



**Chapter Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2016, 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie**

### Native American Ecology: Siletz tribe's Wisdom in Protecting the Soil

Rachel Summer [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon](#)

Native Americans have the shortest life spans and most childhood deaths of any group in America. Many elders do not have access to fresh foods. A Siletz program, Healthy Traditions, encourages community, sharing, and sustainability in the cycle of food growing, harvesting, processing, storing and consumption. Improvements to procedures are made possible through partnerships and support from other community members and groups like PSU, Oregon Food Bank, OSU Master Gardeners, nurseries and growers, as well as Native American herbalists, foresters and agriculturists. Rachel will be talking about the steps her tribe took to create Healthy Traditions and community garden programs and goals, and how they honor Mother Nature and Creator in their efforts.

Rachel Summer is a double native—Native American (Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians) and born in Oregon. She worked in law enforcement, ironwork, and local government administration before retiring in 2005 to work with other Tribal members to improve the lives of the people by instituting and nurturing better food and farming practices.

### February Program: Monday, February 8, 2016 Native Plants

Linda Hardison, Oregon Flora Project [www.oregonflora.org/](http://www.oregonflora.org/)



What constitutes a native plant for gardeners in the Portland metro region? Native to North America? The Pacific Northwest? Or a Douglas Fir forest on Mount Hood? Or the banks of the Clackamas River? Linda Hardison, director of the Oregon Flora Project (OFP), is uniquely qualified to speak on this and offer advice on the use native plants in our gardens. Speaking from the perspective of the OFP, she will introduce us to a myriad of Oregon's native plants – along with naturalized and exotic species. Together we will learn the context from which these plants arise and gain an appreciation for the biodiversity found in our state. \*MG Education Credit

### Green Glove Award: Dottie Alberg, Class of 2008

A willing volunteer, Dottie is always ready to lend a hand. She has worked as the volunteer coordinator at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. We also see her smiling face working at the Spring Garden Fair, and our Garden Discovery Day/Fall into Gardening programs. We are fortunate to have volunteers like you - thank you Dottie, for all that you do!

### Presidents Message

Thank you everyone, for trusting me to preside over the chapter this year. I am excited about this role and I look forward to what this year has to offer all of us, and what we can do to support sustainable gardening practices in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns that you would like to see addressed. I also welcome any new ideas you may have. For a fast response to your queries, email and text messages work best. When emailing me, please begin the subject line with "CCMG" and then proceed with your subject. This way I can spot your email quickly. Of course you are welcome to call me too! You can find my contact information in the directory. Here's to 2016 being a great year for all of us! *Janet*

### 2016 Dues & Handbooks

We will continue to collect dues at the January meeting. Membership is \$12. The Handbook/Directory will be available in early 2016

### Upcoming Programs and Events \*complete program info

- **March 5** - Garden Discovery Day
- **March 14** - Creating Rain Gardens - *Scott Buley*
- **April 11** - Camellias - *Robert Herald*
- **April 30 & May 1** - 32nd Annual Spring Garden Fair
- **May 9** - Grow a Greener Lawn - *Weston Miller*
- **June 13** - Tualatin Valley River Keepers: *Brian Wegener*
- **July 11** - Field Trip TBA
- **August 8** - Chapter Picnic
- **September 12** - Sex on Six Legs: *Gail Langellotto*
- **October 8** - Fall into Gardening