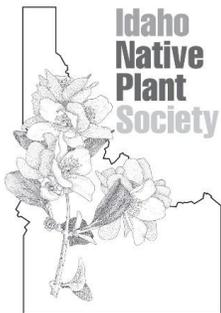


# INPS WHITE PINE CHAPTER NEWS

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## Greetings White Pine Chapter Members and Friends

Find out more about native plants and about chapter happenings, meetings, and field trips on our website [www.whitepineinps.org](http://www.whitepineinps.org) and on our chapter Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/IdahoNativePlantSocietyWhitePineChapter>



A big hand to the 2019 Officers and Board, many who have volunteered for multiple years:

Co-President: Judy Ferguson  
Co-President: Susan Rounds  
Vice President: Pam Brunsfeld  
Secretary: Charlotte Omoto  
Treasurer: Steve Bunting

Special thanks to the 2020 Officers who agreed to serve and were elected at the September chapter annual meeting:

President: Susan Rounds  
Vice President: Earl Beasley  
Secretary: Charlotte Omoto  
Treasurer: Steve Bunting

## 2020 Chairpersons and Board Members-at-large

Judy Ferguson (Conservation)  
Pam Brunsfeld (Education)  
Elizabeth Martin (Facebook Administrator)  
Helen Stroebel (Grants)  
Nancy Miller (Membership & Web Site)  
Charlotte Omoto/Nancy Miller (Plant Sale)  
Emily Poor (Publicity Winter & Spring)  
Members at Large: Bill Phillips, Bettie Hoff, Kristin Pekas, Thad Davis, Penny Morgan

**Fall Events** (All events will be held at 7 pm in the Great Room, 1912 Center, Moscow, unless otherwise noted.) Email reminders will be sent to members with additional information prior to the event. Please check the chapter Event Calendar for scheduling changes. <http://www.whitepineinps.org/WPSchedule.html>

**Thursday, October 24, 2019: Justin Trujillo** will lead a grass workshop. If you have a hand lens, a copy of Justin's book *A Field Guide to Grasses and Grass-like Plants of Idaho* or the app *Idaho Grasses & Grass-like Plants* on your smart phone, please bring. Please see additional information on Facebook or the website.

**Thursday, November 21, 2019: Tim Prather** will speak on Ventenata Control.

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019: Ben Legler** of the UI Stillinger Herbarium will give a presentation on how species are named and what triggers the renaming of a species.

**Several other events of interest that you may want to add to your calendar:**

**Friday, November 1, 2019 University of Idaho Stillinger Herbarium** will hold an Open House in their new location in the Mines Building Room 116, 4:30-7:00 pm. INPS members are invited. There is limited space for guests at any one time.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019 NIRPWG\* meeting** in Moscow. If you are interested but not on the mailing list, contact Nancy Miller for more information. The location will be on the chapter event schedule.

**Tuesday - Thursday, February 25 -27, 2020. The Rare Plant Conference** will be held in Nampa. Additional information will be on the INPS website soon.

**First Tuesday of the month: UI Stillinger Herbarium** will be holding keying sessions as they process specimens from the 2019 Foray. Contact the herbarium for more information.

*\*North Idaho Rare Plant Working Group chaired by Derek Antonelli.*

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### Recap of Summer activities



Figure 2 Early setup preparations Photo by Anke Burger

**The May 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale** was very successful thanks to lots of volunteers who helped from the starting of native plant seeds to the cashiering and cleaning up at the end of the sale. Co-chairs Charlotte and Nancy are very grateful for everyone's help in every phase of the project. Over 2000 native plants were sold and it was exciting to see the enthusiasm of the buyers. The sale cleared over \$3000 to add to the chapter's funds which support our grant program and donations.



Figure 4 Relaxing after the sale Photos by Nancy Miller



Figure 1 Plants grown by Jen Hiebert

We are grateful to our many plant donors and the vendors who continually impress us with the quality of the plants they provide for us to sell.



Figure 3 With Mike we always need to look over there! Photos by Susan Rounds

**On June 1** a group of chapter members and friends once again joined Mike Hays, Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forest botanist on Center Ridge above Lucile. The primary aim was to pull crupina, an invasive weed threatening the grasslands, but Mike made sure everyone had some great views of the spectacular vistas and also the special species often found nowhere else. In



addition to the photos here, [more photos taken by Susan and Elizabeth can be found in the photos album on the chapter Facebook page.](#)



Figure 6 Workshop at the Folwells. Photo by Eric Anderson

**Also in June**, the chapter joined Palouse Prairie Foundation for a workshop at the home of Joan and Ray Folwell. Pam Brunsfeld gave some historical background about the Whelan Pioneer Cemetery and discussed the species that might be found. After a provided lunch, members went to the nearby Cemetery for a foray to

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identify native Palouse Prairie species and a weed-pulling party for weeds which are threatening the native species. **Enjoy a more detailed description of the event written by Judy Ferguson in the September issue of Sage Notes.**

**At the end of June** several members attended the 2019 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Botanical Foray in very northern Idaho. Ben Legler and Dave Tank of the UI Stillinger Herbarium led the foray this year and have written about the various collecting expeditions in the September issue of *Sage Notes*. Lots of photos of spectacular scenery and descriptions of the flora collected. Consider attending the Foray next year (in more Southern Idaho) as they are always a fun and rewarding event. **Ben will be scheduling keying sessions later in the fall – probably on the evening of the first Tuesday of the month. Contact the Herbarium for more information.**

Unfortunately, only a few WP chapter members were in attendance this year at **the INPS Annual Meeting in McCall in mid-July**. However, member Lauren Pfund of Cottonwood wrote up her experiences at the weekend event for the September issue of *Sage Notes*. Check it out. Thanks Lauren – it must have been both a fun and an educational weekend. Hopefully we'll have a good turnout in 2020 as we make plans for 2021 when White Pine will be the host chapter.

**Here's the link for the September Sage Notes which is referenced several times. Great writeups from our members!** (<https://idahonativeplants.org/sage-notes/>)



Figure 8 Crystal Lake by Mike Hays

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Liz Martin, Mike Hays and Eva Strand from our chapter joined Derek Antonelli and Calypso members on a hike into Crystal Lake. Some great views



and splendid wildflowers made up for the sometimes challenging hiking. From Liz: "We hiked a loop that included a lunch stop at Crystal Lake. Much of the hike was across an open (and rocky!) hillside where we saw most of the species that were in bloom."

Figure 7 Trail into Crystal Lake  
Photo by Liz Martin



Figure 9 Group photo of Calypso and White Pine hikers.  
Photo by Karen Williams

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** Pam Brunfeld led a field trip to Elk River and the nearby Morris/Perkins Cedar Grove. This is always one of the chapter's favorite late summer trips. The group hiked the loop which meanders through the cedars, then visited the Giant Cedar which is nearby. The trip finished with huckleberry ice cream in Elk River. **Many more photos from this trip can be found on the chapter Facebook page.**



**Sunday, September 22** Many chapter members and friends made the trek to the home of Helen Stroebel at nearly the end of the West Twin Road. We were treated to meat and vegetarian chilis made by Bettie Hoff and

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Judy Ferguson in addition to the many accompanying



Figure 10 A short member meeting to elect the 2020 slate of officers Photo by Nancy Miller



Figure 11 Palouse prairie grassland Photo by Nancy Miller



Figure 12 Views of Moscow and a discussion of a future project Photo by Nancy Miller

Several short visits this past summer to members homes highlighted how different people are using natives in their gardens and restoration projects. Thanks to Anke Burger of Pullman who invited us to view her front garden which is mostly planted in natives now and to Nancy Miller for inviting us to see the Palouse Prairie restoration patch on her property. We are already talking to several people about evening or weekend

snacks and delicious desserts brought by others. Helen provided a tour of the property and the areas where she is restoring unproductive fields to native Palouse Prairie. What a lot of work! We were all impressed with the progress she has made. It was great to be treated too to the views of

Moscow and surrounding areas from the Stroebel/Stage home. The house was originally built by Al and Marjory Stage as their family home, and it was special to have the opportunity to visit with Marjory.

walks next spring and summer to see how others have incorporated natives into their city gardens or have tackled significant prairie restoration.



Figure 13 Native flora in Anke's garden Photos by Nancy Miller



If you have an area using native plants that you would like to have chapter members visit, let us know – a single flower bed, a front or back garden, or even a patio container garden.

Other ways members can volunteer this fall and winter

- Offer to lead a walk or field trip to an area you are familiar with
- Take photos at a meeting or on a field trip to share in newsletters or on Facebook
- Offer to bring refreshments to a future meeting
- Suggest a meeting topic and potential speaker
- Participate in a board meeting
- Offer to bring a person to a meeting who doesn't drive after dark
- Make announcements about chapter meetings when attending other organization events
- Out of town member? Invite the chapter to do a field trip in your area and share your knowledge

Thanks for each of your volunteer efforts!