

# Sagebrush Sentinel

Newsletter of the Central Washington Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society

April 2017

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## Help Needed

The Central Washington Chapter will have education booths at a couple of events this spring and we need your help the day of the event greeting participants and helping with activities.

**“Trees are the best”**

**2017 Arbor Festival – Saturday April 12, 2017 at the Yakima Area Arboretum**

**From 10am to 3pm**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Festival from 10am to 3pm on the Arboretum Grounds. This year's theme is "Trees are the best," celebrating the 50th Anniversary at the Yakima Area Arboretum! This year's theme focuses on all past years of Arbor Festival to honor 50 years of serving the Yakima Area Communities. Bring the whole family for a free day of fun! Families can expect lots of hands-on learning opportunities, crafts, and displays. If you would like to help out with the table for an hour or so, contact Cathy Reed email: [cathyreed77@gmail.com](mailto:cathyreed77@gmail.com) or Phone: (509) 697-8316 or Carmen Knoke, email: [knokec@yahoo.com](mailto:knokec@yahoo.com) or phone: (509) 925-3925.

**Get Intimate with Shrub-Steppe (GISS)  
Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Umtanum Creek  
Recreation Area  
From 9am-1pm**

Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe (GISS) is a day packed full of expert-led field trips, educational and hands-on science booths with great activities for kids. This is a free and family-friendly event that is now in its 18th year! KEEN highlights the endangered shrub steppe habitat with educational booths and short field trips, snake-sneaking, geology, fish & bugs and more! Get Intimate with the Shrub Steppe is held at the Umtanum Creek Recreation Area between 9am and 1pm on Saturday May 13th, 2017. This event is part of the weekend long Birdfest activities. If you would like to help out with the table please contact Keyna Bugner, email: [keynabugner@gmail.com](mailto:keynabugner@gmail.com) or phone: (620)803-2382.

**Study Weekend 2017  
Sponsored by the Northeast Chapter**



**May 19-21, 2017**

**Eastern Washington University  
Cheney, WA**

**"From Sagebrush to Subalpine:  
Exploring the Diversity of  
Eastern Washington Landforms & Flora"**

**Registration *OPEN*  
Event Information [HERE!](#)**

The WNPS Northeast Chapter is looking forward to hosting WNPS members at this year's Study weekend and highlighting the diverse botanical and geological landscape of the east regions of Washington State.

Join WNPS members from around the state at this weekend of study and camaraderie. Online and mail in registration is available.

## Walks sponsored by Cowiche Canyon

### Conservancy

#### **Earth Day**

*Saturday, April 22, 10 am at Cowiche Canyon - Weikel*

The annual Earth Day Walk will take place between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM at the Weikel Road trailhead. There will be talks and presentations stationed along the Cowiche Canyon trail. Native plants and spring flowers will be labeled along the trail. CCC Volunteers will be on hand to help guide participants to the stations. Walkers should wear sturdy shoes and outdoor clothes and be prepared for any weather. Families with children are encouraged to attend this fun FREE event!

#### **In Search of the Butterflies**

*Saturday, May 20, 10 am at Snow Mountain Ranch*

#### **Intro to Insects**

*Saturday, June 10, 10 am at Snow Mountain Ranch*

Signs of Spring at Cowiche Canyon



Photo by Noel Knoke

## 2017 Communications Survey

Thank you again to the 562 members that took the time to provide input to the WNPS State Board of Directors and community regarding WNPS

Communications. The data is a sample of 30% of the society, which is a very good return rate, making for reliable analysis. Participants are invited to view the results of the survey on the [Communications Survey Report](#) page. Thank you all.

## Field Trip or Program ideas?

We are always looking for new ideas for programs and field trips. Please email Keyna Bugner with any suggestions-

[keynabugner@gmail.com](mailto:keynabugner@gmail.com)

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## Botany Washington

June 9-11, 2017

## Late Spring in the East Cascades

### **Tierra Retreat Center**

Tumwater Canyon, near Leavenworth

Event Information [HERE](#)

Registration is **OPEN**

The mixed conifer forests and open slopes of the lower East Cascades foothills are a must-visit destination during the spring wildflower season. The Leavenworth area's combination of plentiful snowmelt runoff, sunshine, and warm spring temperatures produce one of the finest wildflower blooms in the region. June is typically an ideal time to explore the native flora of this area.

Tierra Retreat Center is over 400 acres of forested retreat center located within 15 minutes of Leavenworth.

[www.tierraretreat.com](http://www.tierraretreat.com).

An annual event, co sponsored by Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) and the University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum (WTU)

## WNPS Central Washington Chapter Early Season Field Trip 2017

All drivers should have a current Discover Pass. At trailheads on National Forest property, a Northwest Forest Pass or Golden Age Passport (Interagency Senior Pass) is often required. Contact the trip leader before the trip. Unless otherwise stated, these are all-day hikes; bring lunch and water.

**Saturday, April 15** – The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Festival from 10am to 3pm on the Arboretum Grounds. The WNPS Central Chapter will have a booth at this event, contact Cathy Reed email:cathyreed77@gmail.com Phone: (509) 697-8316 or Carmen Knoke, email: [knokec@yahoo.com](mailto:knokec@yahoo.com), phone: (509) 925-3925 if you would like to help with the booth, Email:

**Native Plant Appreciation Week – April 23-29** – In mid-April check out the WNPS website- [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org) for a list of activities in the area.

**Saturday, April 29** -- Wild Horse Wind Farm. Talks about the plants and ecology of the Wind Farm start at 11:00 AM at the Visitor's Center, follow by a plant walk at 11:30AM. After lunch there will be a second talk at 3:00 PM and a plant walk at 3:30 PM. Wind Turbine Tours will be at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Andrea Nesbitt, leader. Email: [andrea.nesbitt@pse.com](mailto:andrea.nesbitt@pse.com) Phone: (509) 964-7815

**Sunday, April 30** – Elk Heights- We will walk up the Elk Heights Road (Morrison Canyon Road) from the parking area. Shrub-steppe plants will be blooming at the start and *Paeonia brownie* will hopefully be blooming in the forested area. Meet at the west side of Super 1 lot at 9:00 am or at the parking area near the Elk Heights I-90 interchange at 9:30am. Keyna Bugner, leader. Email [keynabugner@gmail.com](mailto:keynabugner@gmail.com) Phone: (620) 803-2382.

**Friday, May 13- Sunday May 14** – BirdFest- Yakima Canyon, Several activities throughout the weekend to highlight the unique Yakima Canyon. Visit the KEEN website for more information- <http://www.ycic.org/yakima-river-canyon-bird-fest>.

**Saturday** --Get intimate With Shrub-Steppe Event (GISS), Umtanum Recreation Area at the Yakima River Canyon. Various field trips, educational activities, and hands-on science booths from 9am- 1pm.

**Sunday**- Wild horse Wind farm -- Wildflower Hike begins at 11am  
The Central Chapter will have a booth for this event on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with the booth please contact Keyna Bugner. Email: [keynabugner@gmail.com](mailto:keynabugner@gmail.com) Phone: (620) 803-2382

**Saturday, May 28/ Sunday, May 29** – Annual Audubon Campout, Wenas Campground- For more information: <http://www.wenasaudubon.org/>

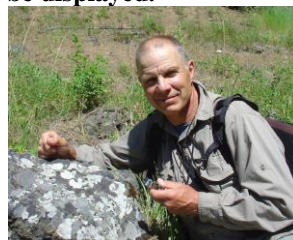
**Friday, June 9** -- Camas Meadows Preserve. We should see a nice collection of flowers in the meadow including mule's ear (*Wyehia amplexicaulis*) and silky lupine (*Lupinus sericeus*). If time allows in the afternoon we will hike up a gated road to a rocky outcrop where we will find a few different types of buckwheat. Meet at the west side of the Super-1 parking lot in Ellensburg at **8:30 AM**, or at the junction of SR 970 and US 97 at 9:00 AM. We will be joined by members of the WNPS Wenatchee Chapter, so there is a limit of 10. Keyna Bugner, leader. Email: [keynabugner@gmail.com](mailto:keynabugner@gmail.com) Phone: (620) 803-2382

**Saturday, June 24** -- Osborn Point, on South Cle Elum Ridge, Kittitas County. Plant list includes 163 species found along FS road 3350 past Osborn Point to its junction with FS road 3352 near Taneum Point. This area is the only known location of *Lomatium knokei*. It is a narrowly endemic species of apparent critical conservation concern on seasonally wet soils, according to Mark Darrach. Meet at the west side of the Super-1 parking lot in Ellensburg at **8:30AM**, or at 9am at the Thorp exit at the gas station near the fruit stand. Field trip leader Noel Knoke, [nbknoke@yahoo.com](mailto:nbknoke@yahoo.com) Phone: (509) 312-3233.  
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**LICHENS Presentation for Okanogan Highlands Alliance**  
**Community Cultural Center in Tonasket, WA**  
**April 07, 2017 6:30 PM**

**LICHENS: Marvelous, Myriad and Misunderstood!**  
**Jack Massie**  
Seasonal Botanist/Lichenologist for Cle Elum Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest; retired Research & Biological Science teacher.

Lichens can certainly be considered peculiar. How they survive, grow, procure food and live their lives as symbionts (compound organisms) will be explored. Specimens will be displayed.



## Join the Washington Native Plant Society

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### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Each membership entitles you to affiliation with one chapter, add \$5.00 for each additional chapter selected.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual          | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> WNPS Friend         | \$50-99   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget (Sr/Student) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> WNPS Special Friend | \$100-499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family              | \$45 | <input type="checkbox"/> WNPS Best Friend    | \$500     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club/Institution    | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> WNPS Sustaining     | \$1,000   |
|  |      | <input type="checkbox"/> WNPS Patron         | \$5,000   |

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