



# Kinnikinnick Journal

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

*Our November program will be presented live on Zoom and recorded for later viewing on the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society's YouTube Channel. When viewed live, there will be opportunities for Q&A. Members will be notified about how to register for the Zoom programs via email. Presentation will be preceded at 9:30 am by a coffee klatch and friendly conversation on Zoom.*

**Saturday November 20 at 10 am**

**Phil Hough**

**Executive Director, Friends of the  
Scotchman Peaks Wilderness**

**Scotchman Peaks Update**

The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness are committed to connecting the people of North Idaho and Northwest Montana with their wild backyard that straddles their common border. The Friends' mission is to make sure this rugged land is saved for our children and grandchildren. Join us to learn about what's going on, what's new, and why there are now more than 10,000 Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness.

Phil is one of the founding board members and the Executive Director of the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness. He is a founding board member of the Idaho Trails Association and now serves on their advisory board. He is a past president of the Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society. He is a former chair of the Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force. Phil is a member of the Idaho Panhandle Forest Collaborative and a member of the North Idaho Resources Advisory Council (RAC).

**Saturday December 4**

**11:00 to 1:00**

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Sandpoint Senior Center  
820 Main st, Sandpoint**

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Santa hat is optional. Social distancing encouraged. Masks are welcome. Contact Cindy Hayes if you have questions ([cmhayes63@gmail.com](mailto:cmhayes63@gmail.com)),

## Western RedCedar Decline

Summarized by Cindy Hayes

The KNPS guest speaker for October 2021 was Dr. Joey Hulbert, [Forest Health Watch](#) Program Director at Washington State University. Forest Health Watch is an initiative using a community science approach. The purpose of community science program is two-fold: to accelerate research and find solutions about forest health issues and to empower communities to care for the health of trees and forests so western redcedar remains on the landscape for future generations. He has a background in forest health and is available to answer questions about tree health issues. The program was live on Zoom and recorded for later viewing.

Western redcedar is a culturally, ecologically and economically important tree to western North America, but recent increases in dieback have raised concern about its vulnerability to hotter and dryer climates.

In the Northwest, western redcedar is considered a Tree of Life. The roots, bark, wood and boughs all are used (i.e., shelter, textiles, transportation). In the inland northwest western redcedar is an important rot resistant building material used for decking, canoes, shingles. As a water loving species it has a role in forest health by helping with soil stability, water filtration, improving air quality and shade for fish habitat.

There has been a gradual decline in western redcedar, grand fir and big leaf maple forest health over the last 10 years. Drone flyovers are documenting western redcedar dieback on edge of forests, middle of forests, urban infrastructures, even on well-watered golf greens. Particularly concerning is the medium and young treetop dieback and thinner foliage. Due to global warming trends in the Northwest, fungus disease and invasive beetles are getting a toehold when trees are stressed by hotter/ longer droughts.

The smartphone app iNaturalist is a popular tool for sharing pics of areas of healthy or dieback western redcedar trees (checkout the Research Projects link under [Foresthealth.org](http://Foresthealth.org) website for more information). When

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## President's Message

by Shawna Parry

Thank goodness for Zoom which has been the platform for the KNPS interesting monthly presentations, but we are truly hoping for face-to-face meetings in 2022. We want to get back into the swing of things! In the meantime, here's a list to show how members are still active & creative:

- The IPA fundraiser was fun & successful with \$548 now in our coffers.
- The Arboretum was "put to bed for the winter" with many helping hands.
- The new Arb cabin was built and used as the office & tool storage.
- A plant inventory of the Arb is being planned for Spring 2022.
- The Education Committee is moving forward with ideas for community engagement in 2022.
- A roof for the arbor, as recommended by Collin Beggs, the arbor craftsman, is in the planning stage.
- A Holiday gathering is planned for Saturday, Dec 4 beginning at 11:00 at the Sandpoint Senior Center.

More active & creative KNPS members are out there. The board is looking for people to fill these positions:

- Publicity - for monthly meetings & activities. Samples and where to send are included.
- Historian - saving articles about KNPS for posterity.
- Conservation Committee - the voice of KNPS members needs to be heard regarding multiple conservation concerns.
- Treasurer - Zumwalt Accounting Group actually does the work; the KNPS treasurer feeds them deposit/check amounts on a monthly basis and reports results to the board.
- Board Member - Cindy Hayes' board position ends June 30, 2022.

Contact any board member if you are willing to help. Thanks.

Shawna Parry



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## Lois Wythe Grant

Submitted by Judy Lyding

The Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant recognizes Lois Wythe as the founder of the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society and developer of the Native plant arboretum in Sandpoint. The Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant for 2021-2022 has been increased to \$500. The grant will be given to a group, class or individual to carry out a project in Bonner County designed to promote awareness and appreciation of our native plants.

Applications have been sent out to various local schools, organizations and agencies. In addition, this year we have sent out applications to appropriate University of Idaho faculty to distribute to their students as they see fit. Please go to [nativeplantsociety.org/lois-wythe-grant](https://nativeplantsociety.org/lois-wythe-grant) to view and download the Grant Application. The deadline for submission of the application is February 28, 2022.



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sharing pictures with Forest Health Watch, it is helpful to share GPS locations. Targeted “hot spot” areas of vulnerable trees, are further investigated to check on additional environmental/topographic predictors. Additional information added to the database could include: seasonal vs permanent stream, open field site vs urban, directional facing slope, temperature of water/soil, elevation, fungus, or invasive insect damage. If restoration is possible, the gathered data will help determine which seeds or conservation measures will adapt better to that locale.

Data on western redcedar is sparse for the northern panhandle of Idaho. If you are interested in finding out more about the Forest Health Watch program and how you can help, contact foresthealth.org , or Joey Hulbert at [hulbe@wsu.edu](mailto:hulbe@wsu.edu) .

For youtube of October Zoom presentation go to website nativeplantsociety.org and click on Resources-> Archives-> Zoom



## IPA “Digs In” to support KNPS Arboretum

Submitted by Cindy Hayes

It was a full house on October 27 for the final day of the KNPS Fundraiser, sponsored by Idaho Pour Authority. The trio Bright Moments Band entertained while Jan Geren, Sherry Ennis and Cindy Hayes mingled among the crowd for last minute raffle ticket sales. The final tally for the raffle and donations totaled \$548.

For seven days in October, Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society was the recipient of Idaho Pour Authority's monthly community fundraiser. A big thank you to Jeannie and Ben Higgs and Bale Breaker Brewing who donated money from their tap takeover.

Congratulations to the raffle basket winners: Dean Holt, Lorel Boas and Rae Charlton. It was a fun night and a successful public outreach to spread the word about the Arboretum.



## Arboretum News

by Ann Torpie, Arboretum Leadership Team\*

Success on many fronts was the rule for the summer of 2021 at KNPS's Arboretum in Lakeview Park. As you may know, there were many folks involved with our new cabin's design & construction and it came in under budget. A handful of stalwart volunteers worked the grounds on a regular basis, so here's a special shout of gratitude to Mary Toland, Cindy Hayes, Sue Gervais, Shawna Parry, Margaret Petersen, and newcomers Sarah Schaffer and Kendal Adams. We were pleased to see a solid turnout for both Spring & Fall Clean Ups. Thank you Board and KNPS members! Judy Lyding organized another successful annual Tree Tour for 3rd graders in in late May, and our annual potluck resumed on a most beautiful evening in late August.

Before we could move into the cabin (which is what we call it, differentiating it from the former LOG cabin) in August, Cara, our hard-working, friendly, knowledgeable and dedicated Arboretum Coordinator and her dad, Craig, replaced or repaired a significant part of the sprinkler system, and not too soon given the exceedingly dry conditions. Cara's mom, Donna, worked many, many hours weeding and tending, especially in the rock wall adjacent to the chain link fence along our southern border, and it looks totally refreshed.

The ALT\* is so very grateful for each and every one of you!

We meet regularly (albeit haphazardly) year-round to keep projects moving, shift priorities based upon their complexity, feasibility and our energy, and create new ones, too. One existing project is creating a new plaque honoring Lois Wythe to post on our large kiosk in front of the log cabin. We expect to have that completed and installed early next season. One new project involves locating and identifying all the plants that are supposed to be in our arboretum, based on the list in our brochure AND updating either that list or the plants, based on each habitat's evolution. Plants grow. Sunlight patterns change. Some plants have thrived and some are either hidden or lost. We need your help on this and will put together a project framework to make identifying our plant inventory fun, easy and satisfying, starting in spring 2022. We anticipate soliciting our members — YOU — to come forward and serve either as a mentor or a mentee in a given habitat. It's about a 10-hour (total) commitment and NO digging, no getting dirty, no weeding. Stay tuned for details as we hammer them out over the winter!



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## KNPS Holiday Party



This year's celebration will be held at Sandpoint Senior Center (820 Main, Sdpt) on December 4, 2021 from 11:00 -1:00. Bring a potluck dish to share. Santa hat is optional, social distancing will be encouraged and masks are welcome while mingling. Contact Cindy Hayes if you have questions ([cmhayes63@gmail.com](mailto:cmhayes63@gmail.com))

## **Board of Directors 2021-22**

Shawna Parry, President  
Preston Andrews, Vice President  
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Shawna Parry, Treasurer  
Cindy Hayes, Event Chair  
Robin Campbell, Membership Chair  
Sherry Ennis, Board Member  
Mark Stockwell, Board Member  
Rae Charlton, Arboretum

### **Additional Committee Chairs and Positions**

Sue Gervais, Rae Charlton, Cara Johnson,  
Ann Torpie, Mary Jo Haag, Arboretum  
Dennis Rieger, Landscape  
Susan Bates-Harbeck, Conservation  
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Preston Andrews, Programs  
Dennis Rieger, Website Administrator, Listserve

## **Upcoming Events:**

November 20: KNPS Program (see page 1)

December 4: KNPS Holiday Party (see pages 1 and 4)



### **Join KNPS for 2021-22**

## **Membership Rates**

July 1st through June 30th

___ Individual	\$25.00
___ Household**	\$30.00
___ Student/Senior (65+)	\$20.00
___ Sustaining**	\$50.00
___ Patron**	\$100.00
___ Sponsor	\$50.00

*\*\*These memberships are entitled to two votes  
KNPS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

### **Membership Information**

(make check payable to Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society or KNPS)

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