organization, are faced with a declining membership. This is a critical issue, as our organization cannot successfully operate and fulfill our obligations without the support of our members.

It will be my goal to help to increase membership as well as create additional outlets for awareness, so that the mission of the organization can be satisfied. In order to achieve these goals, I will need the help and support of as many members as possible. There are always opportunities for volunteers: vacancies in our chapter's board that need to be filled, opportunities for new restoration projects or to assist in existing projects, chances to help with plant sales, and the list goes on.

Please feel free to contact myself with any questions or suggestions you might have. Again, I thank you for your support and I am looking forward to working with everyone to make 2011 a great year for native plants and our local environment.

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## Plant Sales

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### Master Gardener Foundation of Pierce County Annual Spring Plant Sale and Education Fair, Saturday, April 30, 2011, 9 am–4 pm and Sunday May 1, 2011, 9 am–3 pm.

The Master Gardener Foundation of Pierce County will hold its Annual Spring Plant Sale at the WSU Puyallup Research Extension Center, 7612 Pioneer Way E., Puyallup. Over three hundred types of plants will be offered. In addition, several private vendors will be on hand selling garden art, sculpture, etc. Proceeds support Master Gardener activities such as plant clinics and the demonstration garden. For more information, contact the Master Gardener office at 253-798-7170.

### Central Puget Sound Chapter's Annual Spring Sale Saturday, May 7, 2011, 10 am–4 pm

The Central Puget Sound Chapter of WNPS will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale again this year at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St., Bellevue. Although the plant list has not been finalized, the CPS Chapter's annual Spring Plant Sale always has an outstanding selection of native trees, shrubs and other native plants. The plant list will be posted on the WNPS website. Serious native plant gardeners are advised to come early for the best selection of native plants and plant books. Shoppers are asked to bring their own boxes or trays.

### South Sound Chapter's First Spring Plant Sale, Saturday, May 14 (tentative date), 9 am–4 pm

The sale will be held at YMCA Friends & Family Program Greenhouse, 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma from 9 am to 4 pm, in cooperation with Rob Rousseau and the YMCA youth program. To volunteer to help, 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), and watch for more details in the monthly updates.

## Field Trips

### Bresemann Forest Walk and Native Plant Survey, Sunday, May 1, 2011, 1-3 pm

Come join Bill Brookreson, test your plant identification skills, and open Native Plant Appreciation Week with a walk and native plant survey of Pierce County's Bresemann Forest. Bresemann Forest, a part of Pierce County Parks, is located in Spanaway west of the Sprinkler Recreation Center. Bresemann Forest is approximately 70 naturally wooded acres featuring a network of pedestrian nature trails with a delightful native plant assembly (so far, we have identified 43 native plant species as we have begun assembly of a plant list for the park), and many bird species for the bird watcher. The park features Morey Creek with its wetlands as well as the woodland species. There are numerous plants of interest including a surprising number of Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) and, in early summer, a glorious display of ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*).

Our goal will be to see how many new plants, native and non-native we can identify and add to our plant list. Prizes will be offered to those finding the most new plant additions. Bring your favorite plant ID book.

Bresemann is a short drive from Tacoma. From I-5, take exit 27 (Highway 512) east. Take the second exit (Parkland/Spanaway-Pacific Avenue.) Turn right on Pacific Avenue (SR 7).. Head south for 2.7 miles then turn right on Military Road (152nd St.). Sprinkler Recreation Center is 1 1/2 blocks down on the right. We will assemble on the west side of the parking lot at 10 am. For more information or to sign up, contact Bill Brookreson at 253-564-1137 or [b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net).

### Glacial Heritage County Park Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Join Kevin Head to see the early flowers in the prairies in Thurston County. We will see the beginnings of a special place in south Thurston County. The early sightings bring us to peak of fawn lilies (*Erythronium oregonum*), Henderson's Shooting Stars (*Dodecatheon hendersonii*), and a host of other prairie plants. This hike is a three-mile round trip through prairie and oak habitats. We will meet in Olympia at 9 am and carpool to our hike. Bring a lunch and rain gear plus sitting pad if you want. Contact Kevin Head at [khead@ekit.com](mailto:khead@ekit.com) or 360-943-3752. This hike is open to the first twelve people to sign up.



#### WNPS South Sound Chapter Budget 2011

Income	Budget 2011	YTD thru 11/25/2010	2009
Chapter Rebates	\$1200	\$1197	\$1204
Donations	250	1045	3060
Plant Sale	3000	1927	
Sales	400	450	744
Study Weekend	0		0
Misc	20		0
	<b>\$4870</b>	<b>\$4619</b>	\$2254
Expenses			
Field Trips	\$100		\$0
Gift Memberships	70	\$25	
Inventory	300	260	300
Marketing/Outreach	250	20	360
Newsletter/Website	400	298	746
Plant Sale	2000	1039	
Programs	1200	1246	1007
Restoration	50		174.00
Study Weekend	0		0
Misc	500	744	599
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## Washington Native Plant Society State Chapter

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