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Welcome to volume 10. At times it seems like only yesterday we were putting the first issue out; it's fun, invigorating, interesting. At other times it seems like we have been publishing forever; it's another deadline, another computer glitch, another low-res graphic file. Fortunately, the former is realized more often than the latter, particularly because of the great people associated with native plants, and with *Native Plants Journal*.

In this issue we run the moisture gradient, so to speak. We have propagation information for a showy wetland plant of the eastern US; collection, processing, and storage details of streamside willows; smoke-water application to stimulate germination of the gorgeous beargrass plants of mesic Pacific Northwest forests; planting insights for grasses (and new grasses) of the interior West; and finally, establishing plants of the Sonoran Desert.

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Kas Dumroese

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