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Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society, Inc. / Sandpoint, Idaho

Program Schedule

Presentations sponsored by
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society and Sandpoint Parks and
Recreation
Community Hall, First Ave, Sandpoint (across from County
Courthouse)

January Program

Saturday, January 22 9:45 a.m.

Chris Schnepf, University of Idaho Extension
Office in Coeur D'Alene, is presenting *The
Master Forest Stewards Program*.

February Program

Saturday, February 26 9:45 a.m.

Kathy Cousins – IDFG Biologist on *Pack River
Delta and Clark Fork Delta Restoration
Projects*. Derek, her former supervisor, will also
do a short presentation about a newly formed
Masters Naturalist program.

Announcements

NATIVE PLANT SALE

The 2011 KNPS/PSNI Native plant sale will be held
May 7th (the day before Mother's Day), 9 am to
noon Saturday, May 7, at the Panhandle Special
Needs Building, 1424 N. Boyer Ave, Sandpoint. All
proceeds benefit KNPS and Panhandle Special
Needs.

WINE TASTING

The 2011 ALBI wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres
munching will be in **late June**, TBA.

Committee Reports

Arboretum Committee

Since the arboretum committee consists of folks who
work at the arboretum from April to October, we
take a break during the winter. In February we start
planning our project for the coming season. We
started work on a color garden in 2010 by tilling up
the area and getting rid of the weeds. This year's
project will be to actually plant it. Our first meeting
in February will be creating a plant list and ordering
plants. Lay out details and finding someone who
would like to take charge of the area will follow.
Anyone interested in growing native plants is
welcome to come and join us. The only requirement
is a desire to learn about native plants in the
landscape. Anyone interested in joining our
dedicated group can contact the Arboretum Manager
at 263-2175. It is a fun and rewarding way to make a
public area more attractive.

Conservation Committee

Your Kinnikinnick Conservation Committee had a
great year! From tramping hillsides monitoring a
sensitive orchid population to examining the
intricacies of planned local federal land exchanges,
timber cuts in Sandpoint's watershed, weed control
on Bonner County Roads and the care of a public
urban wetland, it has been fun and productive.
2011 starts with interesting issues – some of the
same listed above – and an active and welcoming
group. Meetings are 6:30pm the second Tuesday of
the month. The place may vary: either 401 Euclid
Ave. or 412 Willow Drive – each in Sandpoint. How
will you learn? Call Molly at 255-7336 to be added
to the agenda list.

Molly O'Reilly & Jim DuBuisson, Co-chairs



Past Programs / Activities

November 27 “Results of Summer Botanical Surveys and Monitoring” by Jennifer Costich-Thomson, botanist, Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Garden photo shows USFS Building’s Demonstration Garden. (Photos by Marilyn George)



December 11 Annual Holiday Potluck at Gretchen Heller’s (Thanks, Gretchen!) (Photos by Wendy Aeschliman)





Message from the President

Don Childress

The New Year is upon us and the KNPS is starting the year with some new volunteers on the Board of Directors. Rae Charlton, an active NPS member and a former Board member, was membership chairperson for four years. Rae moved to Sandpoint from Seattle in 2002, where she worked as a branch manager for the Seattle Public Library for 30 years. Shortly after moving to Sandpoint she was exploring the arboretum, met Lois Wythe and was motivated to join the NPS. She has been in charge of the interior rain forest section of the arboretum since then.

Mary Toland, a retired school teacher, moved to Sandpoint in 1999, and has been NPS member since 2004. Mary and her husband, Doug headed up the Arbor Day program for the NPS for several years until they did a 'sabbatical' in Moscow, Russia, for two adventurous years. Mary also volunteers in the Arboretum.

Lorrie Stockwell has lived in the Sandpoint area for eight years and works in the NPS arboretum on a regular basis. Lorrie has a molecular biology degree and worked as an environmental trainer and field chemist before moving to Sandpoint. Lorrie is married to Mark Stockwell who works as an environmental consultant.

We welcome Rae, Mary and Lorrie to your Board of Directors and look forward to their participation.

We also have a new newsletter editor/coordinator, Gail Bolin. Gail left the travel industry to attend school and recently earned a Masters degree in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho. Gail lives in Sagle with her husband Jimmy. If any committee members, or members at large, have newsworthy items that would be of interest to the membership, please submit them to Gail so that she can include them in upcoming newsletters. Gail's email is: wgbolin@hotmail.com

On the flip side of gaining valuable new members to the Board, we are losing some members who have contributed enormously in their tenure. Ken Haag, who has set the accounting standard in his years as treasurer, had to leave the Board due to the term limits as stated in our by-laws of three consecutive terms of service on the Board. Fortunately, Bob Wilson has volunteered to take over the treasurer duties so we will continue to be in good fiscal hands, after the election of officers at the January board meeting. Joanna Fuchs who has done an exemplary job as newsletter editor has resigned to pursue new opportunities. Carol Jenkins, past president, valued Board contributor and mentor to the current president is leaving the Board but will continue to be an active KNPS member and prime mover of the Native Plant Landscape book that is to be published this year.

We sincerely thank them all for their valued contributions.

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(PLANTS OF THE MONTH) and EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION!



Treasurer's Report 2011 Budget

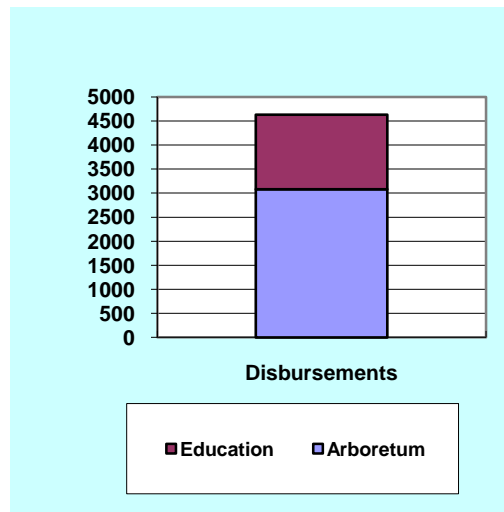
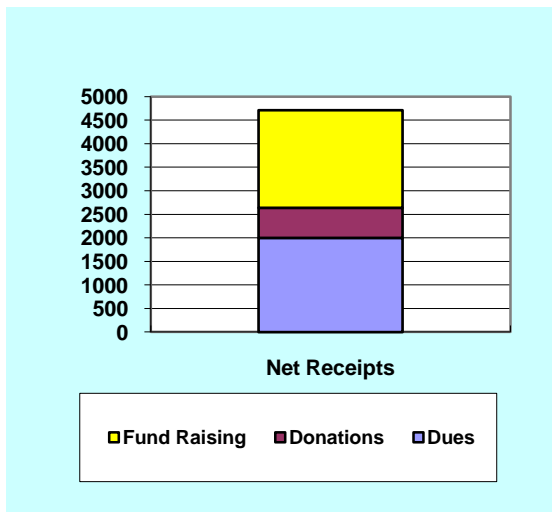
By Ken Haag

The Kinnikinnick Board adopted the 2011 budget at its December meeting. An overview of the budget is presented below. The Fund Raising activities shown in the Net Receipts chart include plant sale, bake sales, wine tasting, trellis sales, native plant art sales, calendar sales and note card sales. For clarity, the money we get to keep is shown as net receipts. Therefore, the actual budget number for Fund Raising Receipts is \$4775. Subtracting costs such as sales taxes, plant purchases, profit sharing and printing costs results in the \$2,075 figure shown in the graph.

The Disbursements chart shows those monies spent in support of our mission to “educate the youth and general public in the value of their native flora and its habitat”. The remaining budget disbursements are the previously mentioned fund raising expenses.

There are two other educational endeavors that do not have a net cost since they are covered by grants. These are the annual Arbor Day event in the Arboretum and the Native Plant Landscaping Book that will be published this spring and will be distributed to schools, the library, municipal and county government planning departments and other agencies that serve the public.

This budget reflects our best estimate of revenue flow in 2011 based on our past experience. Should there be a shortfall in receipts, it will be covered by a reserve fund from previous year’s operations.



As you can see, dues are our largest single source of income, so...

Renewal Reminder

If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership for 2011:

Patron \$100 Sustaining \$50 Household \$25 Individual \$20 Senior/Student \$15 Business \$50

If you're unsure of your status, check the envelope mailing label. The number in the upper right hand corner shows the year through which your dues are paid. This status is as of December 31, 2010. If you have paid dues since then, thank you. If not, we look forward to receiving your renewal.

Mail To: KNPS PO Box 1092 Sandpoint, ID 83864



The View from the Moist Montane

This season is already an astonishing lesson in contrast to last winter, and it isn't even official for another few days! At my elevation of 3200 feet in a known "snow belt", we only received a total of 48 inches last winter. Now, we are at 43 inches and it seems La Niña is in place to bring us more. The large old Red Osier Dogwood at the cabin's corner is a shelter for Chickadees and a lone Song Sparrow. From there they can easily snag black oiled sunflower seed from a little feeder while we lure the Gray and Steller's Jays away with suet.

Having just returned from a cross-country ski trip I can tell you that the forest isn't real colorful. The trees are standing with limbs



folded under thick mantles of snow

and there appears to be little else visible until I begin looking for lichens. They are the stars of the native plant world in winter. The Lungwort Tree Lichen "*Lobaria pulmonary*" (photo at left) is green and healthy over on its "Cottonwood Condo" where there are six large patches. It is said they aren't rare, but are

associated with "Old Growth", which in my book is pretty rare these days. I recently read in Orion magazine that in addition to being monitors for air quality around the planet, they are very important to the nitrogen content of the water and soil that lie beneath them. The limbs and boles of the trees are covered with multiple lichens including, Common Witches Hair (photo at right) "*Alectoria sarmentosa*" Ragbag "*Platismatia glauca*", Chartreuse Wolf Lichen "*Letharia vulpine*" and many that I cannot yet name. Learning their names and painting them could keep me busy until spring!

Marilyn McIntyre
December 18, 2010





Member Profile:

Say Hello to Marilyn George

Article and Photo by Joanna Fuchs



The newsletter you are holding was printed by Marilyn George, who also provides many of the engaging photos of KNPS meetings and events that you see in each issue. Marilyn's beautiful nature photography graces note cards, bookmarks, "Grow Native" buttons and the annual KNPS calendar, all of which help raise funds for KNPS. She also provides photos for the Scotchman's Peak newsletter. "I learned photography in Girl Scouts," she says. She is now working her magic on photos for the native landscaping book in progress, to be available sometime in 2011. Marilyn also did some wood crafting in connection with photography, building bookends into which photos could be slipped, and lamps that would accommodate transparencies to show off the photograph.

Marilyn attended the first meeting, before KNPS was a formal organization, and served as Treasurer early on. "I'm not a gardener," she says, "although I've always enjoyed nature. In my grandfather's garden in New Jersey I was told to stay out, so I never learned to garden when I had the time and interest." She enjoys KNPS because "I like to learn and I've learned many fascinating facts about plants and their role in our ecosystem", she says, and she feels it's important to educate the public about preserving the earth.

Marilyn was born and raised in New Jersey. After attending the University of Colorado at Boulder for a year, she took a year off to think about what she wanted to pursue in college while working as a keypunch operator for the railroad in Chicago. She then transferred to Oregon State University in Corvallis to pursue a General Science degree. There she worked in the Agricultural Chemistry lab as a lab tech and then the Chemical Oceanography department. "I got tired of analyzing seawater," she says, so she accepted a job as a teaching aid to students in the lab class.

She found she really liked teaching, so she changed her major to education and got her teaching certificate, then taught math and science to junior high students, spending one year teaching in Albuquerque, N.M., and several years in McFarland and the Evansville area of Wisconsin, where she met Arlis Harvey, also a KNPS member. Both attended the University of Wyoming for two summers on National Science Foundation grants for math teachers. While they were there, they back-packed, fished and camped in the mountains every weekend. It occurred to them that if they pooled their resources they could buy land and build a home. They found what they wanted in the forested mountains of Idaho the following year. "I love nature and the wilderness," Marilyn says. She hikes with the Monday hikers, and likes to kayak. Although she doesn't do much downhill skiing now, she likes to cross-country ski and snowshoe.

Marilyn serves as treasurer of the Youth Accountability Board, which helps first-time offenders under 18. The Board gives them a contract which includes community service, an apology and essay to write, and restitution is collected for the victim, if appropriate. If they comply, they have no court record.

She has a cat, Kilo and a dog, Cassie. Marilyn likes to read fiction, especially mysteries—a favorite author is Jody Picoult—and nonfiction about animals and nature. She likes classical music, her favorite being Dvorak's Ninth "New World" Symphony. Marilyn enjoys classic movies, such as *Beaches* and *On Golden Pond*, and likes nature programs on TV. She knits and does cross stitch and likes to do Sudoku puzzles "when I have the time." She has four computers! One is a Net Book for traveling, which allows her to check her e-mail and download her pictures.

Marilyn has traveled, favoring cold weather trips on small cruise ships, including an adventure in Greenland and the Arctic Circle. Icebound, the ship she was on had to disgorge its passengers and luggage on two small planes that landed on Baffin Island on a dirt air strip. She also cruised to Cape Horn and up the coast of Chile. She traveled the coast of Norway from Bergen to Svalbard, and her dream vacation would be to visit Iceland.