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About this Web Magazine

This Journal was created under the direction of Wally Hansen – a dedicated Grower, Aficionado and Passionate Lover of Northwest Native Plants.

This Journal is not 'commercial.' Our goals are:

A — To generate interest, even passion, concerning the magnificent Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest.

B — To help you create your own Native Plant Gardens, large or small, for home or work.

 C — To help you propagate and "grow on" those species that interest you the most.

D — To inform both Home Gardeners and interested Professionals of many disciplines concerning trends and news items from my little corner of the world.

E — To help the reader enjoy native plants more by understanding the historical and cultural role of native plants (i.e.–use by Native Americans, Pioneers, Early Botanists, etc.).



Trillium painting by Heidi Hansen

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<u>On the Cover</u>

Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii)

My mother's favorite tree, the Pacific Dogwood, is never out of style, reliably beautiful, and purely native.

It's easy to forget about it as the trillium poke their heads out of the ground and the iris fly their purple blooms and the currants clothe themselves in scarlet. But then a glimpse of white up in the trees grabs our attention--what was that? We peer more closely. Ah, yes, it's not an incredibly still butterfly or a tiny cloud caught among the leaves. Look at all those flowers! So perfect and so clear with their cheerful yellow centers. How could we forget such crispness! Our old friend, the dogwood blooms again as spring turns to summer.



Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) Photo by Jennifer Rehm

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Photo from US Forest Service

Name this plant!

A clue to help you on your quest for the correct answer:

"When my friend the Captain found me, he knew my lacy petals were an annual event and named me with that in mind. It happened just this time of year."

Send me an email with the correct <u>botanical</u> name of this plant. A small prize to those who correctly identify by June 10, 2006. **Good luck! Wally**

Answer to last Journal's puzzle:

Fritillaria recurva (Scarlett Fritillary)

Congratulations to all who correctly answered!

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Caring for your NW Native Plant Garden

After your rhodies have finished blooming, remove the spent flower heads--a task best done by hand. Around the spent bloom you should see 2-3 or even 4 bright green sprouts. These are your blooms for next year. Carefully reach in and snap off the spent flower, taking care not to break the new sprouts. The dead flower heads are quite sticky so it's handy to carry a bucket with a little water in it. You can drop the spent blooms in the bucket and reach in to rinse your fingers as needed.

2 – Plant spring-blooming perennials. They'll have lots of time to develop a good root system for next year's bloom and will be well established for the winter. Planting now will help them give a more mature show next spring.

3 – Watch newly planted natives for watering needs, especially when we have those sudden hot days. Plants that have not had time to grow deep into the ground will need watering during their first year.

4 – Begin mulching to conserve water and keep unwanted plants from sprouting around your natives. Be especially on the lookout for ivy and alien blackberries. The dandelions and other invasives are going to seed--pick off those seed heads as soon as you spot them. It'll save you some hard weeding later on.

5 – As your plants bloom, pick a few of the flowers and leaves and press them. This winter you'll have fresh material for making lots of fun crafting projects. You can make your own stationery or arrange some in a picture frame.

6 - Time for bug patrol! Slugs are very fond of those newly sprouted perennials. Ants seem to be everywhere right now but they are usually not destructive to your plants. In fact, ants help to polinate some plants. However, they're not so nice in the house. If you get an ant invasion indoors (and they will run inside whenever it rains in their nests outdoors), put out bait but don't kill the ants--let them get the bait and take it back home to their friends.



To Do List, continued

Here's a timely trick: Put your ant bait in old salt shakers or spice tins and set them in the "ant highway" where the ants are marching back and forth. You can place the shakers on their sides if you want. Your pets or kids can't get to the bait but the ants run right in.

Recipe for ant bait:

1 part 20 Mule Team Borax or Boric acid

9 parts of a sweet sticky liquid like maple syrup, honey or Karo syrup or even jelly.

Mix the ingredients. Heating in a double boiler may speed the process. Let cool before using. Put a little of this bait in your old salt shaker, screw on the lid and put it on it's side wherever the ants are congregating.

This bait is NOT non-toxic, but it's cheap and most everyone has the ingredients at hand.

NOTE: Do not use these shakers for food after using them for bait! You can pick up old shakers at tag sales or thrift stores. A fine use for that collection somebody inherited from Aunt Fanny.











Sparky's Corner

A special message from our frisky contributor



Rain and rain and wind and more rain. Yuk! I do not like it. Makes everything cold and squirrels don't much like cold. We spend a lot of time in our resting nests when it rains. A few of us usually get in one of the big nests and wrap ourselves all up with our tails until the water stops. We keep each other warm that way.

But lately it's been raining a lot. The other day frozen pebbles fell out of the sky! Scary! It knocked everything around. Lucky we're such good nest builders. Hardly anything at all got messed up in the neighborhood but the cold was very annoying. We did a lot of grumbling about that.

It is so much more fun when the sun shines and the birds are singing and the butterflies are flitting and the two-leggers are walking around in the garden. They are so interesting! They make so much noise but it's OK. I mean, we're not exactly the quietest of species but at least we make sense. Those two-leggers have the funniest noises they make. Some of it is like acorns falling on hard places and some sounds like wind rattling branches together but the best one sounds like water when it rolls over rocks in streams. They open their mouths very wide when they do this one.

One good thing about the rain: it encourages the fungi to grow. There

are some really big mushrooms popping up on the hill above the nursery. They're pretty tasty. And the rain is helping the trees and shrubs make lots of new leaves which we enjoy. And the perennials! There are some nice greens. Bet you didn't know we like those. Two-leggers call that stuff salads. We just call them yummy spring greens. They don't last long but while they're fresh we like them a lot. Grandma says they help us see better.

Sparky's Corner, continued

Most of us still have acorns buried here and there. The ones we put in the pots keep moving around but those in the earth are right where we left them, mostly. Wally and the others sometimes dig some up but I don't think they do it on purpose. Usually they just make holes and put plants in them. It's a curious habit he and the nursery two-leggers have. They spend quite a bit of time burying their food but they don't cover



it all up--in fact sometimes most of it is sticking out of the ground. But we can't figure out why they do it because we never ever see them coming back to eat it. I don't know if two-leggers in other places do this or if it's just a weird thing the nursery ones do. Seems like a waste of time to me. Maybe they just don't remember which one of them buried each piece and they don't want to dig up somebody else's food. We squirrels can tell which food is our own by smell but I think two-leggers don't have such good noses as we do. Two-leggers are truly an interesting species.

Gotta go now. One of my buds just told me there's some little bitty mushrooms over by the Big-Leaf Maple. After we have a snack we'll get a nice drink of water and then we're going to jump in some puddles to splash around. At least the rain is good for something. See you next time!



Painting by Margaret Street-Morris

Wild Times in the Northwest

Events in the area and plants you may see in your travels.



Here in the Northwestern United States, native plants are particularly important to our way of life. We've learned that it's better to live in harmony with the earth than to try making the planet cotton to our notions.

As a result we enjoy, for the most part, a less stressful existence that is rich in beauty and refreshing to the spirit.

In this issue of our Northwest Native Plant Journal, we give you photographs of native plants in bloom, and various events you may find attractive as you prepare for another Northwest summer.

Some of these are already over but worth remembering for next year.

Each event shows the description and occasionally graphics from the website for the event.

Hooker's Fairybells (Disporum hookeri) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Native Orchid Conference

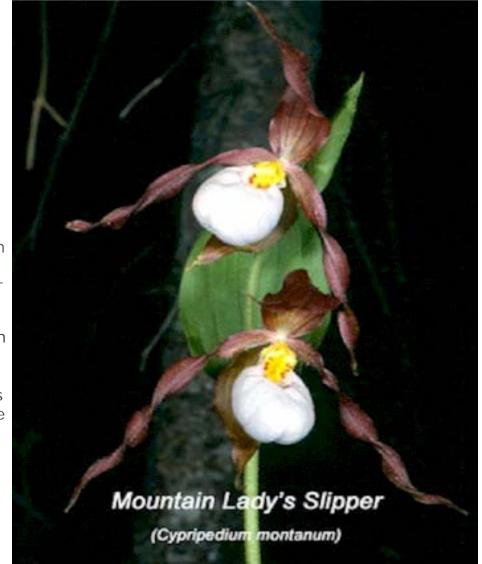
Ashland, Oregon June 8 - 12, 2006

Native Orchid Conference, Inc., Ashland, OR.

The program will include talks by orchid experts from across the country. Speakers scheduled to present include Dr. Ken Cameron (New York Botanical Gardens), Tom Mieranda (Smithsonian Institution) and Dr. Charles Sheviak (New York State Museum) along with authors Ron Coleman and Bill Mathis. Alternating days will include field trip excursions led by area botanists and are planned to Crater Lake, Illinois Valley, and the Russian River.

Our fifth annual conference will be held in Ashland, Oregon in the southwestern corner of the state at Southern Oregon University. We will follow the practice of past conferences by having two days of talks and presentations along with two days of field trips. This year the conference will include a kick-off presentation on Thursday evening followed by a reception. Attendees are invited to sign up to display poster talks during that time.

> Photo from the Native Orchid Conference Website.



The conference registration cost is \$100 US per person or \$175 US per couple. Lunch will be provided during the two days of meetings at the conference. Once we receive your completed registration, a confirmation notice along with further conference details, maps, and area information will be sent to you. Handouts on the orchids of the area along with information on local points of interest should be available at the conference for those planning further vacation time in the area.

These conferences provide the opportunity for participants to share information, explore new areas and gain knowledge together as a group. They allow you to renew old friendships, make new friends and enjoy the company of others who share a similar interest in our native orchids.

Most of the field trips will be within easy walking distance of a roadway so hiking will not be strenuous. One of the non-orchid plants that we should encounter is the famous

endemic Cobra Pitcher plant (*Darlingtonia californica*) which grows in conjunction with *Cypripedium californicum*. Field trips will be half-day and full day excursions led by area botanists and members of the Native Plant Society. Trips are planned to Crater Lake, Illinois Valley, and the Russian River.

Deer Orchid (Calypso bulbosa) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Some Featured Speakers at the Orchid Conference:

Dr. Darlene Southworth, Emeritus Developmental Biology Professor, SOU

Dr. Frank Lang, Emeritus Systematic Botany Professor, SOU

Dr. Ken Cameron, Director, The Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman Program for Molecular Systematics Studies, The New York Botanical Garden

Dr. Andy Huber, Associate Professor, Eastern Oregon University and Founder of GROWISER (Grande Ronde Overlook Wildflower Institute Serving Ecological Restoration)

Dr. Bill Mathis, Author of *The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hardy Perennial Orchids;* President, The Wild Orchid Co.

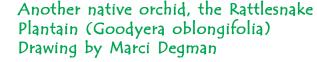
Lucy Dueck, Research Coordinator, Molecular Ecology, UGA's Savannah River Ecology Lab

Dr. Jyotsna Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Horticulture; Affiliate Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, UFL

Dr. Charles Sheviak, Senior Scientist and Curator of Botany, New York State Museum

Tom Mirenda, Curator of the orchid collection, Smithsonian Institute

Website: <u>Native Orchid Conference</u> Contact Name: David McAdoo. Contact Phone: (336) 996-2324.





<u>Wild Times in</u> <u>the Northwest,</u> <u>continued</u>

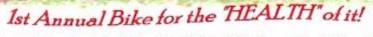
Wagons and Wildflowers

This looks like a fun thing to do for "kids of all ages." It is too late for 2006 but something to consider for 2007.

The official poster for Goldendale, Washington's celebration, Wagons and Wildflowers. See their website for details:

http://www.cityofgoldendale.com/

Wagons and Wildflowers



Sponsored by and proceeds will benefit the Klickitat Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation Heart H



Goldendale, WA ~ Ekone Park Saturday, May 13th ~ Mother's Day Weekend

Registration 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 am ~ Route Closes at: 5:00 p.m.

\$50 per rider – Both "Road and Mountain" Bike Rides will be available. Includes: Water Bottle, Lunch, Snacks & Dinner

Mountain Bike your way from Goldendale to Wagons and Wildflowers at the Dalles Mountain Ranch Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve ~Columbia Hills State Park 44 Miles Round Trip (27 Paved Miles ~ 17 Gravel Miles)

"A day of exploring our natural and cultural heritage and experience day trips and presentations"

Blooming Wildflowers of DNR's Natural Area Preserve ~ Blacksmithing and Fur-Trader Living History The Catastrophic Ice Age Floods and Native Cultural History ~ See Horses Up-Close and go on a Wildlife Exploration Much, much more to see and do during your visit...

One googeous blue ride with multiple routes and interesting destinations. Both road and mountain blue rides will be available with lunch at Miller's Rauch or the historic ratio and Lyle Notel ~ www.lylehotal.com. Paved rides range from 27-miles to a Metric Contury Ride (62.5 M) could through the beautiful Centerville Valley and High Prairie countryside. Don't miss the fund

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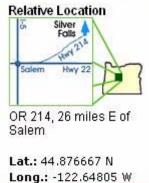
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In Partnership with: Washington State Parks (509) 767.1159 ~ <u>www.parks.wa.gov</u> Washington State Department of Natural Resources (509) 925.0944 ~ <u>www.wadnr.gov</u> More Information Go To: <u>www.cityofgoldendalc.com</u> or e-mail: <u>goldeneventplanning@gorge.net</u>

This is an annual event that is just wonderful. Beautiful displays, and can be as athletic as you want to make it--wildflower walks or tour the falls.

SILVER FALLS--MAY 13-14th MOTHER'S DAY BIRDING & WILDFLOWER WEEKEND





Bring Your Binoculars!

- Wildflower Displays: All weekend in the South Falls Lodge
- Native Plant Sale: Support the Friends of Silver Falls and your garden • Fun Crafts: Make wildflower journals, & a Mother's Day card for mom!
- \cdot **Build a bird nesting box** with Salem Audubon Society (\$5 material fee)

Wildflower Walks: Learn to identify botanical beauties at the park with experts in the field. Call to sign up early 503-874-021 Focus includes:
Flora & Feathers, Native Plants vs. Weeds, Kid's Nature Walks,
Wildflowers in the Forest: Jewels in an Emerald Landscape,
Wildflowers in the Mist Zone and Mom & Me Flower Walks!
Presentations scheduled throughout the weekend at the Log Cabin
In the South Falls area & at Silver Falls Conference Center including:
Landscaping with Native Plants, Bugs in the Water, Identifying
Birds by Sound, Dragonflies & Damselflies, Raptors of Oregon
(Live birds), Boreal Forests & Landscapes for Outdoor Living.
Bird Walks, Owl Prowl & Photo Hike: Call to sign up 503-874-0201



Yellow Glacier Lily (Erythronium grandiflorum) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

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More events at Silver Falls Park:



Golden Currant (Ribes aureum) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

MAY 20th DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Want to keep Silver Creek clean? With help from SOLV, we are organizing a work party from **9 A.M.-1 P.M.** Volunteer projects include stream clean up, planting native vegetation, and trail development. Individuals and groups are asked to please **sign up** with Vicki Sink at 503-873-8681 ext 25

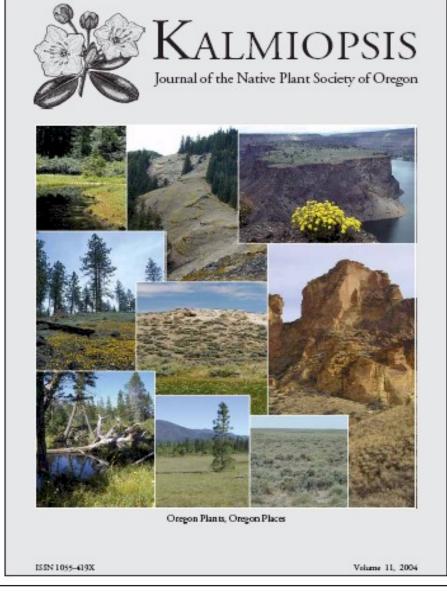
JUNE 3rd STATE PARKS DAY

Free camping, free day-use parking, free hot dogs!

Join the rangers and Friends of Silver Falls as we say THANK YOU– our visitors to Oregon State Parks!







Events by the Native Plant Society of Oregon

Photo Contest Entries Wanted

Corvallis chapter is sponsoring a photo art show, "Native Plants of Benton County," May 2-31. Up to thirty 8" x 10" images will be selected to hang in the art display window at the Birkenstock Store on Third Street. Members are invited to submit their prints to Frances Stilwell or Matt Blakeley-Smith by Monday, April 24 at 5 pm. Each submission must be matted in white and labeled on the back with plant ID, location and date. A few potential themes include native plant portraits, plant communities, native plant gardens, pollinators, or people interacting with plants.

Please contact mfstilwell@peak.org or mattbs@peak.org with any questions.

Cover of the NPSO journal, 2004

NPSO Portland Chapter

June 5, Monday, 9 am to 4 pm

Field Trip: Angel's Rest.

Enjoy a rare weekday wildflower-filled walk to a stunning viewpoint. The hike is about 5.5 miles round trip with 1500 feet of elevation gain.

We should see Oregon iris (Iris tenax), Columbia lily (Lilium columbianum), and maybe Western corydalis (Corydalis scouleri), plus lots of others.

Contact leader Don Jacobson for car pool location, 503-235-6234, donj@dsInorthwest.net.

> Subalpine Spirea (Spiraea densiflora) Photo by JoAnn Onstott





Siskiyou Chapter

June 3, Saturday, 9 am

Field Trip: Grizzly Peak (Dead Indian Memorial Rd, east of Ashland).

Early spring flowers: Klamath fawn lily, yellow bells, small lewisias, lomatiums. Easy-to-moderate 5-mile round trip hike, 600-ft elevation gain (5300-5900 ft). Meet behind Oil Stop on Ashland St, just west of the Ashland BiMart/Shop 'n Kart parking lot, about 1/4 mi west of I-5, exit 14.

Leader: Jim Duncan, 541-482-7629.

Dog-Tooth Violet (Erythronium oreganum) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

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NPSO, Willamette Chapter

Display space available

Table and booth space is available for chapters to display information during the NPSO's 2006 annual meeting, **June 9-11**, on the Linfield College campus in McMinnville.

The meeting is sponsored by the Cheahmill and Willamette Valley chapters. Chapters with things to sell (e.g. wildflower or nature-oriented items, etc.) should set up their displays Friday, June 9 (before registration begins). The deadline to reserve space is May 1.

Send reservations to Rob Tracey, Cheahmill Chapter president, at 8210 SW Broadmead Rd., Amity, OR 97101; 503-843-2702.

When making reservations, please identify who (individuals or chapter) will need space and generally what items will be displayed

> Pacific Rhododendron (Rhododendron macrophyllum) Painting by Heidi Hansen





NPSO, Willamette Chapter

June 3, Saturday, 7 am to 6 pm

Field Trip: Dog Mountain.

Participants in this all-day hike will have fun identifying and viewing wildflowers on Dog Mountain located in the Columbia Gorge on the Washington side. Chapter President John Savage will lead the hike. This is a difficult hike with a 3000' elevation gain, but the flowers are well worth it.

For more information or to register, please call 503-399-8615. Free and open to the public.

Red-Flowering Currant (Ribes sanguineum) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Educational Conference

Sept. 19-20

Meeting the Challenge: Invasive Plants in PNW Ecosystems

The Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington Seattle, WA

Sponsored by USDA Forest Service PNW Research Station and the UW Center for Urban Horticulture. Conference goal is to create strategies and partnerships to understand and manage plant invasions in the Pacific Northwest.

Contact Info: Timothy B. Harrington Email: <u>tharrington@fs.fed.us</u> Phone: 360-753-7674.



Pink Dog-Toothed Violet (Erythronium revolutum) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Spruce Up The West: Restoration Party sponsored by Three Rivers Land Conservancy.

Saturday, June 03, 2006 9am - 12pm

Join Three Rivers Land Conservancy as we strive to: Take Back the Forest! Our ongoing ivy removal project needs your help. (no fee) Please contact organizer prior to attending.



Location: The Keller Woodlands, an urban forestAddress: Roadside turnout along Terwilliger Blvd., Lake Oswego, Multnomah County, OR

www.trlc.org

Contact: Megan Barckert

Email: info@trlc.org

Phone: 503.699.9825

Painting by Heidi D. Hansen



Located 5 miles East of Baker City on Oregon Highway 86, the center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management as a year-around facility. The 23,000 square foot complex artfully illustrates the Oregon Trail journey and rugged pioneer life in the Northwest.



A theater features slide programs and stage productions, a large multi-purpose room is used for traveling exhibits, artifacts and revolving educational classes. Two living history areas depict a wagon encampment and a lode mining operation. In summer, period-dressed actors, representing pioneers, demonstrate pioneer skills. Local tribes perform ceremonial dances in their regalia as well. Footpaths lead to scenic overlooks where visitors can learn about the environment the pioneers experienced along the trail and the history of those pioneers. Visitors walk alongside the still visible wagon ruts of the Oregon Trail, literally in the footsteps of the pioneers.

Free days this summer: June 26 -July 13 and August 30

Serviceberry or Saskatoon (Amelanchier alnifolia) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

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Some more opportunities to pitch in and help out the community. You'll learn about native plants as you lend a hand.



Powell Butte Nature Park Trail Maintenance sponsored by Portland Parks City Nature.

Saturday, June 10, 2006 9 am - 12 pm

Help repair and restore the trail system in Powell Butte. Bring gloves and water. (no fee)

Location: Powell Butte Nature ParkAddress: top of the hill on SE 162nd. south of Powell Blvd., Portland, Multnomah County, OR

PortlandParks.org

Contact: Louise Shorr

Email: lshorr@ci.portland.or.us

Phone: (503) 823-6131

Tall Oregon Grape (Mahonia aquifolium) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Dickinson Woods Restoration sponsored by Portland Parks & Recation City Nature.

Saturday, June 10, 2006 9 am - 12 pm

Help the Friends of Dickinson Woods remove invasive non-native plants and restore this small but cute wooded area. (no fee)

Location: Dickinson WoodsAddress: SW 55th s/o Taylors Ferry Rd., Portland, Multnomah County, OR

PortlandParks.org

Contact: Louise Shorr

Email: lshorr@ci.portland.or.us

Phone: 503 823-6131

Self-Heal (Prunella vulgaris) Photo by JoAnn Onstott





Orange Honeysuckle (Lonicera ciliosa) Painting by Heidi Hansen Errol Heights Wetlands Restoration sponsored by Portland Parks & Recation City Nature.

Saturday, June 17, 2006 9 am - 12 pm

Help Portland Parks and the Friends of Errol Heights restore this 14 acre 3 pond wetland. Please bring gloves and water. (no fee)

Location: Errol Heights WetlandsAddress: SE 52nd. & SE Tenino, Portland, Multnomah County, OR

PortlandParks.org

Contact: Louise Shorr

Email: lshorr@ci.portland.or.us

Phone: 503 823-6131



Twinberry (Lonicera involucrata) Painting by Heidi Hansen



Woods Park Restoration sponsored by Portland Parks City Nature.

Saturday, June 17, 2006 9 am - 12 pm

Help Portland Parks and Recreation City Nature and the Friends of Woods Park improve this 34 acre natural area. We will be removing invasive plants, planting native plants and doing trail improvements. Join us at SW Alice St. just south of SW Capitol Hwy. Please bring gloves and water. (no fee)

Location: Woods Park @ Alice St. Address: off of SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, Multnomah County

PortlandParks.org

Contact: Louise Shorr

Email: lshorr@ci.portland.or.us

Phone: (503) 823-6131

Salmonberry (Rubus spectabilia) JoAnn Onstott

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SolWest Fair sponsored by EORenew.

Friday, July 28, 2006 through Sunday, July 30, 2006 1pm Friday - 4pm Sunday

50 free workshops, over fifty exhibitors. Solar, wind, biofuels, limitless possibilities for renewable energy. Electrathon highlights efficient, lightweight vehicle technology. (fee - \$5) Please contact organizer prior to attending.

Location: Grant County Fairgrounds Address: 3rd and Bridge Streets, John Day, Grant County, OR

www.solwest.org

Contact: Jennifer Barker

Email: info@solwest.org

Phone: 541-575-3633



Oceanspray (Holidiscus discolor) Painting by Heidi Hansen

OSALT Happenings

Open Farm Day at Natural Harvest Farm

Saturday, June 10th, 1 pm to 4 pm Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: <u>info@osalt.org</u> Phone: (503) 263-82392

Canby, Oregon (near Oregon City).

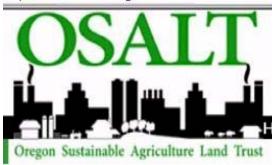
An afternoon in the country for the whole family.

Visit Natural Harvest Farm, OSALT's 20-acre research and demonstration site near Canby.

Self-guided tours. Talks and demonstrations about bees, spinning, organic growing and the future of farms and food.

Wear sturdy shoes, and come enjoy the farm!

http://www.osalt.org/events



See the OSALT website to learn about what they do and why and how you can get involved.



Snowberry (Symphorocarpos albus) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Rainwater Capture



Madrone (Arbutus menziesii) Photo by Jennifer Rehm

Saturday, June 17th, 1 to 4 pm Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-8392

A class at Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon.

This class introduces participants to the basics of capturing rainwater for irrigation, water features, household use, etc.

We will cover rainwater availability and regulations, system design, capture and storage, overflow, use, and maintenance.

Class size limited to 20 participants.

(Participants in this class may want to also participate in the workday the following Saturday, June 24th, when we will install a wooden storage tank and half-roof collection system.)

Fee \$15.00 for the first participant from a household, \$5 each for additional members from the household. No children under 12 without prior approval.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Installing Rainwater Storage Workday

Saturday, June 24th, 1-4 pm Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-8392

A hands-on workday at Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon

Work with us to install a storage tank for our rainwater capture project.

We will be setting a wooden water tank and installing some of the plumbing needed for a rainwater irrigation system.

Bring work boots, gloves, questions, and an interest in learning about about rainwater capture.

There is no charge for this event, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by phone or e-mail.

Please, no children under 12 without prior approval.



Oregon Myrtle (Umbellularia californica) Photo by JoAnn Onstott

Field Fencing Sponsor: OSALT Saturday, July 15th, 1-4 pm Contact: Sue Cl



Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-8392

A class at Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon.

This class introduces participants to the purpose, design, construction and maintenance of permanent field fencing.

The class will cover the uses, benefits and drawbacks of permanent field fencing, and compare it with some alternatives. We will then cover in detail the design and construction of corners, gate posts and latch posts, stretching fence wire, and hanging gates.

Class size limited to 20 participants.

(Participants in this class may want to also participate in the workday the following Saturday, July 22nd, when we will finish installing a field fence along our south and west borders.)

Fee \$15.00 for the first participant from a household, \$5 each for additional members from the household. No children under 12 without prior approval.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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Willow (Salix) Photo by Jennifer Rehm

Perimeter Fencing Workday

Saturday, July 22nd, 1-4 pm Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-3892

A hands-on workday at Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon

Work with us to finish installing wire field fencing for our grazing research project.

We will be setting posts, mounting gates and latches, and stretching wire fence.

Bring work boots, gloves, questions, and an interest in learning about about field fencing.

There is no charge for this event, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by phone or e-mail.

Please, no children under 12 without prior approval.



Oceanspray (Holodiscus discolor) Painting by Heidi D. Hansen

Basic Small Structures Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Saturday, August 19th, 1 to 4 pm Email: info@osalt.org



Salal (Gaultheria shalon) Painting by Heidi Hansen Phone: (503) 263-8392

At Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon

This is a beginning class covering the uses, design, construction and maintenance of small permanent structures in gardens, on farms, ranches, nurseries and other agricultural operations.

Learn about building and zoning regulations, design principles, materials and construction methods.

we will cover simple storage sheds, arbors and gazebos, storage buildings and animal shelters.

Class size limited to 20 participants.

(Participants in this class may want to also participate in the workday the following Saturday, August 26th, when we will work on a shelter for our sheep and llama.)

Fee \$15.00 for the first participant from a household, \$5 each for additional members from the household. No children under 12 without prior approval.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Animal Shelter Workday

Saturday, August 26th, 1-4 pm Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-8392

A hands-on workday at Natural Harvest Farm near Canby, Oregon

Work with us to complete the animal shelter in our research pasture.

We will be installing roof beams and girders, metal roofing, siding and gates.

Bring work boots, gloves, questions, and an interest in learning about about small structures.

There is no charge for this event, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by phone or e-mail.

Please, no children under 12 without prior approval.



Hairy Manzanita (Arctostaphylos columbiana) Photo by JoAnn Onstott



Harvest Festival at Natural Harvest Farm

Saturday, September 9th, 1 pm 'til dark Sponsor: OSALT Contact: Sue Clark Email: info@osalt.org Phone: (503) 263-8392

At Natural Harvest Farm, near Canby, Oregon (near Oregon City).

Our annual harvest party is fun for the whole family!

Visit Natural Harvest Farm, OSALT's 20-acre research and demonstration site near Canby.

Events include a self-guided tour of the farm; talks about bees, the future of farming and food; pressing cider and making ice cream; demonstrations of spinning and of grinding grain (sample a fresh baked hoe cake); live music; and a bonfire and storytelling starting at dusk.

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Natural Harvest Farm features fiber animals, including a flock of sheep with their guard llama, and rabbits. We also have chickens, ducks and geese as part of an organic vegetable growing operation.

The farm is developing 4 demonstration gardens, follows permaculture design principles, and features a wide variety of fruits, nuts vegetables and herbs.

There is a pot-luck dinner at 5 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share. Bring plates, cups and utinsils. We'll provide ice cream, cider, tea and water.

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or dogs (except guide and assistance dogs.)

Bring your family, bring your friends, wear sturdy shoes, and be ready to enjoy the country.



Harvest Cluster Lily (Brodiaea congesta) Photo by Jennifer Rehm

The National Arbor Day Foundation Presents:



The practice of Restoring Native Ecosystems A One-Day Regional Seminar

Seattle, Washington June 6, 2006

Portland, Oregon June 7, 2006



In cooperation with Land and Water Magazine Earth Share of Washington Washington Native Plant Society Native Plant Society of Oregon Seattle Parks and Recreation Friends of Trees Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Metro

The practice of restoring native ecosystems is not only becoming more common, it is becoming a more crucial element in the effort to maintain natural systems and habitats. A broad cross-section of professionals is involved in the restoration and creation of ecosystems across the country and around the world. The restoration of degraded ecosystems, or the creation of new ones, can be a powerful tool in environmental stewardship. This seminar will examine the principles behind the concept of restoration as well as important issues, approaches, and techniques. Case studies will be included to provide real-world examples to show how you can apply what you learn in your own projects.

Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) Painting by Heidi Hansen

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How you will benefit:

Restoring Native Ecosystems is a unique seminar presented by two highlyqualified professionals with in-depth knowledge of restoration and extensive practical experience with a variety of ecosystems and bioengineering projects.



Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) Painting by Heidi Hansen

The presentation is fast-paced, loaded with information and concepts you can profit from and use. This continuing education program deals in the practical. It includes helpful visual aids that bring actual restoration projects into this seminar. Lectures, group feedback, and case studies teach important concepts you'll be able to use in your future projects.

You'll have the opportunity for one-on-one group discussions with others who share your concerns and problems.

You'll receive practical materials to use during the seminar that will serve as a valuable reference guide you'll use again and again.

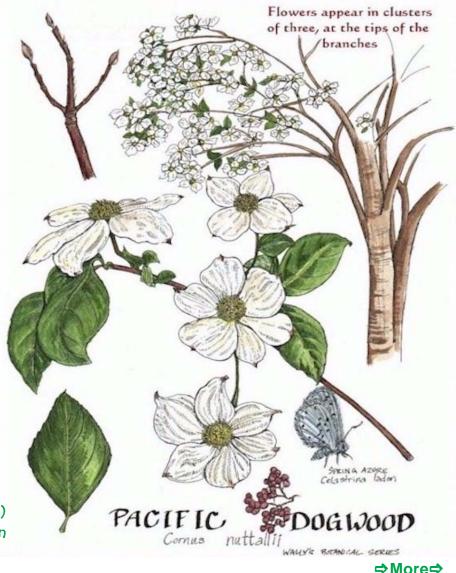


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What you will learn

- You'll learn about the most progressive techniques being used in the restoration of a variety of ecosystems.
- You'll learn components of a good design and how to base that design on a clear understanding of historic ecosystems and current ecological systems.
- · You'll learn the importance of biodiversity.
- You'll learn more about wetland, prairie, and upland systems, and explore the areas of the streambank stabilization and best management practices for water quality improvement.
- You'll have the opportunity to interact and share ideas with others involved in restoration.

Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) Painting by Heidi Hansen



Topic outline

- Introduction and Defining Key Terms— Apfelbaum and Young
- Restoring Native Ecosystems: A Historical Perspective- Apfelbaum
- Reclamation of Large Scale Sites- Young
- Restoring Native Ecosystems: The Process & Techniques- Apfelbaum
- Care Studies- Young •
- Questions, Discussions, and Conclusions- Apfelbaum and Young •

Who should attend

The Restoring Native Ecosystems seminar is designed to benefit individuals engaged in the broad range of disciplines involved in restoration:

- Environmental planners
- Conservation engineers
- Landscape architects .
- Public works officials
- · Restorationists, volunteer and professional
- Nature center directors
- Foresters
- · Land improvement contractors
- Natural resource managers
- Ecologists .
- Biologists
- Geologists •
- Water scientists
- · Conservation district staff members
- · Wildlife managers
- Professors, teachers, and students of related disciplines
- Anyone interested in restoration

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Pacific Dogwood (Cornus nuttallii)

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What others are saying:

"Steve and Bill showed the process of restoration on a level that was easy to grasp."

> *—Robert Jones*, President, Timber Creek Design, Inc. Bloomington, IL

"Steve and Bill make a great team science and experience coupled with design and experience."

—Lisa Paschal, City Horticulturist City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

"...On the cutting edge of the new science of restoration ecology."

—David Boyd, Director Planning & Information Systems East West Gateway Coordinating Council St. Louis, Missouri

Restoring Native Ecosystems Home 1-888-448-7337



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Oregon Natural Resources Council

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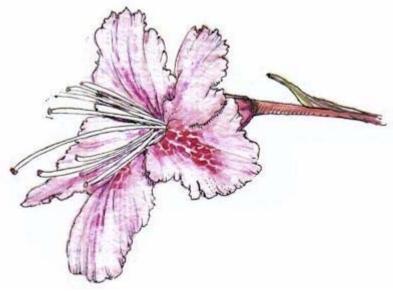
ONRC SPRING HIKES

It's spring and time to get out and explore the jaw-dropping display of wildflowers, moss-draped old-growth forests and stunning waterfalls that make Oregon such an special place to live, work and raise a family! ONRC invites you to join us for spring outings to the many spectacular wild places that deserve wilderness protection. Come get to know some of the places that may just be Oregon's next designated wilderness areas! Also don't forget to **mark your calendar for Wilderness Week 2006: June 24 - July 2.** Full schedule coming soon.

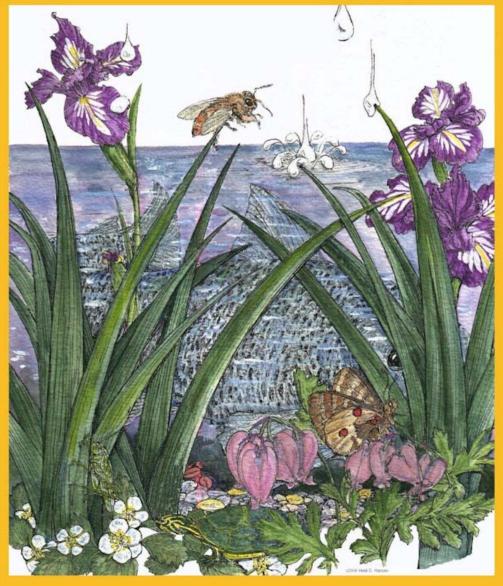
Explore the places you want to see with the people who know them best! Join ONRC and our conservation partners for this week-long annual event of over 30 free outings to proposed wilderness areas all over the state. Check out our schedule of hikes, campouts, trail restoration projects and more.

Attention photographers: Want to volunteer to photograph a Wilderness Week hike? Call Nanci Champlin, ONRC's Volunteer Coordinator at 503-283-6343 x 203 for details.

All events are free and guided by knowledgeable ONRC staff. RSVPs are required and space is limited where noted. Please be sure to bring a lunch, snacks, plenty of water and appropriate clothing and gear on any hike that you plan to attend. Please direct any hike questions to the RSVP contact.



Pacific Rhododendron bloom (Rhododendron macrophyllum) Painting by Heidi Hansen



Multnomah Basin Wildflower & Plant ID Hike

Thursday, June 1 (In the event of significant rain: Friday, June 2)

Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness proposal (Moderate, 5.5 miles downhill, 2,600 foot elevation loss w/car shuttle)

Join naturalist Wendell Wood for this all-day slowpaced wildflower hike amongst old-growth forests, rock slides and streamside woodlands as you make your way down to the bottom of Multnomah Falls. This is a full-day excursion so plan accordingly. Plant list provided. Plan to return after 6pm. * Space is limited to 12 participants.

RSVP with your name, phone number and email to: <u>hikes@gorgefriends.org</u> or 503.241.3762 x 106. Please leave the next day open in case the hike is postponed due to significant rain.

Meet at 9 a.m. at the kiosk at Multnomah Falls, exit 31 off I-84. Park in the lot on the north side of the freeway and arrive early enough to use the restrooms at the Lodge and return to the kiosk by using the freeway pedestrian underpass.

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Angel's Rest to Wahkeena Falls Wildflower& Plant ID Hike

Saturday, June 3 (In event of significant rain: Sunday, June 4)

Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness proposal (Strenuous, 6.4 miles, 1500 foot elevation gain) This slow-paced all day hike will take us along this popular trail marking the western end of the proposed Columbia Gorge wilderness area as we learn to identify the area's fantastic plants and wildflowers. Plant list provided. Plan to return after 6pm.

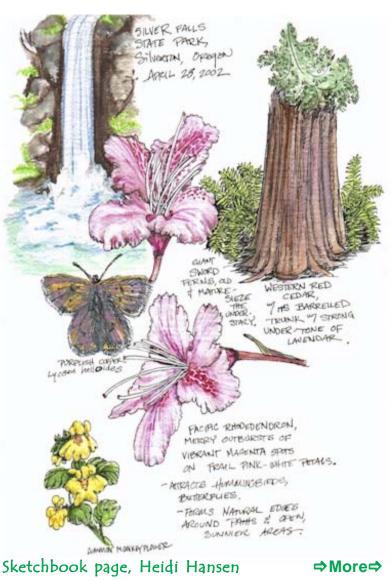


Looking up the Columbia River Gorge from Angel's Rest

Photofrom the ONRC website

* Space is limited to 12 participants. **RSVP with** your name, phone number and email to: hikes@gorgefriends.org or 503.241.3762 x 106. Please leave the next day open in case the hike is postponed due to significant rain.

Carpools will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the SE corner of the Gateway Transit Center located at NE 99th & NE Pacific in Portland.



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Glide, Oregon



This is one of the most famous and undoubtedly the most complete wildflower show in the northwest. I confess I have yet to attend but plan to be there next year. Excerpts from the website:

The show features hundreds of plants from the diverse habitats of Southwestern Oregon, arranged by family and identified by botanical and common names. Included are exhibits and specimens of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, lichens, liverworts, mosses, ferns and grasses. Photographs of rare and endangered species are also on display.

It is held annually on the last full weekend in April at the Glide Community Building 20062 N. Umpqua Highway, Glide, Oregon (17 miles east of Roseburg Oregon on Highway 138) The show is non-profit, created by community volunteers and traditionally presented in the Glide Community Center.

Beverages, lunches and home made pies will be available. Site is wheelchair accessible. Suggested donation \$2 per person.

Please dress warmly; The building is unheated to preserve the plants.

Poster from the event's website: www.glidewildflowershow.org/

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A Floral Legacy

April 29 & 30, 2006

The show opens for photographers only Saturday and Sunday mornings (8-9 a.m.) prior to public hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday is for school groups by pre-arrangement. Students will view exhibits, attend science workshops, and enjoy hands-on activities.

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The Glide Wildflower Flora Book and an identification guide will be available for a nominal charge. Other reference materials may also be purchased.

Special exhibits highlight intriguing aspects of our native flora, and botanists will be on hand to answer visitors' questions.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Oregon Chautauqua: Helen M. Gilkey: The Art of Botanical Illustration by Sharon L. Rose

The History of Botanizing in Douglas County by Dr. Daniel Luoma

Fungus-Feeding Wildflowers That Lurk in Our Woods by Dr. Daniel Luoma





The Glide Wildflower Show: Facts

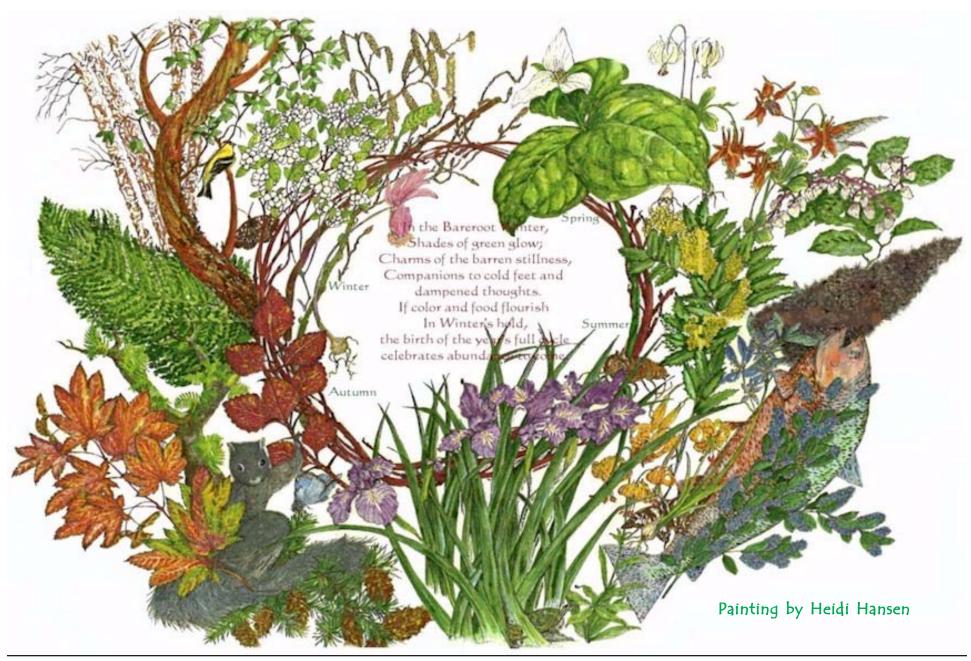
• Started in 1965 as a fund raiser for the Glide Community Club. For the first show, plant authority Reggie Miller collected and arranged 91 specimens that were enjoyed by two dozen visitors. Now thousands of visitors from all over the world come to see hundreds of cataloged and labeled plants.

- is now the largest display of native plants in the Pacific Northwest.
- is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization emphasizing education, appreciation and conservation.
- is made possible by coordinated volunteer efforts of local residents and professional botanists from throughout the Pacific Northwest who volunteer their expertise to insure accurate plant identification.
- organizes and trains plant collectors for the show, who follow conservation guidelines and obtain collecting permits.

(FOR CONSERVATION REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT BRING UNSOLICITED SPECIMENS TO THE SHOW.)

Glide Wildflower Show Box 332 Glide OR 97443 Phone contact: 541-677-3797 Contact email: <u>magyan@wizzards.net</u>

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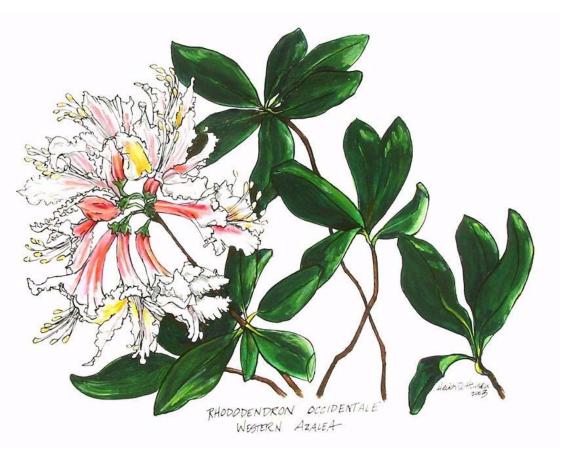
Adventuring in the wilderness:

Some things to remember

As you go about your travels, not just this summer but throughout your life, you have an opportunity each day to make a difference. The difference is this: you can choose to live well and treat the earth with care and dignity or you can choose to live foolishly and ignore those who will come after us. We are dedicated to tending the earth by studying the things that grow naturally here. We protect them and we try to construct our gardens so that they will be comfortable and thrive. When native plants are encouraged to return to this land, we will be in harmony.

The Original People, or First Nations, have many sayings that illustrate this way of life. We have forgotten who first said the most famous of these:

Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children. We are more than the sum of our knowledge, we are the products of our imagination.



Painting by Heidi Hansen



We also do not remember who first voiced these thoughts:

"Peace and happiness are available in every moment. Peace is every step. We shall walk hand in hand. There are no political solutions to spiritual problems.

Remember: If the Creator put it there, it is in the right place. The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears."

But we know that Qwatsinas (Hereditary Chief Edward Moody), Nuxalk Nation gave us this:

"We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees."

Finally, the most basic truth of living in harmony with nature is this one:

"Take only memories and pictures; leave only footprints."

Take time to consider all these sacred truths and life lessons. Make this a summer of natural wildness, true to the west. As you visit the wild places, take along your camera, your sketch book, your journal. Leave nothing behind that wasn't there before you came. And if you find some trash, pick it up!

Seath'tl (Seattle) Duwamish/Suquamish A great man who did everything in his power to nurture the earth and teach others to do the same.

Useful Plant Databases on the Web

Here is a good collection of web data bases that will be useful to professional growers and all native plant gardeners. This list is from a larger list compiled by Lawyer Nursery in 2002 and published in one of their flyers. I wish to thank them for this public service.

Wally

American Bonsai Society

http://www.absbonsai.org/abs_home.html

Bonsai web

http://www.bonsaiweb.com Portal of links to educate about the art of bonsai.

CalPhotos

http://elib.cs.berkeley.edu/photos/

Over 33,000 plant images from the University of California, Berkley

Cornell University online grafting course

http://instruct1.cit.cornell.edu/courses/hort494/graftage/hort494.index.html

Fire effects on plant species

http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/ USDA, Forest Service site.

Flora of North America Web Site

http://hua.huh.harvard.edu/FNA/

Taxonomic relationships, distributions, and morphological characteristics of all plants native and naturalized found in North America.



Photo by Wally Hansen

Useful Plant Databases on the Web, Continued

Bonsai web

http://www.bonsaiweb.com Portal of links to educate about the art of bonsai.

Fire effects on plant species

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Forest Types of the United States

http://forestry.about.com/library/tree/bltypdex.htm Maps of the most common forest types.

Forestry index

http://forestryindex.net/ Links to news & info on the forestry industry.

Cornell University online grafting course

http://instruct1.cit.cornell.edu/courses/hort494/graftage/hort494.index.html

Growit.com Rooting Database

http://www.growit.com/Know/Rooting.htm

"Extensive information on rooting cuttings of woody plants, organized by botanical name. Developed for commercial growers."

The Native Plant Network

http://nativeplants.for.uidaho.edu/network/

Information on how to propagate native plants of North America.



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Useful Plant Databases on the Web, Continued

Woody Plant Seed Manual

http://www.wpsm.net/

Manual by the US Forest Service covering seed biology, genetic Improvement of forest trees, seed testing, certification of tree seeds and other woody plant materials, and nursery practices.

River Corridor and Wetland Restoration

http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) site

Soils

http://homepages.which.net/~fred.moor/soil/links/10102.htm A website about soil fertility, chemistry, and pH with many interesting links.

Soil Science Society of America

http://www.soils.org/

Website for soil science professionals. Offers information and links.



Photo by Jennifer Rehm

Personal notes from Wally

June! What a wonderful time for Gardeners.

Work your gardens but save some time just for June. James Whitcomb Riley said it best in his poem "Knee Deep in June:"

> "Tell you what I like the best -Long about knee deep in June. Bout the time strawberries melts On the vine, -some afternoon Like to jes' git out and rest And not work at nothin else!"

Good luck!

Wally





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NOTICE: NURSERY IS CLOSED

In November 2010, Wallace W Hansen Northwest Native Plants Native Plant Nursery and Gardens closed permanently.



Many thanks to all our gardening friends for your interest in the native plants of the Pacific northwest. It has been our pleasure to serve you.

www.nwplants.com

Our website, www.nwplants.com, is no longer commercial. Our goal is to continue Wally's legacy of generating interest, even passion, in the magnificent native plants of the Pacific Northwest through information and illustration.

Good luck! Good gardening!

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