

## WHAT DOES APS DO?

**Publications-** We publish bi-monthly newsletters and a new annual yearbook filled with articles about recent field trips, new book reviews or other interesting material for “penstemaniacs.”

**Seed exchange-** Annually, members donate seeds wild or garden-collected to trade with other members

**Website-** APSdev.org is our new website which includes propagation techniques, locator and many other features for the serious gardener and plant explorer

**Trips-** Our last two trips were to the Sierra Madre of Mexico and northwest Colorado. The 2011 trip will be based in the Siskiyou Mountains of southwest Oregon.



Photo by Jim Fuchs

Maverick Canyon  
Dolores River, south of Gateway, CO

P. utahensis

P. davidsonii menziesii  
by Dr. Iza Goroff



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# American Penstemon Society

Dedicated to promoting the use and enjoyment of penstemons in gardens through increasing knowledge about them and developing new hybrids and cultivars



Blowout penstemon, Sand Hills, NE  
www.fws.org

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# Membership application

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Sign me up-

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US and Canadian dues \$15 US

Elsewhere \$20 US, no cash please

You can use PayPal at [APSdev.org](http://APSdev.org)

We do not sell, share or distribute member data in any manner.

## Annual meetings

Our annual meetings are primarily an excuse to view penstemons blooming in a variety of locations. With over 280 species identified in North America, there are plenty of penstemons to see and plenty of areas to view them in. These meetings are usually held in the spring or early summer, last for three to five days and consist of field trips with knowledgeable guides to view the flowers in bloom.

Recent trips have included the Sawtooth Mountains and Ketchum areas of Idaho, the Eastern Sierra and White Mountains of California, the Columbia River Basin of Oregon and Washington, Southern Utah, the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon and Washington and northern Mexico.

Future meetings are being planned for the Siskiyou Mountains in 2011 and the Big Horns of Wyoming during 2012.

## Seed exchange

Our Penstemon seed exchange is very popular with our members. Species, cultivars and some hybrid seed are gathered by our members from the wild or their gardens and submitted annually in the fall to the Seed Exchange Director. We usually have over one hundred species available for members each year.

Seed donors receive one packet of seed for each contribution and the rest are sold at \$0.50 per packet. Since penstemon seed remains viable for many years we have a large backlog of species seed and most of our members usually receive the ones of most interest.

## Website

Our website provides comprehensive technical information on how to find, identify, propagate and grow the many species of penstemon.

One section is dedicated to propagating various species of penstemons in our gardens. This includes seed, cuttings, and other propagation techniques, sowing media, cold stratification methods, timing and many other factors which are important in propagating penstemons.

Another section gives detailed information and experience in cultivating different species - what will grow where and how to do it. Our members have been growing and reporting on their experiences in this area for over sixty years and much of this information is summarized and available in this section.

A third section of the website includes detailed information on how to identify the different species including individual pages for each species featuring photos, line drawings, and specific information and characteristics to facilitate identification.

Another section is dedicated to listing the location of individual species and detailed directions for finding them - including in many cases GPS coordinates - to enable our members to locate and enjoy the different species in the wild.

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