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**Chapter Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM**  
**Bellevue Botanical Garden\***

## **Your presence is requested**

Volunteers for the April 29 Plant Sale at Mercerdale Park  
are still needed.

For a complete list of opportunities, see  
[wnps.org/plant\\_sale/spring2016](http://wnps.org/plant_sale/spring2016)  
or email Rita Moore at [rita.a.moore@gmail.com](mailto:rita.a.moore@gmail.com).

## **Program: Seeking Washington Wildflowers**

*By Richard Ramsden*



Join us at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm for an examination of wildflowers in their native habitats from roadsides to mountain peaks of Washington.

Native species discussed will include many rare or rarely seen. Their unique qualities will be highlighted as well as suggestions on where to see them this spring and upcoming summer.

Richard is a longtime member of WNPS. Besides travelling extensively throughout Washington to seek out wildflowers in their native habitats, he also cultivates many in his Seattle garden and nursery. His photos have been included in many articles and books on western natives and his talks on this topic have been shared with groups from Vancouver, BC to Portland, OR.

*Program produced by Cheryl Wagner*

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## Up and Coming Programs

**BBG** indicates Bellevue Botanical Garden.

**CUH** indicates the Center for Urban Horticulture.

**MTR** indicates Mountaineers Headquarters.

**CUH** May 4, 2017: Linda Vorobik speaking on the flora of New Zealand

**MTR** June 1, 2017: David Giblin speaking on "Revising *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*-What did we Learn and What's Next?"

**BBG** June 13, 2017 Nancy Kartes, manager, Bellevue Botanical Garden will discuss "Coming of Age: Bellevue Botanical Garden at 25" plus give a tour of future project sites.

## Native Plant Identification Workshop (offered only at Magnuson Park)

*By Nelson Salisbury, Chapter Botanist*

A free plant identification workshop is offered before each Chapter meeting at 6:00 PM. While the workshop is oriented primarily toward beginners, anyone who wants to work on improving keying skills or their familiarity with the northwest flora is welcome. Feel free to bring samples of unknown plants in for identification. We will have plenty of material and tools if you come empty-handed.

## Meeting Locations

To be sure you don't miss a meeting, watch the Native Plant Press closely to find out when and where we are meeting each month. In addition, we will have meeting dates and locations listed on our website.

### List of 2017 Meeting Locations

#### **Apr 25 Bellevue Botanical Garden**

May 4 Center for Urban Horticulture

June 1 Mountaineers Headquarters

June 13 Bellevue Botanical Garden

Sept 7 Mountaineers Headquarters

Oct 10 Bellevue Botanical Garden

Nov 2 Mountaineers Headquarters

## Change in West Side Meeting Times

We've had requests to change the start time of our programs on the west side from 7:30pm to 7pm. At the Feb 2 meeting we discussed this with the attendees, who voted to change the time to 7pm. **This change will not go into effect until our first fall meeting on September 7.**

## Board Reports

### Message from the Co-Chair

*By Franja Bryant*

Good news! Through your generous donation of volunteer time (especially at our plant sales which raise most of our funds) and with the help of your membership dues and donations, our Central Puget Sound Chapter is in better financial condition than it has been for a number of years. Because of this we have recently been able to support our WNPS educational mission by contributing \$4,000 to the revision of the *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* by C. Leo Hitchcock and Arthur Cronquist.

This one-volume, definitive edition of Pacific Northwest flora was originally published in 1973, so you can imagine how many botanical changes have occurred in the 40+ years since then! (For specific details on these changes, check this link <http://www.pnwherbaria.org/florapnw.php>.) You'll see why this revision has been long awaited and much needed. The first draft of this volume will be delivered around April 1. (No fooling!) How exciting that, through your help, we have been able to support such a worthy cause.

The UW Herbarium's David Giblin will be updating us on the revision project at our June 1 Chapter meeting. We hope you'll plan to attend to learn more about this important effort.

On another topic, WNPS is beginning serious work on updating our society website. The project is in its early stages but will be a great improvement when it comes. In connection with that, CPS is beginning to evaluate our own chapter website as well. If you have experience with building websites, or have comments on how ours could be improved, we would value your input. You can contact either of our chapter co-chairs: Franja Bryant ([franjabryant@hotmail.com](mailto:franjabryant@hotmail.com)) or Chrys Bertolotto ([sitka.periwinkle@gmail.com](mailto:sitka.periwinkle@gmail.com)).

Remember: The WNPS Study Weekend is coming up May 19-21. Botany Washington will be June 9-11. Our next CPS field trip to the Evans Creek Preserve east of Redmond will be on April 8. Happy botanizing!

## WNPS-CPS Spring Native Plant Sale

The WNPS-CPS Spring Native Plant Sale & Environmental Fair will be soon upon us. This spring's theme is "Habitat for Birds and Pollinators."

You will find the largest local selection of beautiful native trees, shrubs, perennials, and ground covers for sale that are ideal for Western Washington gardens and are vitally important for our birds and pollinators.



Satisfied Customers at the Mercerdale Park plant sale

Native plant experts will dispense gardening advice and answer your questions about native plants. Our past environmental fair participants have included organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Bats Northwest, King County Noxious Weeds, Seattle Audubon and more.

Proceeds from this event benefit WNPS-CPS and its education programs

You are also invited to help out with the sale. We set up on Friday, April 28 and the sale is held on Saturday. We need your help on both days. This is a fun time to meet other native plant enthusiasts and experts. Contact [rmoore@eds.org](mailto:rmoore@eds.org) to volunteer.

Members-only shopping starts at 9 AM! If you aren't already a member, you can attend the member's only sale by purchasing an individual adult membership for \$35 at the sale.

**Where: Mercerdale Park on Mercer Island**

**When: April 29 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Mercerdale Park is on Mercer Island at 77th Ave and 32nd St. There is plenty of free parking. For more information go to [http://www.wnps.org/cps/plant\\_sale/spring\\_2016](http://www.wnps.org/cps/plant_sale/spring_2016)

## Eastside Branch News

By Sid Gupta

### Upcoming Program:

**Seeking Washington Wildflowers** [See page 1]

Date: Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM

Location: Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, Education Center, Room C

### Eastside Work Party: Bellevue Botanical Garden

We will once again be joining forces with the East Lake Washington District Garden Club to work in the native plant area of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Our work parties help steward and diversify the large urban forest abutting the BBG and also allow us to gain greater exposure by tapping into the Garden's large audience. Additionally our partnership provides us with free meeting space, which allows the WNPS to host free educational events on the Eastside. Bring water and your favorite tools and come help us out from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, May 26**. Be sure to dress for the weather - a sturdy pair of boots is recommended, as our work may take us near the wetland in the Native Discovery Garden. To RSVP, please contact Janka Hobbs: [urtica@frontier.com](mailto:urtica@frontier.com).

If you have any questions about the Eastside Branch and its activities and opportunities, contact Sid Gupta: [siidd@gmail.com](mailto:siidd@gmail.com).

## Volunteers

### Volunteer for the Spring Native Plant Sale

**Where: Mercedale Park on Mercer Island**

**When: April 28 – 29**

We are a few weeks away from our Spring Plant Sale and are waiting for you to volunteer. We typically need 80-90 volunteers who donate 4 hours or more to have a successful sale. Based on spring 2015 sales information, each hour of volunteering generated about \$27.50 dollars in net income or about \$110 for a 4 hour shift. So volunteering is almost like donating \$110 to our CPS chapter.

A complete list of available tasks can be found at [wnps.org/plant\\_sale/spring2016](http://wnps.org/plant_sale/spring2016) (yes it really says 2016.)

You can volunteer as a floater, where we will assign you to a job, or you can sign up for specific jobs. A link to the list of jobs needed is here: [http://www.wnps.org/cps/plant\\_sale/spring\\_2016](http://www.wnps.org/cps/plant_sale/spring_2016)

Please volunteer! Contact me, Rita Moore, at [rita.a.moore@gmail.com](mailto:rita.a.moore@gmail.com) and let me know what days (Thu/Fri/Sat) and what shifts you would like, all day, AM or PM.

### **Volunteer at WNPS Office**

The WNPS office, in Magnuson Park, is always looking for volunteers to provide valuable, "behind-the-scenes" assistance. Tasks range from a one-shot project to a larger, more complex one. You can work solo or with a group, and every task is tailored to your interest and availability. We also try to make it fun and social, and new friendships have already begun as a result. If you want to know what's ahead for 2017, you can call the office (206-527-3210) or send an email inquiry to Elizabeth Gage: [info@wnps.org](mailto:info@wnps.org).

### **Call for Event Volunteers**

Spring is bustin' out all over! And so are requests for WNPS to be represented at many environmental events in the area. These are wonderful opportunities for us to connect with other environmental groups, and to share the WNPS mission with students, families, and the general public.

If you are interested in staffing our WNPS table at any of these events, please check the list of volunteer opportunities below and contact Franja Bryant ([franjabryant@hotmail.com](mailto:franjabryant@hotmail.com)) for more details.

#### **Earth Week Sustainability Symposium – North Seattle Community College**

Thursday, April 20, 11:00 – 2:00.

#### **Arbor Day/Earth Day - Lewis Creek Park, Bellevue**

Saturday, April 22, 11:00 – 1:30

#### **Celebrate Urban Nature - Magnuson Park Community Center, Seattle**

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 – 1:30

#### **CPS Plant Sale, Mercerdale Park, Mercer Island**

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 – 4:00 (2-3-hour shifts)

#### **Wildlife in the City – Pacific Science Center, Seattle**

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 – 4:00 (shifts)

#### **Backyard Wildlife Festival – Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila**

When: Saturday, May 13, 10:00 – 3:00 (shifts)

## News and Announcements

### Special habitat steward training coming to Kitsap County

By Sarah Bruemmer

Are you interested in creating areas for wildlife? Do you want to do your part to keep Kitsap County wild? Now is your chance to become a Habitat Steward™! National Wildlife Federation and One Heart Wild Education Sanctuary are offering a specialized 24-hour training program to teach you how to help others create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other community areas. The training will take place every Wednesday in April from 6:00-9:00pm at the One Heart Wild Education Sanctuary (12620 Willamette Meridian, Silverdale, WA, 98383). The workshop includes two Saturday field trips on April 15 and 22. Plan on full days.

This training is engaging, fun and highly informative. You get to meet and interact with local conservation professionals and other similarly interested folks! Expert speakers will present on topics including, but not limited to: rain gardens, gardening for wildlife, native plants, noxious weeds, habitat restoration, bird identification and conservation, pollinators, current science in the Puget Sound, site mapping and much more!

Cost of the training is \$30 to cover classroom materials. *Note: scholarships are available! No one will be turned down due to lack of funds.* We will provide coffee, tea, and snacks at each training session – you are welcome to bring a brown bag dinner. To register for the training, please visit <http://nwfkitsap.brownpapertickets.com/> or contact Sarah Bruemmer at 206-577-7809 or [WAHabitatCoordinator@nwf.org](mailto:WAHabitatCoordinator@nwf.org).

## Plant of the Month: *Cornus nuttallii* – Pacific Dogwood

By Janka Hobbs

In April and May, the edges and understories of woodlands of Western Washington light up with the white inflorescences of Pacific Dogwood. While the actual flowers are minute, the clumps are surrounded by four to seven white bracts, giving the inflorescence the look of a large white flower. The trees will often bloom again mid to late summer.



Pacific dogwood graces Cascade/Sierran forests from southern BC (where it is the official floral emblem) through montane California. There is also a disjunct and threatened population in north central Idaho.

In *Gardening With Native Plants*, Arthur R. Kruckeberg calls Pacific dogwood the “queen of our native hardwoods” for its showy blooms and year-round attractiveness in the garden. If you wish to grow one (or several), give them well-drained, rich, acidic soil, in light shade. Despite its preference for well-drained soils, Pacific dogwood can withstand some flooding, but mature individuals dislike summer water. The tree has very thin bark, which is susceptible to sunburn and mechanical damage; once wounded, it will often succumb to fungal or bacterial infections. *C. nuttallii* is very susceptible to anthracnose. Hybrids with *C. florida* (native to the East Coast), or the Japanese *C. kousa* provide some resistance. *C. nuttallii* can be propagated from cuttings or grown from seed, but individuals more than a few inches tall do not transplant well.

*C. nuttallii* new growth may be browsed by deer, and is a host plant for the spring azure butterfly. Its fruit provides food of many species of birds. It is a special favorite of band-tailed pigeons. J.J. Audubon's image of band tailed pigeons features them feeding on Pacific dogwood. (Audubon is also responsible for the plant's Latin name, in honor of his friend Thomas Nuttall, who was the first to recognize that it was a distinct species).

Dogwood trees are known for their very hard wood. The Latin *Cornus* means "horn," and "dogwood" is probably a variation on "dagwood," from "dag," meaning "skewer." Pacific Coast natives used dogwood wood for bows and tool handles. The bark makes a brown dye, and was used to treat ulcers, though with many warnings not to take too much. The tree is protected in British Columbia.

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### Membership, Dues and Questions

#### Membership Rates in 2016

Individual Membership \$35  
Family Membership \$45  
Club or Organization Membership \$65  
Budget Membership \$20  
Student \$20 (name of institution \_\_\_\_\_)

This is the address members should use for correspondence regarding membership, dues payments, etc.

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### Email Lists

**The State WNPS List** is a state-wide list for announcements, news and discussion relevant to native plants and the WNPS.

To join, go to: [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WNPS\\_DiscussionGroup/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WNPS_DiscussionGroup/info) and hit the "Join" button, or send an email to [wnps\\_discussiongroup\\_subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:wnps_discussiongroup_subscribe@yahoogroups.com). It only takes a couple of minutes!

The new group will be "restricted" in that admission to the group must be granted, but messages will be unmoderated. Once you are a member, you will be able to set your personal preferences for receiving messages (e.g., individual messages as they are posted or a daily digest). You will also be able to unsubscribe yourself if and when you desire.

### **Social Media Resources**

**Web page:** Central Puget Sound Chapter  
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**Facebook page:** Washington Native Plant Society, Central Puget Sound Chapter  
<https://www.facebook.com/wnps.centralpugetsound/>

**Meetup page:** Washington Native Plant Society, Central Puget Sound Chapter  
<https://www.meetup.com/Washington-Native-Plant-Society/>

### **Electronic Newsletter Option**

Many of you have chosen to receive your Native Plant Press electronically, and we thank you! This will save printing and postage expenses that can better go to our Chapter programs and activities. If you did not receive an e-mail about this option and would like to get the electronic version of the newsletter, please send your request to the CPS Staff Person at [info@wnps.org](mailto:info@wnps.org).

### **Newsletter Submission**

The deadline for the newsletter is the first Thursday of the preceding month, exactly one month before the meeting. Send submissions to the editor: Rick Bergman

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