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The objective of *Native Plants Journal* is to provide a forum for dispersing practical information about planting and growing native plants for conservation, restoration, reforestation, landscaping, highway corridors, and so on. *Native Plants Journal* solicits papers that are useful to and understandable by growers and planters of native plants and papers that contribute significantly to scientific literature. Therefore, contributions from scientists and workers in the field are welcome. If your information is within the scope of this journal and worthy of publication, our editors will be glad to guide you in preparing your manuscript. All submitted papers are double-blind peer-reviewed by 2 reviewers to ensure the objective of *Native Plants* is met.

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W elcome to the premier issue of
Native Plants Journal. I'm Kas Dumroese,

a research scientist at the University of Idaho. I work in the Forest Research Nursery, a unique operation because it serves as the state nursery, is managed by the university, and is self-sufficient. On a daily basis I solve real-world plant production problems with the rigors of scientific research and provide those

results to natural resource professionals in a timely manner. As editor, I hope to accomplish the same thing with NPJ.

NPJ evolved out of discussion with representatives from the USDA Forest Service, Agricultural Research Service, and Natural Resource Conservation Service. Our vision is to make NPJ the clearinghouse for information on all aspects of growing and planting native plants for conservation, restoration, reforestation, landscaping, roadway rights-of-way, and so on. With start-up funding from the USDA Forest Service, I think we are well on our way to meeting that objective.

Articles in this first issue span a variety of plant types, cross a wide geographic area, cover a variety of plant use philosophies, and include submissions by researchers at universities as well as people working in the field. Lest we forget the big picture, 2 articles on native plant production are set within an article describing the ecosystem of which those plants are an important component. And for you gizmo junkies, a piece of equipment is described.

I hope you'll take the opportunity to read NPJ, and then contribute your experience by authoring an article, or at least suggesting a topic. Please let me know what you think of the journal and how it can be improved. If you enjoy reading this issue, please tell your friends and coworkers about the journal.

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