

ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING BACKWARD

The new UI Arboretum is now old enough to have a history; I'll briefly review some facets of how the Arboretum came to its present stage. Before citing a few of the many people associated with early activities, let me also give a loud "HURRAH!" for those whose names appear elsewhere in this newsletter. These people responded promptly to our call for FY91-92 membership contributions before the June 30, 1992 year end. I invite persons who wish to make their 1992-93 membership contribution, and have not done so yet, to use the form below. Let us hear from you!!

Ernie Hartung, Art Boe, Lois Kirkland, Dick Naskali, and Marlene Johnston saw the Arboretum through some of its earliest stages. Ernie, Dick, and Art watered and cared for the initial plantings made April 1982. Marlene, among other activities, almost single-handedly staged the annual Iris rhizome sales. Lilian Pethtel, first President of the Arboretum Associates, extolled the virtues of the Arboretum to the Idaho State Federation of Garden Clubs. Dean Vettrus, Jayne Cronk, Maynard Fosberg, Walt Kochan, and Dick Naskali assembled 4100 feet of effluent irrigation line (October 1984) after volunteer employees from GTE Moscow dug all trenches. That effluent line has permitted all watering to date. Canadian thistles and field bindweed were treated with herbicides; useless outbuildings were dismantled, the barn was cleaned, and truckloads of trash were hauled to the landfill.

Gene Thompson, who in May 1985 initially graded what has become the Arboretum major trail/service road, also was an early volunteer for planting, watering, and caring for many tree seedlings. During the summer of 1986, Jerry Weitz, Howard Schoepflin, Jim Givan, with their equipment and assisted by Stan Tate, built the dams that resulted in the two major ponds where great blue herons, belted kingfishers, ducks and geese now visit.

Moscow Rotary Club members purchased and planted numerous woody plants during the 1980s. These Rotarians also purchased and helped install the split rail fencing along the Palouse River Drive frontage of the Arboretum.

Several groves of trees have been planted. The most advanced is the Centennial Oak Grove honoring the first 13 presidents of the University of Idaho. Funding for the oak grove was provided by the UI Centennial Committee, chaired by Roy Fluhrer.

There are many others, not mentioned here, who have given time and effort to bring the Arboretum to its present stage. Their efforts will be mentioned in future newsletters. Help us where you can! Come for a walk to see and enjoy your Arboretum. -- *Walter Kochan, President, Arboretum Associates*

We invite support for the UI ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN project. This form is provided for the convenience of all who have not already acted in fiscal year 1992-93 (July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993).

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LOOKING AROUND AND FORWARD

Spring planting for 1992 was the most extensive and successful of any of the ten years of planting. Of nearly 500 trees and shrubs installed this year, only five have died. The unusual July rains and effluent irrigation schedule have demonstrated that it is possible to have high success with extensive plantings of bare root stock.

Although each of the geographical blocks of the new Arboretum had new specimens added, the most extensive plantings occurred in the Asian block associated with future screening of the new fence at the NE and NW Arboretum limits. There, the primary screening plants include: Burning bush (*Euonymus alata* and its compact cultivar), single and multi-stemmed Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), and Sea buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*). Elsewhere, we added Fraser fir, Baldcypress, and Red pine (E. North American section); Serbian spruce and European larch (European section); Japanese larch, Ginkgo, and Asian derived crabapples, oaks, and mountain ash (Asian section); and Limber pine, Cork fir, and Noble fir (Western North American section). Details and planting lists will appear later in our larger periodical, *Arbormotes*.

For the balance of 1992, greatest emphasis for new work will center on extension of the effluent irrigation system and stabilization of the slumping, highly erodible eastern border of the UI Golf Course along the Siberian peashrub hedge. These priority works will permit planned planting during 1993.

Also of interest to our members, the 80-year-old C. H. Shattuck Arboretum excavations are nearly completed for the extensive remodeling of UI's electrical grid. Three trees were removed for the conduit installation. Happily, the aerial power lines and transformer pole will be removed near KUID. Later this year, the entry area near KUID will be repaired to include a new gate, marking pathways, and

delimiting the KUID equipment parking area. Those Shattuck Arboretum elms which are verified as having untreatable Dutch Elm Disease are being removed as necessary.

Permanent labeling of specimens and groves in the new Arboretum has commenced. Perhaps most of the documented woody plants will have identification labels by the time that the Intermountain section of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta meets at UI September 23-25, 1993. -- *Richard J. Naskali, Arboretum Director*

FISCAL MATTERS

The FY1991-92 fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and I am pleased to report that under the leadership of Arboretum Associates, assets benefiting the development of the UI Arboretum increased from about \$48,000 to just over \$67,000. An FY91-92 financial report and Arboretum Associates donor list will appear in the September issue of *Arbormotes*. Thanks to all who helped make FY91-92 a financially successful year. -- *Bob Steele, Treasurer*

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