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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)

Upcoming Programs

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

*“Results of Summer Botanical Surveys
and Monitoring”*

Jennifer Costich-Thompson, Botanist
Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Annual Holiday Potluck at Gretchen
Heller’s*

Saturday, January 22, 9:45 a.m.

“Master Forest Stewards Program”

Chris Schnepf, University of Idaho Extension Office
in Coeur D’Alene

Are You Getting E-mail Announcements?

The old listserv crashed and we lost the ability to send out e-mail announcements to the KNPS members. A new listserv has been started and most members should be on the new e-mail list. If you have not received any e-mail announcements recently (or are not sure if you have) please e-mail Dennis at kk5db@hotmail.com and he will check your status on the new listserv and get back to you.

No Native Plant Scholarship this Year

The Lois Wythe Native Plant Scholarship will not fund a person to take the Master Gardener class this year, since the Bonner County Master Gardeners are not offering their class.

KNPS Calendars



One of the best things about year end is the arrival of our calendars, and this year we have again a small magnetic calendar for your frig, file cabinet, etc. The standard 8.5 by 11-inch calendar sells for \$8 for the first, and \$7 for each additional calendar. The small, 4.25 by 5.5 inch magnetic calendar is only \$5. You can order ahead by calling Marilyn George at 263-9470 or mail an order to the chapter address at P.O. Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864. Be sure to add \$2 for S&H for the first calendar and \$1 for each additional. There are no postage charges if you pick up your order at the Nov meeting, at the Dec holiday gathering or arrange with Marilyn to meet for delivery.



Committee Reports

Arboretum Committee

On October 3, thirteen people raked paths, rototilled a new area, trimmed plants back, put benches inside, drained hoses and enjoyed a potluck lunch. The 12th season at the arboretum has come to an end. The gardeners will take a break until after the first of the year. Committee meetings will begin the end of January or the first part of February, when we put our goals for the coming season into place. Some vandalism occurred the end of September: One alder bench got broken and one of the big cedar benches was pulled apart. We chose to store the parts until spring and then put them back together. If you are interested in working at the arboretum next season, please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175. It is a very pleasant place to spend two or three hours per week keeping it looking nice, and a good opportunity to learn about the native plants.

Conservation Committee

This will be a lively season for the group. Among other issues, the BLM is contemplating a land exchange – trading away extensive lands in our area for ones in the Boise foothills. An in-town wetland that serves as mitigation for the Bypass should receive more attention from its owners and offers untapped educational opportunities. Bonner County roadside weed spraying is very aggressive and expansive, so a number of members are concerned that trees and large stands of native plants are being killed. KNPS supports controlling noxious weeds, but could there be improvements in the county's techniques? We are gathering data. Is this an issue that KNPS should involve itself in? Have you observations or opinions? Please e-mail conservation@nativeplantsociety.org and let us know your thoughts. If you are interested in learning more and being part of a cordial group, please come to the November 9 or December 14 meeting, 6:30 p.m., 401 Euclid Ave., Sandpoint. Want to learn more? Call Molly at 255-7336.

Landscape Committee

Our last day at Mickinnick Trailhead was a fine example of synergy and sustainability. About 15 volunteer Kinikinnickers and Master Gardeners

mulched the berm in less than an hour. Ken Haag and Jan Griffiths procured the free mulch from nearby tree cutters who limbed and chipped and delivered the newly fallen Ponderosa pine from down the road. Many thanks to all who maintained the Trailhead throughout the season. --Eileen Atkisson

Past Programs

September Program:

Presented by **Edward John Bechinski**, Professor of Entomology, University of Idaho:
“Beneficial Natural Enemies of Plant-Feeding Insects”
Photos by Marilyn George



October Program:

Presented by **Dave Stephenson**,
Idaho Department of Lands

“Saving Green, the Value of Community Trees.”

Dave shared some resources that may be of great interest to our newsletter readers and web site visitors. The i-Tree tools he spoke about are at www.itreetools.org. This free software, based on USDA-FS research, contains a suite of programs, each described. Specifically, the “i-Tree species” tool is a nice utility for selecting trees based on their function toward air pollution removal, air temperature reduction, ultraviolet radiation reduction, carbon storage, pollen allergenicity, building energy conservation, wind reduction, and stream flow reduction
<http://www.itreetools.org/species/index.php>.

Dave also put together a web site on the use of trees in our communities, categorized by type of benefit (general, health, air quality, water quality, energy, and economic) and type of resource (general information, articles, fact sheets, manuals, scientific papers, youth education and presentations). There is a wealth of great information here, from one page fact sheets to EPA community forestry storm water manuals: <http://www.treebenefits.terrasummit.com/>
The results of the Boise Street Tree assessment is at http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_gtr206/.



Message from the President

Don Childress

Fall is definitely upon us. I look outside and the Tamarack trees are resplendent in gold, and we are adding sweaters and raingear when we walk the dogs. The arboretum was put to bed on October 3, thanks to Sylvia and a cadre of volunteers, and on October 20, the landscape committee and volunteers mulched the Mickinnick trailhead, thus putting it to rest for the winter.

Our Conservation committee, under the able leadership of Molly O'Reilly, has communicated with Superintendent Dick Cvitanich of LPOSD 84, concerning a wetland behind the middle and high schools in Sandpoint that is in need of maintenance. We are asking for a briefing on the management plans for the area and offering assistance in the management. The project might be of interest for their environmental and biology classes and a way to familiarize students with some of our native flora and their ecological importance.

Now is also the time to renew membership in the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society, as we function on a calendar year basis. Dues structure: individual-\$20, household-\$25, student-\$15, senior-\$15, sustaining member-\$50, patron-\$100. You may send the renewal to: KNPS, PO Box 1092, Sandpoint, ID 83864.

As a reminder, our membership meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the fourth Saturday of every month. This is usually the last Saturday of the month but, as in October, not always.

If you missed the wine tasting on September 16, you missed a good party. Our next party will be the annual holiday potluck at Gretchen Heller's house on December 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great time to visit, meet fellow KNPS members and renew acquaintances. Gretchen's address is 401 St. Clair Ave, Sandpoint. See you there.

Wine Tasting Party/ Fundraiser at Pend Oreille Pasta and Wine

Photos by Marilyn George



Opinion Survey – Dogs in the Arboretum

Earlier this year, the Sandpoint City Council approved a request to allow leashed dogs in the parks on a trial basis. On Wednesday, November 17, the Council will be reviewing the program and considering whether to continue this policy. It would be useful if the Council had feedback on this matter. Since the Arboretum is affected by the policy, members of the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society should provide their opinions. You may do so by e-mailing Mayor Gretchen Heller (mayor@ci.sandpoint.id.us) with a copy to Arboretum Manager Sylvia Chatburn (smchatburn@gmail.com). Use the Subject: "Dogs in Arb" and indicate your opinion as "in favor of," "neutral" or "against." Please feel free to add any comments regarding your opinion.

Plant Sale

We have received all of the plants for the 2011 plant sale. The plants have been repotted into 1 gallon containers and are in the greenhouse at PSNI.



Member Profile:

Say Hello to Molly O'Reilly

Article and Photo by Joanna Fuchs



Over a lunch of salmon pesto sandwich and butternut squash soup at Tango Café, KNPS Conservation Committee Chairperson Molly O'Reilly revealed her two major goals. She wants to be "a positive, effective voice for the protection of native plants in our area," and also "someone who advocates for the safety of pedestrians." For her extensive work in these two areas, Molly was honored as a 2010 "Woman of Wisdom."

A native of Southern California ("I was a "Valley girl" before the term existed," she says), Molly also lived in Oregon before she and her husband, Steve Lockwood, moved to Sandpoint in 1999 to be near Steve's two sons. After getting her degree in history from Oregon's Reed College, Molly worked for Xerox in sales, with an assist from new anti-discrimination legislation. "There was men's work and women's work back then," she says, "and they hired me to fill a quota." Later, Molly became Executive Director of the new Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland.

Before moving to Sandpoint, Molly and Steve embarked on a four-year adventure, sailing their 31-foot sailboat, Halo, to the South Pacific and back, stopping in Ecuador to visit friends. She kept a journal on board, on her laptop, and wrote a book about the trip, *Halfway and Back*, for family and friends. She even had a treadle-powered sewing machine for repairs. "The seat cushions might rip, and I'd repair them," she says. On their return in 1999, they lived for a year in a 12 by 14-foot cabin they had built off Upper Gold Creek Road.

After settling in Sandpoint, Molly joined KNPS, asked the Board if they wanted a Conservation Committee, and soon began her comprehensive work in that area. Molly says she loves the people, learning about native plants and making new friends in KNPS. She is also a board member of the Idaho Pedestrian and Bicycle Alliance and of America Walks.

Molly likes to read novels, especially those of bestselling author Sara Gruen, who is the wife of Molly's first cousin. She likes "the folk music of my youth," Peter, Paul and Mary, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, and others. She doesn't watch many movies or much TV but does listen a lot to NPR. She spoke with affection of 50's radio shows such as *Sergeant Preston*, *The Shadow*, *Fibber McGee and Molly* and *Our Miss Brooks*.

Molly and Steve opened Park Cottages in Sandpoint in 2006, with a goal to provide "affordable housing where people could walk and bike to destinations." The gardens there have lots of natives, and some edibles—herbs and fruit trees. The garden at her house, however, put in a year before she joined KNPS, has vegetables (her favorite food is green beans), strawberries, showy bulbs, such as crocus, tulips and daffodils, and some tall, aromatic lilies that people can enjoy from the sidewalk. "I like being in town where people walk by and enjoy my garden," she says. "I have interesting conversations with people passing by." Molly and Steve also like being able to walk to activities in town, like POAC events at the Panida. Molly and Steve have a Swedish Vallhund puppy named Olle. They are training him to be easy to walk with and taking him to doggie agility class. "We'd like him to be civilized," she says.