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

Program Schedule

March Program

Saturday, March 24, 2007 9:45 a.m.

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

*"Pend Oreille Lake *A* Syst Program"*

Gary Parker of Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District will discuss how the water quality of Lake Pend Oreille and its tributaries can be affected by all of the land users and business owners who have a stake in its future. He will highlight practices designed to better manage your property, which will enable us to pass on Lake Pend Oreille's precious water resource to future generations. With our communities concern over the impact of Eurasian watermilfoil and the role of nutrient runoff in the proliferation of this noxious weed, this program is very timely. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

April Program

Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 9:45 a.m.

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

"Plants of the Galapagos"

As this newsletter goes to print, **Dr. Marian Fuller** is unpacking from her second trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. With a PhD in botany, Marian, a professor and researcher, has spent 26 years inventorying native plants in Bonner and Boundary counties. A botanical world traveler, she "retired" to Sagle, ID in 2000 to continue her work. Marian will share the botanical treasures and wonders of this last trip, and in the summer and next year she will lead us on field trips and present programs on our native flora. Marian is delightful, and we are very excited to have her join us.

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Activities

These committees and their activities are open to all members.

Arbor Day Celebration - April 27th, 2007: "Trees Are Terrific - And So Are Forests". Our annual Arbor Day celebration at Lakeview Park is on Friday, April 27th from 10:30-1:00 PM. See committee reports for more details.

Field Trips for April & May: See page 4 for full details and more trips through June.

Twig furniture classes - Early May: Sylvia Chatburn and Arlis Harvey will again be offering bench classes and arbor/trellis classes this year. Sign-ups will be available at the next general meetings.

Annual INPS Meeting June 15-17, 2007: Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

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: Meetings have started again, please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or email sylvia@televar.com for the next scheduled meeting.

Conservation Committee: Members are actively advocating for native plants and their habitats. If you are interested in learning more about our work, please join us at our meetings, generally held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, 410 S. Euclid, 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 or by email at eatkiss1@verizon.net.

Plants of the Month

Presented by Adrienne Lilly

March: glacier lily *Erythronium grandiflorum*

April: yellow skunk cabbage - *Lysichitum americanum*



Committee Reports

The **Conservation Committee** provides many opportunities to advocate for our native plants and their habitats. If you have ever wondered how to be an advocate or have an interest in how are local natural resources are managed, please join us. We also like to head into the field to look at forests and habitats. The committee works cooperatively with the Idaho Panhandle National Forest and Priest Lake State Forest to protect and learn about native plant populations. The committee has been discussing current activities of the Aquatic Invasive Species (milfoil) Task Force; Bonner County land use planning and the importance of vegetative, shoreline buffers; and a proposed shoreline restoration project on a small, local lake. If you are interested in learning more about our work, please join us at our meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, 410 S. Euclid, Sandpoint. For more information contact Carol Jenkins at 265-9204.

The **Education Committee** announces plans for Arbor Day 2007 are well underway! The theme is "Trees Are Terrific and Forests Are, Too". The Tolands will soon be sending out letters of invitation to area schools, Sandpoint City and Bonner County officials, Historical Society members and all of you. Planning activities and finding volunteers is top on the list, as well.

On **Friday, April 27th**, from 10:30-1p.m., we hope Kinnikinnick Chapter members will join us in sponsoring a variety of activities including the ever popular "tour of trees", tree ring counting, tree boring demonstrations and other learning activities provided by Forest Service staff, compost demonstrations, some new Tree Committee activities: pruning and planting, and a distribution of free tree seedlings. Volunteers will be needed to help with:

- Docents for "Tour of Trees" (11 needed)
- Tour Guides for school classes
- Greeters to hand out programs and direct guests
- Facilitators for demonstrations (tree ring counting, tree boring, composting)
- Labels for seedlings - and packaging seedlings a day or two prior to the 27th
- Publicity and photos
- Set up and "take down"

Please call Mary and Doug Toland, 265-2674, if you can help. There will also be signup sheets at the March meeting. Let's get ready to celebrate trees together!

The **Hospitality Committee** continues to coordinate the coffee and delectables at our Saturday meetings. Already Jackie Earle, Linda K., Nancy Rieger, Joyce Pence and Konrad Dahlstrom have provided a wonderful variety. We look forward to seeing what Phil Hough (March), the

Toland's (April) and Nancy Rodgers (May) are going to bring. THANKS to all. If anyone is interested in bringing treats to one of our Monthly Member Meetings, please contact Linda Kirchmann at 208-255-5727 (email bkpkrlinda@aol.com).

Having noticed the first signs of spring, the **Landscape Committee** members are waking up to another full season of work and play. We will continue the maintenance of Mickinnick Trailhead, Discovery Center and the Tolerance Sculpture landscapes. Mickinnick activities are on the first Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of April through November. Master Gardeners manage the third Wednesdays and they willingly accept all volunteers as well as new partners, such as, 4-H, Girl Scouts and other service groups. Call if you have someone in need of a project. Members will Join Mark Taylor's Fish and Game folks on several work-play days at Discovery Center. We will add plants there as well as at Mickinnick, so watch for the announcements of dates. We may well take on a new community planting project that will need help from the greater membership of Kinnikinnick. We will inform you as soon as we have more details.

Arbor Day is nearly here and the Committee needs help with bagging and distributing tree and shrub seedlings. Call us or sign up with coordinators Doug and Mary Toland. The Sandpoint Urban Forestry Committee will join the Education and Landscape Committees to demonstrate proper planting and pruning procedures. Please join us for any or all of these activities. We always have fun. For more information contact Eileen Atkisson (263-3835 or email eatkiss1@verizon.net).

Winter Presentations

January's Program

Our thanks to Diane Green, an organic farmer of Greentree Naturals, for presenting a thought-provoking program on community food systems, reminding us that the food choices we make have important impacts on our food system.

(Photo by Margareta Larson)



"February's Program"

Folks from Coeur d'Alene to Bonners Ferry joined us for an outstanding program on photographing native plants and landscapes by three of our members, Marilyn George, Deb Hunsicker, and Phil Hough. By critiquing their photography, they taught us techniques for achieving optimal results in our own photos. We have already received requests to repeat this program, which is high praise indeed!

Message from the President

“Daisy Dreams and Fern Fantasies”

Or, “Did Kinnikinnick Phil really see his shadow, or merely dream about spring?”

As I write these words – the doldrums of late winter have fully descended. Today, I look outside with a longing gaze. An early melt brings fog and a flickering promise of spring. February showers may bring flowers, eventually. But, who can wait that long? Dripping from the roofline and tree limbs renews some hope that a full March melt is not far off. Though, for now, the landscape still lies under a white mantle.

I strap on snowshoes for another winter walk. Snow melts slowly away, one drip at a time, exposing here and there small patches of bare earth, mostly near tree trunks. Everywhere else, are mounds and mounds of snow. Where the snow holes give way to open ground, I poke around and my senses fill with the fragrant scent of sweet mother earth. Spring, or something like it, is in the air, at least for today. Even though snow still dominates the landscape, I twirl around and enjoy this pungent promise, which may not last long.

Crusty snow pack makes walking across the creeks easier now than at any other time of year. Thick brush is buried and I easily slip through a stand of trees, which seem like a solid wall of forest foliage in the summer and fall. Here and there thick Devil's Club stems poke up through the snow, like silent sentinels to some buried swampy ground. At this time of year they are more like guards asleep on the job. Without their thorny leaves, they are easily pushed aside – a winter delight! But I long for the hidden under-story and the tales that it will tell. Oh, I can't wait for the Queen's Cup to come up or for the Glacier Lilly to take the place of shrinking patches of snow! I close my eyes and almost see a summer vision, when Twisted Stalk and Bear Grass burst forth!

In the evening, back by my fireplace, long icicles form outside my windowpane, and I slip into a slumber with an essence as sweet as any post apple-picking experience by Mr. Frost. Content, with the scent of apples, a book in my lap and a glass of Elderberry Wine, I am drowsing off.....

This sleep of mine is the deep winter kind, filled with dreams - *Daisy dreams*. No, not the Oxeye kind, more of a Subalpine slumber... images moves in fast forward, seeing the spring Fiddlehead unfurl into a *full fern fantasy!* Let us go then, you and I...these are the daydreams of vine and roses... dreams that bring on a taste of Huckleberries, a March Madness, of the melting kind ... *A Horsetail, a Horsetail, my kingdom for a Horsetail* images collide in this shifting field of dreams.....*What's up Tiger Lilly?!*no, that's not quite right, but it's close enough – like Buckwheat and Buttercups. Or..... *rain drops on Roses and whiskers on Kinnikinnick, bright Stinging Nettles and Stream violet visions,*these are a few of my favorite dreams....when silver white winter will melt into spring...ahhh, these are a few of my favorite dreams!

Phil Hough

Photo: Wendy Aeschliman



LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!!!

To continue receiving the newsletter, you need to send in your dues for 2007 by March 30. Thanks so much for taking care of this promptly! Rae Charlton, Membership, 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.

2007 FIELD TRIPS ...Put these trips on your calendars!

In 2007 we will experiment with half day trips to close-by destinations. We will also try revisiting a wonderful location, Mineral Point, for spring wildflowers and watch how it changes as spring unfolds. Our first field trip, on April 18 to Mineral Point will also be a photography workshop with Marilyn George. The May 1st trip, which is during Native Plant Appreciation Week, will be lead by local Forest Service botanist, Betsy Hammet; a special treat. We hope to develop a plant list for this location on our three visits. If weather is truly awful, we may reschedule at the last minute. The chapter email list will be used for this. Be sure we have your updated email. If you would require a telephone call, please let me know. More trips may be added if turnout and enthusiasm are high. We look forward to enjoying them with you.. Contact Molly O'Reilly if you have any questions (255-7336).

Wed. April 18, 2007: Half a day to Mineral Point for wildflowers and a photography workshop with Marilyn George. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 8 am.

Sat. April 21, 2007: Tubbs Hill, Cd'A with the Calypso Chapter. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks/lunch. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 9 am.

Tues. May 1, 2007: Half a day to Mineral Point for a wildflower update led by Betsy Hammet, our local USFS Botanist. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 8 am.

Thurs. May 10, 2007: Half day hike on the Lakeside Trail (Hall property). Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America or the cinema end of the Bonner Mall Parking lot to leave at 8:30 am.

Sun. May 20, 2007: Q'melin Trail, Post Falls with the Calypso Chapter. Dress for the weather and conditions and bring water, snacks/lunch, native plant field guides. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 11:30 am.

Thurs. May 24, 2007: Half a day to Mineral Point to see another show of spring wildflowers. Carpooling - meet at cinema end of the Bonner Mall Parking lot to leave at 8 am.

Sat. June 9, 2007: Twete-Scout trail, Farragut State Park with the Calypso Chapter. Everyone enjoyed this trail at the 2006 INPS Annual Meeting. Dress for the weather and conditions and bring water, snacks/lunch, native plant field guides. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 8 am.

Tues. June 19, 2007: Hike the Mickinnick Trail and check out the native plant landscaping at the trailhead. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America or the cinema end of the Bonner Mall Parking lot to leave at 8:30 am.

Sun, June 24, 2007: Gamlin Lake, Sagle with the Calypso Chapter. Carpooling - meet at Sagle Conoco/ Travel America to leave at 8 am.

September/October: tba: Fall Mushrooms with Friends of Scotchman Peaks.

Please join a carpool whenever possible, as many of our destinations have limited parking. Carpools will LEAVE at stated times; please be early. Of course we want everyone to enjoy the day so please dress for the weather and prepare for conditions. Be sure to bring water, snacks/lunch, and native plant field guides, etc. Please contact Molly O'Reilly with questions (255-7336).

Quote of the Month

"Keep a green tree in your heart and a perhaps a singing bird will come."

-Chinese Proverb