# Native plant and pollinator garden tour coming up June 5

#### BY SUZIE SAVOIE

Troon Vineyard is increasing biodiversity on the farm! Come learn about native plant ecology, propagation, and gardening at the Troon Vineyard Native Plant Botanical Garden tour on Sunday, June 5. Donations for the tour will



Silver lupine in the Native Plant Botanical Garden at Troon Vineyard. Photo: Suzie Savoie.

benefit Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and the Siskiyou Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon.

In December 2020, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds installed a half-acre native plant and pollinator botanical garden at Troon Vineyard in the Applegate Valley. To date, 94 species of native plants have been established in the garden, primarily from direct seeding, with some native planting from nursery plants.

With paths and plant signs to guide you through the botanical garden and views out toward the Applegate foothills and Grayback Mountain, the Troon Native Plant Botanical Garden provides an easy and delightful place to learn about native plants and pollinators and how to incorporate more native plants into the farm and vineyard setting.

### **Guided walking tours**

I, Suzie Savoie of Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds, will lead walking tours through the paths of the botanical garden, providing detailed information for various species along the way, including:

- Plant identification
- Plant habitat in the wild
- Pollinator ecology
- Plant propagation and establishment methods in the garden

• Plant care and at-home gardening recommendations

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Lefever from
Pollinator Project
Rogue Valley,
Katelyn Detweiler
from Siskiyou
Chapter Native
Plant Society of
Oregon, Nate
Wall and Garrett
Long from Troon
Vineyard, and

others will provide additional information, insights, and commentary along the way to help further important discussion topics.

## Tour schedule

Two separate start times will accommodate up to 25 preregistered tour participants for each tour. The first tour runs from 9-10 am and the second from 10:30-11:30 am. After the Native Plant Botanical Garden tour, Troon staff will be available for farm-wide tours of the Troon biodynamic farm and vineyard. These one-hour tours will start at 10:15 am and 11:45 am.

Please bring personal items for a warm, sunny June day and perhaps a picnic lunch to pair with an optional wine tasting after the tour. The Troon Vineyard tasting room opens at 11 am.

### Registration

Register online for the tour through Eventbrite online at bityl.co/CCmM. Donations, which will benefit Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and the Siskiyou Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon, will be taken on site. The suggested donation is \$15.

We look forward to seeing you there! Suzie Savoie

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Large camas in the Native Plant Botanical Garden at Troon Vineyard. Photo: Suzie Savoie.





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The Applegate Siskiyou Alliance Summer Fundraiser will be held from 4-8 pm Saturday, June 18, on the lawn at 3996 Little Applegate Road.

# ANN rebranding as Applegate Siskiyou Alliance

#### BY EVELYN ROETHER

For more than 10 years, Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN) has been advocating for the environment and the human communities of the Applegate River watershed. We have worked with communities across the Applegate Valley and throughout southern Oregon to successfully protect the forests and intact native habitats of our region. Rising from the rural grassroots, ANN has become a prominent and very active voice for the people of the Applegate Valley and for the beautiful natural world we are so lucky to enjoy.

By the time you read this article, we will have changed our name to Applegate Siskiyou Alliance to more closely reflect our commitment to the Applegate-Siskiyou region and its permanent protection. Although we will still focus on our roots in the Applegate community and our commitment to this region is stronger than ever before, we hope to expand our programs and increase our efforts as the Applegate Siskiyou Alliance!

We believe the best advocates for our environment are those of us who know this land best and have the deepest bonds with its spectacular beauty and biodiversity. We encourage folks who know and love this region to support our work, participate in the protection of our watersheds, and become stronger voices for the wildlands of our region. Applegate Siskiyou Alliance is an Applegate-based and Applegate-led

conservation group committed to the preservation and restoration of our natural world. Although we are no longer officially a neighborhood network, we will be throwing a big fundraiser and celebration this June in the Little Applegate Valley just above Buncom.

For more information, visit applegatesiskiyoualliance.org.

### Applegate Siskiyou Alliance Summer Fundraiser in the Little Applegate Valley

Join us for music, food, and fun at the Applegate Siskiyou Alliance Summer Fundraiser from 4-8 pm Saturday, June 18, in the beautiful Little Applegate Valley! The event will take place outdoors on a spacious lawn overlooking the Little Applegate Valley at 3996 Little Applegate Road and will include an evening of music by the Holly Gleason Trio. We will also be selling local beer and wine, food, and treats. Dinner will be available from Nomad Kitchen.

To attend, make a generous donation to ANN of \$25 or more between now and June 18. You can pay at the door or make a donation at ann.secure.force.com/donate/. If you pay ahead and RSVP, please submit your email address with the donation. All proceeds will benefit the Applegate Siskiyou Alliance and conservation in the Applegate River watershed.

We hope to see you there! Evelyn Roether • evelynkr@gmail.com

