
Program Schedule

May Program

Saturday, May 27, 9:45a.m.

LOCATION: Community Hall (Log Building)

First Avenue - across from County Courthouse, Sandpoint

"Story of the Native Plant Arboretum"



Photo by Margareta Larson

Sylvia Chatburn

(pictured at left) will present the "Story of the Native Plant Arboretum" from its early "roots" to the present day. Our Arboretum, a vision of Lois Wythe, has been nurtured by a dedicated

group of volunteer gardeners. Many of those original gardeners still work there today and are joined by the next generation of native plant enthusiasts. Many residents, and visitors, enjoy this Sandpoint treasure without knowing the full history behind the creation of this wonderful collection of native trees and plants. Whether you walk its paths daily or have yet to visit the Arboretum, you will be delighted by photographs and reminiscences from our early gardeners. Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to keep these native plants growing. A field trip to the Arboretum will follow the presentation.

JUNE PROGRAM

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 23, 24, and 25 (schedule below)

Location: Farragut State Park, Larch Campground.

Farragut State Park is approximately half way between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. From Athol, Idaho, on US 95, turn east on Idaho 54 at the light. Go 4 miles to the park entrance. Stop at the Kiosk and tell them you are with INPS at the Larch Campground.

Directions and a vehicle pass will be given to you.

"INPS Annual Meeting"

Now is the time to schedule your trip to the INPS Annual Meeting. Larch Campground, limited to 50 campers, will be our headquarters. The area is for tenting. There is also limited

parking for a few self contained truck campers or camper trailers.

This campground is located within a conifer grove a stone's throw away from Buttonhook Bay. A short walk brings you to Beaver Bay Swim Area. A shallow swim area, hot showers and flush toilets are available here. A number of trails--over 32 miles--are located within Farragut Park. There is a small very interesting museum located in the park headquarters. (continued pg. 2)

Other Events

The **bench workshops** are in full swing. The next workshop will start on May 13, if you are interested, please contact us. Thanks to Arlis Harvey, this has been a very popular and enjoyable fundraiser for the arboretum.

The next **arboretum meeting** will be May 17 at 1:00 in the conference room of the Museum. For information call Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 or come to the arboretum any weekday morning and talk to the volunteer gardeners.

The 5/20 native plant landscaping **field trip** has been canceled.

Kinnikinnick Chapter Bake Sales!!!

Two Bake Sales are planned this year. **Saturday, 5/20/06, and Saturday, 6/17/06, 9am to 1pm**

Location: Sandpoint Farmer's Market. Come enjoy yummy bake sale goodies and coffee. All proceeds support the Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society. If you would like to donate bake sale goodies, volunteer to help at the bake sale, or need additional information, please contact Linda Kirchmann at 255-5727.

Postal & Website Addresses for the

Kinnikinnick Chapter of the INPS

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(con't from pg. 1) The varieties of habitat within a short walking distance of Larch Campground range from dry to lake shore to stream to mountainous. These provide a rich blend of plant types.

Lake Pend Oreille is a large, deep (1,400+ feet), body of crystal clear water. It is Idaho's largest and most spectacular lake. The Clark Fork River is the main tributary leading into the lake. The Pend Oreille River is the main outlet. It is believed that Lake Pend Oreille contributes much of the water that forms the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer that is the main source of drinking water for the Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Spokane, Washington, areas.

Farragut was the second largest Naval training center in the world during World War II. It has been a state park since 1965. The Lake Pend Oreille Naval Acoustic Research Facility in Bayview conducts environmentally sound research for Navy ships and submarines, and supports State and University fish and lake research. The small town of Bayview situated on the park's north side has several restaurants and marinas as well as a post office, laundromat and general store.

Schedule of Events:

Friday: Arrive, sign in, set up camp and become familiar with the area. Visit the Farragut museum. Campfire get acquainted, get together, s'mores, etc. in the evening.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Welcome by Ranger Dennis Woolford.

8:30 a.m. Divide into field trip sections.

8:45 a.m. Weeds of Farragut field trip with Nina Eckberg, Superintendent, Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control

8:45 a.m. Loop field trip led by a botanist TBA

8:45 a.m. Tweete/Scout Trail day long field trip, Bob Lee, Guide. Wear sturdy walking shoes, appropriate clothing, carry a sack lunch and water.

11:45 a.m.. Weeds and Loop field trips return to camp for lunch on your own.

1:00 p.m. Repeat morning Weeds and Loop field trips, switching participants

6:30 p.m. Catered no host meal --\$12.50 per person. Menu is chicken, barbecued ribs, 4 types of salad, rolls and huckleberry mousse pie. Vegetarian by request.

7:00 p.m. Short annual meeting.

7:30 p.m. Rocky Mountain Lake Ecology by Dr. Fred Rabe, U of I.

Sunday: Committee meetings--a time to hold face-to-face meetings to get acquainted. People can hike some of the trails they missed or prepare to return home.

1:00 p.m. Board telephone conference.

Register by June 1, 2006: Janet Benoit, P.O. Box 331, Careywood, ID, 83809 jebenoit@sisna.com

Send your name, address, phone number, email address, Friday night only, Saturday night only, both nights, Saturday daytime only, how many for Saturday night dinner, Saturday night dinner vegetarian.

Committee Reports

Arboretum Committee

SPRING IN THE ARBORETUM On April 26, 18 people descended on the Arboretum to clean it up and get it looking good for the official Arbor Day Ceremonies on Friday, April 28. We planted black cottonwood as our Arbor Day tree this year. Everything is budding out and looking good. The bush honeysuckle that we transplanted last fall is blooming and really liking its new location. Mountain kintentails, trillium, violets and lungwort are in full bloom. The wild ginger is in full bloom too, but it is such a shy plant that it hides its blooms. The clematis is showing a lot of buds and will be in full bloom in a couple of weeks. From now on and into fall there will always be something that is in bloom or very showy. In May we will be adding some more blooming plants to the wall, young forest and other areas to provide more color.

Sylvia Chatburn, Chair



Trillium and Lungwort

Photo by Margareta Larson

Message from the President

Phil Hough

In many ways the Arboretum is at the heart and soul of Native Plant Society. From the vision of our founder, Lois Wythe, sprang forth both our chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society as well as the Arboretum. For many of us the Arboretum was our first introduction to the native plant society. Lois asked for, and received, commitments from 12 original "straw bosses" to volunteer as gardeners in the Arboretum one day a week "for the rest of their lives." The passion and commitment which began with that vision continues today. Many of these original gardeners still work alongside more recent volunteers to maintain an impressive collection of native trees and plants.

Yet many of our members, as well as the public at large, are unfamiliar with our Arboretum. High-quality presentations and field trips are bringing in new members as well as the general public. These people may only hear a committee report about the Arboretum or vaguely know that it is located somewhere near Lakeview Park. Our May program "The Story Of The Arboretum" will hopefully help to connect our new members and the public at large with the "roots" of our organization. Bring your lunch and walking shoes, a field trip to the Arboretum will follow the presentation.

Quote of the Month:

"One generation plants the trees, and another gets the shade." -- Chinese Proverb

SPRING PRESENTATIONS

Photos by Margareta Larson



In **March**, Kristine Buchler (pictured at left) presented a fascinating look into the lives of Bluebirds in the Hoodoo Valley and their role in the intricate balance of our ecosystem.

In **April** our chapter presented a well-attended, highly informative program on the on a serious problem endangering our waters. The rapidly spreading, aggressive Eurasian milfoil has the potential, if unchecked, of not only harming the recreational uses of our lakes but also our native water plants.

Experts in the field of weed control and in water quality discussed the arsenal of weapons available to fight this exotic invader. The options included mechanical extraction, use of divers, weed barrier

cloth, biological, and chemical methods of control. The efficacy and dangers of each procedure was discussed. Public meetings will be held on the best way of handling this problem and the forum provided the information necessary for well informed public comment. It also became apparent that handling the current infestation was only part of the solution. Even if the situation is brought under control by one or a combination of the above approaches, re-infestation is likely unless conditions encouraging the spread and vigor of Eurasian milfoil are addressed. Conditions ranging from spread resulting from introduction of the plant via recreational boating to increased nutrient level because of inappropriate landscaping around our waterways were identified.



There was so much important information presented chapter members are encouraged to obtain a copy of the DVD or video made of the forum. To do so, please contact Chuck Smith, Videosmith Productions, 208-263-7171, videosmith@coldreams.com

By Gretchen Heller

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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.

Questions? Contact Membership Chair Rae Charlton, at 255-7666 or membership@nativeplantsociety.org

Plant of the Month

May: *Anemone patens L.*
Pasqueflower

Presented by Parise Whitley

Arbor Day 2006

A Recipe For An Arbor Day To Remember

Dedicated Docents

Vivacious Volunteers

Stimulated Students

Tree-mendous Teachers

Wonderful Weather

Combine and celebrate with our community!

Organizing Arbor Day does take time, energy, and planning. We were unsure about being able to fill those shoes of Jim and Cheryl Stern, last year's Arbor Day coordinators. But with their skillful mentoring and the absolute dedication and generosity of so many of you, a time and space was created for celebrating trees and planting a few seeds of stewardship for this wonderful world around us.

.Over 200 students attended Arbor Day this year. Our expert tree docents shared their knowledge of coniferous and deciduous trees during Tree Tours while our guests from Priest River Ranger Station demonstrated tree coring and shared information on Forest Ecology. Fields Cobbs stimulated our thinking with information on the importance of trees in our lives and the affects of climate change. Tree cookies offered up their lessons in how trees grow and (thanks to Sandpoint Ranger District staff). Paul and Pat VanVolkinburg inspired us to get that compost bin going, and students had an opportunity to count tree rings and pinpoint important dates in history. Student poetry was on display the entire morning and docents also read a poem

from each school. And tree seedlings were distributed to community members throughout the morning.

The Arbor Day ceremony began with a welcome message by our president, Phil Hough. Mayor Ray Miller read the "Arbor Day" Proclamation" and Bill Love from the Idaho Dept. of Lands presented the city of Sandpoint with a special "Tree City USA" banner, marking the 10th year that we have met the criteria for being a "tree city". A poem from each school was read and Sylvia Chatburn planted this year's tree, a Black Cottonwood.

Arbor Day is truly all of you. And we extend our heartfelt thanks for such wonderful support and participation. Special thanks to: Mike Fortney and the Clifty View Nursery of Bonners Ferry for tree seedlings; John Hastings and his Advanced Forestry students; The Bonner County Daily Bee for donating seedling bags; Safeway for donating twist-ties; Sue Ferguson, Vern and the Bonner County Historical Society/Museum staff; Dave and Jill Cobbs from the Priest Lake Ranger Station; Luke Hixson; AJ from the Sandpoint Ranger District; Arbor Day cleanup crew; and Sandpoint Parks and Recreation.

And more thanks to friends and members of the Kinnikinnick Chapter: Eileen Atkisson, Margareta Larson, Molly O'Reilly, Nancy Rodgers, Bill Brill, Michael and Phil Franklin, Gary Rogers, Marilyn George, Pat Ramsey, Gail Lyster, Deb Hunsicker, Adrienne Lilly, Linda Nitkowski, Camisse Nitkowski, Pamela Forcier, Pat and Paul VanVolkinburg, Bruce Vogelsinger, and Stephen Drinkard. Arboretum Gardeners and Assistants not only prepared the Arboretum, they participated as docents and volunteers in so many ways: Sylvia Chatburn, Myrna Garside, Phil Hough, Rae Charlton, Michael Franklin, Margie Gibson, Mary Jo Haag, Arlis Harvey, Gretchen Hellar, Linda Kirchmann, Bill Lamson, Sherry Metz, Parise Whitley, Joyce Pence, Konrad Dahlstrom, and Jeff Rich. Participating teachers and classrooms: Kim Ball-Selkirk School; Lisa Greene-Farmin/Stidwell; Ruthie Stevens, Judi Lundak, Julie Keaton, Mike McNelley- Kootenai; Steve Guthrie, Liz Gollen, Grant Hillen-Sagle, Shirley Moore and Margy Arndt-Washington. Students from private schools also participated.

And dear Lois Wythe, your vision and efforts to establish this treasured Arboretum at Lakeview Park have given us all a gathering place for education, celebration and fellowship. Thank you so very much!

By Mary and Doug Toland

Photo by Margareta Larson

