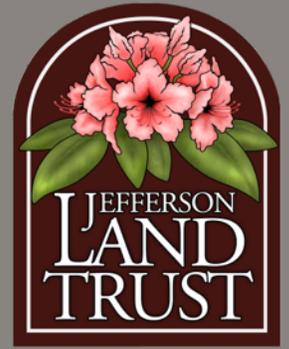


Natural History Society Newsletter

May 2015



Spring Wildflower Walk

Join the Natural History Society on **Monday, May 4, at 1:00 pm**, for an exploration of spring wildflowers at Kala Point. Naturalists Dana Ecelberger and Coca Sanchez will first lead us through the wetter lagoon environment where we will see False Solomon's-seal, Fringecup, Foamflower, Trillium and other plants; then we will move on to the drier beach environment where we will see Sea blush, Sea-pink, Harsh paintbrush, Chocolate lilies, Larkspur and many other flowers. This will be a short walk of about three miles, but there are slight elevation changes, and the lagoon trail is wet and muddy in places. If you'd like to sign up for this walk, and for more information about the meeting place, please contact Pat at jltnatural@saveland.org

Golden Paintbrush: Back from the Brink

Please join us **Monday, May 11, at 7:00 pm at the Sanctuary of the Quimper UU Fellowship** (San Juan Ave., PT), when the rare plant botanist for the Washington Natural Heritage Program, Joe Arnett, and his predecessor, Florence Caplow, will tell the story of

Golden paintbrush and the sometimes-controversial process of its recovery. What does it take to rescue an iconic plant species from extinction? Golden paintbrush once thrived on rocky shorelines and in prairie remnants from Vancouver Island to Oregon's Willamette Valley. But by 1997 its numbers had dwindled to only a dozen small, scattered populations, and it was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Since then, government agencies, conservation organizations, and individuals have collaborated to restore the species throughout its historical range. Current estimates suggest that more than 180,000 flowering individuals inhabit 30 restoration areas, in addition to naturally occurring populations. Free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5 to help fund NHS programs.

Book Club Selection

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, May 25, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *Holdfast* by Kathleen Dean Moore. RSVP to Pat for location at JLTnatural@saveland.org. A list of past books read by the Book Club and other resources about natural history are available on our website, <http://jltnatural.org/>.