

Rowe–Love Herbarium Dedication

Mt Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival

“Honoring the Founders: Celebrating 25 years of Wildflower Displays”

Guiding students to make deep and meaningful connections with the natural world

A dedication and celebration of the herbarium was held May 2004 in coordination with the 25th annual Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival.



Rhoda Love & Freeman Rowe stand in front of the Rowe-Love Herbarium May 14, 2004

Both Freeman and Rhoda were dedicated instructors at Lane Community College and designed programs and courses that set a strong foundation for the current biology curriculum. They served in various capacities on the [Mount Pisgah Arboretum](http://mountpisgaharboretum.org/) (MPA) <http://mountpisgaharboretum.org/> Board of Directors, were

involved in numerous ways with the community giving presentations and workshops and have contributed to land management and conservation efforts in the region.

Freeman Rowe initiated both the annual Wildflowers and Mushroom Festivals as fund-raisers for MPA and educational event for LCC students and the community. He began teaching General Biology at LCC in 1968 the year prior to establishment of buildings on the main campus. In the early 1970's he developed biology emphasis courses with colleague Tom Wayne. Those courses include field botany, wildflowers of Oregon and mushroom biology among others. Although Freeman retired in 1988 all these popular courses continue to be offered. Freeman is an excellent botanist but he is considered to be the regional mycological guru. He is an honorary member of the Cascade Mycological Society, many of the founding members being his former students. During summer months he can be found working on a farm and selling his gourds, and other produce from his booth at the Lane County Farmers Market.

Rhoda Love began her life in botany in 1959 when she took a botany course from C.L. Hitchcock at University of Washington. She was hired at LCC in 1965 to teach evening Biology but began teaching Botany courses in 1971 when Glenn Heiserman, LCC's first botany instructor, left the college. Rhoda established the general botany courses and taught them for 30 years while also serving in leadership positions at MPA and [Native Plant Society of Oregon](http://npsoregon.org/). She has a huge following of students who recognize her as a prominent instructor and botanist. Through 2010 she continued to serve in many leadership positions including the NPSO State Vice President and Oregon Flora Project Leader and Editor of their newsletter. Her research focuses on conservation efforts to protect some of Oregon's very rare and special plants and her publications include scholarly and popular articles about the histories of Pacific Northwest "plant hunters", especially L.F. Henderson. She is co-editor, with Dr. Art Kruckeberg, of "Plant Hunters of the Pacific Northwest", to be published in early 2014.

Rhoda has been profiled in **Oregon Flora Newsletter** (Simpson 1997) and interviewed by the **LCC Archivist: Oral History: Rhoda Love Lane Community College Archives and Records** <http://www.lanec.edu/archives/rhoda-love-oral-history>

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Glen Hieserman (center) LCC's first Botany instructor, with Rhoda Love (left) & Freeman Rowe (right) at the Rowe-Love Herbarium Dedication May 14, 2004

Distinguished Alumni Recognition Awards: Former Students of the LCC Botany Courses

Both of the following former LCC Botany Students were nominated for the Distinguished Alumni Reward to be recognized in October 2004 during the LCC 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Dan Luoma, Assistant Professor of Plant Community & Mycorrhizal Ecology, Oregon State University: Dan was enrolled at LCC from 1975-'77 and took Freeman Rowe's biology series that included Mushroom biology, Intertidal life & Wildflowers plus a summer field class in the Wallowa's. He was then recruited by Freeman in 1978 to plant identification consultant for the Glide Wildflower Show and continues in that capacity today.

Distinguished Alumni — 2004 Awardees:

http://2011sitearchive.lanecce.edu/foundation/distalumni_past.htm#luoma

Julie Kierstead Nelson, Forest Botanist for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest: While attending LCC, 1973-76, Julie took all the plant ecology and botany courses and worked with Freeman, Rhoda and Jay Marston doing botanical illustration, specimen collection and assisted in preparation for the botany courses. Julie received the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award in 2002 in recognition of her lasting contributions to the conservation of western native plants including a

significant role in establishing the Oregon State Endangered Species Act. She is co-editor of Illustrated Field Guide to Selected Rare Plants of Northern California.



Nootka Rose and Bunchberry Dogwood

Wildflowers of the Western United States

Botanical Illustration by Julie Kierstead Nelson

http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/kids/coloring/books/Wildflowers_of_the_Western_US_JK_N.pdf

Oral History - Julie Kierstead Nelson <http://www.lanec.edu/archives/julie-kierstead-nelson-oral-history>



Julie Kierstead Nelson and Freeman Rowe examine a plant at the 25th Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival May 16, 2004

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