

October's Program:

Waterlife Discovery Center

During our October meeting, Mark Taylor (pictured) from Idaho Department of Fish and Game told us about how the Waterlife Discovery Center started out eight years ago. He thanked Lois and Joe Wythe for helping to start it up and for the Native Plant Society's involvement and all the good work that has been done. Most recently, at the planting day on October 7th, at the location on Lakeshore Drive, our chapter members saved the Center a substantial amount of money. Mark stated that their goal is to have the Center completed by 2007. Their brochure describes the Center in these words:



"The Waterlife Discovery Center is a proposed habitat education and interpretive area on the shores of the Pend Oreille River near Sandpoint, Idaho. It will be a self guided educational center that combines a fish hatchery, nature trails, overlook bridges, wildlife watching platforms,

interpretive signs, and underwater viewing opportunities along a stream and a pond. It is a unique grassroots project that has taken many years of planning and development. As the physical improvements take shape on the river's waterfront, we invite you to take a closer look and become a part of the development team."

The Center is looking for people with ideas and enthusiasm to help complete the project. Our chapter wishes them good luck, and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Conservation Thought of the Month:

"What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself."

*Mollie Beatty, Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
from 1993-1996*

Program Schedule

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Saturday, November 27, 9:45 a.m.

East Bonner County Library
Division at Cedar Street in Sandpoint

*"On the Pacific Trail: Flora,
Fungus, and Fun"*

By Phil "Nowhere Man" Hough and Deb "Walking Carrot" Hunsicker.

The Chapter's **Annual Meeting** will also be held on this date. Please attend so that we can complete our official business of electing officers and approving amendments to the by-laws.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m.

Holiday Potluck, at the traditional spot, Gretchen Hellar's home
401 St. Clair, Sandpoint

JANUARY PROGRAM

Saturday, January 29, 9:45 a.m.

Program to be Announced

Other Events

Committee Meetings

The **Conservation Committee** usually meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. We also attend public forums and hold conduct special events including conservation / habitat workshops and botanizing field trips. We invite all members of the Native Plant Society to attend and find out more about us. Contact Phil Hough at 255-2780, or conservation@nativeplantsociety.org

Landscape Committee: Contact Eileen Atkisson for meeting date (263-3835).

Arboretum Committee: Contact Sylvia Chatburn for meeting date (263-2175).

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ARBORETUM -- PUT TO BED FOR WINTER

A big thank you from Sylvia Chatburn to everyone who came out to help with the fall clean up at the arboretum. Those participating were Bill Lamson, Bruce Vogelsinger, Parise Whitley, Rae Charlton, Margie Gibson, Arlis Harvey, Mary Jo Haag, Linda Kirchmann, Bill and Lisa Shock, and Master Gardener Sherry.

There was a lot of activity at the arboretum. Our volunteers were busy digging, weeding,



relocating trees and plants, trimming, and mulching. Our arboretum is now ready for winter. After all of the hard work, everyone enjoyed a wonderful pot luck lunch. The weather was great, and it was nice to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine! A great day for working!

We will probably have another meeting in November to discuss our goals for each area and decide what we need to plant next season. If you have a preference as to day or time, please let Sylvia know.



Arboretum

At left:
The
Historic
Log Cabin at the
Arboretum

OUR FAVORITE NEWSLETTER



A Tribute to Phil and Michael Franklin (at left)

The reason I joined the Kinnikinnick Chapter of INPS was because of the newsletter. It drew me to the group and,

from there, the possibilities of our Native Plant Society opened up. That was four years ago, and I daresay the story has repeated itself over and over again. The team responsible for this beautiful little publication is Phil and Mike Franklin, and this article is dedicated to them.

Phil and Mike have published the Kinnikinnick Journal alone since 1997. Mike became a part of the original Steering Committee that formed at the behest of Lois Wythe, who organized our chapter in April 1997. The Steering Committee decided that a newsletter would help us get the word out about this new native plant group. At that time, Phil with his advertising background was asked to become co-editor with Mike, and the rest is history.

When the Franklins let it be known that the time had come to retire from the Journal, President Molly O'Reilly had to find seven people to fill the job of these two devoted members. We are so grateful for the Franklins' devotion and hard work. We realize that we have big shoes to fill and hope our members will be patient with us while we learn the ropes.

Submitted by Mary Jo Haag on behalf of the new newsletter committee (Mary Jo Haag, Margareta Larson, Rae Charlton, Marilyn George, Myrna Garside, Wendy Aeschliman, and Michele Murphree).

- *Message from the President*

Molly O'Reilly

Fellow Members,

The holidays are still ahead of us, but it is time to invite you to join us for an exciting, fun time in 2005 and look back on our chapter's accomplishments in 2004. The list may astound you, as it does me. I hope you were able to enjoy many of our activities and projects:

- Nine membership meetings with great speakers on topics ranging from Spring Mushrooms to "Wilderness Survival with Native Plants" to "Art from the Forest."
- Field trips – one per month, April – September.
- Arboretum – a place of beauty, tranquility and native plants in Sandpoint's Lakeview Park developed and maintained by Kinnikinnick members, with:
 - Eight distinct habitats and their flora
 - Historic log cabin, with major improvements in 2004
 - Newly completed rock wall on the south side (with plantings at its top)
 - New rockwork drinking fountain
 - Paths, benches, plant labels – all the ingredients for great outings
- Landscape Committee involved in:
 - Hospice Garden,
 - Waterlife Discovery Center
 - Identifying plants and habitats on members' lands, making recommendations
- Conservation Committee involved in:
 - Forest Planning Process
 - Learning Forest Habitat Typing and the sensitive plants in these habitats
 - Priest Lake State Forest
 - A variety of conservation-oriented field trips
- Alder-twig bench-building classes
- Wine tasting fundraiser hosted by Pend Oreille Pasta.
- Sandpoint's official Arbor Day hosted by us at the arboretum.
- Booth (staffed by member volunteers) at the Bonner County Fair
- Kinnikinnick Journal Newsletter, email and postcard updates.
- Membership in Idaho Native Plant Society

Your membership, involvement, contributions and enjoyment of the Kinnikinnick Chapter are important to us. We hope you will be a 2005 member, and contribute to our ongoing success. *Thank you for a wonderful 2004!*

THE LAST FIELD TRIP FOR THIS YEAR!!



The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day for a field trip on the 19th of September to the property of Arlis Harvey and Marilyn George. They have some wonderful wooded acres with a big variety of trees and plants and moss. There were about 17 of us just eager to do the walk and discover plants and trees that many of us didn't know about. We are lucky to have people who have been doing a lot of studying of the plants and for a lot of us these field trips are really an easy and fun way to acquire more knowledge about our natives. Since this fall has been a good year with lots of rain, the forests are full of mushrooms, many we don't see other years when it has been drier.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To assure that you stay connected to news of Chapter programs, events, field trips, etc., via the Kinnikinnick Journal, please submit your dues for 2005 by December 31st of this year. A membership application is enclosed. The information requested on it is helpful to your board of directors in planning activities for the new year.

Your membership makes all our wonderful activities possible, so please renew (or join!) now. Questions? Contact Rae Charlton at 255-7666.

APPRECIATION LETTER TO FAIR BOOTH WORKERS

We received the following letter from Parise Whitley and Jim and Cheryl Stern thanking our volunteers who helped out at this year's fair.

Parise Whitley and Jim and Cheryl Stern wish to thank Sylvia Chatburn for her help in setting up the Native Plant Society booth at this year's Bonner County Fair. Our warmest appreciation goes to all those who willingly gave their time to staff the booth for us. Thanks to Linda Kirchmann, Dorothy Modafferi, Margareta Larson, Janice DeBaun, Helen Campbell, Bill Lamson, Rae Charlton, Wanita Willinger, Nancy Low, Patti Rechnitzer, Lisa and Bill Shock, Ann and Neil Wimberly, Marilyn Haddad and David Hutchens, Michael Franklin, Mary Jo Haag, and new member Mac McDonald. Thanks also to standbys Margie Gibson, Molly O'Reilly, Joyce Pence, and Gretchen Ward. We hope everyone enjoyed the fair goes and chatting with them and other booth staffers around the pavilion. We certainly had the perfect weather to stay dry inside! Hope to see you and many others next year for another fun-filled week!!

Healing Garden in Sandpoint

The dedication of the Healing Garden at Bonner General Hospital was held on October 21st. The garden is located at "The Brown House" (hospice), next to the hospital. The unveiling was held in the afternoon, on a bright sunny day. The sunshine really showed off the beauty of the flowers, roses, waterfall, rocks, trees, and, of course, the native plants.

Several members of our chapter are involved in this project: Parise Whitley, Michelle Reichert, Valle Novak, Eileen Atkisson, and Rae Charlton. In the Daily Bee, Val Olson described the garden: *"It's a mind and body connection, being quiet with yourself.... Very seldom does being in a beautiful place not make you feel better."*

We hope you'll take the time to visit the garden and to feel and see the beauty!

The photo is taken from inside the Chapel with an eternal flame burning all the time -- and looks out towards Sand Creek.



"What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when we bring what is within out into the world, miracles happen."

Henry David Thoreau

Plant of the Month
Figwort (also called Carpenter's Square)/
Scrophularia