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“Growing in Diversity”: Theme for the 2017 Western Region Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for October 17-20, 2017, for the 58th annual meeting of the IPPS Western Region in Wilsonville, Oregon . Wilsonville is located south of Portland, north of Salem, and just off of Interstate 5 in the beautiful Willamette Valley. Commercial nursery operations in the Willamette Valley range from small specialty growers to large producers, with container-grown and bare-root crops shipped to customers across the U.S. and Canada. Vineyards, fruit and nut orchards, berry farms, and hop-growing operations are also part of the horticultural enterprises of the Willamette Valley.

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The region offers a wide array of outdoor recreational opportunities, scenic drives, and public gardens. Plan to arrive early or stay after the IPPS meeting to enjoy some of the fall vacation opportunities in the Oregon wine country, Mt. Hood, the Oregon Coast, and the Columbia River Gorge.

The Holiday Inn in Wilsonville will be our host hotel and meeting venue. The hotel is conveniently located approximately 20 minutes from downtown Portland and 30 minutes from Salem. A diversity of topics are planned for the educational sessions at the meeting, including presentations on ornamental crops, edible crops, and native plants, along with research posters and trade exhibits.



The pre-conference tour will include:

- Sol Sisters Cannabis Farms
- Youngblood Nursery
- Carlton Plants
- North American Plants

The conference tours will include:

- Woodburn Nursery & Azaleas
- Microplant Nurseries
- PlantSmith Nursery
- Fir Point Farms (lunch stop)
- Heirloom Roses
- Minto Island Growers (and lunch stop)



Message from the President: Greetings from Arizona!

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! A season of renewal and rebirth. Let's talk about your membership, and use this time to give new meaning to your place in IPPS.

Melanie and her committee are working hard to give us a spectacular 2016 annual meeting in Oregon this October. Be sure to check out the activities and conference information. This is a time to talk and meet with your peers one-on-one. There is no better way to learn!

Gail has been working hard to make sure everyone is renewing their membership on time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Sometimes the process may seem arduous, but there is always a way through.

We have new directors on board and we are very excited to hear their ideas and points of view. It is always a good idea to invite new minds and listen to their suggestions. The same goes for our members – don't be shy about contacting me to let me know what you think. How can we improve the benefits of membership for you and your company?

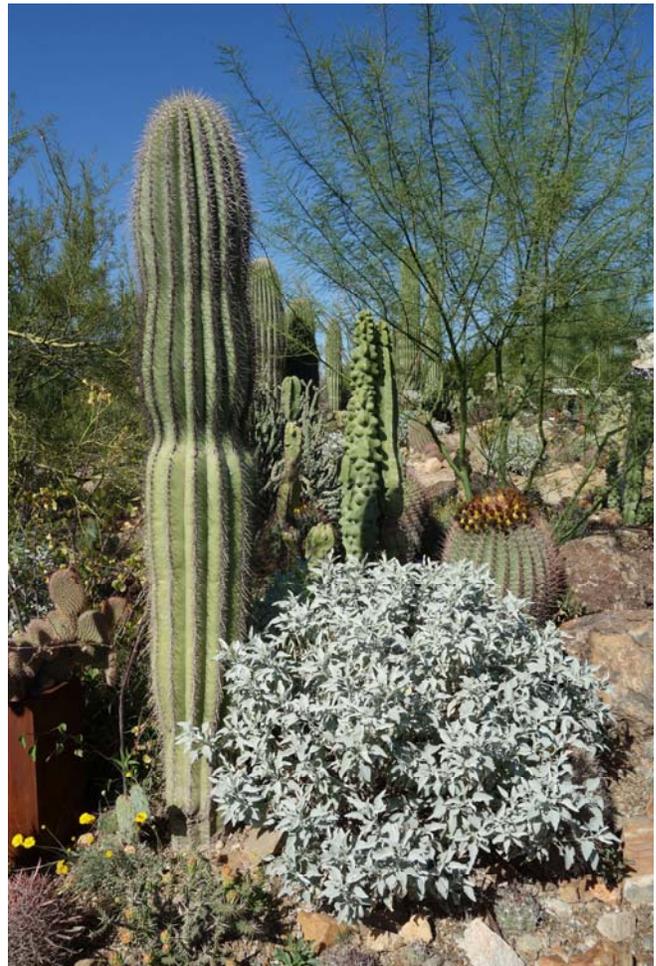
Hawaii in 2018!!! This is so exciting. Thank you to Todd Jones for all his hard work in taking on this huge project. Discovery and education in the tropical islands can only be a plus in your repertoire of plant knowledge.

Enjoy the change of seasons!

Warm regards,

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Western Region Preview of the Exciting 2018 Pacific Rim Conference to be Held in Hawaii

Plans for the Western Region's 2018 annual meeting are moving forward toward something special! IPPS-Western Region is inviting our fellow IPPS members and friends from other IPPS regions to join us in Hawaii for a Pacific Rim Conference in 2018. We've been able to secure excellent room rates, interesting speakers, and many wonderful tour locations.

A 3-night, 2-day pre-conference tour will begin with a reception on Saturday, July 28 at Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. Enjoy all-day tours on Oahu Sunday and Monday and a free day on Tuesday to relax on Waikiki, then fly on to Kona on the Big Island for the conference.

The conference will kick off with a reception and registration at the Courtyard King Kamehameha in Kona Village (our conference hotel) on Tuesday evening. The conference will include four special focus areas:

- Regional Trends and Trade
- Native Plant Propagation (with a technical focus that includes Hawaiian natives)
- Propagation of Edibles (including tropical fruit)
- Micropropagation (including floral crops)



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Pacific Rim Conference

Kona, Hawaii
July 28 - August 4, 2018

Enjoy the sun & surf • Make international contacts • Discover new regional trends
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For more information: www.ipps.org Western Region

Watch for more details in the coming months!



Meet Danny Takao: New Director for the Northern California/Nevada Area

Danny Takao is the President of Takao Nursery, a mid-size propagation nursery based in Fresno, California, since 1979. Takao Nursery was originally established in 1960 in Torrance California, by Danny's parents. The company's focus is on California natives, plants of the Southern Hemisphere, and drought-tolerant varieties.

Danny has been active in the industry, serving as Vice President for FloraStar and OFA (now AmericanHort), where he served as a board member representing the West Coast, and later transitioned to becoming President of the association. He also served on the advisory committee for the merging of OFA and the American Nursery and Landscape Association. Currently, Danny serves on the board of the Horticultural Research Institute and the advisory committees for both the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis, and GPN Magazine.



“My goal as Director for Northern California and Nevada will be to give input on how to create more value and purpose to IPPS–Western Region . As our industry shrinks and new members come on board, I feel there will be information that needs to transfer from our older members to our younger members and sometimes vice-versa. It's a challenging time, but also an exciting one, as the propagation world evolves.”

Contact Danny at dtakao@takaonursery.com.

Meet Sarah Brackman: New Director for the Washington/Montana Area



Sarah Brackman lives in Olympia, Washington, with her husband, fellow plant nerd Jim Brackman, and their two dogs. Sarah is an avid gardener, backyard propagator, and outdoor enthusiast.

Sarah grew up in Plymouth, Michigan, graduating from Michigan State University with a BS in Horticulture where her main interests were plant pathology and perennial production. She began her career in horticulture in Michigan, eventually moving to Washington state, where she worked in greenhouse and nursery production for ten years. In 2013, Sarah took a position with BioSafe Systems, a chemical manufacturer, representing the company in the Pacific Northwest.

“My job affords me the opportunity to work closely

with many different greenhouse and nursery facilities all over the Northwest and western Canada,” states Sarah. “I’m always learning and able to share with other growers. That’s what I love about the horticulture industry.”

Sarah is excited to be involved in IPPS. “There is tremendous opportunity for us to learn from each other. I see value in every grower’s experiences and am glad to be a part of an organization that works to share this knowledge. The horticulture industry is especially dynamic right now. I’d like to help ensure that IPPS continues to evolve and offers value to its members on the West Coast. I’m honored to be a part of it.”

Contact Sarah at sbrackman@biosafesystems.com.

Kelly Broadlick: 2017 IPPS-Western Region/New Zealand Region Exchange Fellowship Recipient



Congratulations to IPPS-Western Region member Kelly Broadlick of Bellingham, Washington, as recipient of the IPPS Western/New Zealand Regions Young Professional Exchange Fellowship for 2017. Kelly will be traveling to New Zealand in May to interact with plant producers and serve as an ambassador of the Western Region at the New Zealand Region's Annual Conference in Pukekohe (Auckland Region of the North Island).

In reviewing her career in horticulture thus far, Kelly states, "My first nursery job was in the spring of 2010 in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Over the next few years I worked part-time at one small nursery and for one summer as a seed collector before taking a full-time job with Fourth Corner Nurseries in the spring of 2013. It is here that I realized that I wanted to make a career out of native plant propagation. I then moved to Seattle and enrolled in the Masters of Environmental Horticulture program at the University of Washington in the fall of 2014,

solidifying my commitment to pursue this career. After graduation, I began my first full time job in native plant propagation, heading up a greenhouse R&D project for Fourth Corner Nurseries. I have now spent nearly four years fully immersed in, and committed to, this industry, but my path has been leading me in this direction for much longer. I am excited to be embarking on what I hope will be a long career in native plant propagation."

Kelly has been a propagator at Fourth Corner Nurseries in Bellingham, Washington, since October 2016, where she has planned and is implementing a year-long trial of greenhouse-grown plug crops, focusing on *Mahonia nervosa*, *Alnus rubra*, *Pinus contorta* var. *contorta*, and other conifers native to the local region. Previously, Kelly was manager at the Society for Ecological Restoration UW Native Plant Nursery in Seattle, Washington, securing a grant to fund expansion of the on-campus, student-run nursery, coordinating all nursery infrastructure projects, as well as teaching and advising nursery staff and undergraduate interns.

Conifer Kingdom and the Oregon Garden: Destinations for the 2017 Oregon Area Meeting

The 2017 Oregon Area Meeting will feature a tour of the Oregon Garden and Conifer Kingdom. The date is **Wednesday, June 21, 2017**, meeting at the Oregon Garden in Silverton for registration, then departing for Conifer Kingdom.

Conifer Kingdom is a retail outlet that specializes in Japanese maples and dwarf conifers, from liners to specimen sizes. Conifer Kingdom is owned by Brent Markus, who founded Rare Tree Nursery and Markus Farms LLC in 2007. The nursery offers an unparalleled selection of dwarf conifers and Japanese maples, most of which are propagated in-house and offered in small sizes and as well as mature specimens.

We will then return to the Oregon Garden, our final destination, for a tour of the conifer garden by our guide, Doug Wilson. Doug is a long-time volunteer at the Oregon Garden and an active member of the American Conifer Society. Following our tour, we will have lunch in the garden and a chance to “seek and share” with colleagues.

The final schedule, costs, and registration information will soon be available at: <http://wna.ipps.org/>.

For questions, contact: Laurie Rogers-Roach, laurie@eshraghinursery.com, 503-628-8685, ext. 18.



Western Region Accepting Applications for the 2017 Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship Program



The four Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship recipients at the 2016 annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Shown in the photo (L to R): JoWellen Douthit (University of Arizona), Sahar Dabirian (Washington State University), Julia Cissel (Utah State University), Emilie Speciale (2016 IPPS-WR Program Chair and current President), and Boston Swan (Utah State University).

Applications for the 2017 Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship program are now being accepted. The International Plant Propagators' Society (IPPS) Western Region awards the Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship to deserving students in horticulture educational programs. The late Bruce Briggs was a proud and active member of the IPPS-Western Region. He enjoyed students and promoted IPPS worldwide.

This scholarship is given each year to college and/or university students who are studying plant propagation and demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing propagation as a career. The scholarship pays for students to attend the Annual Meeting of the IPPS-Western Region. Both the registration fee (includes most meals) and accommodations (shared) are covered by the scholarship. Travel costs are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

The annual meeting gives the students the opportunity to interact and hear presentations on various areas of plant propagation. A tour of nursery propagation facilities and affiliated businesses is an integral part of the scheduled activities. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the cost of the meeting and hotel rooms for that year. An added benefit of the award is a one-year student membership in IPPS-Western Region. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible for a second scholarship.

The application (including additional information) may be downloaded on the IPPS-Western Region website. **The application deadline is June 15, 2017.**

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