
Program Schedule

November Program

Saturday, November 25, 2006 9:45 a.m.

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

"Landowner's Guide to Sustainable Forestry"

Dr. Nancy Gilliam

As our November program is always well attended, giving us an anticipated event after Thanksgiving, we are excited to announce our speaker, Dr. Nancy Gilliam. Nancy is the Co-director of the Model Forest Policy Program. Her varied background fostered enthusiasm for enabling folks to appreciate forests for the many services they provide and for developing community plans for forest longevity. Nancy will be showing the newly released film "Landowner's Guide to Sustainable Forestry." Globally and locally, forests are under critical pressure from climate change and rapid urbanization. Single tree selection techniques will be discussed, and Nancy will encourage our Chapter to consider the relevancy of this approach to our local forests.

December Holiday Potluck

Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 401 St Clair, Sandpoint

It is time for a traditional Kinnikinnick Chapter finger-food potluck to celebrate the holidays. Please join your native plant friends with another gathering at Gretchen Hellar's home, 401 St. Clair at the corner of Michigan in Sandpoint. No need to RSVP but if you have any questions please call Molly at 255-7336 or Gretchen at 263-6893.

Quote of the Month

"The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself." - Henry Miller

Other 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: Taking their mid-winter break from meetings although they are still working on new signs for the Arboretum. Please call Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 to help. Meetings should resume in January. Open to all members.

Conservation Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at Molly O'Reilly's house, 410 S. Euclid Ave, Sandpoint. The November meeting will be on the 14th at 6:30 pm. For December's meeting or more information contact Jim DuBuisson at 263-8241 or

conservation@nativeplantsociety.org. Open to all members.

Education Committee: To share ideas or join in the planning please get in touch with Mary & Doug Toland at 265-2674, dmtoland@televar.com, or come talk to them at the next general membership meeting. Open to all members.

Landscape Committee: The Mickinnick trailhead was put to bed Nov. 1st so watch out for meetings to resume next spring. Contact Eileen Atkisson with any inquiries at 263-3835.

Postal & Website Addresses for the

Kinnikinnick Chapter of the INPS

206 N. 4th Ave PMB 162

Sandpoint, ID 83864-1424

www.nativeplantsociety.org

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Committee Reports

November Elections

November brings nominations and thanks to the Nominating Committee we have the following candidates *Ken Haag, Konrad Dahlstrom, Carol Jenkins and Adrienne Lilly*. According to our bylaws, the membership elects board members and the board then selects officers from their ranks. We appreciate the 2006 nominating committee which consisted of Eileen Atkisson, Rae Charlton, Gretchen Hellar, Adrienne Lilly and Chair Don Childress. Special thanks to Phil Hough for his input and persistence with certain key candidates.

Arboretum News

On Sunday, October 8, 2006 fourteen gardeners, native plant people and neighbors spent the morning cleaning up, pruning and repairing signs and faucets. The asters, pearly everlastings, and blanket flowers were still very showy. The Sumac is in full bloom and will retain its stunning blossom heads all winter. The elderberries were heavy on the branches, leaves were turning color and the rose hips were a brilliant red. Everything was very dry, so the next week the gardeners made an extra effort to deep soak the shrubs and young trees so that they will withstand the rigors of winter better.

All this hard work was followed by a nice finger food lunch and social time. The arboretum is going into dormancy, so the gardeners can take a breather from weeding and pruning and concentrate on new signage for next season. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas we would love to hear them. Please contact Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or email Sylvia@televar.com.

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to give many thanks to Mary Jo Haag & Margie Gibson for September's treats, and also to Nancy Rodgers & Carol Jenkins for providing treats in

October, mmmmm good! Also, a special thanks to Adrienne Lilly for donating a beautiful tea jar full of tea. Thanks go to Rae Charlton & Sylvia Chatburn for signing up to provide November's goodies. If anyone is interested in bringing something to one of our monthly Member Meetings, please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727.

The **Education Committee** is looking for ideas to add more hands-on activities to the Arbor Day celebration next spring. If you would like to volunteer or sign-up to help, it is not too early to call Mary or Doug Toland at 265-2674, or drop them an email at dmtoland@televar.com.

Fall Presentations

September Program:

Just as we anticipated, Clair Button delivered a delightful program in September. Clair, a wildlife biologist turned botanist, studied rare plants in the west throughout his career at the BLM. Now he is a mystery writer, combining a bit of humor with suspense, while sharing his knowledge of the natural world. He promises his next book will feature geology, archeology, botany and wildlife. While we'll have to wait for that one, you can check out his published work at cbutton@bakervalley.net.

October Program:

Jill Cobb, Hydrologist with the Priest River Ranger District, IPF, captivated us with an in-depth review of the steps involved in decommissioning logging roads. From repairing and revegetating eroded areas while maintaining soil integrity to monitoring outcomes with goals of restoring/improving habitat, preventing waterway contamination, and adding to this body of knowledge through research using collaborative efforts and funding. As one of the audience members stated during the Q&A, we are fortunate to have Jill's expertise working for us in our forest system.

Plant of the Month

Twisted Stalk *Streptopus/ species*
Presented by Adrienne Lilly

President's Message – A Year in Review *Phil Hough*

As the days grow shorter our evening hours grow longer, leaving more time for reflection. In this season of lingering shadows, brilliant yellow leaves, last on the vine tomatoes, and turkey with stuffing, we should also give thanks for all that our native plant society members and volunteers have accomplished in 2006.

Our series of speakers and field trips continued to be popular, fun and educational – we enjoyed Bill Love's perspectives on the timber industry, Jerry Pavia took us on a personal tour of many gardens through his photography, Chris Buchler brought us Blue Birds and we ventured out of doors into the field to see many different native plant habitats.

In April we combined efforts with others in the community to raise knowledge and awareness about Eurasian milfoil and the threats this invasive plant poses to our aquatic native habitats. We successfully applied for, and received, a grant to continue our milfoil education efforts with signage at the Waterlife Discovery Center. Arbor Day was, once again, a huge success with over 200 students visiting the arboretum to learn about, and celebrate trees. In May, we took a walk through the ages of the arboretum. More than a mere stroll down memory lane, we were able to watch the arboretum literally grow over the years and learn more about its inception and its ongoing inspiration. The bench classes (Photos Below) continue to raise funds for the arboretum and are a rewarding way for participants to learn about working with Alder – and they actually walk away with a bench to sit upon. Others did their part to raise arboretum funds by tipping their glasses and sipping some fine wines at Pend Oreille Pasta.

The INPS annual meeting was held in June at nearby Farragut State Park, we had the opportunity to spend time with many Native Plant Society members from around Idaho and showcase some of what makes our region so special.

Toby Spribille returned to take us on another visit to the wonderful world of lichens. Our conservation committee remained engaged in forest planning and other issues. The Landscape committee members continue their stewardship of some of our areas gems, the Mickinnick Trailhead, the Waterlife Discovery Center and the Healing Garden. Our newsletter team continues to bring us a quality newsletter and many people in our community have a new appreciation for native plants. None of this would be possible without the contributions of many members and volunteers. Please join me in giving all these people our most heartfelt THANKS!

The talent and creativity of our members make so many things happen throughout the year. One of the successful fundraising ventures has been the making of benches, trellises and arbors with branches and twigs. Arlis Harvey and Sylvia Chatburn have been coordinating these events and sharing their experiences to create natural furniture for yards and gardens. Not only does this help support the Arboretum but it is most often just described as fun. Sylvia herself also describes this as the most fun fundraiser she does. So that is probably why we can look forward to more classes in 2007.



Bench / Arbor and Trellis Classes, Summer, 2006.....

Pictured are: Linda Kirchmann and Margie Gibson (at left); Dennis and Nancy Rieger (center) and Arlis Harvey (at right).



Photos by Wendy Aeschliman



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ACCEPTED NOW

Your membership makes all our wonderful activities possible, so please renew (or join!) now and submit your dues for 2007 by December 31st of this year. Don't procrastinate because you don't want to miss out on the newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Rae Charlton at 255-7666.

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.

CALENDARS... ARE HERE AGAIN!!

If you didn't get a chance to look at 2007's plant pictures (October's meeting) don't miss out on ordering one of these calendars. The photos are wonderfully presented in a monthly display. To be sure to get your copy or copies at the November meeting, order ahead by calling Marilyn George at 263-9470 (leave a message if no one answers). The cost is only **\$7.00** per calendar. Or send a check with your order to Kinnikinnick's postal address (see page 1). If you wish to have it mailed, the calendar with S&H is **\$8.50**.

'07 Calendar Photos



JAN Snowberry



FEB Leaf Lichens
3+ varieties on tree



MAR Coltsfoot



APRIL Lupine



MAY Clarkia



JUNE Phlox



JULY Gentian



AUG Indian Hellebore



SEPT Indian Blanket



OCT Long-leaved Aster



NOV Utah Honeysuckle



DEC Lodgepole Pine