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This issue of *Native Plants Journal* contains many of the papers presented in December 2007 at the Oregon State University Native Plants Conference. Although the meeting was set in the Pacific Northwest, I think most of you can find some great ideas to use in your vocation. For example, working to include native plant materials into urban gardens and landscapes, involving youth in restoration activities, and leveraging other resources are ideas that may seem like “no-brainers,” but in our harried lives can be momentarily forgotten. It serves us well to be reminded of them.

As we close out 2008, it’s a good time to remember the folks behind the scenes who make NPJ the success it is. I’m particularly indebted to my fine associate reviewers who keep the review process moving. Unfortunately, I have to say farewell to Douglass Jacobs, Thomas Jones, James Romo, and Ray Smith—their service to NPJ has been essential. I’m most grateful to Tom Jones . . . Tom has been with NPJ longer than NPJ has existed. He was instrumental during the preliminary discussions about starting a “native plants journal,” and I’ve called on his council many times over the past 10 years. He never shunned the “hard” papers to review, and I could always count on him for a fair and honest assessment. Thanks, Tom.

With this issue, I welcome Diane Haase as an associate editor. Diane is associate director of Oregon State University’s Nursery Technology Cooperative and has served as guest associate editor for this issue—from that effort I know she’s up to the challenge.

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