

## **Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS Annual Report for 2004**

2004 was a year of fun and accomplishment for the Chapter. Membership increased from 120 to 133, as a result of great programming, busy committees, an active website and successful publicity.

Elected Officers:

President - Molly O'Reilly	(260 hours)
Vice President – Connie Horton	(30 hours)
Secretary – Annette Fraser-Runnalls	(80 hours)
Treasurer – Marilyn George	

Projects and committees were very active:

### **Arboretum Annual Report 2004**

After six years of dedicated volunteer work, the arboretum is really beginning to bloom! Shrubs and trees are well established, wildflowers are beginning to make a real statement, and we have been able to purchase some more equipment.

Phyllis Mott and David Hutchins provided time and materials to put windows and shutters in the log cabin. The museum removed some of their materials leaving more storage space for tools and equipment. Phyllis also donated a Rototiller and we purchased a lawn mower.

Jeff Rich and Greg Flint built a very attractive drinking fountain near the cabin. Some alders were removed to accommodate the drinking fountain as well as opening up the view of the cabin from the street. Several trees in the young forest were removed to prevent overcrowding. The seedlings planted in there 5 years ago did better than anticipated.

Bill Lamson extended the trail system that Phil Hough had started fall 2003 so that folks are invited to take a closer look at the stone wall planter and the plants growing there.

The wetland habitat that was prepared fall 2003 has been planted and is thriving. Arlis Harvey and Margie Gibson are encouraging mosses to grow in the moist forest habitat to eliminate the need for mowing grass and to choke out the dandelions. Dandelions were very prolific this year, so we waged war on them, cutting them down to the surface of the soil.

During Sandpoint's annual Arbor Day Ceremonies, held at the Arboretum and hosted by our Chapter, we presented Jeff Rich a plaque commemorating his work on the stone wall planter. The plaque is attached to the wall.

We planted wildflowers this year to bring more color to the area. The Indian Blanket flowers really put on a show in late summer. With flowering shrubs, wildflowers and the medicinal herbs, something was blooming most of the growing season.

Twelve regular volunteer gardeners put in over 500 hours working in the arboretum and approximately 100 hours travel time. Only two gardeners live in town; the rest travel in from the surrounding areas. Four part-time gardeners put in about 50 hours. The manager put in about 60 hours working in the arboretum, about 15 hours travel time and about 20 hours conducting and preparing for Arboretum committee meetings. (745 hrs)

Submitted by: Sylvia Chatburn

### **Conservation Annual Report 2004: Looking Back and Forward**

In 2004 our conservation efforts focused on several fronts: we continue to monitor the timber harvest of state lands around Priest Lake, helping to protect and preserve habitat for native plants. These efforts included several botanizing trips to evaluate sensitive plant habitat.

Several members from our committee attended the US Forest Services Master Plan revision meetings. We also reviewed and provided comments for a number of US Forest Service projects. We participated in a BLM meeting, which initiated development of their Resource Management plan. These activities will continue in the coming year. In addition we reviewed and commented on other local projects. All of our comment letters can be found on our chapter's website:

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

To further our educational and outreach goals we sponsored several habitat typing workshops open to the chapter's membership. Using a grant from the Idaho Native Plant Society, we purchased the first volumes of field and botanical guides, thus establishing our chapter's library.

The INPS provides the only voice advocating for the protection of native plants and their habitats in the Idaho Panhandle. We look forward to continuing our conservation efforts in 2005 and hope that the membership will all share with us their interests and concerns and take advantage of the educational opportunities that our committee and chapter can provide. With field trips, meetings, analysis and correspondence, over 350 volunteer hours were devoted to conservation.

Submitted by: Phil Hough

### **Education Committee Annual Report, 2004: Events and Outreach**

- Coordinated Sandpoint's successful Arbor Day activities at the Arboretum
- Prepared and distributed educational packets to teachers prior to Arbor Day

- Initiated two Arboretum docent training sessions
- Coordinated tours of the Arboretum for three groups during the spring
- Organized and staffed an education and outreach booth at the Bonner County Fair

Submitted by: Jim Stern

### **Landscape Committee Annual Report, 2004**

The Landscape Committee met frequently in 2004. Active members were Eileen Atkisson, Rae Charlton, Linda Drayton, Mike Franklin, Annette Fraser-Runnals, Maria Schultz, Parise Whitley and Ann Wimberly. Phil Franklin and Neil Wimberly joined us on some important projects.

The committee completed the Hazel Hall Property plant inventory and needs only scientific verification before submitting it to Hazel. Members also identified the native plants in the proposed Healing Garden and procured a promise from that committee to preserve those natives remaining between Sand Creek and the garden's new creekside trail. In late spring, we toured the properties of two KNPS members and one from a community member. All three trips involved the identification of natives and suggestions for further landscaping.

The committee designed the Waterlife Discovery Center's landscape and organized the donation and planting of over 200 natives by 20 volunteers. Following that success, members agreed to plant the Mikinninck trailhead in the spring of 2005. We also plotted a small piece for a demonstration shade garden at the Arboretum. Mike and Phil Franklin continued maintenance of the garden around the Tolerance sculpture. We increased our knowledge and enjoyment of all things natural and good.

Submitted by: Eileen Atkisson

### **Field Trips, 2004**

- May 16 - Q'emilin Park in Post Falls (joint with Calypso Chapter)
- June 18 - Hazel Hall's Lakefront Property at Pend Oreille
- July 24 - Phyllis Mott's property in Cocolalla
- August 28 - Gamlin Lake in Sagle
- Sept. 19 - Arlis Harvey & Marilyn George's property in Upper Gold Creek area

Submitted by Pat Stevens & Isabel Holtriegel

### **Programs, 2004**

- Jan 24 Lois Wythe - Woodland/shade gardening
- Feb 28 Mary Mitchell - Birds of North Idaho
- March 27 Loie De La Vergne - Perennials for North Idaho
- April 24 Dr. Lori Carris - Spring Mushrooms in the Inland Northwest
- May 22 Lanie Johnson/Ken Fischman - Wilderness Survival using Native Plants

June 26	Marilyn McIntyre -	Art in The Forest
Sept 25	Eva Lusk -	Planting and Maintaining a Wildlife Sanctuary
	Garden	
Oct 23	Mark Taylor -	Waterlife Discovery Center
Nov 27	Phil Hough -	On the Pacific Crest Trail: Flora, Fungus, and Fun

Submitted by: Linda Drayton

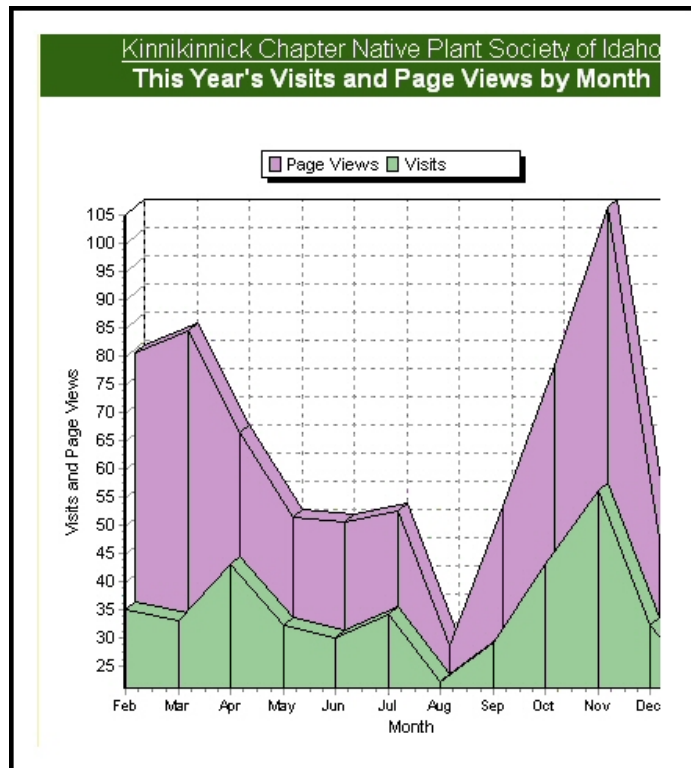
### Website Report, 2004

The domain of "nativeplantsociety.org" was initiated in January of 2004 at a cost of \$100 per annum with Mark Jerome of Rathdrum, Idaho, as our webhosting agent. The website went live as soon as the domain was up and running. At the end of 2004 the website is composed of 242 files, 54 web pages, 55 images, and the site totals 3.8 MB. (Our host does not limit the size of the website.) All photos and images have been resized so as to be as quickly downloaded as possible, while maintaining quality. The intent for the website is to have it as current as possible, with information and updates on chapter activities needed by our chapter members. Gradually, more general educational materials are being added as well: species papers, conservation committee letters, and additional resources such as a paper on northern Idaho native plants written by the White Pine Chapter, INPS. Since Nov/Dec 04, our chapter's newsletters (*Kinnikinnick Journals*) are being added to the website's archives section, in PDF format.

In February a free sitemeter was installed on the index page, which has been sending weekly reports. Below is a report for the year 2004 (Feb through Dec) on the traffic generated to our website in its first year.

It is hoped that we may increase educational materials useful not just for our members, but for the general public in north Idaho. It would be advisable to continue to prominently display the URL of nativeplantsociety.org on all correspondence, and to promote the website in all publicity. Gradually our website may be a resource for all residents of North Idaho. Suggestions for our website are appreciated, and can be directed either to me or our president. Thanks to all who have assisted me during the year.

Submitted by: Wendy Aeschliman, Webmaster



## **Note from the President**

This active chapter benefited from the thought, laughter and work of dozens of people.

Our most important transition was the change in newsletter editors. Phil and Mike Franklin, founders and editors of *The Kinnikinnick Journal* stepped aside, and a new team took over with the final issue of the year. Few could tell we had made a change as a team of five scrambled to replicate Phil and Mike's outstanding work. The chapter purchased a color laser printer for newsletters and other publications. (100 hours)

Ken Haag chaired the Bylaws Committee which met for almost a year, updating the chapter bylaws. Fields Cobb, Annette Fraser-Runnalls, Bruce Vogelsinger and I served on the committee. Ken was a great chair – asking questions, doing the work needed between meetings, and assuring that we understood the functions and limitations of bylaws. The change was approved at the annual meeting in November.

Gretchen Ward served as Hospitality Chair and made sure our meetings were graced with yummy treats and coffee. (50 hours)

Vice President Connie Horton coordinated our successful, first wine tasting fundraiser with John and Valerie Albi, founding members, and owners of Pend Oreille Pasta and Wine. (50 hours, including the event attendees)

Two other founding members and past presidents, Gretchen Hellar and Dorothy Modafferri studied our history for members that made our thriving chapter possible. At our annual meeting in November four "Advocate for Native Plants" awards were given to: Lois Wythe, Arlis Harvey, Phil and Mike Franklin and Sylvia Chatburn. These hand crafted, mounted tiles should make clear our deep appreciation. Certificates were presented to many who had made 2004 a stellar year, including our regular gardeners.

The Treasurer's Report is attached. The chapter ended the year with more money than it had at the beginning, but also with plans for some of those funds.

Sincerely,

Molly O'Reilly, President

2004 Treasurers Report

	GENERAL	ARBORETUM		
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,401.33	\$2,710.30		\$4,111.63
CASH RECEIPTS				
Membership	\$2,605.00			
Donations – Personal	\$840.00	\$400.00		
Reprints-Donation Jar / Box	\$83.17	\$42.00		
Bench Workshop	\$525.00	\$825.00		
Lichen Workshop	\$77.00			
Wine Tasting Fundraiser	\$230.00			
Grant – City	\$150.00			
Notecards, Calendars, etc.	\$397.90	\$109.90		
TOTALS	\$4,908.07	\$1,376.90	\$6,284.97	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS				
INPS Dues	\$681.00			
Newsletters & Postcards	\$182.07			
Postage	\$389.94			
Printer + 3yr Ins & Toner	\$522.91			
Program Speakers	\$90.00			
Hospitality - 2003 & 2004	\$59.80			
Arbor Day	\$100.00			
Fairs	\$65.00			
Travel Expenses – conferences	\$213.28			
Website & Domain Name	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Plaques	\$233.00	\$120.00		
Miscellaneous items	\$25.99	\$162.09		
Plants		\$285.50		
Plant Labels		\$76.32		
Insurance		\$254.00		
Utilities – Avista		\$75.27		
Water – City of Sandpoint		\$128.82		
Verizon		\$314.39		
Rototiller & Mower		\$453.97		
TOTALS	\$2,612.99	\$1,920.36	\$4,533.35	
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,696.41	\$2,166.84		\$5,863.25