



# Kinnikinnick Journal

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## Upcoming Programs

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

All meetings begin at **9:45** and are held at the Community Hall unless otherwise indicated.

**Saturday, May 24, 2014**

**Megan Taylor**

***Life Cycle of Bees***

The presentation will cover research that has been conducted on neonicotinoids, the importance of understanding the developmental life cycle and foraging habits of bees, and the multifaceted issues they face regularly, and how we can help bees and other essential pollinators.

**Saturday, June 28, 2014**

**Kathy Cousins, Mitigation Staff Biologist for Idaho Department of Fish and Game**

***Review of Pack River Restoration and Highlights of Upcoming Clark River Delta Restoration Project***

The presentation will discuss the implementation of restoration projects to mitigate wildlife habitat losses due to the construction and operation of hydroelectric projects in the Pend Oreille watershed.

## Announcements

### Arbor Day Native Plant Sale - Saturday June 7

Our annual plant sale will be held again at the Arboretum at Lakeview Park on June 7 from 9:00 am -

1:00 pm. New this year, we are partnering with the Bonner County Historical Society to make this a bigger and better event. The Museum is holding a Free First Saturday sponsored by Selle Valley Construction. Admission to the Museum is free all day.



The day will kick off with a celebration of Arbor Day presented by the City of Sandpoint and the Sandpoint



Tree Committee. The plant sale will follow immediately. A great selection of native plants from Cedar Mountain Perennials (a KNPS Sponsor) will be available again this year. Baked goods and coffee will be on hand as well as birdhouses and notecards. Arboretum volunteers will be available to give tours of the gardens which showcase native plants in a variety of habitats.



## Committee Reports

### Conservation Committee

All KNPS Members are Invited! Join the Conservation Committee in a luncheon meeting with Kate Walker of Idaho Fish & Game for an update on the exciting Clark Fork Delta Restoration project taking shape for this summer. Where and When: Tango Cafe, in the Panhandle State Bank Building at 5th and Church in Sandpoint, 12 Noon, Friday May 9. Arrive a few minutes early if you want to buy lunch and we will get underway at noon. Check for the gathering at a big round table in the 'back' room.

Also on that discussion agenda: the Forest Service Forest Plan (some progress is detected), What Friends of Scotchman Peaks is up to and Treasured Landscapes in the Lightning Creek Drainage this summer. Sound like fun? It is and we'd enjoy having you there too!

Molly O'Reilly, Chair 208 610-6642

### Arboretum



The trilliums are in full bloom, the shrubs are all leafing out, and the Twinberry honeysuckle is blooming.

Spring is here! From now on there will be something in bloom. Come by often to see what has started to bloom.

The new plants that we put in last fall are beginning to come up and grow. On April 13, nine gardeners raked paths, pruned roses, cleaned up debris and put out the benches for the summer season. Everyone enjoyed a nice potluck lunch afterwards. We will begin regular duties the first week in May.

We have hired Gina Graham as our paid coordinator for the summer. She will begin on June 10. If you are interested in learning the native plants, consider volunteering at the arboretum for a couple of hours once a week. There are always things to be done and new areas to plan.

Sylvia Chatburn

## Past Programs

Photos and Recaps by Lexie de Fremery

### March 22, 2014

Kathleen St. Clair-McGee, Founder and Board President of American Heritage Wildlife Foundation, Inc., spoke about the relationships between native plants and the animals, birds, reptiles, and insects that utilize them. The AHWF



has operated since 2001 and is the only nonprofit organization in the Inland Pacific Northwest working to preserve all local species of injured and orphaned wildlife. It relies completely on volunteer help and donations.

Kathleen reviewed research detailing the matches between plants and critters within specific ecosystems. The particular needs of the critters for water, food, shelter, heat, soil, air, and light determine what plants will attract them. Many times people misunderstand an animal's needs; for instance, a skunk sighting can be alarming, but skunks mate in early spring so will be visible then, and they help homeowners by eating grubs under grass. In order to have a "perfect" household ecosystem, we can't discriminate against animals we deem as pests, such as hawks

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## President's Message

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*By Rae Charlton*

Happy Spring to us all! It is a joy to be outdoors again, checking on plants...

Speaking of which, be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, when we will be celebrating Arbor Day. Come down to the Arboretum to buy native plants, baked goods, and garden art. We'll be there from 9:00-1:00. I consider it the kick-off to our season at the Arboretum, PLUS it will be a "free day" at the museum!

Speaking of the Arboretum, we would love to have some additional volunteers. Please contact Sylvia Chatburn (263-2175) if you're interested.

A special welcome to the twelve new members we've added so far this year. Please do come up and introduce yourselves—we're a friendly group and are delighted to have you with us. And check out our committees and projects. We hope that a very important project, the Clark Fork Delta Restoration, will be funded and begin in early June. If so, you will be hearing lots more about it!

Our Historian, Janice DeBaun, would like to retire. We have created a historical record of our organization, which resides in several boxes, and just requires someone clipping stories about KNPS from the local papers. Anyone interested should contact me (610-1688).

Thanks to all of you for your dedication, initiative, and wonderful spirit.

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## Past Programs, con't

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or squirrels. The main reason Kathleen sees injured animals is due to the human factor. The wish of the AHWF is short and sweet: "to present the present as a present for future generations."



*April 26, 2014*

Jim Ekins, University of Idaho Water Educator, gave a presentation to KNPS on "Plants and Clean Water: Rain gardens and Protecting Aquifer and Surface Waters." Jim explained how storm waters transport oils, sediments, nutrients, phosphates, nitrates, and toxic metals into waterways. He discussed methods of filtering pollutants from storm waters, including rain gardens, riparian buffers, and bio-swales, in both residential and commercial/industrial situations. Plants, native plants especially, are excellent filters and retainers of pollutants. Examples of good and bad designs were shown on slides. Jim recommended visiting a few systems regionally, such as the Spokane Urban Runoff Greenways Ecosystem at Lincoln and Broadway and the Robert Farnsworth Architecture Building at the University of Idaho.



## *Member Profile*

### *David Stroud*

Article by Mark Stockwell

His eyes might focus slightly elsewhere recalling campfires shared with his son or an old fishing buddy. They might even gloss up a bit recounting scenes set beside playful creeks or atop sage scented mesas. It's pretty obvious that some of David Stroud's most cherished memories are of moments invested outdoors.

Dave grew up a small town boy in the north-central Montana town of Chinook, just off Highway 2 and near the Canadian border. Although his family didn't farm, he learned to tend a garden early on and was active as a "4H Town Kid." He and his friends dangled tackle boxes from their handlebars and played along the banks of the Milk River. Many of those friends remain in touch with Dave today. His career path was well trodden by both parents and his grandmother, all of whom were teachers. He studied at both Missoula and Montana State in Billings, attaining his degree in Elementary and Special Education.



Dave taught every grade except kindergarten during his career.

He started teaching in Townsend, Montana in the late 70s. After a few years he was drawn to the desert, so he relocated to Farmington, New Mexico, very near the Four Corners region. Never one who liked to follow a standard curriculum, he always took pride in "reaching" kids through innovative methods. This challenge sparked a desire to make a difference with those hardest to reach. Graduate studies in Elementary Education were followed by 15 years working mainly with troubled kids left behind by the standardized teaching system - a job as much religion as vocation. He found the emerging science of computer technology a great way to rope their attention, but occasionally grew frustrated by the lack of funding such programs received at that time.

Dave's weekends were spent exploring desert canyons and mountains. He often set off by himself searching for ancient Anasazi ruins and artifacts. Once he spent an entire month camping alone on a mesa, returning to town only to work, change socks, and to grab a warm shower. Some of his most satisfying moments came when imagining himself the only person ever to set foot on some sacred setting. Edward Abbey would've been proud!

Around the time the economy crashed and schools cut costs, Dave moved to California. There he rekindled a relationship with a long lost college love and fellow teacher, Angela Rast. They married, retired, and moved to Sandpoint to be nearer Angela's aging parents.

These days Dave and Angela enjoy a semi-retired lifestyle. Dave's favorite activities include riding his bike, fishing, camping, and spending four hours each Tuesday morning tying flies with several buddies in "Floyd's garage!" About two years ago he and Angela were searching for ways to simplify their yard maintenance chores, so they began attending KNPS meetings to soak up some tips on growing native. They soon became members and began attend meetings regularly. Dave was recently elected to the board and has volunteered to assume secretarial duties. As of January he has fine-tuned the art of board meeting minutes taking, typing all his notes on a computer!