



- * Message from the 2013 annual meeting committee chair Stephen Love

Sage Briefs



Penstemon fruticosus on a cliff above an old mine site in the Hell's Canyon region

Don't Miss Out

Only six more weeks and we kick off the 2013 joint APS/INPS meeting in Boise, Idaho. On Friday, June 21st, we will open the meeting with a reception located at the Idaho Botanical Garden. There we will meet with new and old friends and wander through the world famous Lewis and Clark native plant gardens. This will be just the beginning to a fantastic week of visiting and botanizing. I only hope you are registered and we don't have to start without you.

The tours and other activities are coming together well. Saturday and Sunday field trips are scheduled for Mores Mountain in the Boise Range, Reynolds Creek in the Owyhee country, and Leslie Gulch in southeastern Oregon. We highly recommend that you participate in the after-meeting trip into Hell's Canyon. We have been out scouting the tour routes and, so far, things look good. Mother Nature has been a little stingy with precipitation in the southern part of the region (Reynolds Creek and Leslie Gulch) and that has us a little concerned. However, inspections of penstemons reveal that early vegetative growth is good. I suspect this has to do with cool spring temperatures. As long as we get a little more rain along the way, field trips into those areas should be successful. No worries for the Mores Mountain and Hell's Canyon trips. Winter snowfall and spring rains in those areas have been plentiful. There will be flowers galore.

Registration is open and will continue until June 14th. We encourage you to get your name in the hat well before that time, if you can. But, if you make a last minute decision to attend, we certainly will welcome you with open arms.

Let me give you a little rundown on the schedule for the meeting. You can access more detailed information on both the APS and INPS websites.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday

1:00 pm – Board Meeting, APS (Owyhee Plaza Hotel)

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4:00 pm – Welcome reception at the Idaho Botanical Garden (food service begins at 6 pm)

Saturday

All field trips depart from the parking lot located at 1511 W Bannock Street, Boise.

7:00 am – Depart on the tour to Succor Creek/Leslie Gulch

7:30 am – Depart on the tour to Reynolds Creek/Owyhee Mountains

8:00 am – Depart on the tour to Mores Mountain/Bogus Basin

6:00 pm – Reception (Owyhee Plaza Hotel)

7:00 pm – Banquet, annual business meetings (APS, INPS), keynote speaker (Owyhee Plaza Hotel)

Sunday

All field trips depart from the parking lot located at 1511 W Bannock Street, Boise.

7:00 am – Depart on the tour to Succor Creek/Leslie Gulch

7:30 am – Depart on the tour to Reynolds Creek/Owyhee Mountains

8:00 am – Depart on the tour to Mores Mountain/Bogus Basin

Sunday continued

7:00 pm – Social and slide show

Monday

The field trip departs from the parking lot located at 1511 W Bannock Street, Boise.

6:00 am – Depart for the post-meeting tour to Hell's Canyon. Scheduled return time 6 pm

There are a few things you will want to bring along on the field trips each day. Most of the 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. Lastly, be sure to bring the following on each field trip:

Sack lunch

Water (at least ½ gallon per person)

Jacket

Wide-brimmed hat

Insect repellent

Good hiking shoes

And remember your camera!

We are going to do something unique at the meeting this year. As the meeting progresses, Tony McCammon, my University of Idaho colleague, will be collecting photographs from each of the meeting participants. On Sunday evening, along with our meal, we will enjoy a pictorial review of the meeting. So, please take lots of pictures and share the best ones with your fellow native plant enthusiasts.

Finally, be aware that due to decisions out of our control, we have had to make some changes in lodging arrangements. The Owyhee Plaza Hotel will not be accepting reservations for guest rooms. **They will, however, host the business meetings on Friday and the meals and presentations scheduled for Saturday and Sunday evenings.** The Safari Inn (1070 W Grove Street, Boise, Idaho 1-208-344-6556) is helping us with lodging and is located just a block from the Owyhee Plaza. Here are a couple of other relatively inexpensive motels that are located near the Owyhee Plaza:

Cabana Inn, 1600 Main Street, Boise, Idaho 1-208-343-6000

Budget Inn 2600 West Fairview Inn, Boise, Idaho 1-208-344-8617

We have also worked out some arrangements for free camping, if that is your preferred mode of lodging. You can contact Elaine Walker (email: bat_hareem1@hotmail.com, cell phone: 1-208-761-3957, or home phone 1-208-336-3983) if you want to check out the camping options.

There's is no reason to delay. Come join us in Boise.

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View of *Penstemon pinifolius* in test plots at the Idaho Botanical Garden in Boise