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Program Schedule

Presentations sponsored by
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society and Sandpoint Parks and Recreation
Community Hall, First Ave, Sandpoint
(across from County Courthouse)

January Program

Saturday, January 23

9:45 a.m.

*“David Douglas in the
Columbia Country.”*

Author and naturalist **Jack
Nesbit** will speak about the
natural history of our region.



February Program

Saturday, February 27 9:45 a.m.

*“Native Plant Community Demonstration
Gardens: Two Practical Examples”*

**Carol Jenkins, Clare Marley, John Hastings, Gail
Bolin and Molly McCahon**, will look at recent
landscaping projects at Dover Bay and the County
Administration Building.

For more information, contact Phil Hough, 208-946-9127,
nowhere_man97@hotmail.com or see our website.

Renewal Reminder

If you have not already done so, now is the
time to renew your membership for 2010.

Patron \$100 Sustaining \$45
Household \$25 Individual \$20
Senior/Student \$15
KNPS, PO Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864

Native Plant Riparian Buffer in Dover ID Planted!

After months of planning, the planting of the native plant
riparian buffer went off without a hitch! The weather
cooperated and it was glorious day to be outside! I would
like to thank everyone who volunteered. It could not have

happened without
the help from
many folks.

Sandpoint High
School

horticulture

students led by

John Hastings did

a fabulous job –

nary a complaint from any of them! Also thanks to Casper
Reitz, Mike Williams, Greg Becker, Tom Evans, Bruce
Peterson, and Tauber Ranch. Also, a special thanks to
the City of Dover for being so supportive and cooperative
during the planning process. Of course just because the
plants are in the ground doesn't mean that the work is
finished. Next year we will have to work at controlling the
weeds, and some of you have already volunteered for that,
but we can always use additional help. So, if you are
interested in volunteering a few hours next year to pull
weeds, please contact Gail Bolin or Molly McCahon. Gail
Bolin: wgbolin@hotmail.com Molly McCahon (Lake*A*Syst
Coordinator) molly.mccahon@id.usda.gov



**We received a letter from our charter members, the
Franklins, honored during the November meeting:**

*Dear Carol, members of the boards of INPS &
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society & the
membership at large,*

*How amazed, surprised, & incredulous we are at
the honor you have given us! The opening of the
door to the treasures of North Idaho was an
introduction to a new world of awe & delight & a
consuming interest which changed our lives
forever. The seed of the native plant grows into
the flower of friendship, love and appreciation of
all nature's gifts & North Idaho is so fortunate to
have such an abundance of growth. We hope we
can all continue our dedication & preservation of
these gifts. Again, our everlasting thanks to you
all for the honor, support & friendship you have
given us*

With greatest regards, Phil and Michael



Committee Reports

Arboretum Committee The arboretum is under a blanket of snow, resting for the winter. The gardeners are taking a much needed break as well. We will begin planning for the upcoming season in late January or early February.

The arboretum was mentioned in the December issue of Northwest Travel magazine in conjunction with the Bonner County Historical Museum. The author encourages people to allow time to wander through, after a visit to the Museum. There is a nice picture of the front riparian area and signage. Sylvia Chatburn, sylvia@televar.com.

Conservation Committee The Conservation Committee held a field trip to the City of Sandpoint's new property south of Baldy Road, west of the RR tracks. A sewage treatment plant is eventually planned for the site. It is part of a major drainage, with functioning wetlands and a creek. The CC will be considering a letter in January to the city expressing the NPS interest in the functioning of those riparian areas and asking that the design take them into account. It is likely we will be bringing the board the proposed letter for approval in the next few months. Construction is years away, so we have time to think carefully. The FS botanist, Jennifer Costich-Thompson, plans to attend the January CC meeting to talk about their activities and answer questions. We are fortunate to have such a fine botanist.

The Conservation Committee recently drafted a letter for KNPS to submit to the Corps of Engineers expressing concern about fluctuating the level of Lake Pend Oreille through the winter. Research is needed to determine that rising and falling levels will not erode shorelines and increase sedimentation. Both of those conditions undermine the native riparian and aquatic plants that underpin our lake's health. You can find the letter at our website.

With the new year, the committee will be working with the Forest Service to monitor an important plant population, discuss natives that are rare enough to

merit further study, and comment on elements of planned projects that affect native plant population. Harvest activities in Priest Lake State Forest will be another interest area, as will county planning. All members are welcome. The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month, through May, at 6:30 p.m. at 401 Euclid Ave. in Sandpoint. Call or email Molly for more information: 255-7336 or yachthalo@yahoo.com.

Notes from the November and December Events

November Program

The November program was a presentation by Derek Antonelli of Idaho Fish and Game on vegetation monitoring on the Pend Oreille Wildlife Areas in Bonner County. The mitigation properties concerned in the talk included Albeni Cove and those Habitat Segments of Carter Island, Cocolalla Lake, Denton Slough, Derr Creek, Lower Pack River, Rapid Lightning Creek, Trout Creek and Westmond Lake Habitat Segment. Derek described laying out the sample areas, with five samples per monitoring site, using GPS coordinates. Each site has 240 points that are recorded for each sample area. Each area is sampled every 3-5 years.

Also during the meeting Mike and Phil Franklin were honored for their work over the years on behalf of the Native Plant Society, especially for providing our organization with an outstanding newsletter. Lois Wythe, Sylvia Chatburn, and Gretchen Heller all spoke to the contribution the Franklins have provided the Kinnikinnick chapter of the INPS.

December Potluck

On December 12, members of the KNPS gathered at the home of Gretchen Heller for the annual Christmas potluck celebration. The get together was attended by over forty members, and all enjoyed the food, drink and camaraderie. We thank Gretchen for once again hosting this popular holiday gathering.



Message from the President

Carol Jenkins

Well folks, this is my last message to you as president. Thank you for the privilege! My life has been enriched through working with so many of you on issues and projects that relate directly to our mission. I have seen that it is the people involved that make our organization so effective and productive. Therefore it is my pleasure to introduce our next president, **Don Childress**. Don and Roxann moved here from Davis, California ten years ago and settled on 95 acres of forest which they are in the process of rehabilitating. A retired dentist with five beloved grandchildren, Don is happily parenting his German Shepherds, Cassie and Madison. He is a past president of Master Gardeners and served 4 years on its board. He is Vice-President of Trout Unlimited, a certified casting instructor with the Federation of Fly Fishers, a member of North Idaho Fly Catchers, and gives fly fishing programs throughout the west. In addition to fly fishing, which takes him around the globe, and gardening, he is a cyclist, marathoner, and skier. Don has been a member of our organization for 5 years and served on the nominating committee for 3 years and has been our program chair for 2 years. He is a member of our landscape committee and has been teaching native plant landscaping to a horticulture class at Spirit Lake High School with Bob Wilson. Those of you who have seen his presentations on this subject with photos from his property know what expertise he has, and what a natural teacher he is. Don will take us into our next decade, as the new Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society president, with calm, kind, focused leadership. I look forward to my last year on the board working with him!

Remembering Robert “Bob” Marshall

by Phil Hough

Diverse communities of native plants and habitats thrive in our system of protected roadless and wilderness areas. It is easy to take for granted that these areas have always existed, unsullied by man. But it took thoughtful people to set aside undeveloped areas and preserves. Our continued efforts to conserve habitat are based on a foundation of work done before us. In 1930 Bob Marshall wrote: *"Just a few more years of hesitation and the only trace of that wilderness which has exerted such a fundamental influence in molding American character will lie in the musty pages of pioneer books and the mumbled memories of tottering antiquarians."* (1)

Born in 1901, Bob Marshall received a Masters in Forestry and PhD in Plant Physiology and was an early pioneer in researching how forests recover from fire and disease disturbance. Among other positions, Bob worked as the Chief of Forestry in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Dept of Interior) and was the head of Recreation Management for the Forest Service. In the Roosevelt administration he tirelessly advocated for protection for wilderness areas. His travels and job postings included extensive time in Alaska and at the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Montana. He even spent time in the Kaniksu National Forest (now known as the Idaho Panhandle National Forest) fighting fires! It's easy for us to imagine Bob Marshall being captivated and inspired by the abundant fauna and wild lands of our region.

Bob's writings and advocacy brought together the prominent citizens who founded the Wilderness Society in 1935. The Marshall family's wealth supported the Wilderness Society in its early years. With education, passion and family wealth, Bob was an influential writer and thinker who helped to shape public perceptions as well as public policy. And he enjoyed time in the field. Bob personally underwrote a new government map of U.S. roadless areas, and surveyed many of the 46 areas himself!

Sadly, Bob Marshall passed away at the early age of 38 from heart failure. But his legacy lives on. Today the Wilderness Society thrives and the Bob Marshall wilderness area south of Glacier National Park is named in his honor. In closing his seminal paper, Marshall wrote: *"There is just one hope of repulsing the tyrannical ambition of civilization to conquer every niche on the whole earth. That hope is the organization of spirited people who will fight for the freedom of the wilderness."*

We hope you agree that spirited people can make a difference and join us in our efforts to conserve native plants and their habitats. But, for a moment let's simply pause, remember and honor the efforts of one man who came before us and contributed so much!

(1) *"The Problem of Wilderness"* by Bob Marshall, published in Feb 1930 in Scientific Monthly. For a more complete biography and the full text of the *"The Problem of Wilderness"*, visit www.wilderness.net



Member Profile:

Say Hello to Arlis Harvey

Article and Photo by Joanna Fuchs

Looking like a twinkly pixie in a little hat covering cute white fuzz, Charter KNPS member Arlis Harvey explained that the new hair growth signifies the suspension of her chemotherapy treatments. "I want my energy back," said this 2005 Bonner County Woman of Wisdom. No wonder, considering all the people and organizations that have benefited from that energy! Born on September 10, 1926, in Wisconsin, Arlis built her first home, south of Madison, herself. "I had some help," she says. In the late 1940s, she lived two years in downtown Los Angeles, near the Coliseum, before moving in 1974 to an Idaho home she also built, on 80 acres, 21 miles northeast of Sandpoint.

Arlis got her education degree in 1962, attending both the U. of Wisconsin at Madison and USC. It took 12 years, because she worked to pay college expenses. "I worked and then went to school until I ran out of money," she says. "Then I worked some more and went to school some more." After obtaining her degree, she taught high school math from 1962 to 1974. Asked if she ever got feedback from students, she said she had, a number of times. "A year ago," she said, "one of my students said 'You were one in a million.'" That student teaches geometry now. "I'm trying to follow in your footsteps," she told Arlis. Today, Arlis tutors in math kids who are in juvenile detention.

Arlis is responsible for the moist forest habitat at the Arboretum, planting over 30 species, most of which were taken from her own land, including Queen's Cup, Solomon Seal, Bunchberry, and Hooker's Fairy Bells. Other favorite native plants include Twinflower, Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar. She's looking forward to getting back to arboretum work, which had to be suspended during her chemotherapy.

Along with Sylvia Chatburn, Arlis taught classes in making chairs and benches with bendables, such as alder saplings. The proceeds from class fees were donated to the Arboretum, from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. In addition to KNPS, another activity very dear to her heart is her volunteer work with the Youth Accountability Board, where she was director from 1993 to 2009. She reads police reports and goes to arraignments of juvenile offenders to determine which kids go to juvenile court and which go to a "Diversion Program." To enter this program, kids must be first time offenders, plead guilty as charged, and meet with the Board to sign a contract, which involves community service. "Not for punishment," says Arlis, "but to be given a chance to do something nice and find out how satisfying that can be, rather than doing something negative." The Board also meets with the kids and their parents to determine the individually tailored title of the essay each offender must write, an essay "that will give them a chance to think about something they need to think about," says Arlis. In 2007, Arlis was chosen for the John Shuler Award, as outstanding contributor for juvenile corrections.

Arlis has one cat, Kilo ("because that's about what she weighed when I got her," she says) and a dog, Cassie. She says reading is "my favorite occupation," preferring fiction, including authors Jody Picoult and C. J. Box, but "I have to like the characters," she says. She likes classical music, especially by composers Beethoven and Bach. Arlis doesn't like much TV, except for Packer football games, but she watches favorite movies repeatedly, including *On Golden Pond*, *African Queen* and *Steel Magnolias*. She enjoys fishing for perch in Lake Pend Oreille.

She used to garden a lot at home, but now she grows tomatoes in buckets on her deck. She recommends the Brandywine variety and also Selena, a yellow tomato. She likes to do cross stitching and crewel work for gifts, sometimes creating large pictures on a wooden frame. She cooks "no more than I have to," including favorites sweet and sour grouse and her mother's recipe for meatloaf. "The secret is using tapioca instead of egg and bread in the meatloaf," she says.

Arlis vacations yearly at a timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, "to watch the whales." Considering how busy she is, she deserves it!

Note: All interviews are reviewed and approved by interviewees prior to publication.