

## *Preface for Volume 7*

Since the publication of *Flora of North America* volume 8 (the fifteenth volume to have been published in the *Flora* series) during the latter half of 2009, the membership of the Flora of North America Association Board of Directors has undergone changes. Marshall R. Crosby, Claudio Delgadillo M., Aaron I. Liston, J. Scott Peterson, Lloyd R. Stark, and Frederick H. Utech have retired from the board. New board members include: David E. Giblin, Timothy K. Lowrey, Terry T. McIntosh (Taxon Editor), Robert F. C. Naczi, Janet R. Sullivan (Taxon Editor), David H. Wagner (Taxon Editor), and Alan T. Whittimore (Taxon Editor). The Board succeeded the former Editorial Committee as the result of a reorganization finalized in 2003, but for the sake of continuity of citation, authorship of *Flora* volumes is still to be cited as “Flora of North America Editorial Committee, eds.”

The vast majority of editorial processing for this volume of the *Flora* was undertaken at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis where occurrence maps were also prepared based on taxon distribution statements found in the treatments. Pre-press production for the volume, including typesetting and layout, plus coordination for all aspects of planning, executing, and scanning the illustrations, was done at the St. Louis center. Art panel composition and labeling was completed in Gaston, Oregon.

Line drawings published in this volume were executed by four talented artists: Barbara Alongi prepared illustrations for various Brassicaceae (*Anelsonia*, *Armoracia*, *Aubrieta*, *Draba*, *Iodanthus*, *Isatis*, *Lepidium*, *Microthlaspi*, *Myagrum*, *Nevada*, *Rorippa*, *Synthlipsis*, and most taxa of *Boechea* – except those listed below that were prepared by Wilson-Ramsey), Limnanthaceae, Moringaceae, Resedaceae, and Tropaeolaceae; Linny Heagy prepared illustrations for Caricaceae; John Myers illustrated Salicaceae plus he composed and labeled all of the line drawings in this volume and prepared the color frontispiece depicting *Salix ovalifolia*; and, Yevonn Wilson-Ramsey prepared illustrations for Bataceae, most Brassicaceae (including *Boechea evadens*, *B. lemmonii*, *B. nevadensis*, *B. rollei*, *B. rollinsiorum*, *B. schistacea*, *B. serpenticola*, *B. shevockii*, *B. shockleyi*, *B. sparsiflora*, and *B. villosa*), Capparaceae, Cleomaceae, and Koerberliniaceae.

Starting with volume 8 published in 2009, users will find that the circumscription and ordering of some families within the *Flora* have been modified so they mostly reflect that of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group [APG] rather than the previously followed Cronquist organizational structure. The groups of families found in this and other yet-to-be published volumes in the series are mostly ordered following E. Haston et al. (2007); since APG views of relationships and circumscriptions have evolved, and will certainly change further through time, some discrepancies in organization will occur. Volume 30 of the *Flora of North America* will contain an overall index to the published volumes.

The Flora of North America Association remains deeply grateful to the many people who continue to help create, encourage, and sustain the *Flora*.