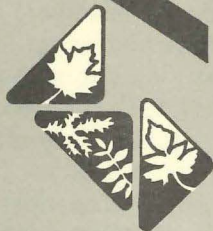


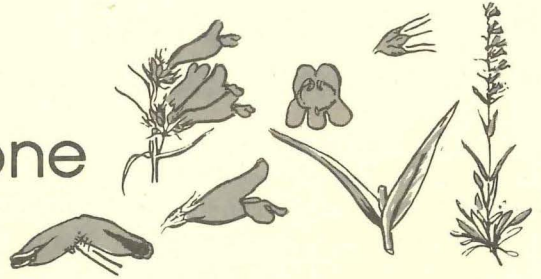
# Arboretum Notes



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## Going, going, but not yet gone

-Lemhi Penstemon



Of numerous endemic and rare plants inhabiting the rugged mountainous terrain of east central Idaho, **Lemhi Penstemon** (*Penstemon lemhiensis*) is without doubt one of the more attractive. In a fashion typical for the figwort family (Scrophulariaceae), flowers of this species have united petals that are strongly flared into a 2-lipped shape much the same as the common monkey flower. Rather than yellow however, as in many monkey flowers, Lemhi penstemon's flowers are an incredibly attractive clear blue to blue-violet, each nearly 2" long and numerous in the upper part of plants that can reach nearly 3' in height.

This unusual plant inhabits dry slopes with sagebrush and bunchgrasses on fringes of Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forests in Lemhi County near Salmon ID, although a few populations are also known in adjacent Montana.

Although one might be tempted to try this as a rock garden subject, its equally attractive and far more common close relatives and neighbors, *Penstemon cyaneus* and *Penstemon payettensis* appear to be far easier to cultivate.

Lemhi penstemon is on both state and federal lists of plants to be considered for endangered or threatened status, and has had some problems in the past mainly due to range improvement programs or weed control by the use of herbicides. Federal land managers are now aware of its presence and are modifying land use plans where necessary to ensure its survival. The future appears bright for one of Idaho's most interesting wildflowers.

*Contributed by Douglass Henderson*

(Line drawing of *Penstemon lemhiensis* from VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, by Hitchcock et al used with permission of University of Washington Press.)

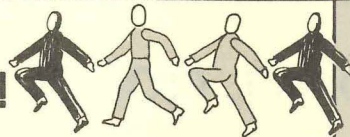


## Mark Your Calendars

Plans are underway for two spring workshops. "**Residential Landscaping**," to be conducted by **Glenda Hodge**, landscape designer with Hodge and Associates of Moscow, will deal with landscaping problem areas around the home. She suggests that anyone with a landscaping problem and interest in participating bring a sketch of the property drawn to scale as well as photographs of the problem area. If you would like to improve the landscaping around your home, plan to attend! The date is to be arranged.

"**Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest**," will be presented at 7 pm, Thursday, April 5, in Room 456 of the Life Sciences Bldg., South by **Dr. Douglass M. Henderson**, Curator of the University of Idaho Herbarium and Associate Professor of Botany. This is a repeat of a workshop offered five years ago and one of the most popular ever given. Doug Henderson's excellent photographs and narrative will illustrate the wide variety of wildflowers found in this part of the country.

## Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's to workshops we go!



The Arboretum Associates sponsored several workshops for people in the Moscow area last year. The first, "**Aromatic Herbs and Potpourri**," was conducted by **Shirley Cowin**, a Moscow teacher whose avocation is history. Her informal talk outlined the importance of aromatic plants in the past. In medieval times when homes were cold and baths were infrequent, aromatic herb oils were used to cover a multitude of odors. In Victorian times herbs were used in gardens on paths and benches to tease the senses of those who walked by. Shirley shared current techniques for preserving and using aromatic herbs in the home. A number of potpourris were sniffed and handouts of recipes were distributed.

"**All About Irises**" was presented by **Marlene Johnston** in her garden June 10, 1989. Her talk covered bloom evaluation, cultural requirements, fertilizing, propagation and diseases and fungal problems. She stressed the importance of labeling and documenting varieties in home gardens. A demonstration of planting, dividing, treatment of soft rot, and pollination methods followed. All attending practiced hybridizing on a sample bloom and received a handout covering everything presented.

The third workshop, "**Preserving Garden Produce by Drying**," was presented by **Dr. Marilyn Swanson**, UI Extension Nutrition Specialist. Advantages and disadvantages of drying processes were compared with other methods of preserving foods. Several commercial dryers were evaluated and samples of foods that had been dehydrated were sampled. Of particular interest to many was the variety of foods that could be successfully stored by the dehydration process.

"**Designing Grapevine Wreaths**," Nov. 20, the enjoyable hands-on workshop conducted by landscape designer **Glenda Hodge**, was our final presentation of 1989. The \$15 registration fee covered the cost of materials and allowed the participants to create and keep wreaths of their own design. Giving additional help on arrangement of material was **Mary Luther**, the 1989 Idaho State Garden Club Flower Arranger of the Year.

Thanks to all who presented or attended workshops in the 1989 series.

## Questions, suggestions, or comments?

The members of the Arboretum Associates Executive Board are dedicated to continuing the progress made in advancing the arboretum project. We, as many of you, plant gardens, appreciate the outdoors, enjoy nature, and are concerned about the environment. Our commitment is to create interest, generate enthusiasm and publicize and encourage financial support for the arboretum. Our goal is a fine arboretum for both the University of Idaho and the State of Idaho.

We would enjoy getting some feedback from you, our readers. If you have any questions, workshop suggestions or comments about the arboretum project, please write and let us know your feelings. We'll try to give a timely response. Send to: Arboretum Associates, PO Box 3391, University Station, Moscow ID 83843. We look forward to hearing from you.

## When an ill wind blows . . .

Reports of damage to UI trees by the pre-dawn windstorm of January 8, (gusting up to 90 mph!) indicate that about 180 mature specimens were uprooted or broken and unsalvageable. **Dr. Terry Maurer**, Director of University Communications, indicated that 24 trees planted by **Dr. Charles Shattuck** and his forestry students between 1910 and 1917 were downed. Maurer said that, had not selective removal of diseased and damaged trees been done there in the past year, the original arboretum would have sustained much greater damage.

He stated that among the prize trees damaged or destroyed on the campus were the Amur cork tree (near Memorial Gym), a California incense cedar (in the old arboretum) and approximately 7 conifers located at the East end of Hello Walk. Also uprooted was the Daughters of the American Revolution's spruce tree to honor **Mary Forney**, planted in 1929 near the Continuing Education Building (Forney Hall). Other areas hard hit were the East side of the Kibbie Dome, the golf course and the tree farm.

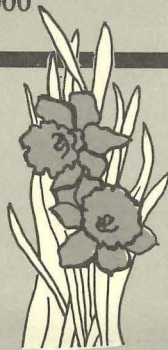
About 30 other trees which suffered minor damage may be saved. Many of the lost specimens can be replaced, but planting is not scheduled to begin until fall.

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**ARBOR DAY 1990** will be celebrated both nationally and in Idaho Friday, April 27. **Dr. Jim Fazio**, UI FWR faculty member, Arboretum Associate and writer for the National Arbor Day Foundation newsletter, informs us that a recent survey indicates that there are spaces for 60 to 100 million trees to be planted along streets and avenues of America. He also noted that another survey found that, for every street tree, there are 10 trees on private land. Celebrate Arbor Day this year and plant a tree.



**EARTH DAY 1990**, scheduled for Sunday, April 22, will be international in scope and will reflect global cooperation to remedy our planet's ecological difficulties (global warming, ozone problems, waste hazards and tropical rain forest destruction). One of Earth Day goals will be the planting and care of a billion trees by year 2000



## New to the Arboretum

Dozens of *Narcissus* bulbs (mainly varieties of garden origin) were planted on the terraces of the European section of the new arboretum last fall. These include:

'King Alfred', Division 1: Trumpet Daffodils of Garden Origin

'Flower Record', Division 2: Long-cupped Daffodils of Garden Origin

'Thalia', Division 5: Triandrus Daffodils of Garden Origin

'Geranium' and 'Grand Soleil d'Or', Division 8: Tazetta Daffodils of Garden Origin

'Actaea', Division 9: Poeticus Daffodils of Garden Origin

'Cassata' and 'Parisiene', Division 11: Split-Corona Daffodils of Garden Origin

*Narcissus canaliculatus*, Division 10: Species and wild forms and wild hybrids

'Gold Ducat' and 'Texas', both double-flowered Daffodils of Garden Origin

# Executive Committee Report -

The Arboretum Associates' executive committee has attained several of its recent goals. They are:

1. Reprinting and distribution of additional copies of the Master Plan Report is finished. A number of copies have been placed in various locations on campus and in Moscow. The Moscow City Library and the University Library each have a copy on reserve where they can be reviewed. Other copies are at the Alumni Office, Moscow City Hall and the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Office at 411 S. Main Street.

2. A mini version of the Master Plan Report in the form of an **INFORMATION SHEET** is complete and included with this newsletter. Please take the time to read it. (You'll be quizzed on it in the next newsletter.) It has extracts from the Master Plan and also serves as an update on progress in the Arboretum/Botanical Garden since 1980.

3. The Board prepared a free-standing display promoting the Shattuck Arboretum for initial exhibit at the 1989 Latah County Fair. The display consists of two 4'x8' panels showing various aspects of the arboretum including a topographical map of the site. Any group wishing to borrow it may do so by contacting Richard J. Naskali at the Arboretum Office, Room 205 of the Continuing Education Building. (Phone: 885-6250)

Other goals include preparing membership renewal reminders, updating the Constitution and Bylaws, printing a self-directed walking tour map of woody plants on campus, and the on-going challenges of arranging workshops and generating enthusiasm and publicity for the arboretum project.

The budget approved for the year is as follows:

Reprinting 24 copies of the 1980 Master Plan .....	\$ 264
Fair-booth display materials .....	300
FWR 75th Bronze plaque .....	300
Newsletter & postage .....	800
University of Idaho Register, one insert .....	100
Fact/information sheet about new arboretum .....	500
Advertising in IDAHO THE UNIVERSITY .....	500
Campus walking tour map of woody species .....	1500
Named Narcissus for European section .....	500
Incidentals, mailing, postage .....	300

**GRAND TOTAL.....\$5064**

## 1989 Annual Meeting

**Dean Vettrus** presided over the 11th annual meeting of the Arboretum Associates on May 17, 1989. **Robert Steele**, treasurer, gave a report on the various budgets (more on this in the next newsletter) and emphasized the need for increased membership. **Richard Naskali** summarized changes in the new arboretum during the prior year and noted that these were reported in past newsletters.

There were lively discussions about raising awareness of the arboretum project, increasing membership, fund-raising, workshops, projects, bylaw changes and designing a new brochure.

Officers elected to serve for two years are President, **Marlene** (Mrs. Richard) **Johnston**; Vice-president, **Walter Kochan**; Secretary, **Carol Lynn** (Mrs. Henry) **Johnson**; Treasurer, **Robert Steele**. Elected for a three-year term to the Board of Directors was **Glenda** (Mrs. Larry) **Hodge**. The continuing board members are **Henry Johnson** (to 1991) and **Barbara** (Mrs. Dennis) **Peterson** (to 1990). The membership expressed appreciation for the fine and dedicated job Dean Vettrus did during his tenure as President of the organization. Well done, Dean!

## The Arboretum Associates Plan to Grow

The Arboretum Associates are dedicated to two tasks for which it was founded; namely, making friends and raising money for the UI arboretum. To this end, your new board is eager to raise awareness of the arboretum project. Our communications and progress reports to you have been too infrequent and we plan to change that with more frequent newsletters.

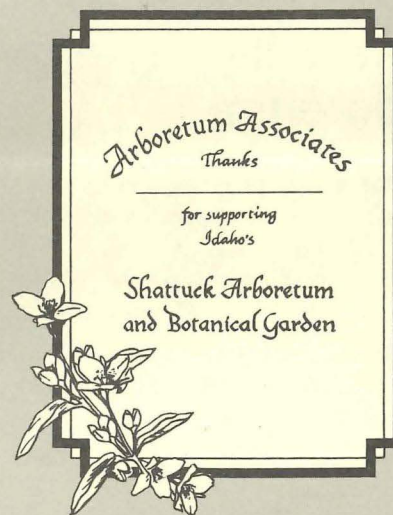
We hope to effect greater awareness in several other areas as well. The university's alumni, faculty, staff and students have never been urged to contribute to the project on an annual basis. Nor have businesses and other interested groups and individuals been asked to do so. We will have membership invitations/forms available in the next two IDAHO THE UNIVERSITY alumni magazines. We will begin contacting many area businesses and organizations for support and have designed a framed document of appreciation to award to those participating with business or group level memberships. Our **INFORMATION SHEETS** are available at various locations on campus and to alumni who attend Alumni Association-sponsored functions outside the Moscow area.

Individual members can do their part to help raise awareness of the project by informing friends or fellow alumni of the Shattuck Arboretum/Botanical Garden. Begin by urging them to visit the arboretum when in Moscow and encouraging their support of the project through membership in the Arboretum Associates.

## Bulletin Board

The Idaho-Montana section of The American Society of Landscape Architects, in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, presented its Merit Award to **Richard Carothers Associates** for the Shattuck Arboretum/Botanical Garden Master Plan.

The Moscow Garden Club acquired some divisions of prized, older peonies from the Lewiston home of **Vada McKinley** (UI Biological Sciences retiree). The club sold these at a Fall plant sale and donated proceeds from them, over \$170, to the Arboretum. Thanks to the **MOSCOW GARDEN CLUB** for that donation and special effort.



Special thanks to **Phyllis Le Tourneau**, **Dr. Douglass Henderson** and **Glenda Hodge** for calligraphy, line-drawing and graphic design of our new thank-you document for business and organization memberships.

It is with sadness we report the death of Associate **Tom Pethel** of Kamiah, Idaho, August 29, 1989. Tom's wife Lillian is a past president of the Arboretum Associates and Tom frequently accompanied her to our meetings.

# Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden INFORMATION SHEET

## SHATTUCK ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDEN

Shattuck Arboretum, located on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow, Idaho, is one of the oldest university arboreta west of the Mississippi River.

The original arboretum covers 25 acres and includes:

- \* A mature forested area which includes outstanding specimens of Giant Sequoia, Eastern Beech, Canadian Hemlock, and California Incense Cedar.
- \* The C.L. Price recreation area, comprised of picnic sites, amphitheater and picnic shelter.

The original arboretum was initiated by Dr. Charles Houston Shattuck, (the University's first professor of forestry and first appointed Dean of Letters and Science) in 1910. Much of the care and planting was done by C.L. Price, a staff nurseryman, between 1910 and 1925.

The "new" arboretum and botanical garden is being developed in the 63 acre valley east of the UI golf course.

## PURPOSES

Over time, the Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden will become a living museum of labeled trees, shrubs and plants for present and future generations to study, observe and enjoy; a place where plants will be cared for and displayed; a place of beauty, relaxation, inspiration.

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1910 - Charles Houston Shattuck initiated the first plantings on "Arboretum Hill."
- 1911 - Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt planted blue spruce on the Administration Building lawn.
- 1917 - Shattuck left the U.I. but planting and care of arboretum continued through 1925 by C.L. Price, forestry nurseryman.
- 1920's - Arboretum gained popularity through the 1960's for ceremonies, entertainment and picnics with the addition of the amphitheater, picnic sites and picnic shelter in the C.L. Price recreation area.
- 1975 - University designated 63 acre site for arboretum expansion.
- 1977 - Public meetings held with landscape architects for Master Plan goal-setting, plan development and draft reviews.
- 1978 - UI Arboretum Associates formed to raise funds, organize volunteers for work and publicize the arboretum expansion project.
- 1980 - Master Plan presented to and accepted by the university.
- 1982 - Planting began at new arboretum site.
- 1986 - Service roads, ponds and irrigation systems are developed by volunteers.
- 1987 - Idaho State Federation of Garden Clubs' Lilac grove dedicated April 22.
- 1988 - Bird watchers report sighting several species new to the arboretum.
- 1989 - University of Idaho Centennial Oak Grove, honoring the University's first thirteen presidents, dedicated May 12.

## ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES

The organization of friends, boosters, donors and volunteers joined in the common purpose of furthering the Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden with contributions of money, talents or time.

The group formed to publicize and raise funds for the arboretum expansion project.

## WORKSHOPS

Arboretum Associates has sponsored workshops covering such topics as:

Improving garden soils  
Vegetable gardening  
Grafting  
Wildflowers  
Aromatic herbs

Pruning trees and shrubs  
Lawn planting and care  
Gardening with spring bulbs  
Garden pests and diseases  
Planting for color through the seasons

Landscaping with native plants  
Holiday wreaths & arrangements  
Houseplant care & propagation  
Irises

## LONG- RANGE PLANS

Develop five major planting blocks which will have native woody plants from north temperate regions.

Asian (17 acres)

European (5 acres)

Western North American (16 acres)

Display garden (11 acres)

Eastern North American (9 acres)

Establish interpretive trails through groves and display areas.

Construct wildlife observation platforms & blinds.

Remodel barn with classrooms, meeting rooms, library, gift shop and restrooms.

Fund conservatory complex.

## COMING SOON

Campus walking-tour map of labeled trees and shrubs scheduled to be printed by summer 1990.

**THE FOUNDATION**

The University of Idaho Foundation undertook the initial funding of a master plan to guide future development of the Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

The Foundation continues to aid the Associates with the investment of contributed funds.

**COST**

Development of the arboretum and botanical garden is a long term project and will be done in phases as funding permits. In 1979, the "magnitude of cost" estimate given in the Master Plan was as follows:

Wetland development .....	\$250,000
Utilities .....	\$1,200,000
(Well, water distribution, irrigation, electrical, gas.)	
Pedestrian and vehicular system .....	\$600,000
(Parking area, roads, paths, bridges, marsh walks.)	
Buildings .....	\$4,000,000
(Includes public and administrative, maintenance and research facilities. This figure could vary significantly depending on extent of building development.)	
Planting .....	\$900,000
(Functional plantings and garden collections.)	
Miscellaneous site improvements .....	\$500,000
(Fenced boundaries, benches, walls, observation platforms.)	
<b>TOTAL COST ESTIMATE (1979 DOLLARS) .....</b>	<b>\$7,450,000</b>

**FUNDING**

The following are sources of funds for the development of the new arboretum and botanical garden.

University of Idaho	Annual Fund contributions
Arboretum endowment earnings	Named grove donors
Contributions to the U.I. Arboretum Associates	Fund raising events of the Arboretum Associates
Contributions by Matching Gift companies	

**NAMED GROVES**

Minimum contributions of \$1,000 entitle the donor to honor a person or group with a named grove. Those presently funded and under development are:

Karla Steljes Grove	ISFGCs' Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Grove
Ernest Hartung Grove	of European Lilac Species and Hybrids
Al Eiguren Grove	Idaho Centennial Oak Grove
Linda Kinney Hollenbeck Asian Lilac Grove	Eugene and JoAnn Thompson Grove
Blue Key Ginkgo Grove	College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences
Alpha Kappa Epsilon (Phi Gamma Delta) Quaking Aspen Grove	75th Anniversary Grove of Native Idaho Conifers

**ARBORETUM ETIQUETTE**

In order to encourage a larger bird population and minimize damage to plantings, we ask that no pets be brought into, or allowed to run loose, in the arboretum.

**ENDOWMENTS**

Endowments provide a source of perpetual funding for the arboretum. A goal of the Arboretum Associates is to significantly increase the endowment base.

**YOUR INVESTMENT**

Your investment in the Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden project will help open windows of learning and enjoyment to all who use the facility.

Tax deductible donations to the project may take the form of cash, gifts of securities, tangible personal property, real estate or bequests. A financial affairs officer will be happy to discuss options with you and your tax advisor.

**ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES MEMBERSHIP**

We invite you to support the Shattuck Arboretum and Botanical Garden project. This form is provided for your convenience.

Name _____	<b>Membership categories:</b>
Address _____	Student ..... \$4
City _____	Individual ..... \$15
State _____ Zip _____	Family ..... \$30
Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____	Contributing ..... \$75
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	Life ..... \$1000

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## Expressing Our Gratitude

The Arboretum Associates have been organized since the summer of 1978. Over the years many friends have supported the project with financial help. As we begin our twelfth year, the executive board would like to express and acknowledge all who have, over the years, been donors. Our thanks to you, those on our **ARBORETUM HONOR ROLL OF DONORS**.

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Watch for our next issue of **ARBORNOTES** when we tell all about "those funny-looking trees in front of the Home Ec. Building." We'll also include advice from a Master Gardener on culture of prize-winning begonias, give information about the annual meeting in May, a progress report on the arboretum plantings, announce new workshops and much more. If you have suggestions for future newsletter articles, or would like to volunteer in any manner, **PLEASE** contact us at the Arboretum Associates address. We'd appreciate your help. **DEADLINE** for material for next issue of **ARBORNOTES** is March 5, 1990.



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