
Program Schedule

Presentations sponsored by
Native Plant Society and Sandpoint Parks and Recreation
LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)
First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint

November Program

Saturday, November 22nd, 2008 at 9:45 am

Phil Hough will give a program titled "Wildflowers of the Northern Rockies", about his wildflower encounters on a sweeping hike this past summer.

December Potluck

Saturday, December 13, 2008 11 am to 2 pm

Please join your native plant friends for another Kinnikinnick Chapter finger-food potluck to celebrate the holidays by gathering at Gretchen Hellar's home, 401 St. Clair at the corner of Michigan in Sandpoint. No need to RSVP but if you have questions please call Carol at 265-9204 or Gretchen at 263-6893.

Events

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: Members are actively advocating for native plants and their habitats. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. Contact Molly at 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.

Fall Presentations

Chris Schnepf's **September Program** on 'Backyard Forests' was packed with information for those with woodland acres of 5 or less acres. He spoke of how the forest ecology was

affected by climate, soils, water, genetics, and disturbances. Forest succession was explained as temporary plant communities which are replaced by more stable communities, unless disturbance interrupts. Root disease was explained as the number one killer of trees in North Idaho. Chris spoke at length on the value of proper thinning in protecting the health of a forest. **Todd Crossett** was also on hand and spoke about change coming to Bonner County due to the rapid population increase seen recently & projected into the future. It was great to hear about the work of an ad hoc committee, on which INPS president Carol Jenkins was an integral part. Also that the Kinnikinnick Chapter native plant list was the preferred guide to planting material for a 40 foot buffer between development and waterways in order to protect water quality.

October's Program featured **Larry Evans** of the Western Mycological Society based in Missoula, MT. Larry presented a very lively and informative look at the fall mushrooms that inhabit the proposed Scotchmans Peak Wilderness area. Friends of the Scotchmans Peak Wilderness Area was a co-sponsor of the event which included a slide show followed by a field trip to the Ross Creek Cedars in Montana. Larry covered many aspects of the northwest's edible mushrooms including their culture, symbiotic relationships, growth habits, gathering and culinary uses. Some of the fungi covered included the boletes, suillus, cantharellus, amanita, armillaria, hygrophorus, russula, the ever popular Matsutaki and others.

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Committee Reports

The **Arboretum Committee** put the arboretum to bed for the 10th season on October 12. Eleven people worked for a couple of hours removing two rose bushes, spreading compost and manure, placing a stump in a new area, raking paths and enjoying a potluck lunch. The committee will take a break until after the first of the year when we will have monthly meetings again. We will be developing a couple of new areas, so if anyone would like to join our group and help develop these area, please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or email- Sylvia@televar.com.

Reactivated after a wonderful summer, the **Conservation Committee** enjoyed an outstanding September trip to the proposed Gold Crown Forest Service (FS) project. With outstanding FS staff on hand, we felt we understood this major fuels reduction effort. Several committee members attended the FS Symposium on Climate Change in CdA, returning with a deepened awareness of the challenges our planet and ecosystem face, and some concerns about the FS approach. The committee has commented on several important issues and is following those and others. Shhhhh...we also laugh, chat and enjoy refreshments at our meetings. Come have fun with us. November Conservation Committee meeting: Tuesday Nov. 18, 6:30pm, 401 Euclid, Sandpoint. December: (Cons Committee meets only if essential.) January: Tuesday, January 13, 6:30pm, 401 Euclid, Sandpoint. Molly O'Reilly, Chair 255-7336

The **Hospitality Committee** extends many thanks to Mary Jo Haag for stepping up to bring treats in September, while Marilyn George & Gaea Swinford provided October's. Thanks to Sylvia Chatburn & Nancy Rodgers who signed on for November and in December we have the potluck to enjoy.

Both bakes sales were fantastic and brought in \$275 each. Thanks to all who participated at the booth and everyone who brought/bought goodies.

To volunteer please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727 (email bkpkrlinda@aol.com).

The **Nominating Committee** of the Kinnikinnick chapter of the INPS has nominated Carol Jenkins, Ken Haag, Joanna Fuchs and Bob Wilson for positions on the Board of Directors. Official election will be held at the November general meeting.

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Field Trip with Larry Evans, Ross Cedars, MT

Photos by Phil Hough



Message from the President

Carol Jenkins

As this is the season of giving thanks, I encourage all of us to attend our November 22 program and general meeting. Phil will be sharing beautiful images of the wild plants of the northern Rockies that inspired him this summer. This will be a tribute to all of us who treasure our native plants. We will hold our yearly election, giving thanks to those who offer to serve on our board. And most importantly, we will be gathered together to honor our membership, the folks who, every day, all year, are out there doing something on behalf of this organization. New members like Shawna Parry who showed up with hubby in tow on a bitter morning to ready the Arboretum for Arbor Day and Penny Waters who stood at a general meeting and expressed heartfelt appreciation, to our founders and past presidents who are as active today as when they broke ground on the Arboretum or held office. An admittedly incomplete list of members active this past year includes **Janice DeBaun, Sylvia Eisele, Sylvia Chatburn, Rae Charlton, Konrad Dahlstrom, Joyce Pence, Jackie Earle, Nancy Rieger, Nancy Rodgers, Mary Jo Haag, Marilyn George, Gaea Swinford, Sylvia Chatburn, Ken Haag, Eileen Atkisson, Larry Blakey, Sharon Brill, Gale Corsini, Dennis Corsini, Margie Gibson, Nancy Fontaine, Irv Jenkins, Mike Franklin, Phil Franklin, Jack DeBaun, Dennis Rieger, Jim Stern, Penny Waters, Molly O'Reilly, Don Childress, Dorothy Modafferi, Bill Lamson, Arlis Harvey, Sherry Metz, Cheryl Stern, Rochelle Chatburn, Chris McIntosh, Linda Kirchmann, Kate Johnson, Karen Lamb, Jim DuBuisson, Phil Hough, Margareta Larson, Wendy Aeschliman, Myrna Garside, Marie Valentine, Adrienne Lilly, Gary Rogers, Pat Stevens, Nancy Lowe, Pat Ramsey, Doug and Mary Toland (emails from Russia), Deb Hunsicker, Bob Wilson, Fields Cobb, Gretchen Hellar, Lois Wythe, and all those I've missed.**

Lois Wythe Scholarship Reminder

Anyone planning to take the next Master Gardeners' class can also apply for the Lois Wythe Scholarship which will cover the tuition. There are no financial restrictions. The recipient must have been accepted into the Master Gardeners' program and must agree to give 10 hours of volunteer time to a native plant related project. Application forms are included with the class information. For any questions, please call Janice DeBaun at 263-8970.

Know the Wildlife in Sandpoint

You care about the environment. You think globally and act locally. But do you know the wild animals and plants living in your community? Our good friends at www.eNature.com have a wonderful interactive site where you can create your own comprehensive local plant and wildlife guide for your neighborhood, or anywhere in the U.S. Visit eNature.com today and learn more about the animals and plants around you!

Gold Hill Conservation Field Trip

Photos by Marilyn George



Membership Information: A Note on Dues

The newsletter's envelope label now shows the year through which your dues are paid, above your name. Dues are payable January 1st with April 1st the deadline to maintain that years' membership. For your convenience, a membership form is included with the newsletter. Thank you for renewing! Dues paid to the Chapter are shared with the Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) so you are automatically a member of the State Society. A membership form will be included in the January issue of the Sage Notes (the Society Newsletter). If you have not renewed at that time, consider the form as a reminder, but please renew through the Chapter. It helps the Chapter when you use the form included with our Kinnikinnick Journal since there can be up to a six month delay before we learn of renewals through INPS.

Idaho Native Plant Society (INPS) recently increased their dues for 2009 and added a new member category. Patron dues have been increased to \$100 and the new category, "Sustaining," has been added at \$45. The State dues for all other categories have been increased by \$2, but you will not see this change on the renewal form. Since the action by INPS was taken late in the year, your Chapter Board decided not to increase its dues structure for the Senior, Student, Individual and Household categories. In June 2009, we will reevaluate our financial condition based on the success of our springtime fund raising activities to determine if we can continue to absorb the State dues increase for the following year.

Categories of membership: Individual \$25; Household \$30; Student/Senior \$20; Sustaining \$45; Patron \$100*; (*Patron members may affiliate with additional chapters of INPS). **Send payment to:** Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS, PO Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864. Thanks!

Calendar Season!

One of the best things about year end is the arrival of our calendars and this year it is even better because we also have a small magnetic calendar for your fridge, file cabinet, etc. The standard (8.5x11") calendar sells for \$8 each or 2 for \$15 and the small (4.25x5.5") magnetic style is only \$5.

You can order ahead by calling Marilyn George at 263-9470 or send in an order to the Chapter address at PO Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864. Be sure to add \$2.00 for S&H for first calendar and \$1 for each additional.

2009 Native Plant Calendar

			
JAN Scarlet Gilia	FEB Parsley Fern	MAR Mushroom	APRIL Larkspur
			
MAY Sagebrush Buttercup	JUNE High-Bush Cranberry	JULY Jacob's Ladder	AUG Western St John's wort
			
SEPT Mariposa Lily	OCT Stonecrop	NOV Mushroom	DEC Juniper