



San Juan Islands Chapter Washington Native Plant Society

Newsletter

Winter 2016

Annual Chapter Meeting Set for February 27

The annual meeting of the San Juan Island Chapter of WNPS will be held at the San Juan Island Grange (152 1st St., Friday Harbor) on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The business meeting is open to the public and will commence at 12:00 pm (noon). Business will include election of officers. If you would like to be nominated for a position (we especially need a Treasurer), contact Jane Wentworth. Following the business meeting will be a presentation by our featured speaker, Andy MacKinnon, co-author of one of our favorite field guides, ***Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast***. (See more details below.) For those who wish to stay later, we will have a **field trip to the new Mount Grant Preserve**. If you need assistance to get to the Grange Hall or Mt Grant, please contact Jim at (360) 317-5239 for transportation. For those attending the short business meeting (hopefully all Chapter members and prospective chapter members), you may bring food and beverages of your choice. Nearby King's Market has a great delicatessen where food and beverages may be obtained.

Presentation by Andy MacKinnon: Cool Plants and their Fungal Friends

Time and Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016; 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (following the SJI Chapter annual meeting)

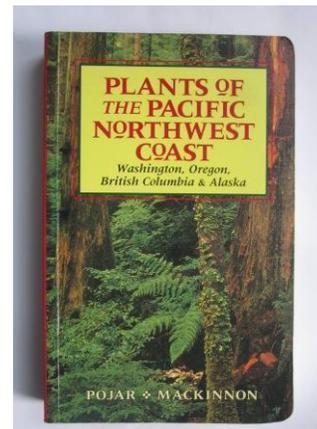
Location: San Juan Island Grange, 152 1st St., Friday Harbor

Presentation summary: Plants are fascinating; fungi are fascinating. But for sheer entertainment value, it's difficult to beat plants plus fungi! Fungi have been associated with plants since the earliest plants colonized land, and are requisite partners of almost all of our familiar Pacific Northwest plants. Join Andy in this exploration of the fruitful union of two of his favorite Kingdoms. The photo at right shows *Monotropa hypopitys*, a **myco-heterotroph**.



About the speaker: Andy MacKinnon is a forest ecologist who lives in Metchosin BC. Until his retirement in 2015, he worked for the BC Forest Service for three decades, mostly on BC's coast, where he was responsible for ecosystem classification and mapping and a program of

forest ecology research focused on old growth structure and composition, effects of climate change, and BC's native plants and fungi. Andy has also been involved in defining and implementing ecosystem-based management in Haida Gwaii and BC's Central Coast (the 'Great Bear Rainforest'). He has co-taught rainforest ecology field courses in Bamfield (for the University of Victoria) and Haida Gwaii (for UBC). Andy is co-author of six best-selling books about plants of western North America including the popular field guide: ***Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast***. He's an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, and a Professional Forester and Professional Biologist in BC.



Field Trip to Mount Grant Preserve Following Annual Meeting

Following the annual meeting, the WNPS – SJI Chapter will host a field trip to the new Mount Grant Preserve. See vistas that you have never seen before on San Juan Island! See old growth forests! See eagles soaring!

Other Upcoming Events

March 12, 2016 - Native Plant Sale sponsored by the WSU – SJI Master Gardeners. Pre-orders are due by March 1. Pick up is Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm, March 12 at the SJI Fairgrounds, at the Orcas Island Grange, or on Lopez at Sunset Builders. There will be additional plants for sale and an informational Expo at the fairgrounds from 9-12.

February 7, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Volunteer Event – Tidying Up After the Storms. San Juan County Land Bank. Cady Mountain Preserve. Registration required. Call 360-370-7655.

Spring, 2016 – WNPS-SJI Chapter sponsored field trip on Turtleback, Orcas Island. Leader: Barbara Bentley. The time and date are to be determined.

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May 13-15, Botany Washington 2016 will be headquartered at Fort Worden State Park. This annual event is sponsored by the Burke Museum Herbarium and the Washington Native Plant Society. There will be workshops on plant families, opportunities to test the newly revised keys developed for the Hitchcock and Cronquist revision, and field trips for general botanizing and wildflower walks on the Quimper Peninsula. Several local native plant and salmon restoration projects will be featured. Watch for registration information in ***Douglasia*** and at wnps.org.

June 17-19, WNPS Study Weekend 2016 will be jointly sponsored by the Central Washington and Wenatchee Valley chapters on June 17-19, 2016. Headquarters will be in Leavenworth with a Wenatchee Mountains theme. Look for registration information in ***Douglasia*** and at wnps.org.