

# How I Live with Reed Canary Grass and Keep it from Ruining My Life

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In 2007 I started restoring about 600 linear feet of a typical Palouse seasonal creek on my small property east of Moscow. When I started, there was a wetland with only one plant - reed canarygrass. My goal was to establish and encourage a native wetland community. Now, 15 years later, I do have a thriving wetland. I still have reed canarygrass, but only a fraction of what I had when I started. At this talk, I will share some of the techniques I used that worked, and those that didn't, a few pitfalls and unexpected consequences, and lead a discussion about what else we all might do to keep the monster at bay.

Susan Firor has spent most of her career restoring streams and wetlands in the western US. She is trained and licensed as an environmental engineer and has a passion for native plants. She was a founding partner of Alta Science & Engineering in Moscow. She has recently retired to spend more time enjoying the flowers but can still be found helping out on various restoration efforts.

**7:30 pm PDT, Thursday September 1, 2022**  
**Join us in the Lecompte Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the**  
**1912 Center in Moscow, Idaho**  
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