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Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society / Sandpoint, Idaho

Program Schedule

January Program

Saturday, January 27, 2007 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)

First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint

"Community Food Systems"

Diane Green, of Greentree Naturals

A stellar start for our 2007 Program Series, Diane will be discussing "Community Food Systems." Following a relevant analysis of the food systems concept, she will focus on the implications food systems have on the way we eat. How can our diets help achieve sustainable local community-based food systems? There is growing recognition that the food choices we make everyday can have important impacts on our food system. Diane's farm, Greentree Naturals, has been certified organic since 1992 and gardening organically for over three decades. For ten years she has been teaching the organic gardening classes for the UI Master Gardening program and she also teaches an organic workshop series at the farm with student apprentices from all over the U.S. who come to learn about organic production. Diane serves on the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture Organic Foods Advisory Council and is an advisor for the UI College of Agriculture representing small acreage farmers for the State of Idaho. Diane is a favorite of our chapter, and we are excited to have her speak with us.

February Program

Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)

First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint

"Plants, Fire, and Climate Change" will pack the Community Hall in February. **Sam Cushman, research landscape ecologist, Rocky Mountain Research Station,** wowed the audience at the October, 2006 Wild Idaho North conference sponsored by ICL. His information on ecosystems and climate change was so powerful we knew we needed him to speak to our membership. After receiving his BS in ecology from Evergreen State College, he went on to conduct research in the Russian Far East on forest fire and logging as

drivers of landscape change, receiving his MS from Western Washington University. He earned his PhD at the University of Massachusetts by researching relationships between wildlife populations and habitat at multiple spatial scales. Since 2003 he has been working for the US Forest service on a variety of topics including climate change, forest ecosystem dynamics, wildlife habitat, population monitoring and adaptive management.

Activities

23rd Annual Rare Plant

Conference, February 13-14, 2007:

Registration materials and information will be posted at www.idahonativeplants.org. Information will also be included with your new edition of Sage Notes and a post card announcement. The deadline to register is January 31st. If you have any questions contact Gillian Crymes, Organizing Committee Chairperson, at (208)345-0283 or gillmatt@msn.com. Group discussion of species on the INPS rare plant list remains at the heart of the conference.

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

Conservation Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at Molly O'Reilly's house, 410 S. Euclid Ave, Sandpoint. For more information contact Carol Jenkins at 265-9204.

Landscape Committee: Keep a watch out for activities to resume in April. Contact Eileen Atkisson with any inquiries at 263-3835.

These committees and their activities are open to all members.

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Committee Reports

Arboretum Report

After eight seasons the arboretum is really taking shape with the tender loving care of our wonderful team of volunteer gardeners. There were fifteen of them this year. All of the foundation plants are doing very well. Our focus again this year was to get more of the low growing flowering plants established. The ones that we planted in past years bloomed well to add a lot of color and interest. Our one and only mature lodgepole pine had to be cut down this year. It had reached the end of its life span. We planted two young lodgepole pines several years ago as part of the Arbor Day Ceremony so the species is still represented. This year we planted three black cottonwood trees, a species that was missing. Unfortunately vandals cut down five of our young trees on the east end (two young birch – one of which is trying to come back, two larch which will have to be replaced, and one mountain ash, which will come back).

Our paid coordinator, Rochelle Chatburn, did a fantastic job of keeping everything running smoothly, greeting visitors, pulling weeds and pruning along the gravel paths and assisting the gardeners with extra watering during the week. She was a hard worker, always on time, cheerful and friendly. She was a real asset to the operation of the arboretum this past season

All of the gardeners take pride in watching things grow and knowing that they are the reason why. It is such a thrill to have visitors stop and tell us how much they enjoy walking through the area. The museum appreciates the arboretum for giving visitors something to enjoy while they wait for the doors to open.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas we would love to hear them. Please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or email Sylvia@televar.com.

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to thank Jackie Earle and Nancy Rodgers for starting the New Year by signing up to bring treats January and February, respectively. THANKS! If anyone is interested in bringing something to one of our monthly member meetings, please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727.

The **Education Committee** is looking for ideas to add more hands-on activities to the Arbor Day celebration coming April 27th, 2007. If you would like to volunteer or sign-up to help, it is not too early to call Mary or Doug Toland at 265-2674, or drop them an email at dmtoland@televar.com.

Fall Presentations

November's Program

Our thanks to Dr. Nancy Gilliam, Co-director of the Model Forest Policy Program, for her presentation on private property forestry practices. The recently released film, "*Landowner's Guide to Sustainable Forestry*," stimulated questions and discussion. Nancy appreciated the enthusiasm of our chapter audience. Anyone interested in purchasing the film may contact Nancy or visit the website www.mfpp.org. One of our members has also offered to make her copy available for lending. Please contact Margareta at 265-9648 or by email natmeta@hotmail.com.

December's Potluck



Once again, Kinnikinnick Native Plant society members enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Gretchen Heller, the host for our annual holiday potluck.

Message from the President

Phil Hough

In 2006, the Kinnikinnick Chapter continued to be very active, productive and successful. Our activities are all dependant upon the efforts of many volunteers. From an outstanding series of public presentations, forums, workshops and field trips, to the always popular “arbor day”, to our landscaping projects, our newsletter, our conservation efforts and our community showcase – the arboretum – all of our projects depend on planning, communication, presentation and hard work, sometimes shoveling dirt and other times shuffling paper. We would not be able to enjoy and celebrate these successes without the efforts of many, many people. This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the volunteers who dedicate so much of their time and effort to us. Please join me in a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in the last year!



And join me in congratulating the new board members, elected in November: **Carol Jenkins, Adrienne Lilly, Konrad Dahlstrom, and Ken Haag**, (pictured at left) who will begin their 2-year terms this January!

Photo by Margareta Larson

They join 4 other board members who each have one year left on their terms – Phil Hough, Rae Charlton, Marilyn George and Nancy Rodgers.

As most of you know, the county has appointed a special citizen’s task force on Aquatic Invasive Species, with a high priority placed on dealing with Eurasian Watermilfoil. As a member of that task force, I invite any of our members with

interest, ideas or opinions on the subject to contact me (nowhere_man97@hotmail.com). The native plant society’s individual membership contains a wide range of opinions on this topic, and I would like to hear from all who are concerned, to bring as broad a perspective as possible to my role in this task force.

2006 DONORS The Kinnikinnick Chapter would like to thank the following people for their donations to the Chapter and/or the Arboretum funds: **Eileen Atkisson & Lawrence Blakey; Rae Charlton; Sylvia Chatburn; Fields & Octavia Cobb; Geraldine Davis; Phil & Mike Franklin; Ken Haag; Arlis Harvey; Dorothy Modafferi; Molly O'Reilly & Steve Lockwood; Jerry Pavia; Kathy Stone; Joe & Lois Wythe.**

VOLUNTEERS In honor of all our volunteers we have attempted to bring all your names together to show our appreciation for all that gets done. **Wendy Aeschliman, Eileen Atkisson, Aaron Bevins, Bill Brill, Bonnie Cavanaugh, Earl Chapin, Rae Charlton, Sylvia Chatburn, Don Childress, David & Jill Cobb, Fields Cobb, Phil Cooper, Chip Corsi, Konrad Dahlstrom, Jim Deffenbaugh, Tom Dillin, Linda Drayton, Stephen Drinkard, Jim Dubuisson, Nancy Fontaine, Pamela Forcier, Martha Fortunati, Mike & Phil Franklin, Annette Fraser-Runnalls, Lois & John Free, Myrna Garside, Marilyn George, Margie Gibson, Jim Gibson, Jan Griffiths, John & Karen Gruber, Stewart Gutenberg, Ken & Mary Jo Haag, Arlis Harvey, Gretchen Hellar, Luke Hixson, Phil Hough, Deb Hunsicker, Carol & Irv Jenkins, Linda Kirchmann, Kathy Komek, Ilani Kopiecki, Paul Krames, Kay Lamb, Bill Lamson, Cliff & Sherry Lanning, Margareta Larson, Cory Laude, Adrienne Lilly, Sue Lopez, Gail Lyster, John Malison, Jean Maryborn, Tim Maxan, Chris McIntosh, Sherry Metz, Janie Miller, Linda Nitkowski, Camisse Nitkowski, Valle Novak, Molly O'Reilly, Joyce Pence, Pat Ramsey, Jeff Rich, Nancy Rodgers, Gary Rogers, Carmen Stanley, Jim & Cheryl Stern, Mark Taylor, Doug & Mary Toland, Bruce Vogelsinger, Pat VonVolkinburg, Jody Walters, Tom & Nancy Wehrley, Tom Whalen, Parise Whitley, Ann & Neil Wimberly, Lois Wythe, and Craig, Ed, Jeff, Mary and Sonia from IDFG....** Once again, we have tried to be all inclusive but there is always someone we may have omitted, misspelled or misplaced, please accept our appreciation nonetheless. For 2006, the chapter has documented 3,885 of these volunteers’ hours and \$169.51 of in-kind contributions.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOW!!

Your membership makes all our wonderful activities possible, so please renew (or join!) now and submit your dues for 2007. Don't procrastinate because you don't want to miss out on the newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Rae Charlton at 255-7666. **Categories of membership are:** Individual \$25 per year; Household \$30 per year; Student/ Senior \$20 per year; Patron \$75*, Life \$1000* *Patron and Life members may affiliate with additional chapters of INPS.

Send payment to: Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS, PMB 162, 206 N. 4th Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864.

CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Don't miss out on ordering a calendar before the year gets too far along. You can still order one by calling Marilyn George at 263-9470 (leave a message if no one answers). The cost is only **\$7.00** or, by mail, for **\$8.50** to cover S&H.

TWIG FURNITURE CLASSES



Sylvia Chatburn and Arlis Harvey will again be offering bench classes and arbor/trellis classes this year. **YOU TOO** can do this even with NO experience whatsoever and have a lot of fun doing it. Everyone goes home happy with their own creation. There will be sign-up sheets available at the first general meeting following this edition of the newsletter. No fees collected or committed dates will be made at this time. The sole purpose is to give us information as to the number and dates that classes can be scheduled.



Plants of the Month

Presented by Adrienne Lilly

January: common snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus*

February: baneberry *Actaea rubra*

Quote of the Month

" Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." --- Robert Louis Stevens