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

Program Schedule

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January Program

Saturday, January 26th, 2008 at 9:45 am

LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)

First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint

White Pine Blister Rust

January's program will feature Chris Schnepf, Area Educator for the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System. Chris will be presenting an in depth look at the White Pine Blister Rust problem in Northern Idaho and how the issue can best be managed. Prior to this, Joe Young, Bonner County Commissioner, will offer a brief presentation about his recent appointment to the *Idaho Invasive Species Council*. This council deals with terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

February Program

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 at 9:45 am

Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force

The February Program will be presented by our own Chapter's past President, Phil Hough. Phil will update us on the accomplishments and plans of the "Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force." He will discuss the current grant request and elucidate the questions and concerns that arise from the county's approach to treating this significant, long-term milfoil problem in Lake Pend Oreille. We will also have an update on the Bonner County Title 12 Land Use Regulation as they relate to the mission of the Native Plant Society.

Events

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: Please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or by email Sylvia@televar.com if you would like to join the arboretum team.

Conservation Committee: Members are actively advocating for native plants and their habitats. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. For more information contact Carol Jenkins at 265-9204.

Landscape Committee: Next meeting March 5th, lunchtime, location tba. Contact Eileen Atkisson with any inquiries at 263-3835 or by email at eatkiss1@verizon.net.

2008 Idaho Native Plant Society

Annual Meeting: June 20-22, 2008 on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille.

These committees and their activities are open to all members.

Past Activities

November Program: "Signs, Trails, Trials and Tales: Adventures with the Landscape Committee," our last public program for 2007 was a true adventure. Beautifully prepared by Eileen Atkisson and our Landscape Committee, and charmingly presented by committee member Don Childress, we received a wonderful overview of the accomplishments of this dedicated group. It was inspiring to see before and after views and to learn the tips that brought the best results. Many of us will be applying these strategies in our own landscapes this spring!

December Potluck: Our thanks to Gretchen Hellar for hosting our traditional holiday gathering once again. The food was delicious and the opportunity to visit and reflect on our year together, priceless!

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Kinnikinnick Chapter gratefully receives these thoughtful gifts:

In Honor of Irene M. Hahn on her 90th birthday.

- Nancy Hahn Rodgers (\$50)
- Brendan Rodgers

In Honor of Deb Hunsicker, without whom I would never have had the time to volunteer for Native Plants. Nor would I ever be to meetings on time and prepared; for all her special support.

- Phil Hough (\$30)

In Memory of our longtime member Ann Wood, whose blithe spirit and love of wildflowers inspired us all.

- Anonymous (\$20)

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 **Conservation Committee** welcomes Kate Johnson, another new member to the Conservation Committee. This promises to be an active year for this committee and we welcome visits/participation from our general membership. For information on the January or February meeting, please phone Carol Jenkins, 265-9204.

The **Hospitality Committee** thanks Jackie Earle for her help with coffee setup at the November meeting. Marilyn George & Nancy Rodgers brought the goodies in November and Janice DeBaun has already signed up for January, thanks! If you would like to volunteer please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727 (email bkpkrlinda@aol.com).

The **Landscape Committee** will be meeting on March 5 at lunchtime to begin planning for their 2008 activities, location tba. Work at the

Mickinnick Trailhead begins on April 2nd, weather permitting. We will contact all committee members on our email and phone list about upcoming events. Contact Eileen at 263-3835 or eatkiss1@verizon.net if you would like to be included.

Before and After Photos from the Mickinnick Trailhead, photos courtesy Landscaping Committee:



Message from the President

Phil Hough

Time of Transition

Spring and autumn are times of transition for native plants. They are the seasons of change, times of rebirth, renewal or retreat into a protective state for the winter. For the Kinnikinnick Chapter, *winter* is our season of change. We elect new board members and they take office in January – the rebirth of a board. Our members renew their memberships and in winter we plan the coming year's programs, field trips and activities, as we transition from year to year.

This January comes along with mixed emotions for me. I have enjoyed serving the last two years as your president. Our arboretum grows stronger with the addition of signs and the continuation of a coordinator. Our monthly programs, special workshops, special events such as Arbor Day, fieldtrips, conservation advocacy, and landscape projects have all grown strong and flourished. Our voice for native plants has been well represented in the community, from the Milfoil Task Force to various INPS committees. Together, we have accomplished many things, and I am proud to have been a part of that. I will miss being as active with our chapter's business as I have been.

But the time has come for a transition. In the coming year(s) I look forward to exploring many different and exciting native plant habitats, as Deb and I walk from Mexico to Canada along the Continental Divide Trail! From desert basins, to alpine heights and everything in between, we'll come back with photos and tales to share of plants not common here.

Perhaps, I am most proud about being able to make such a transition with an incoming board as strong and diverse as any I have seen. These are a dynamic group of "can do" people and it will be fun to watch them take the NPS to new places. It is an honor to have followed in the footsteps of our past presidents, whose ranks include many of our community's current leaders. And, it is with confidence and pleasure that I will relinquish the reins to someone who will be a stellar president, Carol Jenkins. Carol's involvement with the Friends of Scotchman Peaks, CAL and other community groups, her involvement with many conservation issues, her grant writing capability will all serve her, and our chapter, well. But it is Carol's inspiring and supportive nature, creative skills, and passionate yet steadying influences that will take our chapter to new heights. She will lead us as far as our volunteers will go. Please join me in congratulating, and thanking, Carol and our incoming board. Better yet, help them, and our chapter, make a smooth transition to a new year by volunteering time on one of our committees!



At right: western white pine January, 2008

Photo by Wendy Aeschliman

Time to Renew for 2008

Your membership makes all our wonderful activities possible, so please renew (or join!) now and submit your dues for 2008. We are including the form once again to replace the previous misprints that squeaked through our rigorous quality control last year. You are welcome to use the form on which the rates were printed twice but please be sure to write your name & address somewhere so that we know who you are. If you have any questions please contact Rae Charlton at 255-7666.

Categories of membership: Individual \$25; Household \$30; Student/Senior \$20; Patron \$75*; Life \$1,000* (*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. Thanks!

Field Trip News

There is an exciting update from the Kinnikinnick Chapter field trips to Mineral Point. Molly O'Reilly organized a plant list from these excursions so keep an eye out on the website; it will be posted sometime in January.

Rare Plant Conference

An announcement on behalf of the Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS): there has been a modification to the Annual Rare Plant Conference (RPC) schedule. INPS has decided to hold the conference every other year rather than annually. This change will become effective for 2008. There will not be a RPC in 2008. The next conference will be held in 2009.

2008 IDAHO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars now, June 20 through June 22, 2008, and be ready to enjoy a weekend camping. We will be under the trees, on the banks of Lake Pend Oreille, with a wonderful group of people. We will have an opportunity to experience the wild

mountains of Northern Idaho in all their glory – wildflowers and mountain lakes, maybe even a nice waterfall in a secluded corner. Some of our members, also Friends of the Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, love to discuss this wonderful area. Look for more details in the next issue of Sage Notes.

Quote of the Month

"If a tree dies, plant another in its place."

- Linnaeus

Plant of the Month

Western White Pine *Pinus monticola*

To be presented by Adrienne Lilly

Stump Mound at Mickinnick Trailhead:



Before (above) and After (below)

