

# Kinnikinnick Journal

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## 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

### *Improvement Made to Community Hall*

Our Chapter has made a change in the Community Hall which will improve the quality of our programs. To correct problems we have had viewing the screen due to the sun shining through the window coverings, opaque blinds have been added to the East windows and we expect a much better viewing experience. *The Chapter extends a special thank you to Sandpoint Furniture/Carpet One in Bonner Mall for donating half the cost of the purchase and installation of the blinds.*

### September Program

Saturday, September 27th, 2008 at 9:45 am

#### *"Bonner County Land Use Planning"*

Commissioner **Todd Crossett** will give a brief overview of the goals and status of land use plans for our county.

*"Backyard Forests"* Presentation by **Chris Schnepf**, University of Idaho Extension Educator- Forestry. This presentation will help homeowners primarily interested in keeping their trees healthy and their landscapes attractive by applying basic concepts of forest ecology to their trees. Participants will learn about: tree species native to north Idaho and their growth habits; how forests grow and change over time; common forest insects & diseases; methods to improve forest tree health and reduce potential insect, disease and fire problems; and ways to enhance forest wildlife habitat.

### October Program

Saturday, October 25th, 2008 at 9:45 am

October's presentation will feature **Larry Evans** on the *"Fall Fungi of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Area."* The presentation will be followed by a field trip for fungi collection and identification.

## Events

**Chapter Bake Sale:** Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at Sandpoint Farmer's Market from 9am to 1pm.

**Conservation Committee field trip:** Friday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to the Gold Crowns Project. Call Molly O'Reilly (255-7336) to coordinate.

**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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month. Call Molly for details (255-7336).

**Landscape Committee:** Contact Eileen Atkisson with any inquiries at 263-3835 or by email at [eatkiss1@verizon.net](mailto:eatkiss1@verizon.net).

These committees and their activities are open to all members.



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## Committee Reports

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The **Arboretum** is really looking "upscale" now that we have the plants in each habitat labeled. Everything is growing well and looking good. The asters are in full bloom and the elderberry bushes have lots of berries. We received another grant from the Idaho Community Foundation so we will be ordering more plant labels and maybe even get them placed this fall.

Bill Lamson, Bruce Vogelsinger, Konrad Dahlstrom, Joyce Pence, Rae Charlton, Mary Jo Haag, Arlis Harvey, Margie Gibson, Sherry Metz and Dorothy Modafferi have done a great job keeping the weeds down. Don Childress removed the sick aspen and plans to replace a couple of them in the spring. Jim Stearn built a bookcase, to store the Arbor Day materials, with the plywood that was left over from the habitat signs and some donated by Dennis Rieger. Dorothy Modafferi put together a nice scrapbook of our first ten years, a copy of which will be available for viewing at our regular meetings. Our two coordinators, Rochelle Chatburn and Chris MacIntosh, have done a great job helping the gardeners and greeting the public. A lot of brochures have been distributed via the box on the cabin.

The plant list that was put together last spring and posted on the website is being used by the public. I have had people come to the arboretum with the list in hand taking pictures of the various plants that they thought they might like for their own yards. People were looking for plants that require very little care. All of our hard work is paying off!!

The **Conservation Committee** welcomes new and returning attendees as it gears up for an interesting and productive "winter" season. We'll be monitoring policies and projects on public lands and talk about new, potentially interesting topics. Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 6:30pm, Molly's house at 401 Euclid, in Sandpoint. Questions? - 255-7336.

Conservation field trip: Friday, September 26, all day to the Gold Crown Fuels Reduction Project with Jennifer Costich-Thompson of the Forest Service. We hope to review the botanical assessment of this area and project plans for the moist draws/riparian areas, weed control, and other issues mentioned in our comment letter some time ago. Want to join us? Call Molly, 255-7336 to coordinate transportation.

The **Hospitality Committee** continues to thank those who bring treats to the meetings. Nancy Rieger and Nancy Rodgers brought items in June but September is still open...Anyone want to bring goodies? Please contact Linda (email below).

July's bake sale went great and \$275 was raised. Thanks to Margie Gibson, Carol Jenkins, Jackie Earle, Nancy Rodgers, Janice DeBaun, and Sylvia Chatburn for volunteering their time manning the bake sale booth. And thanks to everyone who brought or bought goodies!

Our next bake sale is Sept. 20th (9am-1pm) at the Sandpoint Farmer's Market. If you would like to volunteer at the bake sale booth (for just an hour & it's a lot of fun!) please contact me (Linda Kirchmann) by email at [bkpkr linda@gotsky.com](mailto:bkpkr linda@gotsky.com) or call (208)255-5727. And of course we need bake sale goodies!

The **Landscape Committee** reports this has been the busiest and most rewarding season at Waterlife Discovery Center and Mickinnick Trailhead since we landscaped the two areas. We got some help from Master Gardeners but Kinnikinnick volunteers did a large amount of the work. Mickinnick has never looked as good and the Discovery has a new lease on native plant life. The next official workday at Mickinnick is October 1, and we may add third Wednesdays, September 17 and October 15, depending on conditions. Mark Taylor and I may add a final day at Discovery and he will cook lunch, of course.

Thank you to all for the extraordinary amount of time and energy. We'll continue to contact you through emails, the newsletter and Saturday meetings. For more information contact Eileen Atkisson at 263-3835 or by email [eatkiss1@verizon.net](mailto:eatkiss1@verizon.net).

## *Message from the President*

*Carol Jenkins*

I was asked to keep this short, so I'll stick to the most essential thank yous. Sylvia Chatburn and Eileen Atkisson and all your crews, the Arboretum and landscaped areas look wonderful and are a real credit to the spirit of volunteerism. Molly O'Reilly put on a great field trip schedule for us this spring and summer. Don Childress, the Lois Wythe Celebration was heartwarming and memorable. Linda Kirchmann and the bake sales crew brought us a record amount in fundraising. The statewide annual meeting hosted by our chapter was a success and enjoyed by all who participated. ICF fully funded our grant request to complete Arboretum signage. Your Board of Directors and our membership are engaging in community outreach to increase awareness and appreciation of native plants and our chapter remains vibrant. Thank you all!

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## **June's Program: Tribute to our Founder**

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On June 28, 2008, the Kinnikinnick chapter of the INPS celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a tribute and celebration of our founding member, Lois Wythe. Lois facilitated the first informational meeting that led to the establishment of Kinnikinnick chapter on April 12, 1997. A steering committee was formed to find candidates to lead the new club. Phil and Mike Franklin produced the first newsletter that recorded those historic early meetings, and many subsequent meetings.

In honor of Lois' contribution to our chapter; Phil Hough introduced seven speakers who addressed this remarkable woman's contribution to our chapter and community. The speakers included Gretchen Heller, a member of the founding group, who spoke on Lois' ability to motivate others. Next, Diane Green, organic gardening guru, spoke about Lois as an inspiration. Bob Wilson, former Bonner County Extension Educator, spoke of Lois' contributions to the community. Valle Novak, a member of the founding cadre of Kinnikinnick chapter, described Lois' role in the founding of the Bonner County Master Gardener program. Phil and Mike Franklin spoke on Lois' role in founding this chapter and the Arboretum. Mikki Clark spoke on the role Lois played in founding the Sandpoint Farmers Market. Hattie Goodman, friend, finished the tributes with a heart felt look at what Lois means to her, and to all of us.

- Don Childress

(Photos by Marilyn George)



### Membership Information

**Categories of membership:** Individual \$25; Household \$30; Student/Senior \$20; Patron \$75\*; Life \$1,000\* (\*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. Thanks! If you have any questions please contact Rae Charlton at 255-7666.

### ICF Awards Grant

For the second year the Northern Region Greatest Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation has awarded a grant to our chapter. This support, in the amount of \$480, will complete plant signage at the Arboretum, finance a sign with the history of the log cabin and an educational sign to display at all chapter events. *Partnering with ICF has been very exciting for our membership and volunteers. We appreciate the many ways ICF has enriched our region through charitable distributions.*

### Master Gardener Scholarship

Applications will be available, in late September, for the Lois Wythe Scholarship, a program to honor Lois for her contributions to all aspects of gardening in our community. The program will pay for one person to take the next Master Gardeners' class to begin in Feb. 2009. Contact Janice DeBaun at 263-8970 if you wish a form mailed to you. Forms will also be available at our meetings and at the Extension Office.

### Board Nominations

The nominating committee is pleased to present the nominees for next years Board of Directors positions. The slate will be presented to the membership in September and includes: Carol Jenkins for President; Ken Haag for Treasurer; Bob Wilson as Board member; Joanna Fuchs as Board member.

### 2008 Field Trips

A fun season of chapter field trips is behind us. Botanists added greatly to two of them, and the

fascinating plants and flowers of our region made all a delight. Check conservation committee news for a September chance to tramp around with an expert.

## 2008 Idaho Native Plant Annual Meeting

This year's meeting held the weekend of June 20 - 22 at Sam Owen Campground was a huge success. Four of the seven chapters were represented. There were 46 people at dinner on Saturday night and in attendance at the official annual meeting. Twenty seven people camped for the weekend. Everyone attended at least one of the three field trips that were offered. Sylvia Chatburn and Phil Hough led a trip to the Lightning creek washout on Saturday morning; Molly O'Reilly and Jim Dubuisson led the afternoon trip to Lightning Creek; Thomas Woolf (Idaho Dept. of Agriculture Aquatic Plants Program Manager - Photo at Right) led two aquatic plant field trips - one in the morning and the other in the afternoon; Konrad Dahlstrom led a longer hike to Antelope Lake. All of these hikes had a nice display of wildflowers in bloom. Some of the aquatic plants were also blooming! Everyone seemed to be very pleased with what they saw and learned.



The evening speakers were very informative. On Friday evening Chris Schnepf (U of I Extension Educator) spoke about white pine restoration and on Saturday evening Dick Kramer (USFS Sandpoint District Ranger) discussed plans for the restoration of roads in the Lightning Creek drainage.

Saturday evening's dinner was catered by the Squeeze Inn in Clark Fork. *A big thank you to Sylvia, Phil, Molly, Jim, Konrad and Carol for all their help and support.*