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Program Schedule

Presentations sponsored by
KNPS and Sandpoint Parks and Recreation
Community Hall, First Ave, Sandpoint
(across from County Courthouse)

March Program

Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 9:45 a.m.

*"Native Plants and Fire in the Northern
Rocky Mountains - Natural Interactions
and Human Influences,"*

Art Zach, USFS ecologist.

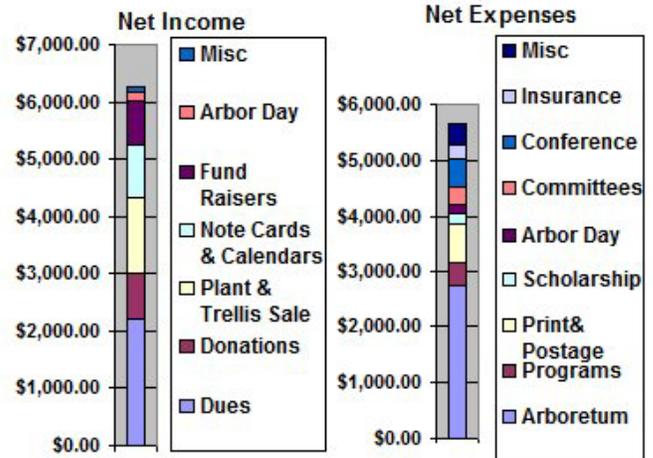
April Program

Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 9:45 a.m.

*"A Community Forest Program -
Sandpoint's Outstanding Trees,"*

Rich del Carlo, Gail Lyster and Bob Wilson
from the Sandpoint Tree Committee.

Native Plant book. A description of the project is presented in another article in the newsletter. This is a one time project that has expenditures and income sources that are quite different from the Society's normal operation. These items are not included in the charts presented below.



2010 Budget

The Kinnikinnick Board adopted the 2010 budget at its January meeting. A synopsis of the budget is presented below. Net income is the amount left after direct expenses (sales taxes, plant purchase, maintenance and profit sharing costs) are subtracted from gross receipts. Net expenses are disbursements minus the direct expenses. There are two major income sources each contributing approximately 50% - our membership through dues and donations and our outstanding volunteers whose time and effort result in the success of our remaining income endeavors. The Net Expenses reflect a phrase in our By-Laws Mission Statement – "... and to educate the youth and the general public in the value of their native flora and its habitats." The planned expenditures of the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society clearly support this mission. We are presently working on a project to publish a

As you can see, dues are our largest single source of income so....

Renewal Reminder

If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership for 2010:

Patron \$100

Sustaining \$50

Household \$25

Individual \$20

Senior/Student \$15

KNPS PO Box 1092 Sandpoint, ID 83864

If you're not sure of your status, a flower sticker appears at the top of the page for 2009 members who have not renewed as of **March 8, 2010**.



Committee Reports

The **Arboretum Committee** welcomed two new gardeners, Mary Toland and Evan Moquah, at its last meeting on February 10. Mary will be assisting Arlis Harvey in the Moist Forest Habitat and Evan will be working on the development of the new area between the Moist Forest and the Wild Medicinals. The theme for this area is “*Color*,” so we will be planting a lot of perennials that will bloom in the area all through the season.

We have new brochures out with the new sign and a fall color background. Spring clean up will be April 28, so that things will be in shape for the Arbor Day Celebration on April 30. Our next meeting will be March 10 at 10 a.m. at the Museum.

The **Conservation Committee** meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month. The gatherings are informal, with tea and treats and a fire in the fireplace. The committee is following an array of interesting issues and developments in North Idaho and planning conservation-oriented monitoring trips later this spring. Members are invited to come! Call Molly for more details: 255-7336 or email her at yachthalo@yahoo.com.

Landscape Committee members will again offer their services as non-professional landscape consultants to Kinnikinnick members, one weekday morning a month, at a mutually agreed upon time. Participants will walk the property with the hosts, while discussing dreams and possibilities for enhancing hardscape and landscape with native plants. Each visit will result in a written and graphic plan for the property owner. We have already booked April, May and June and will be available through September. We have room for three more member/hosts. We also have room for more consultants who will learn on the job. This is a fun and satisfying activity, so sign up online or at the March and April meetings. Mickinnick Trailhead had its best season last year. Crews are mostly maintenance workers who pull out non-native plants but their activity becomes a social and educational event as well. Meeting on first

Wednesdays, May through October, we work from 9 a.m. until noon, often earlier in the warmer months. You may put in two to twenty hours. If you like solitary work, you can go any day, once you have learned what goes and what stays. The Trailhead is on Woodland Avenue. We'll have a map on the sign-up sheets at the next several meetings. Eileen Atkisson, Eatkiss1@verizon.net 263-3835

Marilyn McIntyre and Jim Dubuisson will co-chair the **Field Trip Committee** this season, and we are looking forward to firming up plans for some interesting outings. We will center our program around 3 or 4 main trips in the spring, summer and fall. On May 5, Joyce Pence will lead an early wildflower walk on the Denton Rd. so look for details elsewhere in this issue. Jim has some good ideas for in-town field trips, so stay posted. Thanks to Molly O'Reilly, former field trip chairperson, for her willingness to help the new kids!

For Your Calendars

- March 10** Arboretum Committee Meeting 10 a.m. at the Museum
- March 27** KNPS March General Meeting: Native Plants and Fire
- April 1** Membership Renewal Deadline
- April 5** Special Event: 6 pm Community Center *Native Plants Along the Continental Divide*, Phil Hough and Deb Hunsicker
- April 13** Conservation Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at Molly's
- April 15 to May 26** KNPS display at Bonner County Library
- April 22** Earth Day Celebration 4-8 p.m., KNPS booth
- April 24** KNPS April General Meeting: Sandpoint Trees
- April 28** Arboretum Cleanup
- April 30** Arbor Day Celebration with KNPS events
- May 5** Field Trip: Early Wildflower Walk, 9 a.m. Pg 4
- May 5** Mickinnick Trailhead Maintenance 9-noon
- May 15** Native Plant Sale at Panhandle Special Needs
- May 22** KNPS May General Meeting: *Ball Creek Preserve*, Justin Petty, The Nature Conservancy
- June 26** KNPS June General Meeting: *Milfoil Management*, Jenifer Ekstrom – Executive Director, Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeepers



Message from the President

Don Childress



This is my first column as president of the newly named independent Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society. It is exciting and a distinct honor for me to assume this role. It is paramount for me to honor Carol Jenkins (photo at left) for the past two year's leadership of this organization. Carol is continuing her leadership in KNPS by chairing the group of volunteers who are currently adding photos to our native plant list and getting the new text and photo format published into book form. Carol is also writing the grants to secure funding for the project.

Also, please note our new logo on this newsletter. Artist and newly-elected KNPS board member Marilyn McIntyre created the new logo that is now a part of our official look. Marilyn has also

volunteered to create some artwork for sale at our spring native plant sale with all proceeds to go to KNPS. We thank Marilyn profusely for her contributions.

Dues for 2010 calendar year should now have been paid. At our latest board meeting, the board formulated a dues policy: April 1 is the deadline for membership renewal. If dues are not received by April 1, the March/April newsletter will be the last sent to unpaid members. A renewal before October 31 will be counted as dues for that calendar year. New members who join during the last half of the year (after July 1) will have their membership count for the following year also.

Photo by Marilyn George

Book Review: *Flower Hunters*

By Mary Gribbin and John Gribbin, Oxford University Press, 2008

These are the fascinating stories of 11 botanical adventurers in their world-wide travels collecting plants, beginning with Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) and ending with Joseph Hooker (1817-1911). If you heard Jack Nisbet's riveting presentation about David Douglas in the Columbia region, you may find it interesting to read his story told again through British eyes. London was very polluted and the plants in the great garden conservatories like Kew Gardens must have provided healthier air. Many of these early botanists became quite sick upon their return to the city for extended periods of time, making their harrowing experiences in remote mountains and jungles worth it. I have the book if anyone wants to borrow it, and the last time I looked, it was also available at Bonner Books in Bonners Ferry for a very reasonable price. -Marilyn McIntyre



Native Plant Sale!!

Saturday, May 15, 2009 9 a.m. to Noon

**Panhandle Special Needs Building
1424 N. Boyer Ave, Sandpoint**

Native plants can be hard to get; don't miss out! Mark your calendar now.

25 varieties of native plants, 400 plants to choose from! Also hand-crafted wood trellises, note cards, bookmarks, original art, refreshments.

All proceeds benefit KNPS and Panhandle Special Needs



Notes from the January and February Programs



January Program
In January, **Jack Nisbet** (photo at left) delivered an engaging presentation about the adventures and botanical worlds that David Douglas opened up while on his travels through the Pacific

Northwest. Those who missed the presentation may want to pick up a copy Nisbet's latest, award-winning book, *"The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural History of the Pacific Northwest."*

Photo by Marilyn George

February Program

At our February meeting, **Carol Jenkins** led a panel presentation by **Clare Marley, John Hastings, Gail Bolin** and **Molly McCahon** about local Native Plant Community Demonstration projects at Dover Bay and at the Bonner County Administrative Building. We enjoyed an in-depth look at all aspects of both projects, from planning and plant selection to turning the earth, and a vision of what the habitat will look like and how it will function at maturity.

Photo Below: ClaireMarley, Molly McCahon:



Photos Above: John Hastings, Gail Bolin
Photos by Wendy Aeschliman

Early Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, May 5, 9 a.m. Join Joyce Pence on one of her popular and easy walks to see the early wildflowers on Denton Road, between Hope and Clark Fork.

Meet at Bonner Mall theater parking lot to carpool. Be early (**we leave at 9!**) and dress prepared for changing weather. Joyce says we will be finished by lunch, so bring snacks and water, native plant field guides, hand lens, etc. Lunch stop on the way back if everyone agrees. **Note:** Field trips are subject to rescheduling due to weather. Make sure KNPS has your current e-mail address. If you don't have e-mail, let Marilyn know: 290-7176.

Classroom Project

This winter Bob Wilson and Don Childress gave PowerPoint presentations to students at Ms. Christine Sandahl's Lakeland High School horticulture class in landscaping with native plants.

They talked about some of the natives commonly used in landscapes and also covered landscape planning, including landscape objectives, site evaluation, plant selection, soils, landscape design and color and texture in the landscape.



Carol Jenkins honored by the Idaho Business Review

On February 2, the Idaho Business Review announced their list of honorees for the 2010 Idaho Business Women of the Year. We are proud to announce that board member and past president Carol Jenkins was among the individuals selected for this honor! The 50 women selected will be honored in a special edition, glossy magazine published in the Idaho Business Journal on March 22 and honored at an awards dinner in Boise on March 18. Carol was President of the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society 2008 and 2009. She also serves as Vice-Chair/Idaho for the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness and has been a guiding hand in writing grants and conducting effective outreach and educational programs.

Carol presided over a year of critical transformation from being a chapter of INPS to a completely independent organization. She was instrumental in establishing the “Grow Native” campaign, working with county and local businesses, demonstrating the advantages of native plants for landscape projects.

Congratulations Carol! *For details and a complete list of honorees visit <http://bit.ly/b7zeb5>*

Carol Jenkins Thanks KNPS Members for Nomination

Carol thanks members of KNPS who nominated her for the Idaho Business Review’s Idaho Business Women of the Year. The award will be one of her many warm memories of working with this exceptional organization.

Irv Jenkins Completes Master Forest Steward Training

Irv and Don Childress were selected to serve on the U. of Idaho Forestry Extension Service Steering Committee in August, 2008, to develop a Master Forest Steward Program for the state. Irv went on to enroll in the first training class in April, 2009, has completed his case study and class requirements, and will donate 70 hours of volunteer work to the program over the next two years.

KNPS Working on Plant Book

While working with the public, Clare Marley, Bonner County Planning Director, saw the need for adding photos to the KNPS plant list (posted at www.nativeplantsociety.org). Responding to that need, KNPS will create a 5.5 x 8.5” spiral-bound book, approximately 200 pages long, with color plant photos, index, planting guide, habitat information, and suggestions for success using the 175-200 native plants in the book for landscaping in northern Idaho. Molly McCahon of the Lake *A*Syst Program (sponsored by Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District) is working with us, as the book will be a valuable resource for that program.

KNPS envisions giving this book to city and county planning departments, schools, libraries and other agencies at no cost, as it will assist in meeting Bonner County Code requirements and with landscaping and restoration projects throughout the region. Copies will be sold to KNPS members and the public. Proceeds from sales will fund reprinting costs. Since the KNPS board sees this book as a key service to the public and as part of our mission to support the sustainability of our environment, we have made a long-term commitment to distributing and reprinting as required.

As the cost of printing a full-color book is high, funding will come from grants and donations, not from our operating budget. We have applied for grant funding for this project from the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) and the Community Assistance League (CAL). We hope to print in fall, 2010. If you have plant photos you would like to submit for this project, please contact Marilyn George. Photo credits will be given, as well as *grateful acknowledgement to any funding source that makes this project possible.*

Visit us online at www.NativePlantSociety.org

Plants of the Month are now online!



Member Profile: *Say Hello to Sylvia Chatburn*

Article and Photo by Joanna Fuchs



“I’ve pretty much been following my dreams,” says North Idaho native Sylvia Chatburn. “If I want to do something, I do it. There’s no point in putting things off.” That is so true of this active, outdoor-oriented KNPS charter member, who lived 30 years in Southern California (Arcadia and Barstow) and has traveled to such places as Europe, Australia, Peru, Nova Scotia, Hawaii, the Galapagos Islands and Egypt. “I’d go back to Egypt,” she says, “the 2000-year-old tombs, pyramids, sculpture, some with still-bright colors. I couldn’t take it all in; it’s so fascinating.”

Attendance at Wake Forest University in North Carolina with a B. S. degree in education led not to teaching but to marriage and years of volunteer work, as she raised her three children, a daughter in California and two sons (and two grandchildren), who live in separate dwellings on her 90-acre property in Sagle. Thirteen years of substitute clerical work in the school district “gave me a well-rounded education on computers,” she says. When it came time to own her own computer, she built it herself. An old dog, Loni, and two cats, Feisty and Kate, keep Sylvia company at her large home, where she has built beautiful knotty pine kitchen cabinets and a bathroom vanity. “Give me a piece of wood, and I can build something out of it,” she says.

Now heading up development and maintenance of the Arboretum, Sylvia says she jumped into the search for an arboretum location shortly after KNPS began. A contract in 1998 among KNPS, the museum and the City of Sandpoint designated a corner of Lakeview Park for the Arboretum. Sylvia and other KNPS members and volunteers divided the property into habitats, laid out paths and ordered plants. The existing big trees, still there except those that died or fell, were a major factor in arranging the plan. There is still work to do—removing the old grass and developing new areas. Volunteer gardeners do the work. Asked when is the best time to visit the Arboretum, Sylvia couldn’t decide. “Something is always in bloom,” she says, mentioning as examples Trillium, Golden Thread, Serviceberry, Syringa, Pussytoes, Pearly Everlasting, and Fireweed. In fall there is color in the leaves of Elderberry and Sumac, to name a very few of the arboretum’s attractions.

Sylvia is active in Monday Hikers, even in winter, with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, two activities she missed this year of little snow. She does basket weaving and all kinds of needlecrafts—cross stitch, needlepoint, crochet, knitting, quilting, and the almost-lost craft of tatting. With other KNPS members, she is currently working on a book about native plants suitable for planting on the 40-foot buffer between grass and water that waterfront residents are encouraged to implement.

On her own property, Sylvia has a huge, fenced garden, where she harvests sugar peas, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, summer squash, tomatoes, green peppers, onions, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, grapes, apples, pears, plums and cherries. All her trees outside of the yard are native trees, and she also has many native plants and shrubs, including Bunchberry, Pearly Everlasting, Sword Fern, Lady Slipper, Calypso Orchids, Oregon Grape, Ocean Spray, Buffalo Berry, Snowberry, Serviceberry, Hawthorn, Douglas Spirea, White Spirea, Dewberry, Wild Strawberries and Huckleberries. “The squirrels and deer get most of the huckleberries,” she says.

What does she hate to do? “Housecleaning. I’m not a sedentary person; I’m an outside person,” she says. “I’d rather shovel snow than wash windows.” “I never worry about things,” she says. “I take problems as they come and deal with things as they arise.” Wouldn’t we all like to be so stress-free!