

Idaho Native Plant Society White Pine Chapter Winter 2007/2008 Newsletter



Photo: William B. Hall, UI Professor Emeritus of Geology

Pinus monticola Dougl. Ex D. Don
Western White Pine

2008 Forthcoming Events:

Thursday, January 24, 2008: Chapter Presentation

Title: A Modern Synthesis of Plant-based Survival Skills

Presenter: Todd Ott, graduate student in UI CNR

Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. / College of Natural Resources Room 108

Description: Todd, a grad student of Steve Brunsfeld and an expert on ethnobotany, will speak on his experiences from teaching wilderness survival skills for 15 years. He will begin with an overview of wilderness survival strategy/philosophy and continue with a discussion of the importance of botanical knowledge with specific examples in the northern Rocky Mountain and Inland Northwest. He will bring some hands-on materials for participants to study.

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Wednesday, February 27, 2008: Chapter Presentation, joint program with the Palouse Prairie Foundation.

Title: "Trifles Will Not Stop Me" a Program about David Douglas

Presenter: Gary Lentz, park ranger at Lewis & Clark Trail State Park near Waitsburg, WA and historian.

Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. / 1912 Building, 3rd Street, Moscow (opposite High School)

Description: Gary will present a living history demonstration about the early explorer/botanist David Douglas, the man responsible for dozens of discoveries and descriptions of our native northwest trees, shrubs, and plants, and his travels throughout the Northwest from 1824 to 1827. He will bring materials for plant identification, as well as a reproduction plant press from Douglas's era.

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Thursday, March 20, 2008: Chapter Presentation

Title: Palouse Prairie Restoration and Seed Increase Efforts: Lessons Learned by Wayne and Jacie Jensen

Presenter: Jacie Jensen, JenCrops

Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. / College of Natural Resources Room 108

Description: Jacie will present on the lessons that she and her husband, Wayne, have learned about the Palouse Prairie ecosystem. Since 2004, using their own remnant atop Paradise Ridge as a seed collection site, and with assistance from university researchers and conservation organizations, they have investigated ecologically-sensitive methods to manage invasive plants. In addition, recognizing that long-term restoration, expansion and management of this ecosystem requires the availability of eco-regional seeds of the native wildflowers, they have developed seed increase plots from collections off their land which have been expanded into certified-seed fields. The certified seed, and the seedlings produced from them, are just becoming available for local plantings.

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Please send us your suggestions (by email, phone or regular mail) for meetings, workshops or field trips for 2008. If you would be interested in presenting or leading an activity, please let us know that too! Thank you!

Our warmest thanks go to:

Fred Rabe & Pam Brunsfeld for leading a field trip to the Little North Fork of the Clearwater on July 14;

Ray & Bettie Hoff for hosting a potluck at their house on July 25;

Gary Macfarlane for leading a field trip to Grandmother Mountain on August 18.

Also thanks to **Jacie Jensen** for allowing us to assist with grass seed collection on several trips in July & August.



Thank you, Thad Davis, for volunteering to serve on the State Membership Committee.



Fred Rabe, UI Professor Emeritus of Zoology, recently presented a copy of his latest publication, *Little North Fork Country*, to our Chapter. This book covers information collected on his field trips with us and with other groups last summer. We will be happy to loan this interesting manuscript to our members for short periods. Please contact Janet Campbell, jnacampbell@roadrunner.com. Contact Fred Rabe at fredr@uidaho.edu if you have questions about the material.



Fish Lake, Little North Fork country



Pinchot Marsh Carex spp. en masse



Little North Fork
(photos by Fred Rabe)

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Some thoughts for spring....it won't be long.....



Lady's Slipper orchid in bloom at the Stage's



Fritillaria pudica



Bluebell in bloom at the Stage's



Grass widows blooming on the Stage's property

Some online resources promoting native plant landscaping for our region are:

(1) **Characteristics and Uses of Native Palouse Forbs in Landscaping**, by David Skinner, Paul Warnick, Bill French and Mary Fauci, at http://www.wsu.edu/~pmc_nrcs/Docs/Forbs_for_Landscaping.pdf

(2) **More Palouse Forbs for Landscaping**, by David Skinner, Paul Warnick, Bill French and Mary Fauci, at http://www.wsu.edu/~pmc_nrcs/Docs/More_Forbs_for_Landscaping.pdf

(3) "**Native Plants of Northern Idaho for Landscaping and Restoration**" prepared by the White Pine Chapter is available on the INPS website at www.idahonativeplants.org/guides/NorthIdahoGuide.aspx

(4) **Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region**, a BLM technical paper, at www.id.blm.gov/publications/TR1730-3/index.htm

(5) **Native Plants for Aquatic Gardens and Aquariums: A guide for using plants native to the Northwestern U.S. in decorative ponds and aquariums**, at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0603004.html

WNPS has plant lists for various locations listed by county on their state website at www.wnps.org/plant_lists/exploring_native_plants.html

Local and Regional Organizations:

Palouse Prairie Foundation www.palouseprairie.org

Palouse Audubon Society www.palouseaudubon.org

Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute www.pcei.org

Friends of the Clearwater www.friendsoftheclearwater.org



Websites of interest:

Tools for Plant Identification updated website: <http://utc.usu.edu/keys/default.html>

Online Winter Twig Identification Key developed by Ben Leler and posted on the UW Herbarium website: http://biology.burke.washington.edu/herbarium/image_collection.php



Upcoming events for other INPS chapter meetings and trips are listed on the Idaho Native Plant Society web site (www.idahonativeplants.org). Please check this and Sage Notes for all the available listings and other information

The current slate of officers consists of the following:

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Thank you to Sonja Lewis and Merrill Conitz for the many roles they have played during their tenures on the Board. We wish them well!

WANT TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN YOUR INPS CHAPTER? 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 Janet Campbell (contact info above). **WE HAVE TWO OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

Secretary: takes meeting notes, maintains records and archives

Publicity Chair: produces flyers and advertisements for events

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 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.



Native grasses in the UI Arboretum