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Upcoming Programs

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

All meetings begin at **9:45** and are held at the Community Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, Nov 24

Camile McKittrick, Special Collection Management,
East Bonner County Library
"Sandpoint Seed Library"

Saturday, Dec 15

Holiday Potluck at Gretchen Hellar's *11am-1pm*

Saturday, Jan 28 (tentative)

Eric Grace, Executive Director of the
Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy
*"Preserving Native Habitats through
Private Land Conservation Easements"*

Saturday, Feb 25 (tentative)

Phil Hough, Executive Director of the
Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness
*"An Update on Wilderness Opportunities for
the Scotchman Peaks"*

Committee Reports

Arboretum News

It was a busy summer for the Arboretum Committee. They put in over 400 hours pulling weeds, planting and watering new plantings. Theresa Reese, our paid coordinator, put in almost as many hours.

We replaced the Kinnikinnick that died out a couple of years ago near the main entrance. The Aspen Grove has been planted with Indian Blanket flower and Blue Flax to go with the asters that have volunteered there. The blues and oranges should be quite showy in seasons to come. Birch-Leaf Spiraea has been added to the wall and near the two little stone benches at the east end of the Arboretum. An American Highbush Cranberry has been planted in the Dry Rock area near the Caboose. We have two or three sumac coming up in the area as well. Other things have been transplanted from one area to another. The dandelions were very robust this year!

The Color Garden made a pretty good showing this season with a succession of blooms. The Mountain Hollyhock was one of the early bloomers. Later came the Geranium and Wild Bergamot. There are other things that are growing nicely, but did not bloom this year.

Ken Haag installed a drip watering system in the wall. It saves time and waters plants more efficiently, so next year we will put one in the Interior Rain Forest Habitat. He also repaired the picket fence next to the cabin.

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Above: Sylvia Chatburn (in red) and Rae Charlton
Photo: Marilyn George



Arboretum, Continued from Pg 1

On October 7, 10 people were on hand to make sure all the new plants would be going into winter with their roots moist. We raked paths, trimmed roses and other over grown plants and cut back some of the perennials. The water lines were all blown out to prevent freezing. We finished up with a wonderful potluck lunch and socializing. The gardeners will take a rest until after the first of the year when we start our planning for the next season.

I would like to thank the following people for keeping the arboretum looking good all summer: Theresa Reese, our coordinator, and the following volunteers: Mary Jo Haag, Ken Haag, Jackie Earle, Connie Clark, Lorrie Stockwell, Joyce Pence, Konrad Dahlstrom, Bill Lamson, Bruce Vogelsinger, Rae Charlton, Linda Kirchmann, Sabra Wright, and Mary Toland.

Sylvia Chatburn, Arboretum Manager

Below: L to R Joyce Pence, Bill Lamson, Rae Charlton
Photo: Marilyn George



Conservation Committee

At a recent lunch-time gathering, Conservation Committee members and other interested folks from KNPS were briefed by Shannon Williamson, executive director of the Lake Pend Oreille

Waterkeepers. That organization established baseline water quality measurements in a number of locations last summer that will enable them to follow quality changes in coming years. They also are working to obtain permission to study local weevils as a control for Eurasian Milfoil. That invasive weed is now established and part of the lake's future. Their goal is to integrate manual and biological controls in a manner which will minimize chemical use. The health of Lake Pend Oreille is important for aquatic and riparian native plant communities.

The Committee plans to meet again early in 2013 when the new forest plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest is released. Watch for an email invitation and join us for a stimulating discussion.

Molly O'Reilly, Chair

Past Programs

Sept 22 Chris Dixon, UI Environmental Science Professor, *"Restoring a Constructed Wetland, What's That About?"*



Chris covered the creation of the "Stateline Wetlands" in Moscow, Idaho 15 years ago and the efforts over the past 5 years to create a wildlife park/environmental education site, on 8 acres, using native plantings, and trying to manage invasive species without herbicides. Only volunteers work on the site and 95% of them are young people. Chris focused on involving young women on leadership projects 10 years ago and recently she has included young men in this project. Three students, Molly Orr, Jessie Giguere and Sebastian Busby assisted Chris in the presentation.

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President's Message

Gail Bolin

Fall, it's one of my favorite times of the year. I love watching the foliage change color, and I take comfort in knowing that the plants are getting ready for winter. Winter is also a good time to take time to pause and reflect on our accomplishments and to consider projects for next year - spring will be here before we know it.

One project on the agenda for next year is Hickory Street Park. The City of Sandpoint was planning to do away with the flower beds and replace them with grass. However, thanks to KNPS member Michael Reitz, those beds are now going to be planted with natives! The Lake Pend Oreille High School plant science students and their instructor Jan Wasserburger will help with the

planting and maintenance during the school year while Michael has volunteered to take care of the beds during the summer.

Elections for board members will take place at the next general meeting on November 24. Nominees are Bob Wilson, Rae Charlton, Lorrie Stockwell and Becky Mills.

Photo by Jill Wilson



Native Plants are in the Ground at the Panhandle Animal Shelter!

John Hastings, Sandpoint High School horticulture teacher and his students preparing to plant.



Photos by Gail Bolin



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Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant

Janice DeBaun

November 30 is the deadline for all applications for the Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant. The annual grant provides funding of \$200 to assist in the promotion and appreciation of native plants. It honors our founder Lois Wythe. Criteria for selection of the winning applicant include originality, potential effectiveness of the project and a carefully thought-out budget. Classes, organizations and individuals are encouraged to apply. The application form is on our website and also has been distributed to Bonner County schools and interested community groups. Please spread the word to anyone or group you know who shares our interest in native plants. Any questions can be directed to Janice DeBaun at 263-8970.

In prior years funding has provided a scholarship for the Master Gardener class, tuition assistance to attend a seed saving course and support for a small landscaping project at the Panhandle Animal Shelter.

Landscape Book Update

Carol Jenkins

It has been a year since KNPS published Landscaping with Native Plants in the Idaho Panhandle. We printed and sold/donated 479 copies of the first edition. In June we printed 500 copies of the second edition and at the end of October have sold 141 for a total of 620 books in distribution. We have outlets in Spokane and Moscow as well as Coeur d'Alene, Bonners Ferry, Ponderay and Sandpoint. These 14 outlets include two garden centers, two Farmer's Markets, four gift shops, and six bookstores.

KNPS Investments

Bob Wilson, Treasurer

Thanks to several generous donations, the KNPS established two investment accounts with the Vanguard Group this year which are intended to serve as a reserve for future needs. One account is our Memorial Fund and is dedicated specifically for the needs of the Native Plant Arboretum. It is funded by donations from Arlis Harvey and the many people that donated in her name after her passing; and those that contributed in the memory of Lois Wythe as well. A second account was opened using surplus budget monies we had on hand. This General Fund is intended for any use the KNPS Board sees fit. Presently, both accounts will reinvest all proceeds and not be used to supplement any existing projects. It is our intention to allow these funds to grow to help ensure our organization has the financial resources it needs for the future. If anyone is interested in making an additional contribution to either of these funds, please contact me.

Kudos to Bake Sale Volunteers

Gail Bolin

Thanks to Vicky Johnson, Mary Toland, Konrad Dahlstrom, Nancy Rodgers, Joyce Pence, Pam Irvin, Jackie Earle, and Mary Jo Haag who volunteered for the KNPS bake sale at the Sandpoint Farmer's Market in September – thank you all!



L to R; Nancy Rodgers, Joyce Pence, Konrad Dahlstrom, Jackie Earle, and Vicky Johnson



A Small Voice from the Very Moist Montane

Story and Artwork by Marilyn McIntyre



A long, slow, wet walk in the relatively warm, rain-drenched forest seems to parallel the progress of fall this year. As I walk, the word that keeps popping up is *gratitude*. Now I could make a very long list of all the things that I am grateful for, but right on top is the fact that I am surrounded by incredible beauty that supports me in my bald faced love for *Wild Nature*.

Yesterday I found another plant that I have missed seeing for 30 years, right out back. Surrounded by taller huckleberries that have long ago lost their leaves, two small, low patches of Dwarf huckleberry (*Vaccinium caespitosum*) stood right out because of their small bright green, gold and purple leaves still clinging to red stems. They will now join my list of late discoveries that includes Black Hawthorn, Pacific Yew, Cascara and Large-Leafed Rein Orchid.

An old rhyme my father used to tell me seems pretty appropriate these days, for us and the native plants:
"Whether the weather be fine or whether the weather be not, whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot, whatever the weather we'll weather the weather whether we like it or not."

Past Programs

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Oct 27 Liz Johnson-Gebhardt, Executive Director of the Priest Community Forest Connection, "*The Priest Community Forest Connection: Past Present and Future.*"

Liz provided a short history of the Priest Community Forest Connection (PCFC), which began as a collaborative group working on the Lakeface Lamb Stewardship Project near Priest Lake. She reviewed 10 years of implementing restoration projects, of creating and executing land

and forest education programs and continuing partnerships with federal, state, local and private entities that support ecosystem, social and economic goals. PCFC achievements included implementing a "Best Value Contracting" procedure, completing a landfill renovation and initiating educational programs including a popular 6th grade Expo Day and a High School Forestry and Ecology class.





2013 Kinnikinnick Calendar

The 2013 KNPS Calendars are here. Again, they are available in the two sizes at the same price as last year. The large 8.5" x 11" sells for \$8 for the first one and \$7 for each additional calendar. The small 4.5" x 5.5" magnetic calendar is \$5. Please place your order ahead of the November 24th meeting so that they will be ready for pick up at that meeting, the December holiday gathering or at an arranged time and place. You can order by calling Marilyn George at 263-9470 (leave message with Magic Jack if I'm not available), or email to gehar@air-pipe.com. Payment is due when you pick up your order.



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If you wish to have them sent, add to your bill a S&H fee of \$2 for the first calendar and \$1 for each additional calendar. Send your order and check (made out to KNPS) to Marilyn George, 916 Cohage Lane, Sandpoint, ID 83864.

Marilyn George

It's Time to Renew!

Memberships expire at the end of the year. Your continuing support helps make possible the development and maintenance of the Native Plant Arboretum, the Lois Wythe Scholarship, a booth at the county fair, and monthly programs at the Community Center. The KNPS continues to be a strong voice for plant conservation in the region. Please help us by supporting these many fine efforts.

Membership Categories

- **Patron** \$100
- **Sustaining** \$50
- **Sponsor (commercial)*** \$50
- **Household** \$25
- **Individual** \$25
- **Student** \$15
- **Senior** \$15

You can renew by mail by sending a check to PO Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864; or at any of the general meetings.