



# Kinnikinnick Journal

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## Program Schedule

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Presentations sponsored by  
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society and  
Sandpoint Parks and Recreation  
Community Hall, First Ave, Sandpoint  
(across from County Courthouse)

### March Program

**Saturday, March 26, 9:45 a.m.**

Bob Boeh – VP Idaho Forest Group

*“Timber Practices from Private  
Industry”*

### April Programs

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.**

*“Wild Flowers and Wild Times along  
the Continental Divide Trail”*

Phil Hough and Deb Hunsicker

Triple Crown Hikers

**Saturday, April 23, 9:45 a.m.**

*“Earth Day and the Emerging  
Environmental Movement in the 1970s  
– A Founder Looks Back”*

Doug Scott – Campaign for America’s Wilderness  
Policy Director, Historian and one of the  
FOUNDERS of the original Earth Day

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## For Your Calendars

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**Saturday, May 7, PLANT SALE**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** or until we run out of plants.  
Location is Panhandle Special Needs, 1424 N Boyer.

**Saturday, May 28, 9:45 a.m.**

*“A 30 Year Retrospective of How the Role of Science  
Has Evolved In Forest Management”*

Dick Kramer – Sandpoint Plant Botanist, District  
Ranger for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest

**Saturday, June 25, 9:45 a.m.**

*“Aquatic Plants and Why You Should Care”*

Tom Woolf - ISDA, Aquatic Plants Program  
Manager

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## Announcements

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### Arbor Day Celebration April 29

The Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society invites you to join us at the North Idaho Native Plant Arboretum for our 13<sup>th</sup> celebration of Arbor Day on **Friday April 29, 2011** from **10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The Arboretum is located at Lakeview Park, corner of Ella Avenue and Ontario Street, next to the Bonner County Historical Society and Museum. KNPS is sponsoring a variety of activities including conifer tree identification and habitat tours, composting, fire ecology and tree coring. Third Grade classrooms are invited to attend, but must make a reservation. All other grades are invited to make separate tour arrangements during May and September. For more information, please contact Mary Toland at 265-2674 or visit our Society’s website at [www.nativeplantsociety.org](http://www.nativeplantsociety.org). We need your help with this wonderful event! We need a person to be the DIRECTOR for Arbor Day activities, which would include being a bus greeter, tour route organizer, and time keeper! Please call Mary Toland at 265-2674 if you can help.

### Wine Tasting June 23

The annual Albi wine tasting will be held **June 23, 6 p.m.** at Pend Oreille Pasta. The cost will be **\$15 per person**. Tickets will be available at the Special Presentation on April 13, also at our general meeting on April 23, or you may contact Dennis Rieger.

Email: [kk5db@hotmail.com](mailto:kk5db@hotmail.com) Ph: 208-610-8362



## Committee Reports

### Arboretum Committee News

We had our first meeting of the season on Feb. 16. The new color garden was the main topic. Lots of ideas were expressed. A list of plants to gather from private properties and a list of plants to try to purchase were the result of this discussion. Ken Haag will be overseeing the development of this area. He plans to have a landscape design to bring to the next meeting. Arbor Day was discussed. The gardeners will be on hand to do whatever is needed on Arbor Day, as well as, help conduct educational tours in May and September for classes that could not participate on Arbor Day. Theresa Reese has agreed to come back as our Coordinate in June. This makes us all very happy! The next committee meeting will be on March 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Museum conference room.

### Conservation Committee News

Your Kinnikinnick Conservation Committee had a great year! From tramping hillsides monitoring a sensitive orchid population to examining the intricacies of planned local federal land exchanges, timber cuts in Sandpoint's watershed, weed control on Bonner County Roads and the care of a public urban wetland, it has been fun and productive. 2011 starts with interesting issues – some of the same listed above – and an active and welcoming group. Meetings are 6:30pm the second Tuesday of the month. The place may vary: either 401 Euclid Ave. or 412 Willow Drive – each in Sandpoint. How will you learn? Call Molly at 255-7336 to be added to the agenda list.

Molly O'Reilly & Jim DuBuisson, Co-chairs.

## Past Programs / Activities

### January Program

**Chris Schnepf** from the University of Idaho Extension Office in Coeur D'Alene gave a presentation on the new "Master Forest Stewards

Program". Patterned after the successful Master Gardener Program, Master Forest Stewards would attend classes, do field work and become proficient in managing private timber lands. To maintain certification, individuals would continue with annual volunteer work projects, benefitting Idaho's vast Family Forests and their unique assets and resources.

### February Program

Photos by Marilyn George

**Derek Antonelli**, IDFG

representative, provided an overview of recent efforts to create an **Idaho Master Naturalist Program** and local chapter. The program is still being developed but Derek showcased the many goals and possible curriculum being considered which ranges from earth sciences such as geology to the many fields of biological sciences. Numerous possible activities which would allow individuals to achieve and maintain certification were reviewed – there are many exciting opportunities for Native Plant enthusiasts! **Kathy Cousins**, mitigation Staff Biologist for Northern Idaho from IDFG reviewed the progress with the Pack River Delta restoration project. The lessons learned will be valuable as IDFG plans and prepares for other mitigation projects in the Lake Pend Oreille watershed, including the Clark Fork Delta.



### Idaho Master Naturalist Training Program

Planned class schedule: April 19 - June 2, Tues and Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The course fee is \$50.00 per person. Contact: Jan Griffiths: [jan@looptravel.com](mailto:jan@looptravel.com) Ph: 208-290-1973



## *Message from the President*

*Don Childress*

At the February KNPS board meeting it was noted that many NPS members of 2010 have not yet renewed their 2011 membership. When you get your March-April newsletter note the mailing label to see if you have a 2010 or a 2011 placed near your name. If there is a 2010, you need to send in your dues for 2011.

The Native Plant Landscape book is approaching a happy ending. Carol Jenkins, Sylvia Chatburn and their crew of expert volunteers have most of the editing completed and a publication date is approaching. KNPS members will be given first chance to purchase this useful volume. We all owe the group big thanks for all the effort and time they have put into this project.

While we are in a thanking attitude, we need to thank our webmaster (or web person), Wendy Aeschliman, for her timely updates to our website. If you haven't checked out the website lately, click it up, there is a list of interesting and useful information posted. [www.nativeplantsociety.org](http://www.nativeplantsociety.org)

Our programs continue to draw good numbers of members and interested others. If you see someone new or someone you don't know, welcome them and make them feel at home; you both will benefit.

Many thanks to all of you who returned Marilyn McIntyre's questionnaire regarding potential field trips. We want to know what type of outings you prefer, and as always, Marilyn would like to hear any ideas you have concerning future excursions.

The 2010 KNPS Annual Report is now posted on our website. Please take time to check it out as it will let you know about all the activities that concern the NPS.

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### *Thank You, Volunteers!*

The Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society is able to accomplish so much because of the extraordinary time contribution of our volunteers. They donate their time working on fund raising efforts, maintenance and development of the Arboretum and the Mickinnick trail head, writing and editing the landscape book, planning and organizing our monthly programs, keeping track of government and developers activities that affect native plants and more. During 2010, our volunteers reported a total of 3225 hours.

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### **The Lake Needs Our Help**

Over the past few years, beds of Flowering Rush have been expanding in Lake Pend Oreille. This invasive plant forms dense stands along shore lines and in shallow water that crowd out native plants and interfere with recreational uses. At present, there are no chemical or biological methods for successfully controlling Flowering Rush. The best method is to carefully hand dig the plant making sure that all root fragments are removed. Since the plant grows in shallow water, it is exposed when the lake level is dropped from October through May. This spring, an effort will be made to dig the plants during the last week of April. A large number of volunteers will be needed to significantly reduce the plant population. If you are interested in helping, contact Brad Bluemer at 255-5681 for further information.

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**Newest Species Profile  
On Website:**

**Spreading Dogbane**

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





### *A Late Winter Visual Tonic*

As I write this it is 19°F and there is still over a month to go before the Vernal Equinox. Spring in this part of the northern Rockies is apt to have snow on the ground for another 2 months. So, when my chin is almost touching the snow for want of some natural color, I clip a few small branches from the red stemmed shrubs such as red osier dogwood, huckleberry and mountain maple, and put them into water filled vases on a sunny (or at least light) windowsill. In a few days they will open the most beautiful tender green leaves which are in complementary contrast to the dark red stems, and guaranteed to lift your spirits. When the soft green huckleberry blooms appear, I understand that every shrub buried under that 4 feet of snow is ready to burst into life when the conditions are right. Ah, that is if they survive the late frosts, summer hail storms or my pruning shears. For now though, I am experiencing frequent “*hope springs eternal*” moments which can add up to a green spring after all.

*Marilyn McIntyre*

### **Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant Notice**

Because the Master Gardener class is no longer being offered every year, the scholarship committee proposed and board approved that Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society annually offer a grant of up to \$200 for a Bonner County group, class or individual to complete a project which is designed to promote the awareness of native plants. Funds will be awarded based on originality and the potential effectiveness of the project. Applications for the 2012 grant will be available later this year and the project must be completed by the end of 2012 at which time a final report outlining the accomplishments must be submitted to the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society. More information about obtaining applications will be given in the May/June newsletter. The grant recognizes Lois Wythe as founder of the organization and developer of the Native Plant Arboretum in Lakeview Park.

This year's grant was awarded to Lauren Gonsalves to help with tuition fees for a class presented by Seeds Trust and Seed School in Cornville, Arizona. The week long class is designed to teach the "starting and running of a small seed venture". With the information gleaned, Lauren will bring home (to Sandpoint) the information to teach community-wide classes on seed saving. Lauren eventually hopes to start her own business venture offering, among other things, wild native seeds for sale. Lauren has agreed to share her new-found knowledge with the Native Plant Society.

**Member Profile** The usual back page interview, this one with Carol Jenkins, had to be postponed due to extreme weather conditions. It will appear in the next newsletter.



*Subalpine firs* by Wendy Aeschliman