
Program Schedule

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

May Program

Saturday, May 24th, 2008 at 9:45 a.m.

“Plant-Climate Relationships: Bio-geographic, Ecological and Genetic Impacts of Global Warming.”

Jerry Rehfeldt, retired USFS employee, will emphasize the potential effects of global warming on native plants, primarily trees.

June Program

Saturday, June 27th, 2008 at 9:45 a.m.

“Honoring Lois Wythe”

Our program will be a variety of speakers honoring our Founding member Lois Wythe. The entire program will be dedicated to the community achievements of Lois.

Other Events

2008 INPS Annual Meeting - June 20-22, 2008: Sam Owen Campground at Hope, Idaho. See page 6 for a schedule of activities.

Chapter Board: meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 am in the Rude Girls Room at the Sandpoint library. Open to all members.

Arboretum Committee: For meeting times contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or by email Sylvia@televar.com.

Conservation Committee: Members are actively advocating for native plants and their habitats. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. Contact Molly O'Reilly at 255-7336.

Landscape Committee: Check out the activities listed on page 2. Contact Eileen Atkisson with any inquiries at 263-3835 or by email at eatkiss1@verizon.net.

These committees and their activities are open to all members.

2008 Field Trip Schedule

The chapter email list will be used for last minute changes. Be sure we have your updated email. If you would require a telephone call, please let me know. Put these trips on your calendars! We look forward to enjoying them with you.

Fri. May 16, 2008: Half a day at Mineral Point for a wildflower update led by botanist Richard Merkel. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/Travel America to leave at 1pm.

Sat. May 17, 2008: Rathdrum Mountain. Meet at Albertson's in Hayden at 9:30am to carpool, or meet in the parking lot in front of the IGA on Hwy 41/53 in Rathdrum at 10:00am. (sponsored by Cd'A Calypso Chapter).

Sat. May 24, 2008: Half day hike on the Pend Oreille Bay Trail (Hall property). Carpooling - meet at Bonner County Courthouse parking lot after the general meeting, approx. 12:30pm.

Sat. June 14, 2008: Half a day at Mineral Point for a wildflower update. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/Travel America to leave at 9am.

Sat. July 5, 2008: Hike the Mickinnick Trail and check out the native plant landscaping at the trailhead. Meet at trailhead parking lot at 9am.

Sun. July 20, 2008: Hike Gold Hill (from Sagle Rd). Carpooling - meet at Bonner County Courthouse parking lot at 1 pm.

Sat. July 26, 2008: Little Spar Lake with Peter Lesica, Montana botanist extraordinaire (sponsored by Friends of Scotchman Peaks & Montana groups).

Please join a carpool whenever possible, as many of our destinations have limited parking. Carpools will LEAVE at stated times; please be early. Of course we want everyone to enjoy the day so please dress for the weather and prepare for conditions. Be sure to bring water, snacks/lunch, and native plant field guides, etc. Please contact Molly O'Reilly with questions (255-7336).

Postal & Website Addresses for the

Kinnikinnick Chapter of the INPS

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www.nativeplantsociety.org

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, ARCHIVED
NEWSLETTERS, and EDUCATIONAL
INFORMATION!

Kinnikinnick Chapter gratefully receives this thoughtful gift:

Anonymous donation of \$400 to honor:

- Lois Wythe** - founder of our chapter
Phil Hough - researcher and voice of reason
Sylvia Chatburn - guiding the development of the arboretum
Phil and Michael Franklin - set the standard for our outstanding newsletter
Molly O'Reilly - led us to a successful conclusion of the dandelion war
Gerry Davis - her passion for the arboretum led to the bent wood furniture
Marilyn George - for her beautiful photography and significant fund raiser
Margie Gibson - dedicated weeder of non-natives

You can honor a special person with a gift to Kinnikinnick Chapter. Your gift will help us as we work to inspire our neighbors to love and protect our native plants. Call or write Molly at 255-7336; yachthalo@yahoo.com.

Committee Reports

The **Arboretum Committee** is happy to say the arboretum is finally free of snow! The trillium were in full bloom for Arbor Day. The kittentails and violets will be blooming soon. Everything is beginning to grow and there will always be something in bloom for the rest of the season. Stroll through often to see what is in bloom.

Eighteen gardeners and members were on hand to get things cleaned up for Arbor Day, on April 25. The moose did a good job of fertilizing the areas around the old cedars and pruning the young cedars. The gardeners will be on duty for the summer beginning May 5th. As the plants began to grow, plant labels will be put in place. This season we will label all the plants that are listed on the habitat signs. Rochelle Chatburn and Chris McIntosh will share the coordinator's position.

The **Conservation Committee** is planning a trip to Priest Lake State Forest to check out a proposed timber harvest. Activities abutting wet areas are of most interest to the committee as they are most likely to impact sensitive plant populations. The Priest Lake basin is a unique botanic area with coastal plants, those from Canadian forests and Rocky Mountain species. Anyone interested should contact Molly O'Reilly, chair at 255-7336.

The **Hospitality Committee** gives a quick but heartfelt thanks to Rae Charlton for bringing treats to the March meeting and to Konrad & Joyce, and Marilyn George for bringing treats to the April meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer for any month please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727 (email bkpkrinda@aol.com).

The **Landscape Committee** is ready to get started with summer projects. Weed production has been a major challenge this spring but we're optimistic about our schedule for working with weeds and planting more natives at both Mickinnick and Waterlife Discovery Center. Since Kinnikinnick has developed its comprehensive Bonner County Native Plant Landscaping List, we are enthusiastic about following its detailed guidelines and we want to showcase both Mickinnick and Discovery Center as great examples of native plant landscaping. Please join us in this endeavor by attending one or more of the following work days:

***Mickinnick Trailhead** on any or all of the following Wednesday mornings: June 4 & 18; July 2 & 16; August 6 & 20; September 3 & 17. We work only in the morning, starting at 9am, earlier when the days get hotter. The Master Gardeners will join us this year. In the past, they have worked the third Wednesdays and Kinnikinnick the first Wednesdays but we like to mix and match and do whatever works for you.

***Waterlife Discovery Center** on any or all of the following Thursday mornings: May 29; June 26; July 17. Other groups will join us on these days. Fish and Game will provide a barbecue lunch. Be sure to bring weeding and planting tools, drinks and snacks. We always have fun. RSVP and information: Eileen Atkisson, Chair; 263-3835 or eatkiss1@verizon.net



Spring Presentations



Photo by Marilyn George

Pat Munts, (photo at left) at our March presentation explored the wide variety of native plants which can be used in our landscaping. A slide show accompanied the academic information.

April's program on spring mushrooms was presented by Tim Gerlitz (photo at right) with information on the life cycle and cultural habits of the black Morel mushroom. He also talked about the Coral and Boletus as well as other lesser recognized types. Tim is a member of North Idaho Mycological Association and the Spokane Mycological Association and he encourages those interested in fungi to join a local club and learn more.



Photo by Marilyn George

Note Cards on Sale around Town

As always, our popular Native Plant Note Cards are available at the regular monthly meetings. If you are not able to attend a meeting or would like to obtain them between meetings, they are also sold at the following three locations:

- ❖ **Bonner County Historical Society Museum**, 611 S Ella (next to the Arboretum);
- ❖ **All Seasons Garden and Floral**, 31831 Highway 200; and
- ❖ **Pend Oreille Pasta**, 476534 Highway 95.

We thank the Historical Society and those businesses for their cooperation in providing these additional outlets.

"Bonner County Native Plants Recommended for Landscaping"

Check out this is amazing resource posted on the website at www.nativeplants.org !!

(Special recognition to the following members who made the dream of this useful, practical list of native plants for landscaping a reality: Sylvia Chatburn, Marian Fuller, Molly O'Reilly, Ken Haag, Joyce Pence, Eileen Atkisson, Marilyn George and Don Childress.)

Quote of the Month:

"Flowers are born every hour."

- John Muir in *John of the Mountains*

Trees Are Terrific...Inside And Out!

Arbor Day 2008 by Nancy Fontaine

(Photos by Marilyn George)



The Chapter's organization and coordination of our 10th annual Arbor Day celebration was a great success! Held in Lakeview Park and North Idaho Native Plant Arboretum, over 260 students from area schools as well as teachers and parents and the general public attended and the weather, although cool, cooperated throughout the day.

Our Chapter's tree docents shared knowledge and stories about our resident conifers, forest habitats, wild medicinal garden and the B.C. Jones cabin. Forestry demonstrations were provided by the Priest Lake and Sandpoint Ranger Districts with displays by Lake*A*Syst, Sandpoint Tree Committee and Climate Change Action Network. Fields Cobb (pictured below) discussed global warming and provided displays of the importance of trees in the health of our planet. Tree cookies were on hand to demonstrate how

trees grow. All student posters and poems were on display and enjoyed by everyone. The winner of our poster contest was Daniel Mire of Sagle School and the poetry winner was Katie St. Cyr. Each student will receive a \$25.00 US Savings Bond.

Approximately 1000 tree seedlings were distributed to

teachers and community members throughout the morning. Several seedlings were delivered to

Evergreen Assisted Living for a special Arbor Day activity.



After a short break for lunch, The Arbor Day ceremony began with a welcome message by Chapter President Carol Jenkins with Mayor Gretchen Hellar reading the "Arbor Day Proclamation" (both pictured at left). Bill Love from the Idaho Dept. of Lands presented the city of Sandpoint with a special "Tree City USA" banner. At the *(cont'd pg 5)*

(Cont'd from pg 4) end of our ceremonies, Bill Love asked us all to the dedication of a tree planted in the park in memory of Ray Delay. Mr. Delay was a dedicated member of our community including the Bonner County fair and the forestry competition held annually on his property.



Our heartfelt thanks for support and participation to John Hastings and his Advanced Forestry students, Mike Fortney and the Clifty View Nursery for the seedlings, Bonner County Daily Bee for seedling bags, Safeway for the twisty-ties, Mayor Gretchen Hellar, Vern and the Bonner County Historical Society/Museum staff, Fields Cobb, Luke Hixson and David Cobb of Priest Lake Ranger District, Kevin Davis of Sandpoint Ranger District, Bob Wilson of the Sandpoint Community Tree Committee, Bill Love of the Department of Lands, Gary Parker of Lake*A*Syst and Karen Lamb of Climate Change Action Network. As event coordinator, personal thanks to members, officers and board members of Kinnikinnick Chapter, INPS, Arboretum habitat gardeners and assistants, Arbor Day cleanup and setup crew, docents and helpers for their support and efforts in making this event such a success. It truly was a great celebration of Arbor Day; hopefully we have planted a few seeds

of appreciation and stewardship in the children for future of the wonderful trees that surround us!

Message from the President

Carol Jenkins

Well, except for the weather, this has been a lovely spring for our organization! Although snow flurries appeared for both the Arboretum clean-up workday and the very chilly Arbor Day, the celebration of trees was a success and the Arboretum looked great. I have heard many compliments about Arbor Day. We all extend our thanks to everyone involved, especially to Nancy Fontaine who did a magnificent job of planning and coordinating, and to all of our members who did whatever was needed to make it a great event!

Speaking of great events, Program Chairman Don Childress and Publicity Chairwoman Janice DeBaun have elevated attendance at our general meetings to all-time highs. This in turn has raised awareness and appreciation of native plants and has boosted our membership. Earth Day was fun and informative for everyone who attended. Our table was successful as an outreach and fundraiser. Don Childress presented a program on landscaping with native plants featuring his property and projects, and it was absolutely stunning!

And the good times roll! Our May program begins a community series cosponsored with ClimateCAN. June brings both the Idaho Native Plant Society annual meeting, hosted by our chapter this year at Sam Owen, and our general meeting, which will be our *ten year anniversary celebration!* Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss these opportunities for learning, sharing, and appreciating the contributions of the Kinnikinnick Chapter to our community and environment.

See you this summer! Help out at the Arboretum, at our landscaping projects and bake sales. Reward yourself with our relaxing field trips, to just get out and appreciate the plants with your friends.

2008 Membership

Individual \$25 per year; Household \$30 per year; Student/
Senior \$20 per year; Patron \$75*, Life \$1000* [Send](#)
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may affiliate with additional chapters of INPS.

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•Friday evening – June 20

7:00 pm: “*White Pine Restoration*” presented by Chris Schnepf from the University of Idaho Forestry Extension Office.

8:00 pm: An evening hike to the Sam Owen monument.

9:00 pm: Relax by the campfire, eat S’mores & listen to a short talk about Sam Owen.

•Saturday – June 21 We have three field trips to choose from:

7:30 – 11:30 am: “*Aquatic Plants of Pend Oreille*”- will be led by Thomas Woolf, Aquatic Plants Program Manager for Idaho Department of Agriculture. This is a half-day water excursion so bring waders or knee boots if you have them. If not, you can stay dry on the shoreline. (It will be presented twice.)

7:30 – 11:30 am: “*Native plants in the Lightning Creek Drainage*” will be led by Phil Hough and Sylvia Chatburn. This is a half-day trip to witness the record-breaking flood event of November 2006 in one of Idaho’s wettest drainages. There should be a wide variety of wildflowers along the way. (This will also be presented twice.)

8:30 am: Antelope Lake trip for wildflower viewing will be all day so plan to take a lunch to eat overlooking the lake. Hike leader to be determined.

12:00 – 1:00 pm.: Lunch at the campgrounds between the half-day trips.

1:00 – 5:00 pm.: “*Aquatic Plants of Pend Oreille*”- led by Thomas Woolf

1:00 – 5:00 pm.: “*Native Plants in the Lightning Creek Drainage*” led by Jim Dubuisson & Molly O’Reilly

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Dinner catered by The Squeeze in Clark Fork

7:00 – 7:30 pm: Annual Meeting

7:30 – 9:00 pm: “*Forest Service Response to Lightning Creek Flood Devastation*”, presented by Dick Kramer, Sandpoint District Ranger. There will be many good photos of the devastation.

•**Sunday - June 22 State Board Meeting** We have a private home lined up to handle the phone conferencing for those chapters who are not sending a representative.

•**Meals** You are on your own except for Saturday night when we will have a nice catered dinner provided by the Squeeze In. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. They are offering to provide: chicken and beef, grilled on site, salads, dessert, bread, iced tea and coffee. Please send your reservation for dinner, with a check, to Sylvia or Carol (see below) by June 7. We have to pay prior to the event.

Sam Owen Campground is a game refuge and is located 17 miles east of Sandpoint on Highway 200. Turn right onto Peninsula Road just past mile marker 48. Go 0.9 mile; turn left on Sam Owen Park Road. We have reserved the covered picnic area and 10 campsites for Friday night and Saturday night. Campsites are nestled under the conifers with plenty of space to pitch tents. Facilities include: water, toilets, dump station, covered picnic area, beach, boat launch, trailer spaces up to 36 feet, no hookups. Each campsite will accommodate up to 8 people, so everyone will have to share the space. There are places for tents, no hook-ups, and a small fee for extra cars. Please let Sylvia know, as soon as possible, if you are planning to camp in one of the sites. **Before May 16 and after June 7**, Sylvia can be reached by email at Sylvia@televar.com, snail mail: Sylvia Chatburn, 1787 E. Dufort Road, Sagle, ID 83860 or phone: 208-263-2175. **Between May 16 and June 7**, Chapter President, Carol Jenkins, can be reached at 208-265-9204 or E-mail irvorcarol@imbris.com