

Palouse Prairie Flyer

Newsletter of the Palouse Prairie Foundation

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Winter Solstice 2018

Respect your roots

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2018 Annual meeting

We held our annual party and meeting in the Arts Room of the 1912 Center this year. We had a nice time, and board member Joan Folwell gave those attending an update on PPF activities. She spoke of the Crock garden, the solitary bee box construction workshop, the weeding party and new fencing at Whelan cemetery, inclusion of Palouse prairie in the Whitman County Critical Areas Ordinance, and the Steptoe Butte Prairie Reserve.

Several people got PPF T-shirts.

Election Results

In early December Pam Brunsfeld was appointed to fill Jim Sayre's board position. David, Joan, Elisabeth, and Pam all ran for board positions in 2019. James Riser has moved away and chose not to run again.

David Hall, president
[open], vice-president
Joan Folwell, treasurer
Elisabeth Brackney, secretary
Pam Brunsfeld, member at large

Welcome to the board, Pam!

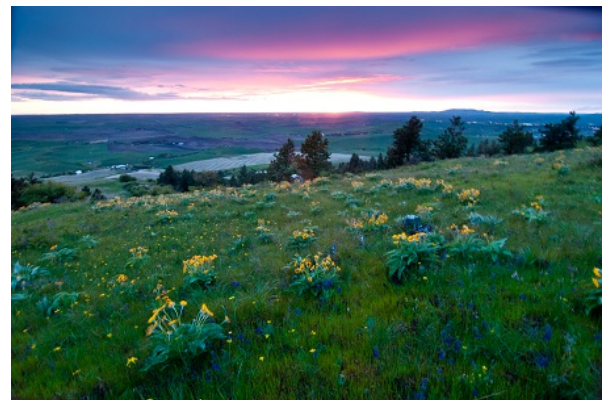


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*The Palouse Prairie Foundation
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restoration of the Palouse
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Check out Matthew Dolkas' book Finding the Palouse Prairie: Images of a Vanishing Grassland. Available at dolkas.com. Proceeds from book sales benefit PPF.

December 2018

Solitary bee nest workshop

June 23rd PPF and INPS held a workshop at a board member's house to build nest boxes for native solitary (mason) bees. Gerry Queener lead the workshop. One of the benefits of being a PPF member!



Whelan Cemetery weeding session

Following the bee nest workshop and lunch June 23, we held a weeding party at the nearby Whelan Cemetery. There are many species of Palouse prairie plants there, with some encroachment of weeds. Thank you, Eric, for organizing the session! And thanks to all of you who came out to pull weeds!



2019 Memberships due

Memberships are by calendar year.
Please renew your membership!

PPF Mini-grant

The Palouse Prairie Foundation funded one mini-grant in 2018. A landowner applied for funding to support a restoration effort on her property North of Moscow near Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park. PPF funded the purchase of native seed for the project.

If you want to apply for a mini-grant, complete and submit an application (available online on the PPF website).

PPF presentations

David Bencoter gave a presentation in March about the Steptoe Butte Prairie Reserve heritage/heirloom apples.

Gretchen Freed gave a presentation entitled "Growing Camas: its growth cycle, the fungi that associate with its root system, and the proper techniques for its restoration" in April.

Dr. Tanya Cheeke gave a presentation entitled "Mycorrhizal Fungus Transplants Can Help Restore Prairies" in October.

Whelan Cemetery protection



We applied for and received grant funding to install fencing around parts of Whelan Cemetery to keep vehicles from driving through and damaging it. We had a wooden buck-and-rail fence put up.

Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse

The Palouse Prairie Foundation was one of 32 local organizations at the tenth Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse in early December – our fourth time. Elisabeth, Joan and David greeted visitors to the PPF table and talked to many potential shoppers. The concept is to gather for an afternoon and evening with a room-full of representatives of local non-profit organizations whom folks can visit and talk to, and the shoppers can choose organizations to support by purchasing gift cards. The cards can then be given to others as non-traditional holiday gifts.

The Market was well-attended, and this year 35 shoppers bought almost \$900 worth of gift cards for the Foundation.

Thanks to all who came out (or went on-line) and supported PPF and the other organizations through the AGMP! Overall, folks donated \$47,374 this year to local non-profits through the AGMP.



Renew your PPF membership



Palouse Prairie Foundation memberships are for the calendar year.

Please make your check payable to *Palouse Prairie Foundation*.

* Our primary means of communication about meetings, field trips, etc., is by e-mail.

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