

ANNUAL REPORT – KINNIKINNICK NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
2016

It was a very good year, with two highlights to report...

We were invited by the Smithsonian Institution to provide a description of our Arboretum for their Community of Gardens website. It was their first story from Idaho, now part of their digital archive. Mary Jo Haag graciously stepped up to provide it. We are now part of a “quilt of gardens across the country”.

On Arbor Day, we dedicated Marilyn McIntyre’s stunning mural “Our Wondrous Watershed”, which is on the back of the Information kiosk near the cabin. The mayor and other dignitaries were on hand, we were blessed with sunshine, and Marilyn read a short dedication, which included “this small mural is dedicated to the children of our watershed, who stand to gain the most from the work we are doing to teach them and their parents about native plants and their importance to our ecosystem.” Before the event, Marilyn was interviewed by Ben Olson in *The Reader*, and he used her artwork for the mural for the cover of the June 2 edition. KNPS was SO proud...

Arboretum Report, submitted by Sylvia Chatburn

The gardeners did a fantastic job. We expanded the area between the wall and the bike path. Look for more color next year. Diane Green (Greentree Naturals) donated some grasses we were happy to add. We are thrilled with Marilyn’s beautiful mural.

Lois Wythe Grant Committee, submitted by Janice DeBaun

The committee unanimously decided to award the grant to the Forrest Bird Charter School. Their project will be directed by Bonnie Jakubos.

KNPS website, maintained by Dennis Rieger

There were over 60,000 visits, averaging 180 views per day. The home page is most popular, followed by the Landscape book, Calendar, and the Arboretum. The rotating photos on the home page are freshened regularly, and the website is functioning well.

Landscaping Committee, submitted by Dennis Rieger

There were four consultations. Two were established landscapes where owners wanted to enhance plantings. The other two were new homes where owners wanted ideas they could use to develop their landscapes with native plants. Thanks to the volunteers Nancy, Sylvia, Gail, Vicky, Eileen, Jill, Bob and Don for their knowledge and vision, which has made our landscaping consultations so successful.

Conservation Committee, submitted by Molly O'Reilly

The committee met only occasionally in 2016, but used meetings to encourage new KNPS attendees and collaborate with potential partners. The meeting with local staff of Idaho Conservation League was such a success. As a result, KNPS has a representative on the IPNF Forest Collaboration.

It was a year of local turmoil as opposition appeared to designating Scotchman Peaks as a Wilderness and other planning/green efforts met criticism. The Conservation Committee stayed positive, making clear its support for efforts and plans that protect native plants, their habitats and the national public lands that foster that protection.

Society support for the Native Plant Conservation Campaign meant that we signed on to the effort to add protections for threatened and endangered plants in the Endangered Species Act.

Treasurer's Report, submitted separately, completes the report

Annual Report by Rae Charlton, President