

# Kinnikinnick Journal

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

## Program Schedule

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

### September Program

Saturday, Sep 24, 9:45 a.m.

**"Forest Planning and Current Practices"** Ranotta McNair

**Ranotta McNair**, Forest Supervisor for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest will present insights on Forest Planning on the Idaho Panhandle following the new forest planning regulations, as well as current practices of Forest Management. Renotta has twenty-seven years of experience with the Forest Service.

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### October Program

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

**"Native Herbs"** Barbara St. Dennis

**Barbara St. Dennis** has practiced herbalism in the Pacific Northwest for over 30 years. She has owned an herb store, a clinical practice with hand-made medicines, and an herb farm. She currently teaches at NIC, the Glacier Institute, and privately. The talk and slide show will focus on major medicinal plants of our area that are native as well as introduced. Surprisingly, some of our most common species, such as the cottonwood tree, are among the most powerful and useful local medicinals. Most of our plants lend themselves well to home-made medicines.



## Plants of the Month

Sept: **Wild Bergamot**

*Monarda fistulosa*,

by Parise Whitley

Oct: **Lungwort, or Lung**

**Lichen** *Lobaria pulmonaria*,

by Adrienne Lilly

## Other Events

**Conservation Committee:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Molly O'Reilly's, 6pm at 401 Euclid Street in Sandpoint. For more information or an agenda please contact Phil Hough at 255-2780.

**Landscape Committee:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Monarch Mt Coffee, Sandpoint. Contact Eileen Atkisson at 263-3855.

**Arboretum Committee:** Contact Sylvia Chatburn: 263-2175.

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[www.nativeplantsociety.org](http://www.nativeplantsociety.org)

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR EVEN MORE on CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, ARCHIVED NEWSLETTERS, and EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION!

At Left: Phil Hough takes a stint staffing the chapter's successful Bonner County fair booth. The "Name the Flower" contest stumped most and started conversations with all. Parise Whitley spearheaded booth design, creatively incorporating the theme, "Squeals and Wheels." Thanks to every volunteer who helped with our third successful presence at the fair!

Photo by Marilyn George

# Committee Reports

## Arboretum News

Susan Yeager, arboretum coordinator, has brought a lot to the ongoing growth of the arboretum. She greets people with a smile, has taken a real interest in the day-to-day operation of the arboretum, loves to dig in the dirt, and is quite artistic. The habitats are developing quite nicely, there has been something blooming all summer and the new native grasses areas are doing very well. The Indian Blanketflower made quite a statement in late August. Come by often to see the changes, to lend a hand with the daily upkeep, or to relax on one of the benches. (Sketch of Indian Blanketflower by Susan Yeager) **Submitted by Sylvia Chatburn;**  
**Sketch of Indian Blanketflower by Susan Yeager**



## Conservation Corner

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Conservation Committee sponsored a field trip for chapter members to look at forest, road and mining rehabilitation projects and procedures in the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Sandpoint District Ranger, Dick Kramer, and his staff led us to some interesting places southeast of Lake Pend O'Reille to look first hand at the principles of sustainable forest management.

Our August Lichen Workshop and Field day was a huge success! We had 18 participants for this two-day event where we learned much about the large (and small) world of lichens and their role in forest ecology. Thanks to an ERIG grant from the INPS we were able to bring in Lichenologist **Toby Spribille** for these two days of "enlichenment." For more complete notes as well as photos please see page 5, or look at the conservation section of our website: [www.nativeplantsociety.org](http://www.nativeplantsociety.org).

This summer the conservation committee "adopted" the Bee Top roadless area. In September we are planning to visit Bee Top ridge, which forms the

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magnificent mountain skyline, you see gazing out across the lake from Sandpoint.

The conservation committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Our fall meetings will be held on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. We focus on topics of conservation relating to native plant habitats. With revisions to the Forest Service master plan and county review of roadless areas underway we have lots of hot topics to follow. All Native Plant Society members are welcome to join us. For an agenda and directions contact Phil Hough at 255-2780 or via e-mail at: [conservation@nativeplantsociety.org](mailto:conservation@nativeplantsociety.org)

If you're interested in issues or information relating to native plants or their habitat please join our discussion group at our yahoo "home": [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conservation\\_KCINPS/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conservation_KCINPS/)

**Submitted by Phil Hough**

## Landscape Committee Report

Members spent the summer with water and weeds, knee-deep in both, at the Waterlife Discovery Center and Mickinnick trailhead. We are considering an autumn planting at Discovery, perhaps a clean-up at the Healing Garden and probably winter preparation at all of our sites. We invite you to attend our planning meetings on the second Thursday of each month at Monarch Mountain Coffee.

**Submitted by Eileen Atkisson 263-3835;**  
[eatkiss@bossig.com](mailto:eatkiss@bossig.com)

### *Quote of the Month:*

***"Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."***

**- Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac, 1949**

## *Message from the President*

*Molly O'Reilly*

### Why is the Kinnikinnick Chapter Important?

Our chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society is the only organized voice for native plants in Idaho north of Coeur d'Alene. Native plants are easily overlooked in landscaping, public projects, and by those protecting fish and wildlife. Our mission is to enjoy, educate about and advocate the protection of this important local resource and heritage.

Our members and their activities have had significant impact in our short six years. The North Idaho Native Plant Arboretum is our visible flagship. Nestled next to the Bonner County Museum in Lakeview Park, Sandpoint, it is a 24/7 testimony to the beauty and utility of native plants in gardens and on private property. It's a classroom and source of pleasure for many. Volunteer gardeners – dedicating one morning/week through the growing season -- are the backbone of the Arboretum, assisted this year by our paid Coordinator. Arbor Day, which we organize for area schoolchildren in April, is celebrated there.

Monthly presentations at the Community Hall highlight the fun, opportunities and issues inherent in our mission. Our September speaker, Ranotta McNair, Forest Supervisor for IPNF, is at the center of long-range planning for our local forests. The outcome of that process matters to our natives from large ecosystems to small populations of specialized and unusual species.

The Landscape Committee has teamed with Master Gardeners to design and install native plantings at the Mickinnick Trail and Waterlife Discovery Center. Wow! These are large, important and visited areas. The committee also works with private landowners on appropriate native plantings.

Field trips each year highlight flowers, habitats, and lovely landscapes. They help us all appreciate our bounty of native plants.

The Conservation Committee works cooperatively with the Forest Service and Priest Lake State Forest on knotty issues affecting the future of our native populations. They have also adopted Beetop Roadless area. These members work to ensure the natives we showcase and educate about survive and thrive for the coming decades.

As we watch summer dim and fall splash our landscapes with color, please join me in enjoying our harvest of accomplishment. Thank you one and all for your support, time, enthusiasm, imagination and friendship.

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## **Bears Benefit Chapter**

Remember *Bearly There in Sandpoint*? Some time ago, our chapter acquired 'Mama and Baby Bear', the work



of artists Diana Moses Botkin and Lee Harris. The board debated for over a year how to market this substantial acquisition. To ready the bears for "adoption," it was felt that a "bear spruce up" was in order; so Annette Fraser-Runnalls recruited Sylvia Chatburn, Linda Drayton, Mary Jo Haag and Connie Horton to assist in making the bears look their best. They worked hard.

The beautifully refurbished pair of bears became part of the Community Assistance League (C.A.L.) Western Roundup Auction/Dinner May 14<sup>th</sup>. Bidding was lively, so when CAL and our chapter split the sale price, we had raised \$600! Special thanks to all who worked hard for this success, especially Annette!

**Above: Sylvia Chatburn, Mary Jo Haag, and Annette Fraser-Runnalls with Mama and Baby Bear**

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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. Questions? Rae Charlton, Membership, 255-7666.

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## Past Presentations



**Rich Old Sharing his Knowledge**  
Photos by Margareta Larson



**May:** **Rich Old**, Weed Identification Specialist, demonstrated his system for weed identification bringing an unusual combination of knowledge and humor to an often neglected area of study. After the meeting many of us followed Rich into the field to see first hand the wonderful world of weeds.

**June:** **Scott Daily** shared with us his experiences using native plants in habitat restoration projects in northwestern Montana. We also learned about how those projects led to his current native plant nursery and experiments in permaculture.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee, (consisting of Phil Hough, Bill Lamson, Rae Charlton, and chaired by Don Childress) is pleased to announce a full slate of board candidates for the November election to be held at the annual meeting. Under the bylaws adopted last year, the membership elects board members. The board then selects officers from their ranks. The Nominating Committee this year has recruited nominees for 4 one-year positions and 4 two-year positions. In the future, it will only need to find 4 candidates each year.

Candidates for two-year terms are: Rae Charlton, Marilyn George, Phil Hough and Nancy Hahn Rodgers. Those tapped for one-year terms are: Ken Haag, Annette Fraser Runnalls, Molly O'Reilly, and Ann Wimberly.

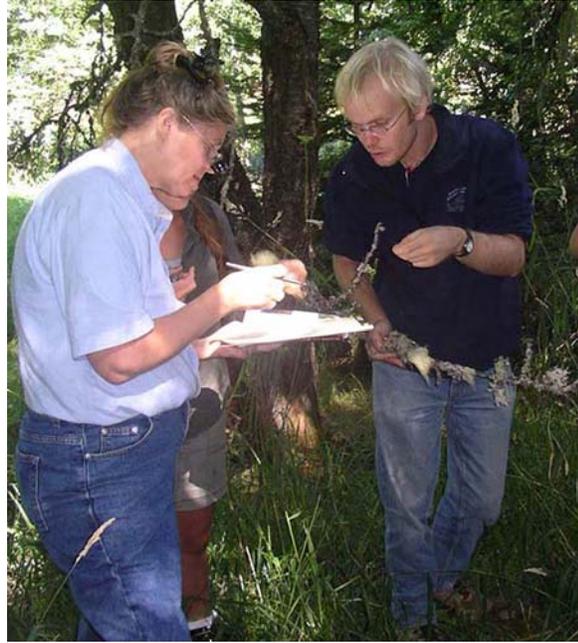
Additional nominations will be accepted at the October meeting. Anyone nominated must have already agreed to serve. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in serving on the board, please plan to submit that name at the October meeting.

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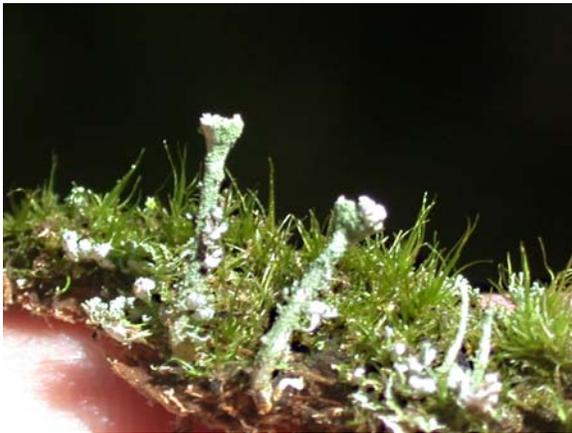
## June Bench-Making Class



## August Lichen Workshop with Lichenologist Toby Spribille



Photos by Phil Hough (above) and Wendy Aeschliman (below)





**Mark Your Calendars**  
**Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8pm**

***Tropical Travels – 4 Years Sailing the South Pacific***

*.....Four Years and 50,000 Ocean Miles.....*

Last in the series of chapter fundraising events for the Arboretum, Molly O'Reilly & Steve Lockwood will show slides and describe their adventures from California to Ecuador to Australia aboard their 31 foot sailboat, Halo. Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8pm, at the Library.

Island hopping, exploring ashore, making friends – warm your hearts with this fun account as the weather cools. Four years and 50,000 ocean miles. Oh yes, there was some nasty weather too! Free admission, donations invited. Questions? Call Molly at 255-7336.



**Busy Landscapers**

Photos by Margareta Larson

Mickinnick Trailhead, Sandpoint

