



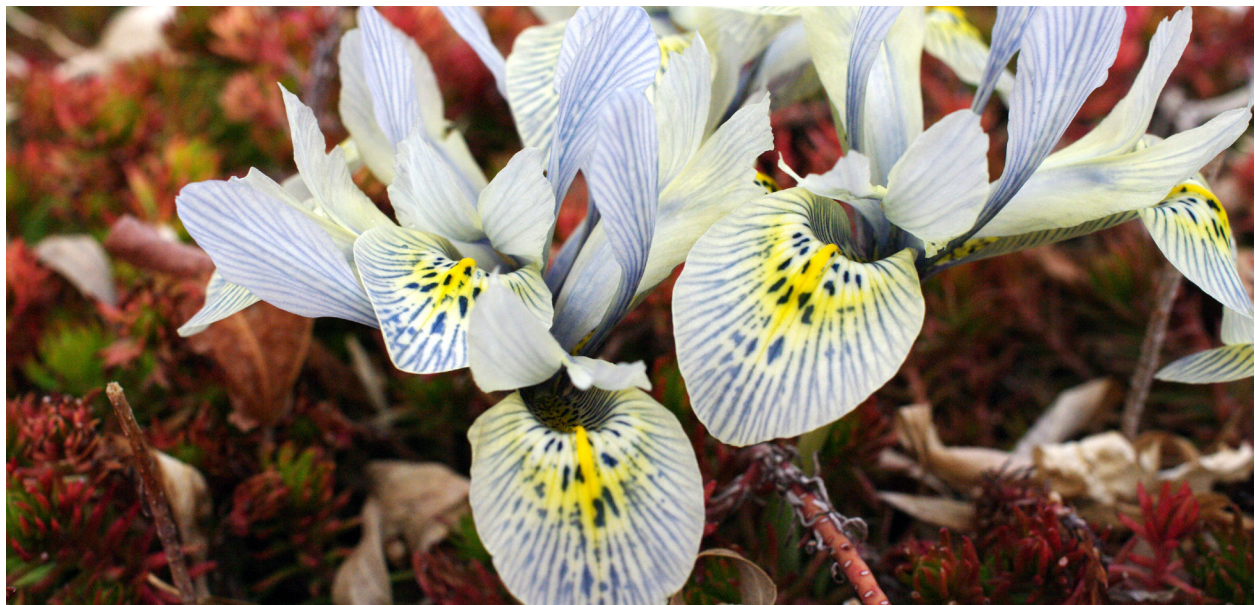
## THE SPRING BANDWAGON

The jasmine along the back fence started it. The poor thing is still snarled with hops vines from last year, but it started pumping out showers of brilliant creamy yellow blooms in January, looking totally out of place amidst the drifts of dead leaves, stray, withered tomatoes that had escaped the last harvest, and other refuse of the previous growing season that we had yet to rake up and cart away.

The crocus in the front yard have been out for weeks now. The dwarf iris have begun putting on their show, popping up in the beds of sedum and in the middle of our otherwise crunchy brown lawn. The daffodils crowded into the rotting redwood planter barely held together with rusted

steel bands have declared it's spring, too. I've been nervously eyeing the wisteria, hoping that it doesn't get caught up in the excitement and bloom early. But it always does and every year a late frost nips its fat buds and turns them to crispy lumps. The native plants in the garden are still asleep. They know better.

It's hard not to get excited about spring. I realize we need more snow and it will still be at least three months before the tomatoes can go in the ground, but my eyes turn to the hills and the promise of wildflower hikes and another season of discoveries. We'll soon begin making our Society field trip plans. If you have a place in mind that would make a great



Society destination or would like to lead a trip, please contact our field trip coordinator, John Weiser, at (775) 331-4485 or [johnpweiser@yahoo.com](mailto:johnpweiser@yahoo.com).

We are still looking for a member to host our annual garden party in May. If you would like to show off your collection, call Jan at (775) 233-2469.

Our March meeting will feature Israel (Temitope) Borokini, a UNR graduate student. Israel's presentation is entitled ***The African Death Tree Is Dying*** and is about a species native to his homeland of Nigeria. The pre-meeting dinner will be held at Great Full Gardens Express. Details are in the Happenings section.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES GOING UP

At the NNPS Board meeting in January, the board discussed our current budget. Last year we did not bring in enough dues, book sales, and donations to cover our costs and we had to tap into our savings. Since the last increase in dues was more than 10 years ago, we voted to increase the dues by \$5 per year. The new Society dues are as follows:

- 1 year student or senior: \$15
- 1 year regular: \$20
- 3 year regular: \$50
- Lifetime membership: \$500

The increase will go into effect when 2016 renewals are available in November. Our largest expense is the printing and mailing of paper newsletters. It costs approximately \$19 per subscription per year to print and mail newsletters so please consider switching to electronic newsletters if you have access to email.

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## NORTHERN NEVADA HAPPENINGS

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### MEETINGS

**March 5, 7:00PM – *he African Death Tree Is Dying*** presented by Israel (Temitope) Borokini.

The meeting will be in room 300G of the Fleischman Agriculture Building on the UNR campus. The building is north of the intersection of 9th Street and Evans Avenue. Park in the lot on the southeast corner of Evans and Record Way.

Enter the building under the breezeway on the west side near the street. There's an elevator at the east end of the building. Meet on the third floor and down the hall from the UNR herbarium.

Social time starts at 7 PM and the program will start at 7:30.

**Note:** The outside door will be automatically locked at 7:30 so don't be late!

### New Pre-Meeting Dinner Venue!

Come join us and our guest speaker at 5:30 pm at Great Full Gardens Express on the first floor of the UNR Joe Crowley Student Union located south of the Lawlor Events Center on Virginia Street. Dinner parking is in the Whelan Parking Garage, also on Virginia Street. From there walk 350 feet walk northeast to the student union. We will not be meeting at Carrow's.

**April 2, 7:00PM** – Steve Matson, botanical photographer extraordinaire contributing to CalPhotos, will give a presentation titled *Botanizing Big Pine*.

**May 7, time and location TBA** - Show off your natives! Please contact Jan, (775) 233-2469, if you would like to host the annual garden meeting at your home.

## ERIOGONUM SOCIETY MEETING, JULY 24-27

NNPS is co-sponsoring the annual meeting of the Eriogonum Society in July. It is open to NNPS and Eriogonum Society members only. The cost has not been set yet, but it will be significantly less than the last meetings since there will be no workshops or banquet.

This year we will explore the higher regions near Reno. Fortunately, recent snowfall in the Sierras gives us hope of a decent wildflower season in the upper elevations. We will have a slightly different format than in past years with identification held in the field rather than a lab. Those of you who attended our inaugural meeting in Reno please note that this meeting will feature sites not visited then.

The meeting begins July 24 in Sparks with the Board of Officers meeting and open registration.

The 25th features a trip to Steamboat Hot Springs followed by excursions to higher elevations to view exquisite eriogonums and other choice genera. The day concludes with dinner at Galena Creek Park.

On Sunday we'll explore the Sierra Valley area located in Sierra and Lassen Counties, about 40 miles northwest of Reno and a prime wildflower location. Surrounded by high mountains, this enormous meadow and grassland is the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Feather River and one of the most botanically diverse regions of the United States with over 1,000 species of plants.

On the 27th we travel southwest of Reno to Carson Pass and take the Round Top – Winnemucca Lake Trail. This is one of the premier wildflower hikes in the area.

For details about the field trips go to the 'Annual Meetings' tab on the Eriogonum Society website, [eriogonum.org](http://eriogonum.org), and pick '2015 Field Trips.'

Registration will be available soon and is open to Eriogonum Society and Nevada Native Plant Society members only. Not a member? Join either group to become eligible for registration.

## EARTH DAY

NNPS will have a booth at Earth Day on April 26th at Idlewild Park. Email Janel at [president@nvnps.org](mailto:president@nvnps.org) to volunteer.

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## SOUTHERN NEVADA HAPPENINGS

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### MEETINGS

Southern Nevada Meetings are suspended while we search for a new program coordinator. Please contact Cayenne Engel at [cpepper3@gmail.com](mailto:cpepper3@gmail.com) to help organize meetings and get our group out in the field again.

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## SOCIETY BUSINESS

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Looking for something to do? We need members to assist with Society business:

**Treasurer** – Use online account management. Keep track of Society funds. Deposit checks, pay bills, and reimburse members for expenses. As a non-profit, our tax reporting is a simple postcard.

**Online Store Keeper** - Maintain item listings, fill orders, answer questions, and look after the Society's online store.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please email Janel at [president@nvnps.org](mailto:president@nvnps.org).



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## MADORA LAKE FIELD TRIP REPORT

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*Leopard lily* (*Lilium pardalinum* ssp. *pardalinum*)

It was a beautiful day on June 28th when I led a trip to Madora Lake near Graeagle, California. There wasn't a cloud in the sky (normally most of my trips have thunderstorms). The first thing I saw when I got out of my car at the parking lot was an unopened blossom of Washington lily (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *washingtonianum*). Right next to it were woodland pinedrops (*Pterospora andromedea*)! I figured then we would have a successful trip. It is about 1½ miles round trip from start to finish with an elevation change of only about 20 to 30 feet – almost anyone can do it.

A bit down the trail we came upon the small ditch that feeds Madora

Lake and there was water in it for the first time in quite a few years. Growing along the ditch were leopard lily (*Lilium*



*Washington lily* (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *washingtonianum*)





Western coneflower (*Rudbeckia occidentalis*)

*pardalinum* ssp. *pardalinum*) and Tiling's monkeyflower (*Diplacus tilingii*) (aka *Mimulus tilingii*). I call it slimy monkeyflower as it feels slimy to the touch. Also present were a number of arrowleaf ragworts (*Senecio triangularis*), some lovely western cone-flowers (*Rudbeckia occidentalis*), which lacks ray flowers, and some sparse-flowered bog orchids (*Platanthera sparsiflora*). It was quite a wonderful location!

Trekking on, we eventually arrived at the north end of the lake and stopped for lunch. While there, I saw a fish jump in the lake catching insects for its lunch. After eating, we continued around the lake's east side where we found pipsissewa (*Chimaphila umbellata* ssp. *occidentalis*), wirelettuce (*Stephanomeria lactucina*), little prince's pine (*Chimaphila menziesii*), and some beautiful flowers of Washington lily (*Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *washingtonianum*). The blooms of this lily are considered delicacies by deer, so they don't often last too long once they appear.

After photographing the lily, we headed back to the cars over the wooden walkway that crosses a wet area and drove to Greagle where we visited a terrific ice cream shop. They make real ice cream! I had two scoops, one was French vanilla (*Icecreamium vanillia planifolia* spp. *gal-lia*) and the other was death by chocolate (*I. theobroma cacao* ssp. *mortum*). Yum. A perfect end to a perfect day.

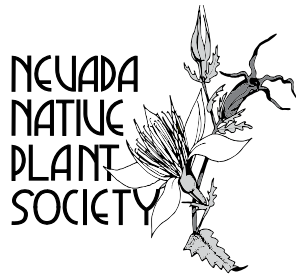
Gary Monroe



Little prince's pine (*Chimaphila menziesii*)

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Email\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Renewal

Newsletter preference: ☐ Paper ☐ Electronic

- Individual, family or group for one year ..... \$15.00
- Individual, family or group for three years ..... \$40.00
- Student or senior citizen, each year ..... \$10.00
- Life membership ..... \$450.00

Dues are for the calendar year in which you join. Membership expiration dates are on the mailing labels. 2016 dues increase will take effect in November.

Gifts, and bequests are tax deductible.

Your donation in any amount is appreciated \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable and mail to: NNPS • P.O. Box 8965 • Reno, NV 89507