



UNPP Bi-Annual General Meeting - April 4th, 2023 / 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Roseburg Public Library - Ford Room
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg, OR 97470 ([Directions](#))

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In Attendance:

Maggie Graham -TUI

Ian Silvernail - NRCS coastal species production research

Ed Alverson

Meg Whiteford - New member - garden manager. Friends of family farmers

Sophie Linden IAE

Kathryn

Rod Trotter - lifelong botanist NPSO president excited about what will happen next. Climate Intuition.

Stephanie - just moved here, ready to learn. Done with corporate life. Looking forward to learning and getting involved.

Alison Manwaring - FWS partners for fish & wildlife conservation and restoration projects. Looking forward to seeing seeds come up at restoration sites.

Sam Freidman - FWS is excited to work with TNC on Kinkaid's lupine.

Steve Denny - Coord for Umpqua Oak Partnership - taking the partnership to a new level

Eric Rirley Pacific Birds - UOP partnership building. Creating a group that does oak restoration.

MA Hanson - Programmer - NPSO 100 acres out Meryle Creek. Secretary of the Umpqua Partnership of Rivers

Donna Rossen - NPSO is frustrated with lack of retail nurseries that have native plants. Ran a native plant nursery. Working on building.

Clint Emerson - US Forest Service

Agenda

1. Introductions (1:00 - 1:15)

- a. Briefly tell us your name, the organization you're working with, and what you're excited about in 2023 (native plants or otherwise!)
- b. Review Agenda & Housekeeping

2. Roundtable Updates (1:15 - 1:45)

a. Rare Plant Monitoring - Maggie Graham

Thank you to Umpqua Participants

Conserving rare plants in Oregon.

Contribute to baseline data to track changes over time.

Monitored 23 species (3 in Umpqua)

2024 & 2025 more monitoring in Umpqua

Sign up to the training.

b. TUI & Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank - Tuula Rebhan

- Excited about this new partnership with Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank, based at PSU.
- Seed bank Director Gabriel Campbell is on a mission to photograph seeds to add to the Oregon Flora database. So far he has taken 111 high-quality images from seeds in the Rogue and Umpqua Native Plant Partnership collections.
- Gabriel also researches native seed germination rates under various conditions. He is offering free germination testing for any UNPP seed lots as part of this research. After more UNPP lots are cleaned we will be sending a few samples to his lab. Some seeds will also be added to the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank for future research projects. We are only sending away seed lot samples for germination testing and banking where we feel that we have excess or for species where we are unsure about seed viability.

c. Phoenix School Projects - Eric Stauder/Morgan

- New grants with youth corp
- Roundhouse Grant - Seed collection and cleaning
- Outreach & Education
- Training hours toward a certificate program
- News articles about rough popcorn flower work

d. NPSO Field Trips - Rod Trotter

- Sunday April 9th
- Wildflower walk on May 3 2023. Small Woodlands Assoc
- Fun easy walk for all ages. Mushrooms!
- Calypso orchids
- Tentative schedule

e. Federal Partners (FS/FWS/BLM)

- FWS Rough popcorn flower & Kinkaid's lupine. Oak and pollinator projects. Tackle yellow starthistle

f. Local Partners - UOP, UW, OSU Ext., DSWCD, ...

UOP

- UOP sent out a questionnaire to over 1,000 landowners in Douglas County
- What landowners were interested in was:
- Interested in introducing fire onto the landscape but concerned about liability, technical assistance and project money
- Wanted more information on oaks
- Wanted more workshops
- Wanted more public tours to look at restoration projects on private lands so they could learn from other landowners
- To that end, UOP had their first workshop last summer with 49 attendees
- We had our first public tour with 51 attendees
- UOP has scheduled its second public tour for Tuesday, April 18 at the Braz property in Green Valley
- Morgan showed the tour flyer on the screen and I told the group in order to register, for them to go to the OSU Extension Office website
- I also discussed going out to various landowner groups such as Farm Bureau, Douglas County Livestock Association, the two SWCD organizations in Douglas County, Douglas Small Woodlands Assoc., Master Gardeners, etc. to present a power point on the importance of oaks. Receiving a really good reception with a lot of interest in restoring and managing oaks on private property
- UOP is currently applying for a large program grant from NRCS that if successful will give UOP significant dollars for project money, capacity and education

g. Q&A

- none

3. Umpqua Native Plant Partnership Updates (1:45 - 2:15)

a. Financials - Kathryn Prive

- i. FWS & FS Budget Report
- ii. BLM & BIL Funding Award Updates

b. Seed inventory - Tuula Rebhahn

- i. Final 2022 (clean) seed collection numbers, review of why we are building the seed bank, and where seeds could be used (strategic plan)
DC update - Seeds of Success development coming soon
- ii. germ testing (Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank)
UNPP - free germ testing

c. Reflection and Forecasting

- i. 2022 Accomplishments
- ii. 2023 Goals

d. Q&A - none

4. Featured Speaker - Ed Alverson: (Title) (2:15 - 2:35)

a. An analytical approach to identifying native species for seed collection and production to support ecosystem restoration in the Umpqua Basin.

- Focused on WV and North. Wetland prairie work
- How to decide which species to propagate & plant - Be systematic. Example slide of

old ag field near Eugene.

- Have a mix of life forms - grasses, forbs, bulbs geophytes. Representation by the diversity of plant families
- Using reference sites. - North Bank example as a good starting point
- Looking at the ecoregion/habitat mosaic. What species are specialists? What is their distribution?
- Fidelity - latin: faithfulness. Ecological exclusivity
- High fidelity - existed in pre-settlement in certain habitats and after settlement exists in remnant patches
- Moderate fidelity - Mixed habitats
- Low Fidelity - non-prairie but with a few exceptions.
- WV

b.Q&A

5. 2023 Species Prioritization & Collection Strategy (2:35 - 2:50)

a. Species List - Moderate Fidelity (species w/ habitat overlap) - iNaturalist

The group is interested in continuing with this approach and meeting in late October/Early November to develop the concept and have break out-groups. Ed Alverson has volunteered to facilitate this and would need support from TUI Staff or lead Botanist. From this meeting, a sub-committee would be delegated over next winter to create the list of species based on the fidelity model, etc., and bring it back to the general meeting in the spring of 2024. The goal is to have a set of target species for the UNPP to collect in field season 2024.

b. Collection Dates & Sign-Up Form on UNPP Website - Live

Went over the Goals for the draft strategic plan, and overall approval, and the steering committee will finalize the draft in May for the group to review summer 2023 and vote on fall 2023.

c. Q&A

6. Wrap-up and action items (2:50 - 3:00)

a. MOU Survey - going out in May

5-year goals and objectives survey - going out in May

b. Species Priorities & Location Survey - going out in April

c. Final Q&A