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My tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the Native Plants Journal is approaching 2 years. I will have to give some thought as to how to celebrate this second anniversary. Regardless, it has been a very enjoyable and stimulating experience to participate in the communication of ideas and research by native plant professionals. Kas Dumroese, first editor-in-chief and prime driver for creation of NPJ, had a unique vision for this journal: a venue for applied research, propagation protocols, plant management techniques, and manifestation of current concepts of native plant utilization. The journal has held true to this mission. The result is a very unique publication that serves individuals with their feet on the ground in the world of native plant production and establishment. NPJ not only provides worthwhile information to practitioners but also creates an avenue of exchange for valuable ideas, which may not be appropriate for a professional journal that limits submissions to reports of basic research. I will have to say that I have great appreciation for a well-tailored paper describing a creative, properly designed research project; however, I find it very refreshing to read experience-based articles written by those with years of involvement in the native plant field. This publication approach gives NPJ a distinctive role in the dissemination of ideas that can help each of us streamline our work and improve the probability for success. I am pleased to be a part of this process, and I offer my help to anyone wishing to author an article for the journal.



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On the cover: Western skunk cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus* Hultén & H. St. John [Araceae]), photographed near Whistler, British Columbia. Photo by Larry Rupp