

**Idaho Native Plant Society**  
**White Pine Chapter**



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*Pinus monticola* Dougl. Ex D.Don  
Western White Pine

**Spring/Summer**  
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**Newsletter**

## ***White Pine Chapter 2006 Forthcoming Events:***

**Thursday, April 13, 2006. Chapter Meeting: Workshop  
6:00 pm, UI Life Science South, Room 365 (Teaching Lab)**

**Grass Identification I**, led by **Juanita Lichthardt**, Past President of our Chapter, Juanita is a botany educator and consultant.

**Limited to 30 participants**, to reserve your participation, contact Sonja Lewis, [sal.e.forth@turbonet.com](mailto:sal.e.forth@turbonet.com), 208-883-2638.

In this workshop, we will learn some basics to help us identify grasses in preparation for a **field trip on June 17** (see details later in events section). If you have difficulty differentiating between Idaho Fescue and Bluebunch Wheatgrass, or think that Beargrass is a Graminoid, this workshop is for you! But be ready for a challenging session: Juanita will discuss basic terminology and provide several local grasses for participants to learn to key out. The key we'll use is Hitchcock & Cronquist's *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, with Juanita highlighting the often-used sections. Dissecting scopes and various tools will be available. You are also encouraged to bring your own tools, including small forceps or tweezers. **If you have *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, please bring it!**

The University locks this building at 6:00 p.m., so please be prompt. It's important to allow plenty of time for parking. Available parking is almost guaranteed in the big lot between Sweet Avenue (campus entrance where the fountains are), and Paradise Creek. After 5 pm, parking is free in Gold, Red, and Blue lots. There may be a couple of available metered parking slots across the street from the entrance. If you are able to walk the 2-4 blocks uphill to Life Science, please leave the metered parking for those who are not. Life Science South is on University Avenue, just north of the Administration Building's large lawn. For a map of the parking areas on campus at the UI, go to [www.info.uidaho.edu/parking/maps/parking\\_map\\_only.pdf](http://www.info.uidaho.edu/parking/maps/parking_map_only.pdf).

Because there is no eating permitted in the lab, we'll skip refreshments at this event. Sorry!

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006, Chapter Meeting: Presentation  
7:00 p.m., UI College of Natural Resources Room No. 108**

**Wild Flowers of the Columbia Plateau**

**Mark Turner, author and photographer**

Mark's business is Horticultural and Pacific Northwest Photography located in Bellingham, WA. He has recently published "Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest," with 1220 unique plant species that the author photographed during 2003 and 2004 in Oregon and Washington State, which will be available for purchase and autograph at the presentation, or from URL <http://www.turnerphotographics.com>.

**Saturday, April 29, 2006, Chapter Field Trip**

**Paradise Ridge in Peak Bloom**

**Led by Jacie and Wayne Jensen**

**Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Eastside Marketplace**

Join us and Palouse Prairie Foundation members to look at Palouse Prairie native plants on Paradise Ridge. The objectives of this field trip are: 1) to see an example of Palouse Prairie with great botanical diversity, 2) to view plots being managed to increase the supply of seed of about a dozen important species native to the Palouse, and 3) to view plots where methods of Palouse Prairie restoration are being evaluated. Carpooling is encouraged. Maps will be provided.

**Saturday, May 27 and Saturday, July 15, 2006. Chapter Field Trips**

**On the Trail of Lewis & Clark I and II.**

**Led by Fred Johnson, UI Emeritus Professor of Forest Resources and one of the founders of the INPS Whitepine Chapter**

Fred Johnson is planning two field trips this summer that will revisit approximate locations where specific plants were collected or referenced in the Lewis & Clark Journals when they passed through this area 200 years ago. These trips are planned for **Saturday, May 20** and **Saturday, July 15**. They will both be long day trips, so we will **leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. from Eastside Marketplace**. Bring enough food for lunch and snacks, water, field guides, and binoculars. **Carpooling will be necessary** as pull-offs along the Clearwater are not large, so please arrange to share car space either prior to the trip, or at the meeting site at Eastside Marketplace. Contact: Al Stage, [astage@moscow.com](mailto:astage@moscow.com), 208-882-7492.

**Saturday, May 27: Kamiah Area.** We will begin our journey to follow the L&C trail at the junction of Potlatch Creek and the Clearwater River, and make about 3 stops for plant identification along the Clearwater while heading toward Kamiah. Once in the Kamiah area, we will make 2 or 3 more stops.

**Saturday, July 15: East of Weippe.** We will continue our trip of discovery to locate plants along the western end of the Lolo and Lewis and Clark Trails. More details will be available closer to the trip date, but Fred hopes to visit the Lewis & Clark cedar grove.

To complement these trips, Fred has prepared a 9-page handout, in chronological order from 1804 through 1806, with information on references to Idaho plants north of the Salmon taken from journals and notations on herbarium sheets, along with location indicators. He also advises that you may wish to read ahead from the following two publications:

*Phillips, H. W. Plants of the L&C Expedition, Mountain Press, 2003 - an excellent paperback with quite good photos.*

*Moulton, G.E., Journals of the L&C Expedition. U. Nebraska Press, 1982-1999. Very detailed, but excellent. (At UI Library)"*

**Saturday, June 17, 2006. Chapter Field Trip**

**(NOTE: This trip comes between Fred Johnson's L&C trips)**

**Grass Identification II**

**Led by Juanita Lichthardt**

**Location: to be announced**

This field trip will build on April's workshop, where we will be given the opportunity of using our newly acquired knowledge and skills to do field identification of grasses. Time and other planning details will be sent closer to the date. Contact: Sonja Lewis, [sal.e.forth@turbonet.com](mailto:sal.e.forth@turbonet.com), 208-883-2638

***Other activities under discussion for Fall include:***

**Presentations:**

- Fire Ecology
- Soils of Northern Idaho
- Pollination Ecology

**Field Trips:**

**-Viola, to visit controlled burn locations while contemplating how ecosystems recover from wildfir**

***INPS 2006 Annual Meeting  
Friday-Sunday, June 23-25, 2006***

Now is an ideal time to schedule your trip to the INPS Annual Meeting at Farragut State Park located on beautiful Lake Pend Oreille, approximately half way between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. Larch Campground, with a capacity of 50 campers, will be our headquarters for this event. 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.

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.

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.

Fred Rabe, UI Professor Emeritus of Zoology, will present the evening talk on Saturday, June 24. Title and time will be announced later.

A full schedule, directions and registration information can be obtained from the INPS webpage [www.idahonativeplants.org](http://www.idahonativeplants.org) and Sage Notes, or by contacting Janet Benoit, P.O. Box 331, Careywood, ID, 83809 [jebenoit@sisna.com](mailto:jebenoit@sisna.com). Register by June 1, 2006.



***Other Forthcoming Events***

**Wednesday-Thursday, March 29-30, 2006, Pasco, WA**

**2006 Tri-State Rangeland Management Short Course**

***Rangelands for the Future: Creating rangeland ecosystems for the next century.*** The topic for this conference is to develop tools to insure a rangeland base for the future: easements, estate planning, federal and NGO programs and more. If interested, contact Linda H. Hardesty, 509-335-6632, [lhardest@wsu.edu](mailto:lhardest@wsu.edu). Details are available at <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/newsevents/index.htm>. Or contact Nancy Miller ([nmiller@moscow.com](mailto:nmiller@moscow.com)) for more information.

### ***Items of Interest:***

**Fred Rabe**, UI Professor Emeritus of Zoology, has published "**Exploring High Mountain Lakes in the Rockies: A story of their ecology and natural history.**" It is available locally at the UI bookstore and at Bookpeople, or directly from Aquatic Ecosystems, P.O. Box 3281, Moscow, ID 83843. This book covers six Rocky Mountain states extending from Montana's Glacier Park to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Colorado and New Mexico, and is richly illustrated with charts, maps and over 200 color photos. Price is \$29.95 (add \$3 for shipping and \$1.50 for Idaho sales tax). Contact Fred Rabe at [fredr@uidaho.edu](mailto:fredr@uidaho.edu) for more information.

INPS Whitepine Chapter has two copies of a video for loan of a presentation by **Steve Brunfeld** to attendees at the Conference of Northwest Herbaria that was hosted by the UI Stillinger Herbarium last year. The video is entitled, "**The history of the northern Rocky Mountain mesic forest ecosystem: "museum" or "overnight sensation"?**" If you would like to watch this video, contact Al Stage [astage@moscow.com](mailto:astage@moscow.com), 208-882-7492 to arrange details.

**RNA Presentation follow-up:** Thanks to Kris Hazelbaker of the US Forest Service, Clearwater and Nez Perce Forest districts, who gave a very informative presentation on Research Natural Areas on March 3. For further information about existing and proposed Northwest region RNAs, go to <http://rna.nris.state.mt.us/> and follow the links for states or for research opportunities. The state list shows proposed as well ("proposed" follows the name – see Fenn Mountain Proposed). A Google search also brings up many sites for Idaho RNAs.

**Landscaping with Native Plants follow-up:** Many thanks to Kathy Hutton, Manager of Plants of the Wild in Tekoa, WA, for providing us with very useful information about the use of native plants in our own back yards. You can request brochures and handouts from her at [Kathy@plantsofthewild.com](mailto:Kathy@plantsofthewild.com). Also, two publications promoting native plant landscaping for our region are available online: (1) "**Plants of Northern Idaho for Landscaping and Restoration**" can be obtained from the INPS state organization at <http://www.idahonativeplants.org/guides/NorthIdahoGuide.aspx>; and (2) **Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region**, a BLM technical paper, can be acquired at <http://www.id.blm.gov/publications/TR1730-3/index.htm>.

**Silene spaldingii recovery plan:** The US Fish and Wildlife Service has released a draft of the recovery plan for Spalding's catchfly, *Silene spaldingii*. Public comment is invited. You may view the plan at <http://www.fws.gov/idoes/>. It is a 2.18 meg file with about 175 pages, so give it some time to download. According to the USFWS: "Comments may be submitted in writing to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, Idaho 83709. Comments may also be faxed to 208-378-5262, or e-mailed to [fw1srbocomment@fws.gov](mailto:fw1srbocomment@fws.gov). Please include "Spalding's Catchfly Comments" in the title line for faxes and e-mails, with the name and address of the person submitting comments included in the message."

Prints of Herbarium plant specimens are available from the **University of Idaho Stillinger Herbarium**. The prints are being sold as a fundraising project and are very reasonably priced. To purchase either matted prints (framed or not), visit the UI Stillinger Herbarium home page (<http://www.sci.uidaho.edu/biosci/herbarium/>) for contact info.

WNPS has plant lists for various locations listed by county on their state website [http://www.wnps.org/plant\\_lists/exploring\\_native\\_plants.html](http://www.wnps.org/plant_lists/exploring_native_plants.html).

Another online publication of interest for our region is **Native Plants for Aquatic Gardens and Aquariums: A guide for using plants native to the Northwestern U.S. in decorative ponds and aquariums** at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0603004.html>

For information on the **Palouse Prairie Foundation** activities, visit [www.palouseprairie.org](http://www.palouseprairie.org).

**Palouse Audubon Society**, [www.palouseaudubon.org](http://www.palouseaudubon.org). Contacts for information and field trips are through the Co-Presidents Charles Swift, [charless@moscow.com](mailto:charless@moscow.com) and Terry Gray, [clgtlg@genesee-id.com](mailto:clgtlg@genesee-id.com).



**Update on the Moscow Mountain Cathedral Cedar Grove:** Thanks to the efforts of a group of local residents and government officials, the Cathedral Cedar Grove atop Moscow Mountain will be preserved. The Idaho Department of Lands has authorized a four-person steering committee comprised of representatives from government, landowners, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to develop a plan that will ensure its continued stewardship. For the past 10 years, the grove has been managed by TNC, but they will be dropping their lease this year. Management now will be undertaken by a local entity, with a lease for up to 25 years.



**Meeting notices for other INPS chapters** are listed if we receive email or regular mailings. The Idaho Native Plant Society web site ([www.idahonativeplants.org](http://www.idahonativeplants.org)) lists contacts for these chapters if you are interested. Please also check Sage Notes for possible listings.

***Forthcoming events at the Kinnikinnick Chapter ([www.nativeplantsociety.org](http://www.nativeplantsociety.org)):***

- Saturday 3/25/06: "The Gertie Hanson Memorial Bluebird Trail" presented by Kris Buchler, 9:45 a.m. at the Community Hall, Sandpoint
- Saturday 3/25/06: field trip to Denton Slough for waterfowl birding, carpool from Sandpoint Community Hall at noon
- Saturday 4/22/06: "Take Back Our Lakes-Aurasian Milfoil Forum" ½-day workshop at Community Hall, Sandpoint (time tba)
- Friday 4/28/06: "Celebrate Trees Together: Arbor Day 2006," 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Arboretum
- Saturday 5/6/06: field trip to Hannah Flats, near Priest Lake for old growth forest viewing, carpool from Sandpoint Community Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday 5/20/06: workshop and field trip on Native Plant Landscaping, meet at Rude Girl's Room in the Sandpoint Library and carpool to Cloud's Ledge at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday 6/10/06: field trip to Spar Creek, near Troy, MT, to view wildflowers and wet habitat, carpool from Bonner Mall at 7:15 a.m. (ID time).
- Saturday 9/23/06: field trip to Shepherd Lake to ID wildflowers and develop a plant list, carpool from Sandpoint Community Hall at noon.
- Saturday 8/26/06: field trip to Schweizer for huckleberry picking, carpool from Bonner Mall at 9:00 a.m.

**Forthcoming events at the Calypso Chapter – Field Trips:**

- Saturday 4/15/06: Tubbs Hill, meet at 11<sup>th</sup> Street entrance at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday 5/21/06: Q'melin Trails, meet at Trailhead at 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday 6/3/06: Gamlin Lake, near Sagle, Idaho, carpool from Walgreens (Hwy 95 & Appleway) at 8:00 a.m. or meet at Gamlin Lake at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday 7/15/06: Mt. Spokane State Park, carpool from Walgreens, Coeur d'Alene at 7:30 a.m. or meet at park at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday 8/12/06: Roman Nose Lakes, 25 miles from Naples, Idaho, carpool from Walgreens, Coeur d'Alene at 6:30 a.m. or meet at lower lake at 9:00 (could be an overnigher)

Email notifications: If you wish to receive periodic email notifications and last minute program or trip information, please send your email address to Nancy Miller at [nmiller@moscow.com](mailto:nmiller@moscow.com) for addition to the list. These email notifications can save us considerable postage and/or time spent making phone calls. A second email list is used for discussion of items of chapter interest, forwarded messages from other chapters, as well as meeting notices and special announcements. This list is hosted on UI's list serve. Again, contact Nancy Miller if you wish to be on this second mailing list – or if you wish to move from one list to the other.



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The current slate of officers consists of the following:

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We are always excited to see new faces on the Board and Committees, and invite you to join us! If you are interested in serving as an officer or on a committee yourself, or know of someone else who might, please contact Sonja Lewis (contact info above). We would especially welcome **nominations for Publicity Chair** at this time.

**Membership Renewal/Request**

Dues for Jan. – Dec. 2006:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual	\$15.00	_____
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New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Change of address? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete the above form and send with check made payable to **INPS/White Pine Chapter**

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**P.O. Box 8481**  
**Moscow, ID 83843.**

----- Thank you -----

**Membership in INPS White Pine Chapter** is open to all who wish to join. Membership dues may be sent to the address listed on the form above or given to **Nancy Sprague** at a meeting. Alternatively, you may pay your dues to the State organization using the form in Sage Notes. You need only pay once - either the chapter or the State organization. The receiving treasurer will ensure that the other organization receives its share of the dues. (Currently the State organization receives 75% and the local chapter 25%.) In past years it has proved more effective and timely to pay the dues to the chapter so that chapter records can be updated quickly for newsletters, etc.

**Renewal reminder:** If you are a renewing member, please check the membership expiration date on your mailing label to ensure that it is correct (e.g. if your label says 12/05, your membership expired in December last year). If you do not think the information is correct, please contact Nancy Sprague at [nrsprague@verizon.net](mailto:nrsprague@verizon.net).