

Registration Information – 2022 American Penstemon Society Annual Meeting Update

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P. rydbergii and Cascade Mountains -View of South Sisters, Broken Top and Mt Bachelor from Davis Lake, Oregon

Join us in Central Oregon – Friday, July 8th – Sunday, July 12th

The 2022 annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8th through Sunday, July 10th with three field trips Saturday and Sunday and optional two post-meeting tours scheduled for Monday, July 11th. Activities will be based out of the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon. We are looking forward to gathering with our membership in the emerging post-covid environment. It has been a mild winter here in Central Oregon. Recent precipitation gives us hope for a decent wildflower season this summer. We have some exciting keynote speakers lined up for our meeting and field trip leaders with local knowledge of the area and lots of enthusiasm for Penstemons and outdoor adventures.

Saturday, July 10th and Sunday July, 11th Field Trip Options

All Saturday, Sunday, and Monday field trips will depart from the Deschutes County Fairground parking lot. We encourage participants to carpool to minimize the vehicle impact associated with field trips. Attendees will choose one of the three field trips listed below with Penstemons located in the areas. The same field trips are available Saturday and Sunday.

- **Field Trip 1 - *Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway*** - Mount Bachelor, Sparks Lake, Devil's Garden (*P. davidsonii* var *davidsonii*, *P. humilis*, *P. euglaucus*, *P. humilis* subsp. *humilis*, *P. procerus*, *P. rydbergii*, *P. rupicola*, *P. fruticosus* var. *fruticosus*).
- **Field Trip 2 - *Black Butte/Metolius River*** (Metolius River Preserve, Camp Sherman) – *P. peckii*, *P. euglaucus*, *P. humilis* subsp. *humilis*, *Penstemon humilis* var. *cinereus*, *p. fruticosus* var. *fruticosus*, *P. richardsonii* subsp. *Dentatus*, *P. speciosus*.
- **Field Trip 3 - *Ochoco Mountains*** (Lookout Mountain/Big Summit Prairie) (*P. rydbergii*, *P. gardnerii* var. *gairdneri*, *p. speciosus*, *P. fruticosus* var. *fruticosus*, *P. roezlii*, *P. richardsonii* subsp. *Dentatus*, *P. speciosus*).

Monday, July 11th Optional Fieldtrips

- **Field Trip Option 1 - *Tombstone Pass (Iron Mountain)***
- **Field Trip Option 2 - *The Island/ Tam-a-láu Trail*** at Cove Palisades State Park

Field Trip Preparation

Most field trips take us into places with limited access to food, water, or other essential equipment. If you are driving, be sure to start each field trip with a full tank of gas. Make sure you have a good spare tire. All field trip participants, please bring the following:

- Sack lunch
- Water (at least ½ gallon per person)
- Jacket
- Wide-brimmed hat
- Insect repellent
- Good hiking shoes
- And remember your camera!

Meals

Cost for meals associated with the Friday reception and the Saturday evening banquet are included in the registration fee. All other meal arrangements are the responsibility of attendees. Pack a lunch and carry it with you on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday field trips. Most field trips involve travel into somewhat isolated areas (high clearance vehicles not required). It is critical that you begin each field trip with enough food and water for an all-day excursion.

Register and Book Your Stay Now

Summer tourism and vacation planning activity is heating up and lodging and car rental reservations are competitive during the summer months. There is also a large event, Overland Expo PNW scheduled at the Deschutes County Expo Center the same weekend of our annual meeting, which is expected to draw many people from out of the area. Book your lodging and car rental reservations soon. Bend and Sisters are alternative lodging locations and a about a 20-minute drive from Redmond.

Annual Meeting Registration

Note: You must be a member of the American Penstemon Society to attend the annual meeting. If you are not a member and wish to attend, please fill out and submit the online registration form on the American Penstemon Society web page: <https://penstemons.org/index.php/society/memberships>.

Register for the meeting via the following links, [Online Registration Form](#) or Click [here](#) to download the Mail-in Registration Form and mail to the address below.

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Travel to Redmond ([Getting Here](#))

Redmond can easily be reached via air ([Roberts Field, Redmond Municipal Airport](#)) or ground transport. You can fly into the [Portland International Airport](#) rent a car and drive three hours (145 miles) southeast on US Highway 26 to Redmond. Portland International Airport is served by several major US airlines.

You may drive to Redmond from the east or west via Oregon State Route 126 or from the north or south via US Highway 97/197.

Where to Stay

[Hotels and Motels in Redmond](#) – (Hotels near fairgrounds below)

Best Western Plus Rama Inn, 2630 SW 17th Pl, Redmond, OR, (541) 548-8080.

Comfort Suites Redmond Airport, 2243 SW Yew Ave, Redmond, OR, (541) 504-8900.

Super 8 by Wyndham, 3629 SW 21st Pl, Redmond, OR, (541) 548-8881.

Hampton Inn Redmond Bend Airport, 3901 SW 21st St, Redmond, OR, (541) 527-1948.

[Redmond Vacation Rental Options](#)

[Bend Lodging](#)

[Sisters Lodging](#)

Camping Options – The camping at the Deschutes County Expo Center is reserved for [Overland Expo PNW](#). You may be able to reserve onsite RV and tent camping at the fairgrounds through Overland Expo by purchasing an event ticket through their event portal. Visit links below for other camping options.

[Redmond Camping](#)

[Sisters Camping](#)

[Crooked River Camping](#)

[Bend Camping](#)

2022 Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday, July 8th

2:30-3:30 PM **APS Board Meeting**

4:00 PM **Registrant Check-in**

5:00 PM **Welcome Reception**

6:00 PM **Speaker - Maret Pajutee, USDA Forest Service, Sisters District Ecologist**

Talk on Pecks Penstemon

6:45 PM **Speaker - Nan Vance, PhD, Research Plant Physiologist Emeritus, USDA Forest Service (Retired) - Talk on Penstemon Pollinators**

Saturday, July 9th

8:00 AM **Field Trip Departures – Deschutes County Expo Center Parking Lot**

3:00 PM **Field Trip Return**

6:00 PM **Reception**

6:30 PM **Dinner**

6:45 PM **APS Business Meeting**

7:00 PM **Speaker - Carrie Gordon - USDA Forest Service, Forest Geologist, Ochoco National Forest (Retired), Talk on Central Oregon Geologic Overview of Field Trip Locations**

Sunday, July 10th

8:00 AM **Field Trip Departures - Deschutes County Expo Center Parking Lot**
3:00 PM **Field Trip Return to Redmond**
 Dinner Members on their own

Monday, July 11th

8:00 AM **Field Trip Departures - Deschutes County Expo Center Parking Lot**
3:00 PM **Field Trip Return to Redmond or journey home**

Keynote Speakers



Maret Pajutee worked on the Sisters Ranger District for over 25 years, starting as a fire lookout and then working in sustainable forestry, watershed restoration, recreation management, post-fire rehabilitation, and invasive and rare plant species management. She worked on ecological studies and surveys of the rare endemic Peck's penstemon to assemble known information and update management strategies for this fire evolved species, found only in the Sisters area. Maret also served as a team leader of public land partnerships addressing controversial issues such as old growth management, name changes to meet Tribal Trust Responsibilities, and recreation management to protect Wild and Scenic River values. She retired as a District Ecologist for the Sisters Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service in 2016. She continued to serve on the Forest Service National Collaboration Cadre until 2020. In 2020, she was appointed by the Governor to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee which provides a new way to fund conservation and sustainable recreation in Oregon. She has a Master's degree in Entomology and a Bachelor's degree in Zoology from Oregon State University. She lives across from a fire lookout in Sisters Oregon with her husband Rod Bonacker.

Nan C. Vance, PhD, Research Plant Physiologist Emeritus, USDA Forest Service. A plant physiologist/ecologist and leader of the Biology and Culture of Forest Plants Team, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Nan also served on the graduate faculty in the Department of Forest Science, and Plant Physiology Program at Oregon State University. Over 20 years she presented and published 40 papers in the physiological ecology, restoration biology and pollination ecology of native forest and prairie plants of the northwestern U.S. Now, as a retiree perennially in the field, she enjoys exercising her curiosity and lifelong devotion to plants and insects in the wild. She tries to relay the natural phenomena of their interactions and relationships and their beauty through photographic communication.





Carrie Gordon retired in 2017. She was the Forest Geologist on the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland, U.S. Forest Service, headquartered in Prineville, OR.

In 1977, Carrie received her BA in Geology from Central Washington State College (now Central Washington University), Ellensburg, Washington. After working in central Washington, northern Arizona and the Oregon central coast range for the Forest Service, Carrie moved to central Oregon in 1992. She is a Registered Geologist in the States of Oregon and

Washington. She is also an Oregon Master Naturalist, through the OSU Extension program. Carrie has had a life-long fascination with the land and the rocks, listening to the stories they tell.

2022 Annual Field Trip Leaders



David Miller - Volunteer with the [Deschutes Land Trust](#) will lead a hike to the Metolius River Preserve. David Miller is a retired electrician whose hobbies include classic guitar, writing fiction, and the study of native plants. He was a docent for six years at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden and more recently at the Audubon Canyon Ranch in California. Since moving to Sisters he has been fascinated by the flora on both sides of the Cascades. He likes to enliven his wild plant tours with stories, history, Indian uses, principles of botany, and even some evolutionary theory. He is currently working on a novel called The First Bird.



Brad and Christina Mead - Received their bachelor's degree in Botany from Oregon State University. They have both worked careers surveying for rare plants and controlling invasive weeds. Brad currently works as an Invasive Program Manager for a public utility district, and Christina works as a botanist for the Forest Service. In their spare time they enjoy botanizing and working on their native plant landscaping at home.

Charmane Powers -Retired in 2020 from the U.S. Forest Service, where she served as a ranger district botanist in Bend, Oregon, protecting rare plants, chasing weeds, and her favorite: doing native plant restoration work. Prior to that, she worked on several bird-related projects, including surveys for breeding Upland Sandpipers, a field season at a Nature Conservancy preserve where she monitored nesting Sandhill Cranes, three seasons surveying/monitoring Spotted Owls, and banding birds in remote places in SE Oregon. Since retiring she has continued her passion for plants by volunteering with botanical projects on public land as well as on the private reserves of the Deschutes Land Trust. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, where she focused on birds and native plants.





Jill Welborn - Grew up in the Pacific Northwest and loves to share her love of plants and the Ochocos with others. She holds an M.S. in Botany from the University of Wyoming and has done botanical work in New Mexico, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Oregon. She served as Paulina Ranger District Botanist for the Ochoco National Forest from 2014 to 2021. She is a member of the High Desert Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon and recently led a spectacular hike in the Ochoco scablands surrounding Big Summit Prairie.



Geri Wildenberg is a new member of the American Penstemon Society. Originally from Wisconsin, Geri retired to Bend after completing a 33-year career as a Department of Army Engineer and adjunct college professor. Along with skiing, hiking, and fly-fishing, she has held a life-long passion for birding and gardening. Geri has developed an interest in native plants since moving to Central Oregon, especially those which attract hummingbirds. She looks forward to learning more about Penstemons and the role they play in supporting hummingbird populations. Geri and her husband Joe live in Tumalo with their dog, Jake. They make trips “back east” to visit family as often as they can (when they are not in the mountains or on the water!)

