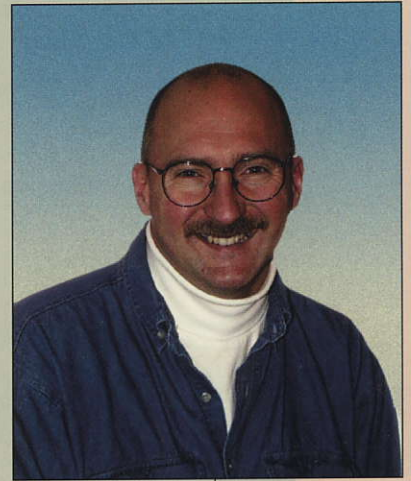


**T**his issue holds articles on a diversity of plants and growing techniques, ranging from sub-aquatic vegetation from Chesapeake Bay in the eastern US to Douglas-fir and blue oak of the western US, intermixed with the vivacious *Trautvetteria caroliniensis* and stately saguaro cactus. I'm very delighted that this issue focuses on Native Americans and how they are growing native plants for restoration, cultural use, and economic gain. Native Americans hold a special reverence for native plants. Their insight into the natural systems and deep respect for all flora and fauna on Earth provide a valuable role model for anyone growing and planting native vegetation. I'm also deeply thankful for the cooperation the members, elders, and councils of the various nations and agencies provided Tara Luna in the preparation of her article.



I wish to alert you to changes on the *Native Plants Journal* Website. We are working to allow on-line subscriptions, implement a searchable database of NPJ articles, and provide a bulletin board for posting meetings, position vacancies, and queries about growing native plants. Along that same vein, the Native Plant Network, begun by the Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetics Resources group of the USDA Forest Service Cooperative Forestry, is now a partner with *Native Plants Journal*. Both the NPN and NPJ can be found at the same address: <http://nativeplants.for.uidaho.edu>. The Network is set up as a central location for growers to share propagation methods for native plants. A searchable database is available for the 250 or so protocols already entered—we have at least that many more to add from the backlog. And we're working with other federal agencies to load even more. Feel free to browse the database, and then please add a few of your own successes using the simple Web interface. It's also a great way to advertise your company.

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