

Kinnikinnick Chapter - Idaho Native Plant Society 2007 Annual Report

Submitted by Phil Hough, 2007 President

The Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society continued our many education and conservation programs and activities in 2007. Our high quality monthly programs, special workshops, field trips, and “arbor day” were all very well attended. Our landscaping projects continue to improve our community. Our newsletter and website connects our membership and activities to the public. Our conservation efforts continue to positively impact the natural landscape. And our community showcase – the arboretum – is a pride and joy to the chapter and our community! Our activities are all dependant upon the efforts of many volunteers. We must give thanks to the many volunteers so spend so much of their time and effort to make the chapter successful.

Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2007

Officers:

President	Phil Hough
Vice-President	Ken Haag
Secretary	Konrad Dahlstrom
Treasurer	Marilyn George

Board at Large:

Rae Charlton
Adrienne Lilly
Nancy Rodgers
Carol Jenkins
Sylvia M. Chatburn (Arboretum Representative)

Committee Chairs:

Arboretum	Sylvia M. Chatburn
Conservation	Carol Jenkins
Education	Doug and Mary Toland
Field Trip	Molly O’Reilly
Historian	Nancy Rodgers
Hospitality	Linda Kirchmann
Landscape	Eileen Atkisson
Membership	Rae Charlton
Newsletter	Adrienne Lilly
Nominating	Don Childress
Programs	Carol Jenkins
Publicity	Nancy Rodgers
Post Cards/Email	Gary Rogers
Webmaster	Wendy Aeschliman
Founder	Lois Wythe

Membership Report 2007

At the beginning of 2007 we had 144 members (49 Households representing 2 members each, 20 Individuals, 23 Seniors, 2 Patrons, 1 Life memberships).

At the end of 2007 we had 130 members (45 Households representing 2 members each, 17 Individuals, 21 Seniors, 1 Patron, and 1 Life).

Submitted by: Rae Charlton, Membership Committee Chair

Website Report 2007

The Chapter Website continues an up-to-date resource for members and others interested in native plants of our locale. www.nativeplantsociety.org

2007 saw many challenges for the webpage project, due to technical problems with our previous webhost resulting in frequent inability to update and change our webpage. By the end of the year this was resolved with the transfer of our domain www.nativeplantsociety.org (now four years old) to another webhost, Bravenet Web Services, Inc. Wendy Aeschliman is now hosting the domain free of charge to the group. With the transfer to a new host we now have the ability to pull many statistics which will enable us to know the numbers of unique visits to the site, pages viewed, hits, bandwidth, countries, robot visits, browsers used, keywords used, etc. This information should help as we plan into the future. Information for updating the webpage should be sent to wendyaes@gotsky.com.

Submitted by: Wendy Aeschliman, Webpage Administrator

Plant of the Month 2007

In 2007 we scaled back the “Plant of the Month” presentations. This feature was not included at every meeting. Plants of the Month featured in 2007 included: Rock Brake, Red Baneberry, Skunk Cabbage, Yellow Fawn Lily, Snowberry and Twisted Stalk.

Arboretum Report 2007

Thirteen hard working volunteers and two paid coordinators completed the ninth season at the arboretum. All of the habitats are well established, the dandelions are under control, the wildflowers have become very showy all through the season and the wild roses are threatening to take over but are being held in check.

The big accomplishment for the season was the installation of new habitat signs. Thanks to a \$500 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation to purchase engraved, metal signs and plexiglass; to Arlis Harvey for the donation of cedar posts; to Nancy Low for the donation of

salvaged cedar boards for frames, to Sylvia Chatburn, Linda Kirchmann and Margie Gibson for the construction of the signs and to Ken Haag for mounting and planting the signs. Visitors to the arboretum stop to read the signs for a much better understanding of the different habitats.

The Arbor Day ceremonies and activities were very well coordinated by Mary and Doug Tolland. Each year it gets just a little bit better and more successful. There were about 250 students from the various local schools who participated in the activities for a better understanding of trees and how they help our environment. Forest Service personnel were on hand to give demonstrations and answer questions. Forestry students from the high school led tours and answered questions. Tree seedlings were distributed to attendees.

The paid coordinator position was shared by Rochelle Chatburn and Linda Kirchmann. Linda also put in volunteer hours each week. The volunteer gardeners for 2007 were: Arlis Harvey, Linda Kirchman, Ken Haag, Mary Jo Haag, Margie Gibson, Rae Charlton, Sherry Metz, Konrad Dahlstrom, Joyce Pence, Gretchen Hellar, Bruce Vogelsinger, Bill Lamson and Sylvia Chatburn. Lois Wythe provided advice in the Wild Medicinal garden, Dorothy Modafferi did some work in the Larch grove and Phil Hough helped with major clean up and pruning. Sylvia Chatburn served as Arboretum Manager again and Myrna Garside as assistant manager.

The goals for our tenth season are to label all the plants that are identified on the habitat signs, develop some of the areas that still have old sod in them, write a history of the development of the arboretum and to have signs at the chamber of commerce and along the highway advertising the arboretum.

Programs Report 2007

Our series of speakers and field trips continued to be popular, fun and educational. Our monthly Native Plant Presentations were held at the Sandpoint Community Hall at 9:45am on the 4th Saturday of every month (except July, Aug and December). These were co-sponsored by the City of Sandpoint's Park and Rec Department. By agreement with the City we held these events as open to the public, free of charge. The presentations are first on the agenda, followed by Chapter business and committee reports:

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| January 27 | Diane Green of Greentree Naturals
"Community Food Systems" |
| February 24 | Marilyn George, Deb Hunsicker, Phil Hough
"Photographing Native Plants" |
| March 24 | Gary Parker, Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District
"The Lake*A*Syst Program for Protecting Water Quality of Lake Pend Oreille" |
| April 28 | Marian Fuller, PhD: "Plants of the Galapagos" |

- May 26 Dick Kramer, Sandpoint District Ranger, US forest Service
“KIPZ Forest Plan and District Updates”
- June 23 Carol Mack, Extension Coordinator, WSU Agriculture Extension
Office, Newport: **“Native Plants and Butterflies”**
- September 22 Sam Cushman, PhD, Research Ecologist, Rocky Mountain Research
Station: **“Plants, Fire, and Climate Change”**
- October 27 LeAnn Abell, Botanist, BLM:
"Rare Plants of the BLM's Cottonwood Field Office"
- November 24 Landscape Committee, Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS
“Landscaping With Native Plants”

And we enjoyed our annual holiday potluck social event at Gretchen Heller’s in December!

2007 Conservation Committee

The Idaho Native Plant Society provides the only voice advocating the protection of native plants and their habitats in Idaho.

Conservation Committee Officers for 2007

Chair – Carol Jenkins

Vice Chair – Molly O’Reilly

Scribe - Adrienne Lilly

In February, Molly O’Reilly spoke at the Rare Plant Conference on “Role of Citizens in Native Plant Conservation.”

Phil Hough continued representing our chapter as the Chair of the Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force and presents monthly updates to the committee and board. Ken Haag has attended these meeting as well, participating as Phil’s proxy on several occasions.

In June we sponsored an “Aquatic Plant Identification” workshop led by Tom Wolfe, from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

Carol Jenkins provided final report for educational signage on E. Milfoil for WaterLife Discovery Center with Idaho State Dept of Agriculture Grant.

Carol submitted a letter to the Bonner County Daily Bee, about why we care about native plants, for Native Plant Appreciation Week

Phil joined and Dick Kramer and other members of the public in April for a field trip to evaluate Lightening Creek flood damage.

In May, the committee went on a field trip to Priest Lake State Forest to evaluate areas proposed for timber sales by the Idaho Department of Lands. Minor boundary changes were made upon our request in order to preserve a population of *Lycopodium dendrodeum*.

August, Phil spent three days on ground in the Lightening Creek drainage to survey and document the extent of drainage for a presentation to committee in September.

In October the committee went on a field trip to the Dover Bay project to consider proposing demonstration revegetation project at shoreline.

Committee proposed Climate Change Position Statement, approved by the Board in December for adoption.

Comment Letters

- Talache to Cape Horn Trail System
- IDL proposed timber harvest in Bonner/Boundary Counties
- Selkirk Mountain Range Winter Travel Plan
- Hungry Deer Aquatic Restoration Project, Sandpoint Ranger District

All of our comment letters can be found on our chapter's website:

www.nativeplantsociety.org.

We look forward to continuing our conservation efforts in 2008 and hope that the membership will share with us their interests and concerns and take advantage of the educational opportunities that our committee and chapter can provide.

Submitted by: Carol Jenkins, Conservation Committee Chair

Education Committee 2007

Arbor Day was a major success and again expanded in scope. Doug and Mary Toland did an outstanding job of organizing the activities so that Over 250 students, from area schools, moved smoothly through the Arboretum on tree tours, Arboretum. docents presented methods of identifying native trees as well as discussing their virtues in the environment. A range of displays and demonstrations educated students further. Several school classrooms submitted poetry with a tree theme. Poems were displayed for participants to enjoy and several students read their poems during the Arbor Day Ceremony. Many chapter members donated their time and talents to make this event such a success.

Submitted by: Sylvia Chatburn, Arboretum Committee Chair

Field Trips 2007

In 2007 we experimented with half day trips to close-by destinations and revisiting a wonderful location for spring wildflowers, Mineral Point, to watch how it changes as spring unfolds. Our first field trip, on April 18 to Mineral Point was also a photography workshop with Marilyn George. The May 1 Mineral Point trip, during Native Plant Appreciation Week, was lead by local Forest Service botanist, Betsy Hammet; a special treat. We developed a plant list for this location on our three visits which is available on the chapter website.

Turnout was moderate, being best to the Lakeside Trail field trip (about 10). Of the 10 scheduled field trips, four were with Calypso Chapter in Coeur d'Alene. Attendance is traditionally limited from our chapter to those, but they are great trips and belong on the schedule.

2007 Field Trips:

April 18	Mineral Point 1/2 day, wildflowers (photography tips w/Marilyn George)
April 21	Tubbs Hill -- CdA with Calypso Chapter
May 1	Mineral Point 1/2 day, wildflowers, led by Betsy Hammet
May 10	Lakeside trail (Hall property)
May 20	Q'emiln Trails - with Calypso Chapter
May 24	Mineral Point 1/2 day, wildflowers
June 9	Twete/Scout Trail (Farragut St. Park) - with Calypso Chapter
June 19	Mickinnick Trail
June 24	Gamlin Lake - with Calypso Chapter
Sept 16	Fall Mushrooms with Friends of Scotchman Peaks, led by renowned mycologist Larry Evans

All trips were great! In 2008 the Field Trip Committee will try emphasizing weekend, half day trips and compare turnout.

Submitted by: Molly O'Reilly

Landscape Committee Report – 2007

The Landscape Committee volunteers spent most of their time maintaining the Mickinnick Trailhead. While a few plants and weeds were trying to control the landscape, the members kept them at bay while enhancing the rest of the area. Chair, Eileen Atkisson and member, Don Childress, with technical help from Phil Hough and material help from the Franklins, put together a power point presentation on the Committee's project for the November program. They showcased Mickinnick while presenting their other landscape endeavors.

Mary Jo Haag and Eileen made their annual trek to Clifty View Nursery to pick up donated seedlings for Arbor Day. They enlisted the help of John Hastings' Advanced Forestry Class, Sylvia Chatburn and new helpers from Sandpoint's Tree Committee to bag and label the

seedlings. Members distributed the seedlings to the community on Arbor Day.

Chair Atkisson worked with member grant writers, Sylvia Chatburn and Carol Jenkins, and posthole digger, Ken Haag, to put out plant signs at the Committee's major projects at Mickinnick, Waterlife Discovery Center and Pend Oreille Bay Trail.

The Chair also serves the interests of the Kinnikinnick Chapter at meetings on the formation of a municipal recreational trail along the shoreline between Sandpoint and Ponderay.

Eileen Atkisson serves with Adrienne Lilly on the Sandpoint Tree Committee where we seek to increase the tree canopy within the city limits. Adrienne and Eileen expect to raise the status of native trees and shrubs on the Recommended Tree List for private residential plantings.

15 volunteers, 300 volunteer hours

Submitted by: Eileen Atkisson, Chair of the Landscape Committee

Hospitality Report 2007

Many thanks go to the continued efforts of Linda Kirchmann who coordinates and sets up our hospitality table every month. Treats were provided by:

Jan: Linda Kirchmann & Jackie Earle

Feb: Nancy Rieger and Joyce Pence and Konrad Dahlstrom

Mar: Phil Hough, Deb Hunsicker, and Margie Gibson

Apr: Doug & Mary Toland

May: Nancy Rodgers

June: Carol Jenkins & Marilyn George

Sept: Mary Jo Haag

Oct: Linda Kirchmann & Jackie Earle

Nov: Nancy Rodgers & Marilyn George

And thanks to everyone who volunteered for the two bake sales held in 2007.

Newsletter Committee Report 2007

The "Kinnikinnick Journal" team is made up of Adrienne Lilly, Wendy Aeschliman, Marilyn George, Myrna Garside, Rae Charlton, and Margareta Larson along with the help of numerous contributors through-out the chapter. It was a challenging year due to technical difficulties with printers and computers but team members persevered and produced all five issues for 2008. Thank you to all who assist us.

2007 YEAR END Treasurers Report: By Marilyn George, Treasurer

	GENERAL	ARBORETUM	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$6,759.39	\$1,871.40	\$8,630.79
CASH RECEIPTS			
Membership dues	\$1,829.00		
Donations			
Personal	\$353.90	\$600.00	
Reprints-Donation Jar / Box	\$100.20	\$58.77	
Notes, Bookmarks, etc.	\$565.00		
Calendars	\$516.00		
Fundraisers			
Bench Making Classes		\$100.00	
Bake Sales		\$405.15	
Wine Tasting	\$433.00		
Grants			
City	\$150.00		
ICF		\$500.00	
Milfoil Education	\$1,431.64		
TOTALS	\$5,378.74	\$1,663.92	\$7,042.66
CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
INPS Dues	\$919.75		
Printing – Newsletter	\$384.14		
Notes, Calendars, etc.	\$82.28		
Postage	\$319.37		
Program Speakers	\$100.00		
Hospitality			
Historian	\$28.60		
Arbor Day			
Travel Expenses	\$300.00		
Website & Domain Name			
Miscellaneous items	\$2,248.14	\$44.52	
Insurance	\$233.00		
State Sales Tax	\$69.60	\$22.94	
Plants			
Signage		\$480.79	
Utilities –			
Avista		\$79.72	
City of Sandpoint		\$266.48	
Employee			
Salary		\$1,288.29	
Insurance – State		\$254.00	
Fed Withholdings			
State Withholdings		\$18.16	
Fed Unemployment			
Sayers Taxworks		\$150.00	
Committees			
Conservation			
Field Trips			
TOTALS	\$4,684.88	\$2,604.90	\$7,289.78
ENDING BALANCE	\$7,453.25	\$930.42	\$8,383.67

*In Nov and Dec of 2007, we collected \$549 for INPS 2008 membership dues to be paid in January of 2008. Therefore, **Kinnikinnick Chapter has a beginning balance of \$7834.67 in 2008.***