

July 22, 2011



Greetings,

With abundant spring rains the Pacific Rim Institute (PRI) prairie is lush with growth, and one flower's success has caused particular excitement. Here at PRI we have been working to cultivate a population of Golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*) on the prairie. Golden paintbrush is considered a "threatened" species federally and "endangered" in Washington State (see insert). Last month, we held our annual count of the plants, and the total exceeded 1,400 individuals. This increase has been due not only to good growing conditions, but to your investment in this and other Creation stewardship projects at PRI.

It is an honor for us to be engaged in this fruitful work, and we are committed to pursuing this and other land-healing projects in the future. With support from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service we are currently developing a land management plan to guide our efforts. But pursuing the plan will require ongoing participation of a variety of players, including the students who study and intern with us. Dave and Karen, you have supported our efforts in the past, and we greatly appreciate your generosity. At this time of year when so much of our stewardship work occurs, would you consider an additional gift to support these efforts?

Your gift can sponsor our work at many levels:

\$25 can support interns and volunteers in gathering and planting Golden paintbrush.

\$50 can support collection of seeds from more than 15 species that go into our prairie restoration.

\$100 can enable the work of our summer restoration interns.

\$250 can sponsor the work of our Land Steward, Seth Luginbill.

Through the month of August, we would like to thank those giving donations of \$50 or more with a collection of greeting cards that highlight the plants of our prairie.

We look forward to putting your investment to work restoring this marvelous place and, through that, shaping future leaders.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert K. Pelant".

Robert K. Pelant, DVM
Chief Executive Officer

