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

Program Schedule

Presentations sponsored by

Native Plant Society and Sandpoint Parks and Recreation

These programs are part of a "Grow Native" campaign in cooperation with Bonner County Planning Department

**LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)
First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint**

January Program

Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 9:45 am

"Converting Lawns into Native Landscapes" will be presented by **John Hastings**, co-owner of All Seasons Garden & Floral.

February Program

Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 9:45 am

"Using Native Plants in Riparian areas and Shoreline Buffers." **John Sugden** of the Tri-State Water Quality Council will be presenting.

Events

INPS 24th Idaho Rare Plant Conference: Feb. 11-12, 2009, Idaho Power HQ, Boise. Go to <http://www.idahonativeplants.org/rpc/Conference.aspx> for more details.

2009 Arbor Day Celebration: Friday, April 24 at the Arboretum in Lakeview Park

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: Meetings are September – May on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. If you want to receive agendas and information, email Molly at yachthalo@yahoo.com or call 255-7336.

Landscape Committee: 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.

New Year's Eve in the Arboretum

(With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

*'Twas the night before New Year's, when all
through the park
Not a tree limb was stirring, not even some
bark.
The hand tools were all hung in the cabin
with care
In hopes that Arbor Day soon would be near.*

*The bulbs were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of compost danced in their
heads.
The sun barely set, with Joyce in her kerchief
and Konrad his cap
They had just settled down for a long winters
nap.*

*When out on the native grass lawn there
arose such a clatter
The neighbors came out to see what was the
matter.
Away to the cabin Sylvia flew like a flash
Tore open the door and out spilled last fall's
pot luck trash.*

*The sewer plant lights shined on new fallen
snow
Bringing mid-day light to trees and shrubs
below.
When, what to our wondering eyes should
appear,
But a wheelbarrow, led by nine arboretum
volunteers.*

*Pushed by a little old driver, so lively and
quick,
We knew right away it must be Lois and not
some red suited hick.
More rapid than beagles her courcers they
came,
And she whistled, and shouted, and called
them by name!*

*"Now Sylvia! Now, Margie! Now, Phil and
Mike Franklin!
On, Arlis! On, Sherry, On Bill, Valle and
Gretchen!
Search all of the grasses! Search the entire
wall!
Pull out those dandelions! Get them out all!"*

*Then Lois sprang to her barrow, to her team
gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a
thistle.
But I heard them exclaim, 'ere they drove
out of sight,
"Happy New Year to all, and to all a good-
night!"*

By Phil Hough

Committee Reports

The **Arbor Day Committee** announces our chapter will again host the Annual Arbor Day celebration to be held at the North Idaho Plant Arboretum located at Lakeview Park on **Friday, April 24, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The national theme for this year is **"Trees Are Terrific... In Cities and Towns!"**

A variety of educational activities will be provided by the Sandpoint Tree Committee, the Kinnikinnick Chapter, US Forest Service and other organizations for area school children and community members. We will also be sponsoring poetry and poster contests for the children and free tree seedlings will be distributed.

Please mark your calendars -- the **Conservation Committee** meets Sept. - May, the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm at 401 Euclid St., Sandpoint. All members are welcome!

Come to learn what topics are of interest for our local native plants, or bring a subject that you consider important. If you want to receive agendas and information, email Molly at yachthalo@yahoo.com or call 255-7336.

The **Landscape Committee** worked through to the end of 2008. A hardworking crew of volunteers finished a busy season at Mickinnick by mulching the Trailhead on November 5. The summer workdays at Waterlife Discovery Center were filled with loads of volunteers, lovely lunches and truckloads of thistles. Mark Taylor topped off the season by snipping flower heads and broadcasting native grass seed. Both areas should look great when the snow melts. Many thanks to all volunteers. Contact Eileen at 263-3835 or eatkiss1@verizon.net if you would like to be included in event announcements this spring.

Membership Committee:

Thanks to Rae Charlton (photo below, at left) for all her good work with membership throughout the



Photo by Margareta Larson

years. She is always there with a pleasant smile and a great laughter; the Chapter has enjoyed her work so much.

We welcome Janet Rogers (in photo at right) to be the new Membership Chair and thank her for taking this task on.

Thank you also go to Joanna Fuchs who will be the new Newsletter Committee Chair, and to Konrad Dahlstrom for his service as Secretary!

Field Trip News

Your Field Trip team, Marilyn McIntyre and Molly O'Reilly, will be planning excursions that start in the spring. What field trips would YOU enjoy this year? Let us know: email Molly at yachthalo@yahoo.com , call her at 255-7336, or see her at the Saturday meeting.

Message from the President

Carol Jenkins

Happy New Year Native Plant Society!

First, I'd like to have you join me in thanking Adrienne Lilly and her Newsletter Committee of Marilyn George, Myrna Garside, Rae Charlton, Margareta Larson, Wendy Aeschliman, Gary Rogers, and Nancy Rodgers for consistently excellent newsletters, bringing information about our activities to all of our members. The newsletter has been so well done it is easy to take for granted! After three years, Adrienne is resigning from this position and this will be her last issue. I am happy to announce that new board member Joanna Fuchs eagerly accepted this position. We can look forward to many more wonderful newsletters!

Second, I'd like to assure you that our chapter will have an exciting year in 2009! Unfortunately, our December "planning" board meeting was cancelled due to weather, so our planning is deferred to January. There are teasers to share now though. Our first native plant sale is on board for May. PSNI is caring for the plants in their greenhouse. Our "Grow Native" campaign with Bonner County Planning Department is underway. Letters have been sent by the Planning Department to all area retail nurseries, growers, and architects announcing the code changes that require or encourage use of native plants in landscaping with our native plant list enclosed. This will not only serve to inform but to encourage availability of native plants in our community. Valle Novak is writing her column in the Daily Bee with emphasis on our "Grow Native" campaign and using native plants in landscaping. Refer to her December 7 and 21 columns. Don Childress is planning many of our programs around the "Grow Native" theme. Other terrific outreach plans are in early stages of development, so stay tuned!

Molly O'Reilly and I will make a presentation, prepared by Sylvia Chatburn and her committee, at the Idaho Rare Plant Conference in Boise in February on our North Idaho Native Plant Arboretum. The last week of April we shine, with Arbor Day, Native Plant Appreciation Week, and participation in the Earth Day celebration. We will be looking for volunteers to help with many activities involving outreach and education. We need a few more volunteers for our Landscape Committee; in fact all committee chairs welcome new members. We are also looking for someone to take over for Linda Kirchmann to head hospitality. *Please contact me or any of our committee chairs to volunteer!* Your Native Plant Society has accomplished so much in the last decade, and the spirit of volunteerism and enthusiasm that created and maintains the Arboretum is alive and well. I look forward to another year of us all supporting the mission of our organization!

Special Request: Historian Nancy Rodgers needs old newsletters, news clippings, photos, or anything you may have from the years 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Master Gardener Scholarship Reminder

The deadline for applications for the Lois Wythe Native Plant Scholarship has been extended to January 16 to coincide with the deadline for applications for the Master Gardeners' class. If you are interested in the class, please contact the Bonner County Extension Office at 263-8511. This scholarship will cover the registration fees for one person who is accepted into the Master Gardeners' spring class. Financial need is not a prerequisite to apply. Applicants agree to devote ten hours of their required volunteer time to native plant related projects. The recipient will be recognized at the Kinnikinnick Chapter's February meeting. For information call Janice DeBaun at 263-8970.

Winter Wonderland – photo by Wendy Aeschliman



Renewal Reminder for 2009

If your mailing label contains 09, we thank you for your renewal. If it contains 08, we look forward to receiving your membership renewal soon. Please send your renewal to: Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS, P.O. Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864.

Also, don't forget your Chapter renewal automatically renews your Idaho Native Plant Society state membership. Any questions please contact Janet Rogers, 263-4240

Categories of membership: Individual \$25; Household \$30; Student/Senior \$20; Sustaining *45; Patron \$100*; * (*Sustaining and Patron members may affiliate with additional chapters of INPS).

December Potluck

The Kinnikinnick Chapter's traditional holiday gathering was once again hosted by Gretchen Hellar. The food was delicious. Another opportunity to visit and reflect on our year together was a great success!



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