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## Program Schedule

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### November Program

Saturday, Nov 26, 9:45a.m.

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

### *Annual Meeting with Elections, and "A Journey into the Scotchman Peaks"*

Kinnikinnick Conservation Committee Chair **Phil Hough** will lead us on a journey into the Scotchman Peaks, a nearby area recommended by the Forest Service for designation as Wilderness. Come along and enjoy this wild backcountry without leaving your chair! More than just rocky crags where mountain goats roam, the Scotchmans are home to an amazing variety of native plants in diverse habitats. Learn about the effort to bring about congressional approval of this special place as wilderness while enjoying great views. Phil Hough is both a long distance hiker and native plant enthusiast. He brings flair and great photography to this presentation. **Photo by Phil Hough**



### *December Holiday Potluck!!*

Saturday December 10, 11 a.m.

LOCATION: 401 Saint Clair, Sandpoint

The Chapter traditionally celebrates the holidays with a finger-food potluck on the second Saturday of December. Bring food to share and join your native plant friends Saturday, December 10, for conversation, laughter and holiday cheer, at 11 am. As in the past, we are fortunate to gather again at the home of Gretchen Hellar, 401 Saint Clair (at the corner of Michigan) in Sandpoint. If you need directions, please call Molly at 255-7336 or Gretchen at 263-6893. No RSVP is needed.

### *Plant of the Month*

#### **Wapato Potato**

*Sagittaria latifolia*

by Parise Whitley

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### Other Events

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**Chapter Board** meets third Friday of the month, 9am in the Rude Girls Room at the Sandpoint library. Open to all members.

**Conservation Committee:** December, no meeting. January 10, February (Second Tuesday of the month) 6:30pm, at Molly O'Reilly's house, 401 S. Euclid Avenue, Sandpoint. For more information or an agenda please contact Phil Hough at 255-2780.

**Landscape Committee:** Meets February 9, 9:30am at Monarch Mountain Coffee, Sandpoint. Contact Eileen Atkisson at 263-3835.

**Arboretum Committee:** For February meeting date, contact Sylvia Chatburn: 263-2175.

### *Quote of the Month:*

*"Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books."*

- Sir John Lubbock

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# Committee Reports

## Arboretum Put to Bed for the Season

On Sunday, October 9, nine regular gardeners (Myrna Garside, Sylvia Chatburn, Bill Lamson, Margie Gibson, Arlis Harvey, Mary Jo Haag, Dorothy Modafferri, Gretchen Hellar and Linda Kirchmann) and five chapter members (Cheryl and Jim Stern, Gayle and Susan Gillespie and Ken Haag) worked moving shrubs, pruning roses, cutting back plants, pulling weeds and storing and oiling benches. After all the hard work everyone enjoyed a wonderful potluck lunch and social time. We honored our coordinator, Susan Yeager, with a tee-shirt stamped with the Arboretum sign motif that the Franklins developed.

Bill Lamson has done a wonderful job of defining, with rocks, the new paths that meander along the wall. Arlis Harvey is experimenting with mosses in the Moist Forest Habitat. There are some very nice mosses and lichens growing on an old snag that is lying on the ground. Mary Jo Haag and Linda Kirchmann have been adding more plants to the wall and preparing the rest of the wall for planting next season. *Sylvia Chatburn, Arboretum Manager*

## Conservation Corner

On September 15th, several members of the conservation committee visited our "adopted" roadless area - Bee Top. A bushwhack through thickly vegetated slopes above Porcupine Lake was slowed by an abundance of huckleberries. Eventually we gained the ridge and walked along the divide between the drier, lake facing slopes and the wondrous wooded basins to the north. This pristine roadless area contains a great variety of native plant habitats and we hope you will join us in exploring it further next summer. All Native Plant Society members are welcome. *Phil Hough*

## Landscape Committee Report

Members met on October 3 at Cafe Trinity and on October 13 at Monarch Mountain to discuss the seasonal end of activities at Mickinnick Trailhead and Discovery Center. They learned that the City will not plow the Trailhead parking lot and the landscaping will weather its first winter without threat of machines. Discovery Center is in the able (continued next column)

hands of Project Director Mark Taylor and faces its second winter with the hungry mouths of local deer. Members participated in the Healing Garden cleanup on October 29 by organizing some of the construction debris left at Sand Creek shoreline and by planting several red osier dogwoods there.

It was a very successful and surprisingly busy season. We had lots of help from The Friends of Mickinnick, the City of Sandpoint and our Kinnikinnick members, especially, Mike and Phil Franklin, Don Childress, Linda Drayton, Ann Wimberly, Jeff Rich, Sharon and Bill Brill, Margie Gibson, Jan Griffitts and our president, Molly O'Reilly. Master Gardener, Gail Swan, and neighbors Stuart Gutenberger, Polly Mire, Don Banning and Daryl Baird made very noticeable contributions as did the Juvenile Community Service youngsters. We thank everyone involved this year. *Eileen Atkisson, Chair*

## Fall Presentations

### September:

**Retotta McNair**, pictured at right, presented "Insights in Forest Management Planning".

Photo by Wendy Aeschliman



**October: Barbara St. Dennis**, pictured at left, presented information on Native Herbs.

Photo by Marilyn George

### Thanks....

Sylvia Chatburn provided treats for the October meeting. For the November meeting, Eileen Atkisson will be baking. In January we will have treats thanks to Rae Charlton. Linda Kirchmann coordinates our meeting hospitality, often with the help of Jackie Earle.

## *Message from the President*

*Molly O'Reilly*

### **Celebrating Our Accomplishments and Looking Forward**

As my term as president winds down, I want to thank all members and especially the active many. You have made 2005 much fun and a year of projects undertaken and completed. The Arboretum, in its fall colors, is "bedded" for winter, looking stupendous. Landscape and conservation committees have many projects, outings and successes to celebrate. Arbor Day was the best ever, our booth at the Bonner County Fair drew many visitors and we've enjoyed a year of varied and fascinating field trips and presentations. This newsletter is flourishing as are our email list, website, publicity and membership. Stay tuned next year on all fronts.

In its sixth year, the Chapter has seen many transitions and is moving in 2006 strong and capable. You, each of our 135 members, make it happen. Your generous renewal is essential for the Arboretum, and all our programs. Membership rates are virtually unchanged even though our costs have increased.

There is great need in the world today and I know many of you have opened your hearts and wallets to the stricken. Please continue your generous support of Kinnikinnick and the Arboretum. We are here year in and out: educating, planting, explaining and keeping the flora of our special corner of the world unique, flourishing and appreciated. *Thank you again..... Molly O'Reilly*

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## *Mickinnick Trail Ceremony*

On September 24, the Mickinnick Trail was officially dedicated, and the exceptional work of our Landscape Committee at the trailhead was honored. Don Childress and Linda Drayton accepted the accolades offered by Sandpoint Mayor, Ray Miller and Forest Service personnel.

Aided by the Master Gardeners, our committee members have planted the area in native plants, installed a watering system and worked to beat back the weeds. Committee Chair Eileen Atkisson deserves an award for the time coordinating and working she has devoted to this important project.



Above left: Mike and Phil Franklin, native plant landscape gardeners extraordinaire, at the trailhead they helped landscape in local native plants. Photo by Jan Griffiths



Above right: Don Childress and Linda Drayton Accept Award from Mayor Ray Miller for Mickinnick Trailhead Landscaping. Award presented to Kinnikinnick Chapter is shared with Master Gardeners. Photo by Phil Hough

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Renew Your Membership Now

Dues for calendar year 2006 are payable by Dec. 31st, 2005, and will be gladly accepted starting now! Note the new membership rates on the enclosed form. You may mail in the form or hand it to Rae Charlton, membership chair, at one of our regular meetings. Thanks for taking care of this before the deadline, to insure you receive every issue of the newsletter.

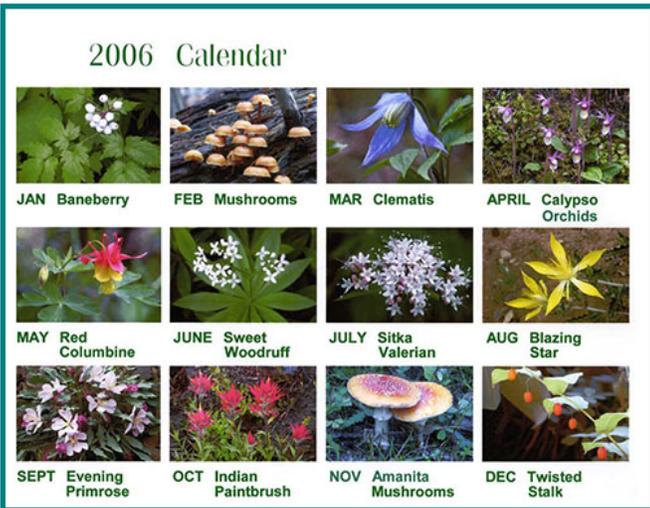
Categories of membership are: Individual \$25 per year; Household \$30 per year; Student/ Senior \$20 per year; Patron \$75\*, Life \$1000\* \*Patron and Life members may affiliate with additional chapters of INPS.

Send payment to: Kinnikinnick Chapter INPS, PMB 162, 206 N. 4th Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864. Questions? Rae Charlton, Membership, 255-7666.

2006 Calendars Ready

Flowers that Don't Fade Make Great Gifts!!

Enjoy a different Idaho native flower or plant each month with the Chapter's 2006 calendar. The price remains unchanged this year. Calendars can be purchased at meetings or ordered by phone. Call Myrna Garside at 255-2133. Cost: \$7.00 or, mailed anywhere in the US. \$8.50.



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Right : Chris Schnepf explains forest health on Round Lake Field Trip Photo by Phil Hough

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Thanks to the Nominating Committee, a slate of candidates will be presented to the membership at the November annual meeting. The new board will consist of eight members elected by the membership, and the Arboretum Manager elected by the Arboretum Committee. Since this is a new format for the Chapter, all eight positions need filling. To stagger terms, half are for one year, the remainder for two. The Board will elect officers from among its ranks.

Two year terms: Rae Charlton, Marilyn George, Phil Hough and Nancy Rodgers. One year terms: Annette Fraser-Runnalls, Kan Haag, Molly O'Reilly and Ann Wimberly.

We appreciate the 2005 nominating committee which consisted of Phil Hough, Rae Charlton, Bill Lamson, Molly O'Reilly (ex officio) and Chair Don Childress.

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Round Lake Field Trip

On September 24th, Chris Schnepf led a field trip to Round Lake, focusing on Forest Ecology. In walking through the woods, Chris imparted insights on habitat types, species composition, the role and process of disturbances (both natural and man made) and forest health. Chris described options for various management goals. With plenty of time for questions and answers all came away a bit wiser.

