



# *The Acorn*

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

### *Winter 2013*

### **WNPS South Sound Chapter Plant Sale**

Our third Fall Native Plant Sale took place on October 6, 2012, at the Capital Museum Coach House, the site of our three previous sales. As expected, the volume of sales did not reach that of the spring sale, but it was still a success. Gross sales were \$3,320 with expenses of \$2,002. Most importantly, once again our customers seemed to enjoy the sale and look forward to the next one.

The plant sale, as with all our activities, was a success because of the hard work of our volunteers. We thank all those who helped: Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Chris Earle, Cyndy and John Dillon, Jane Ostericher, Dan and Pat Montague, Lee Fellenberg, Reba Olsen,

Kerry Dyer, Kit Ellis, Linda Fretts, Sue Summers, Jeanne Ponzetti, John Neorr, Bill Brookreson, Michael Fox, Cody Matson, and Natalie Nacson. You were great!

We have set the date for our third Spring Native Plant Sale: May 4, 2013, 9 am to 3 pm. We will again be at the Capital Museum Coach House, 211 21st Ave SW, Olympia. Planning sessions will start in January. If you would like to be a part of this Spring Sale, contact Bonnie Blessing-Earle ([bonnie.blessing@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.blessing@gmail.com)) or Bill Brookreson ([b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net)) to volunteer. Watch the monthly updates for more information.



### **Chapter Election Results**

A total of 151 ballots were sent out either electronically or by mail; 25 were returned. Election results and those elected is listed to the right.

Unfortunately, subsequent to the election, our Treasurer, Sue Summers, has moved out of the community. We thank her for her outstanding service and will miss her as a friend and colleague. We are pleased that Jane Ely has agreed to serve as our Treasurer.



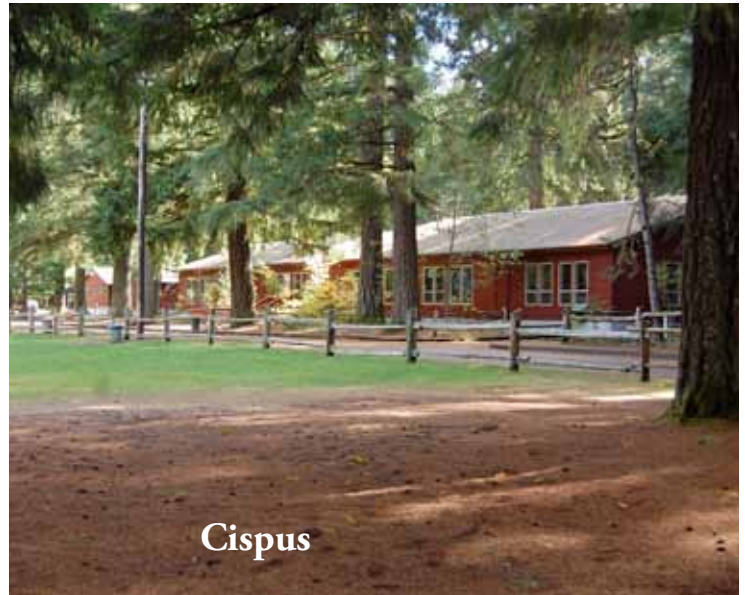
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## Other South Sound Chapter Activities

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### Native Plant Study Weekend June 28-30, 2013

The 2103 Native Plant Study Weekend will be coordinated by the South Sound Chapter at the Cispus Learning Center outside of Randle, Washington. Cispus Learning Center is located between Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest -- a beautiful setting. In addition to a selection of field trips, we will have presentations on the wildflowers of Mt Adams and on the recovery of the Mt St Helens blast zone. We will also have many opportunities for volunteers both at Cispus and in preparation. If you would like more details or would like to volunteer for one of the tasks that go along with a very fun weekend, contact Bill Brookreson at 253-564-1137 or [b.brookreson@comcast.net](mailto:b.brookreson@comcast.net). Watch the monthly updates for more information and Douglasia when registration opens.



### Chapter Year Begins with a Picnic

For the second straight year, the South Sound Chapter Board decided to open the year's activities with a joint meeting of the Olympia and Tacoma groups for a potluck picnic. Once again, we held the meeting/picnic on Wednesday, September 12, at Powderworks Park in DuPont. And, once again, we were rewarded with a beautiful, warm late summer evening

Besides offering clean, modern picnic facilities, the Powderworks Park offers two other advantages: it is centrally located and, it has a Garry Oak Preservation Area for members to explore. In addition to fellowship, meeting and eating, we had door prizes to give away. Attendance on the wonderful late summer evening was about thirty people. We had a good time.

## WNPS State News

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**Botany Washington** is scheduled for May 31- June 2, 2013. This year the headquarters will be Sun Lakes in Grant County. Again this year, the event is being co-sponsored with the University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum and will feature specialized tracks on specific plant taxa as well as a more general program of field trips. Watch *Douglasia* and the monthly updates for more details.

**WNPS State Grants:** In addition to our chapter's new grant program, the Washington Native Plant Society has grants available for education, conservation and research. The deadlines begin in January.

Conservation Grants (deadline January 15). For details see [http://www.wnps.org/conservation/conservation\\_grant.html](http://www.wnps.org/conservation/conservation_grant.html)

Research Grants (deadline January 15). For details see [http://www.wnps.org/research/proposal\\_guidelines.html](http://www.wnps.org/research/proposal_guidelines.html)

Education Grants (deadline May 15). For details see [http://www.wnps.org/education/education\\_grant.html](http://www.wnps.org/education/education_grant.html)

## More Plant Sales

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### Central Puget Sound Chapter's Native Plant Sale: Saturday, May 11, 10-4

After many years of sales at the Bellevue Botanic Garden, the Central Puget Sound chapter's spring plant sale will be held in Mercedale Park, 7701 SE 32nd St., Mercer Island, WA 98040 due to remodeling at Bellevue Botanical Garden. For more details, check the WNPS website at <http://tinyurl.com/ckeoneo>

### Pierce County Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale

This sale will be held April 27, 9 am - 4 pm, and April 28, 9 am - 3 pm, at WSU's Almendinger Conference Center, 2606 W. Pioneer, Puyallup.

## Other South Sound Chapter Activities

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### The Puyallup Fair Booth By John Neorr

The Puyallup Fair (next year to be officially called the “Washington State Fair”) ran September 7-24. Our booth, shared with the Native Plant Salvage Alliance, was located in the “PNW Play Outdoors” building with like-minded organizations, part of a loosely organized committee called the Northwest Outdoors Alliance.

Anna Thurston, perhaps for a final time, procured plants for the building. Once again the logistics of procuring, transporting, watering, and return of the plants after the fair became more difficult. We owe Anna a giant debt of gratitude for her herculean effort in making plants available to us and to the building in general this year. Likely, in the future, we will have to procure our own plants for our booth if we want native plants to display.

Our booth was staffed from 11 am until 5 pm each day by volunteers – each working 2-hour shifts. We had 35 volunteers who worked 48 shifts. John Neorr handled the volunteer coordination, which included solicitation, signup, ticket distribution, and some rescheduling during the Fair. Byrna Klavano was the onsite manager of our display. She visited frequently, seeing to it that sufficient handouts were available and displayed. She also looked after the general appearance of the booth, watered outdoor plants on the weekends and answered volunteers’ questions when they had them.

The Fair had over a million attendees. Our booth was well visited. We had a new display board that was very attractive with the variety of handouts. We had 167 people sign up to be on our mailing list and we handed out over 200 registration forms, 500 trading cards, and at least 1200 other handouts. The most popular handouts were those that provided specific plant lists, suggestions for planting/landscaping, information on how to deal with ivy and information on specific events.



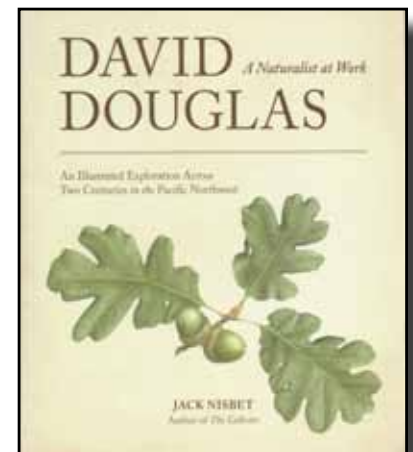
## Native Plant Resources

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### *David Douglas A Naturalist at Work: An Illustrated Exploration Across Two Centuries in the Pacific Northwest* By Jack Nisbet, Sasquatch Books, 2012, \$27.95

To begin with a note of confession, I am an unabashed fan of Jack Nisbet. His new book, following on his life of David Douglas, *The Collector*, continues to delight. This new book is the companion volume for the exhibit, David Douglas, A Naturalist at Work, that opened September 22, 2012, at the Museum of Arts & Culture in Spokane. Jack Nesbit and his wife Claire are the curators of the exhibit. The exhibit will be in Tacoma in August, 2013.

The volume is beautifully illustrated with pictures from Douglas’ journals, maps, botanical drawings, and pictures of habitat that David Douglas encountered. The volume itself is a series of ten essays that examine various aspects of Douglas’s career showing the connections between his work in the Pacific Northwest of the 19th century and the northwest we know today. The subjects of the essays range from crossing the Columbia River’s treacherous bar to the gathering of roots by tribal families. These essays collapse time to shed light on the people and landscapes as David Douglas first saw them. Whether you are most interested in David Douglas or in Pacific Northwest history, you’ll find this a very worthwhile read.



# 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 meeting** (see above), all Tacoma meetings are at Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 South Tyler Street, Tacoma. All Olympia meetings are at Capitol Museum Coach House, 211 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

February 2013

**Monday, February 11 (Olympia), Wendy DesCamp**  
***Washington State Noxious Weeds: Laws, the Weed Board and Noxious Weed Species***

This presentation will provide an overview of the noxious weed laws in Washington and the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board membership and roles. Our state's noxious weed list is large and diverse, and we'll talk about how and why these plants are listed. We'll review our newest noxious weed list additions and discuss some lesser known noxious weed species that can grow in this area.

Wendy DesCamp is the Education Specialist for the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board. She received her B.S. in Biology and M.S. degree in Forest Resources from the University of Washington and researched yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*) for her thesis. Before the Weed Board, Wendy's past work included being the Collections Manager for the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium at the University of Washington Botanic Gardens and working for the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council.

**Wednesday, February 13 (Tacoma), Jim Gawel**  
***Water Undone: The Effort to Save the Puyallup River Watershed***

"Water Undone" is a documentary film, produced and filmed by University of Washington Tacoma faculty, staff and students, laying out the case: To clean up Puget Sound, start with the watersheds. The film states that the Puyallup River watershed, a major source of fresh water into Puget Sound through Commencement Bay in Tacoma, suffers from "land use favoring paving and shingles." The documentary takes viewers through the interwoven watershed-river system that supplies water for drinking, irrigation, recreation, food, wildlife and the natural beauty of the Northwest; then it shows how spreading urbanization threatens the Puget Sound area's water supply.

Jim Gawel, associate professor of environmental chemistry at UW Tacoma, wrote and produced this documentary. He will be on hand to introduce the film and will be available for questions following its showing. Dr. Gawel teaches courses in environmental engineering and environmental chemistry, as well as other courses that examine environmental contamination and resource management in the larger social and political context. Jim received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Brown University in 1990 and his Ph.D. in Environmental and Aquatic Chemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996.

March 2013

**Monday, March 11 (Olympia), Carl Elliot**  
***The Sustainability in Prisons Project's Participation in the Restoration of Salish Sea Prairie Ecosystems***

Carl Elliott will present Washington State's Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) and its support for projects aimed at south sound prairie restoration and preservation. Carl will discuss the work being done at the Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women where a facility has been built to breed and rear Taylor's checkerspot butterflies (*Euphydryas editha taylori*). With the help of Mary Linders of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, staff members from the Oregon Zoo, and inmates from the Corrections Center, this project will nearly double the rearing capacity for the endangered Taylor's checkerspot. He will also discuss the work being done by SPP in propagating 400,000 native flowers and grasses each year to restore habitat on South Salish Sea prairies. This effort not only supports ongoing habitat preservation efforts, but also provides valuable skills in native plant ecology and large-scale seed production to inmates working on the project.

(event description and details continued on next page...)

**Monday, March 11 (Olympia). Carl Elliot, Concluded...**

Carl brings more than two decades of professional experience to SPP, including ten years of weekly shows on KUOW's Weekday as its "Plantman." Carl has served in wide-ranging roles to advance sustainable agriculture and horticulture. He has helped The Nature Conservancy with ecological restoration activities at Shotwell's Landing Nursery and Glacial Heritage Preserve as well as managing the garden program for Seattle Tilth for many years. With a B.S. from The Evergreen State University, Carl has focused his graduate studies in the research and restoration of threatened plant life in the glacial outwash prairies of South Puget Sound. He began as the Conservation and Restoration Coordinator in 2011, and is currently working to expand plant propagation work to a variety of prisons in Washington State.

**Wednesday, March 13 (Tacoma), Joan Hockaday**  
*The Columbia River Wildflower Discoveries of Lewis & Clark*

In one of our country's most fortunate coincidences, Meriwether Lewis & William Clark began their canoe ride home from their Pacific encampment just as spring was breaking along the Columbia River. Thomas Jefferson waited at the White House for news of Native American tribes and possible trading partnerships along the way. Scientists in Philadelphia were waiting for something else - specimens of new plants. During their difficult two-year journey, Lewis & Clark dutifully collected specimens and wildflowers during the day and wrote down their discoveries at night by the campfire. Joan Hockaday, lecturer and author, will discuss the lasting legacy of those Lewis & Clark discoveries and talk about the wildflowers, most remaining in cultivation today with several being named for the explorers.

Joan Hockaday is the author of two West Coast landscape history books, *Greenscapes: Olmsted's Pacific Northwest* (WSU Press, 2009) and *The Gardens of San Francisco* (Timber Press, Portland, 1988). During the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial of 2004-2006, garden historian Hockaday helped put together wildflower tours along the Columbia River for the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and for visiting British historians. She spoke at Fort Vancouver for the National Park Service and is currently on the Humanities Washington statewide speakers' bureau for 2012-2014.

**Monday, April 8 (Olympia), Craig Romano**  
*Day Hiking in Eastern Washington*

In this presentation, Craig Romano will be spotlighting the scenically stunning and biologically diverse landscapes in Washington State east of the Columbia and Okanogan Rivers. Drawing from his new book, co-written with Rich Landers, Craig will explore the deep canyons of the Blue Mountains, towering dunes of the Hanford Reach, channeled scablands of the Columbia River Plateau, lofty lonely Kettle River Range, grizzly and caribou harboring Selkirk Mountains, and the plethora of conservation lands ringing the Spokane Valley.

Craig, who has traveled extensively throughout the world, ranks Washington State, his home since 1989, among the most beautiful places on the planet. He has hiked over 15,000 miles in our state from Cape Flattery in the NW to Puffer Butte in the SE; Cape Disappointment in the SW to the Salmo-Priest Wilderness in the NE. Craig is author of eight books and co-author of two others. He holds a BA in history and Masters in Education from the University of Washington. His latest book, *Day Hiking Eastern Washington*, will be on sale at this presentation.

**Wednesday, April 10 (Tacoma), Craig Romano**  
*Day Hiking in Eastern Washington*

See the description above.

**Hikes and Field Trips**

**Volunteer Opportunities**



No hikes are presently scheduled. Watch the Monthly Update as spring hikes are scheduled.



Because many of the volunteer opportunities are scheduled close to the events, watch your monthly updates for details.

**Monday, May 13 (Olympia), Lynda Mapes**  
*Elwha: A River Reborn*

Lynda V. Mapes will join us to discuss her new book, *Elwha: A River Reborn*, published by Mountaineers Press and scheduled for release on May 15. Lynda Mapes is an environmental reporter for the *Seattle Times*. The *Seattle Times* was on hand, in the fall of 2011, when the contractor removed the first concrete from the two dams scheduled for removal on the Elwha -- the beginning of the largest dam removal project ever undertaken in North America. It was the beginning of an unprecedented effort to restore the river's entire ecosystem. Through interviews, fieldwork, photojournalism, and historical research, Lynda Mapes and *Seattle Times* have reported on the dam removal process in a series of feature articles. *Elwha: A River Reborn* is based on these feature articles. The book brings out the impact on the Elwha Klallam Tribe awaiting the return of the salmon runs. It also discusses the unprecedented revegetation effort to restore 700 acres of mudflats. Join us to hear the story of this unprecedented effort from a reporter who has followed it in depth.

Lynda V. Mapes is a highly respected environmental reporter with the *Seattle Times*. Ms Mapes other books include *Breaking Ground: the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and the Unearthing of Tse-whit-zen Village* with forward by Frances Charles (2009) and *Washington: The Spirit of the Land* with Terry Donnelly and Mary Liz Austin (1999).

**Wednesday, May 8 (Tacoma)**  
**To be Announced**

## Workshops and Conferences

For all events, advanced registration is required. For information or to register, call 360-867-2166. or go to [NativePlantSalvage@gmail.com](mailto:NativePlantSalvage@gmail.com)

### **Native Plant Salvages in Thurston County**

Volunteers salvage small native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants from local areas that are scheduled for clearing due to development. Salvages usually happen in the cold winter months when the plants are dormant and less likely to perish from the stress of being moved around. The plants are cared for and later provided to community groups who use them to restore habitat and improve water quality. Plants are also used to support NPSF-sponsored projects such as Learning Landscapes, Demonstration Gardens and habitat restoration projects in and around Thurston County. Salvages begin at 9:30 a.m. at the site. Salvaging usually finishes around noon and a hot vegetarian lunch is provided. Afterwards, volunteers move to holding beds to pot the recovered plants around 1 p.m. Some volunteers choose to work all day, while other join for the afternoon repotting session. Salvages are scheduled for: Saturday Jan. 12, Sunday Feb. 10, Saturday Feb. 23, Saturday March 9, and Sunday March 23.

### **Winter Twig Identification**

Add a new dimension to your winter outings when you join local plant experts to learn the secrets to identifying local shrubs and trees without their leaves. The Native Plant Salvage Foundation is offering

“Winter Twig Identification,” a 2 ½ hour field class held on Sunday, January 27. Choose either a morning class 10 am-12:30 pm or an afternoon session 1-3:30 pm. The workshop fee is \$5 per person. Participants will be given a free handout and an opportunity to purchase a detailed winter twig identification book. The nature trail requires that vehicles display the Discover Pass, or participants can offer volunteer service at the trail in exchange for parking during the class.

### **“Naturescaping for Water & Wildlife”**

#### **Part I, Thursday, February 5, 6-9 pm:**

This class features detailed, hands-on information about how to incorporate beautiful native and other drought tolerant plants into your landscape to attract amphibians, birds and butterflies while protecting water resources. Participants will learn how to transform their landscapes while also saving time, money and resources!

#### **Part II: Saturday, March 4, 10 am-2 pm:**

With the information you learned in Part I, develop plans for transforming your home landscape. During class, participants will work in small groups with expert guidance to help work through questions and get guidance on their own customized plans. The class will be repeated February 21 & March 2.

## Noxious Weed Control Boards - Why We Should Care By Bill Brookreson

As people who care about native plants and their habitats, we know that the two biggest threats to their survival are development and invasive species. With development, through the Growth Management Act and other regulations and efforts by many conservation groups, we have been able to mitigate if not to control the impact.

Invasive species are a more difficult problem to address. Those of us who are involved in environmental restoration projects are only too aware of the impact of invasives such as Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus discolor*) and English ivy (*Hedera helix*) and the efforts just to deal with the impact in small areas. It's a battle we may wage but win only skirmishes, not victory. The list of invasive plants in that category is regrettably long. We know, from experience that where these invasives thrive native plant communities do not. Where do the noxious weed boards come in at the state and the local levels?

Washington State has one of the most thoughtful weed laws in the United States (RCW 17.10). It is designed to stop the environmental deterioration. It divides the weeds into categories, A, B and C. Class A weeds are those just invading and with a high potential for becoming invasive. The law requires eradication. We don't want kudzu, as an example, to become the next environmental disaster. Class B weeds are established in only a part of the state and the goal, by "designating some areas for mandatory control" is to contain the invasive weed species and keep it out of uninfested areas. Scot's broom is a good example of a weed that has been "contained" to Western Washington. Class C weeds are those that are more ubiquitous, like English ivy, where control may be mandated at the local level if justified. Control, where mandated, is the landowner's responsibility.

There are many other invasives with the potential to cause vast damage to native plant ecosystems - I could fill a page with a list of these plants. The law is generally well crafted. The bulwark, in the law, is the county noxious weed control boards. Unfortunately, that is not always true in practice. Many boards are grievously underfunded. Those with assessments on the parcels of land do well; those that rely on county general funds much less so. The key is an effective system of enforcement when necessary to prevent the next Scot's broom from exploding. That requires funding and political will. It simply is not consistently there. That situation we can help change.

RCW 17.10 has one significant omission. It has no mechanism to prevent the sale of invasive plants like English ivy. The state Quarantine Statute, RCW

17.24, is designed to contain and prevent spread of insect and plant pests. It does not apply when the pest, like English ivy, is ubiquitous, or those that are politically touchy. As a result, plants that we struggle with daily in preservation and restoration, such as English ivy, butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) and yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*) are still being sold commercially. It is like trying to bail out an overflowing sink but never turning off the faucet. That needs to change by providing that any plant on the weed list may not be sold or distributed commercially.

The law isn't perfect and the mechanism isn't perfect but it can be made better. The local county weed boards are our best hope. They need resources and support. It will only get better when those who care get involved.

## Chapter Budget for 2013

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The Executive Committee adopted the following budget for 2013 at the November 11 Board meeting. For more detail, see our website, <http://www.southsoundchapterwnps.org/>.

<b>Income</b>	<b>2013</b>
Chapter Rebates	\$ 1,200
Donations	\$ 300
Plant Sales	\$ 7,500
Sales (Other)	\$ 600
Study Weekend	\$ 13,000
Misc Revenue	\$ 25
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,625</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Education	\$ 1500
Field Trips	\$ 100
Gift Memberships	\$ 70
Grants	\$ 2,500
Marketing/Outreach	\$ 600
Newsletter/Website	\$ 500
Plant Sale	\$ 4,500
Inventory (Other)	\$ 500
Chapter Programs	\$ 1,200
Restoration	\$ 50
Study Weekend	\$ 9,800
Misc. Expenses	\$ 750
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,570</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 2,055</b>

## Education Committee Anyone? By Cyndy Dillon

Many of our South Sound Chapter members are “fluent” in native plants. These members constitute a large, untapped source of plant appreciation that could easily be shared with the public to enhance its knowledge, encourage proper environmental behavior and preserve our native flora. As you may recall from our monthly reports in Tacoma and Olympia, we are establishing an Education Committee for the chapter. The goal is to come up with proven and innovative ways to conduct outreach to local communities through schools, social and religious groups, service organizations, and more.

Modeled after a WNPS state initiative, one initiative under consideration by the Education Committee is to assemble an education tool box(s) with computer presentations, references, lesson plans and activity materials that can be readily mastered by any volunteer to educate the public in a classroom, conference room or other setting. Dan and Pat Montague are reviewing the state kit. We would also like to conduct workshops, as do several other WNPS chapters, for hands-on teaching. Already we are expanding the field hikes we offer to refresh members' identification skills and to observe invasive plant encroachment. Additionally, the “Stump the Chump” table we originated at monthly talks in 2012 lets us research and discuss a wide range of issues.

Last May we introduced a fern display at a county library to allow visitors to distinguish our native species and we hope to expand this to Northwest Pacific conifer recognition as well. Also this past year, Bill Brookerson visited properties to advise owners on recommended plants for specific habitats, and we should continue this effort. The Capitol Museum in Olympia is planning future events to highlight how Native Americans used local flora in countless productive ways. Perhaps we could demonstrate how and when to plant natives for maximum survival success. Or, we might create flash-cards with curious botanical facts and let people guess the respective native plant species. The possibilities are endless.

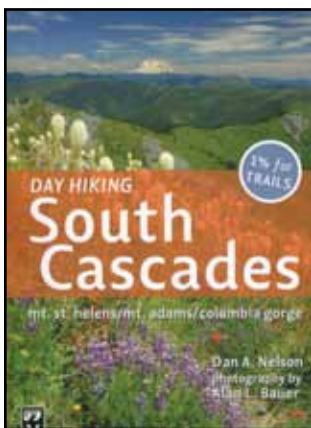
Maybe you can think of activities that inspired you to learn more about native plants or ideas for reaching certain groups that vary by age, profession or backgrounds. We'd enjoy hearing from you, so please email us your thoughts or join Bonnie Blessing-Earle, John Neorr, Bill Brookerson and Jane Ostericher on the new Education Committee. We not only want to introduce the newcomer to local flora appreciation, which can be overwhelming, but consider methods to sustain and increase experienced individuals' understanding of our remarkable native plants.



## Native Plant Resources

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***Day Hiking South Cascades: Mt. St. Helens/Mt. Adams/Columbia Gorge*, by Dan A. Nelson (photography by Alan L. Bauer), Mountaineers Books, 2007 (reprinted 2012), \$18.95**



With this year's Native Plant Study Weekend at Cispus and sponsored by the South Sound Chapter, we have an opportunity to experience a portion of the state surrounded by three volcanoes and with some of our most spectacular scenery. Native Plant Study Weekend, however, is just a chance to try the hors'deuvre - a couple of field trips. *Day Hiking in the South Cascades* provides a whole list of entrees.

The book is one of a whole series of “day hiking” books put out by the Mountaineers Books. They are among the very best guidebooks for those looking for solid, reliable information on hikes that can be accomplished in a day.

The book covers 125 hikes divided into nine areas --The White Pass Corridor/Cowlitz River Valley, Dark Divide/Cispus Area, the Lewis River Region, the Goat Rocks Region, the Mount Adams Area, Indian Heaven/Trapper Creek Region, Siouxsion/Silver Star Area, Mt. St. Helens Area, and the Columbia River Gorge Area. For each hike, it gives the difficulty, distance, elevation and height gain, and the season when the hike is possible. The last is particularly important given the wide range of altitudes. A “quick guide” in the front helps in picking out hikes of particular interest from bird watching and waterfalls, to berry picking and finding solitude. Equally useful are the clear directions and maps.



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- Central Puget Sound (Seattle)  
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 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)  
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- 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  
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