

# Siskiyou Chapter July 2020 Newsletter



**We are lucky to have such a beautiful place to stay put in. The slopes of the Pacific Crest Trail traversing Mt. Ashland are covered in wildflowers. This photo was taken on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Tell Us a Garden Story**

It's no secret that gardening is the best therapy, especially in these stressful and strange times when we can't be social except in our gardens and on Zoom! You are invited to share a brief story about staying in place in your garden. Have you seen something special this spring or summer? Has a plant you've been trying to grow finally bloomed? Does a plant someone gave you bring back happy memories? Send a few lines to [kmpyle2@yahoo.com](mailto:kmpyle2@yahoo.com) for the next newsletter. Thank you!

## **Field Trips**

We had planned on a July trip to Mt. Eddy to explore plants at the two trailheads. **If you're still interested, let me know and we'll coordinate a date for next week.** The trip from Medford to the trailheads is about

a 2 ½ hr. drive. There are also nearby areas worth visiting, including Kangaroo Lake and Scott Mountain. I recently spent a couple of hours in the Scott Mountain Summit fen. [You can read the blog post on my website.](#)



### **Nearby Places to Visit**

Two scenic trails worth checking out are the Brown Mtn. Trail off Hwy. 140 and Willow Lake outside Butte Falls. Both are in the Butte Creek Watershed area.



## **Dunsmuir Botanic Gardens – just south of Mount Shasta City**

Follow the trail from the parking area and you'll end up in a forest garden filled with Japanese maples, rhododendrons, ferns and other Asian plants. Then walk down a slight hill and you'll arrive at the rock garden designed by Josef Halda.



### **Coming Soon**

Fall Plant Sale, virtual programs starting in September. If you have an idea for a program topic or speaker, please contact Kathy Pyle and we'll see if we can get creative on socially distanced presentations.

### **Tune into Taproot, the Virtual NARGS 2020 Conference**

Taproot happened online June 26-28 but you can still [view the field trips in Colorado, Pennsylvania and Newfoundland and listen to program videos via the NARGS website](#). NARGS membership and a registration fee are required to participate virtually.