

OREGON BOTANICAL ARTISTS

MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 5, 2017

The OBA July monthly meeting was held at Jane Levy Campbell's. It was a lovely day and we sketched on her deck. Jane always provides a variety of “resource” flowers from her yard to choose from as well as a generous offering of snacks. Members present were Jane, Alice Debo, Dorothy Krogh, Kip Nordstrom, Carol Putnam, Connie Rati, Janene Walky, Mary McCarthy and Carol Mason.

Today's meeting was the first exchange of this second round of the traveling sketchbook and everyone enjoyed seeing the beautiful and unique entries. It was again emphasized the importance of keeping the sketchbooks moving along each month and even making the smallest of sketches, an acorn, a bud or a bug if time is a complication. The mantra is “keep it traveling”.

The August meeting was discussed and due to the many anticipated absences, the members decided to cancel August and meet again in September.

Jane shared two books, Wicked Plants and The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities and Wicked Bugs, The Louse That Conquered Napoleon's Army and Other Diabolical Insects. Both books are by Amy Stewart. Based on the title and illustrations alone, they should be a delight to read. Some members shared interesting experiences eating plants in the wild, not always with happy results, other than survival.

The meeting adjourned about 12:30. The next meeting will be at Jane's on Wednesday, September 6.

Carol Mason

