



ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 3391 Moscow, Idaho 83843

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Message from the Arboretum Associates' President

Dear Members and Friends:

As I walked alongside the new Arboretum and looked at the landscape with an inch or so of new snow, I overheard someone comment that the growing season is over. While this is true of the plants, this is not the case for Arboretum Associates. This is the time to build up funds so the Director can plan for next year's improvements and new plantings. If you have not yet done so this fiscal year (July 1, 1994-June 30, 1995), this is an appropriate time to show your commitment by renewing your membership (see form on back side). If you have already renewed your FY95 Arboretum Associates membership, you might want to consider a memorial or other gift which benefits the Arboretum.

Speaking of gifts which benefit the Arboretum -- FY94 (July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994) was a good year for philanthropic support. A record \$43,500 was received. Of that total, \$37,200 was designated for endowments and groves, and \$6,300 came from Arboretum Associates membership renewals. Support for endowments and groves usually fluctuate from year to year, however, it is my hope that the support generated by membership renewals will continue to show a steady, upward growth from one year to the next.

In the last newsletter, I noted that the UI planned to create an Arboretum and Botanical Garden Advisory Board. I am pleased to report that the group has met twice this fall. Individuals appointed by Jerry Wallace, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their areas of interest/specialty are Prof. David Adams (forestry), Prof. Ed Bechinski (entomology), Linda Davidson (UI Foundation/fund-raising), Prof. Stephen Drown (landscape architecture), Eldonna Gossett (Moscow Chamber of Commerce/community relations), Prof. Douglass Henderson (botany), Prof. Donald Johnson (zoology/animal control), Duane LeTourneau (Arboretum Associates/promotion and fund-raising), Prof. Robert Mahler (soil science), Prof. Robert Tripepi (ornamental horticulture), and Megan Russell (ASUI senate/student relations).

Members elected to the Executive Committee are Duane LeTourneau, chair, and Robert Mahler, vice chair. Gail Nielsen serves as recording secretary of the Board and the Executive Committee; Mike Sylvester, Director of Facilities Management, and Richard Naskali, Director, UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden are *ex officio* members of the Board and Executive Committee. The Board is in the process of adopting its mission statement and operational procedures. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 20, 1995.

Please contact me at 479 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843, telephone (208) 882-5078, if you have questions about or suggestions for Arboretum Associates. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

-Duane LeTourneau, President



Message from the Arboretum Director

Dear Arboretum Friends:

The 1994 growing season was the longest and most productive of the 14 years of planting in the UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Tree and shrub survival was high; many specimens reached sufficient size that they flowered for the first time. Fall leaf coloration was very good. We accomplished much on new plantings, weed eradication, mowing, sign installation, slope stabilization, and irrigation pipeline construction.

During October, the White Pine Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society added many new specimens to its grove of native Idaho shrubs. Some twelve of their volunteers/members planted specimens and assisted with weeding and bark-mulching the plants.

By mid-September, we completed the first extension of the effluent irrigation system since the original pipeline construction of the mid-1980's. The 1800-foot extension along the Western North American section of the Arboretum will permit many new plantings and groves; it also prepares for extensions onto the steepest slopes where watering has been difficult at best.

During fall semester, Professor Bezaht Izadi's Agricultural Engineering 456 (Irrigation System Design) class conducted a major study of the Arboretum's irrigation system in relation to future needs and design. Three student teams completed separate and valuable studies recommending future extensions and modifications of our irrigation system.

Student employees constituted the major labor force for most of the Arboretum progress. Between March 26 and November 21, four UI students (Mike Frost, Ben Martin, Dan Mestrovich, and Eli Meyer) completed over 2135 hours of work in the Arboretum. Not included were hundreds of hours that students and other employees worked on the gabion retaining walls and pipeline construction projects. In addition, all infrastructural elements (trails, roads, electric and tile lines, retaining walls, pipelines, etc.) have been survey-mapped into UI's CAD database by Duane Priest and Micah Jordan, UI students.

The university has contracted for the sale and moving of the Flieger family house from the southern end of the Arboretum; moving and cleanup should be completed by winter's end.

I welcome the activation of the UI Arboretum Advisory Board for its assistance in making many arboretum-related policy decisions. It will be a valuable link in the chain of formulating Arboretum policies and in determining development. Between now and springtime, the board will be involved in determining plant labeling methods and some design issues (e.g., design of benches for installation in the Arboretum which have been funded by philanthropic giving). The board will be an important forum for discussing policies relating to Arboretum usage, security, pest control, etc. I am grateful for the services of its members.

Early snowfalls have, unfortunately, brought renewed inappropriate snow play and consequent damage to plants in the Arboretum. Installation of signs and barrier fencing, and publicity requesting that citizens do not sled, ski, toboggan, etc., on the slopes have been renewed. In addition, Lt. Dale Mickelsen (Moscow Police Department, newly assigned to head the M.P.D. substation at UI) is assisting us with publicity and increased patrolling and enforcement to protect the Arboretum plantings. IF YOU SEE OR ARE AWARE OF PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATE IN SNOW PLAY IN THE ARBORETUM, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE PLANTINGS THERE!

For the next three months, I shall be searching for and ordering plants to complete or extend many groves. Acquiring bronze plaques for groves and commemorative trees is a high priority. In addition, I will complete an inventory of the plantings. During 1995, I hope that we can install a great number of individual plant labels for public education. Thank you for your invaluable support. Happy Holidays!

-Richard J. Naskali, Director
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ABORETUM ALERT — HELP PROTECT THOUSANDS OF TREES AND SHRUBS UNDER AND ABOVE SNOW IN THE UI'S NEW ARBORETUM. PLEASE DO NOT SKI, SLED, ETC. THERE. LET'S HAVE A GARDEN FOR OUR FUTURE. STAY OFF THOSE SLOPES!! THANK YOU.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1994: We greatly appreciate general contributions to the Arboretum Associates from the following individuals and families: David Adams; Wayne & Elinor Anderson; Eloise Burnett; Nick & Margaret DeMattia; Clifford & Norma Dobler; James F. & Lucinda Fisher; Floyd W. & Eloise F. Frank; Martin L. & Eleanor A. Fry; Archie & Mary George; Russell & Kathleen Graham; Susan Halbert; Robert O. & Donna M. Hanson; Robert W. & Jeanne J. Holder, in memory of Richard D. Gibb; Dwight S. & Melva Hoffman; Alice Huffman; Donald & Rosemary Huskey; Leonard & Mary D. Kawula; Anthony & Doris Knap; James E. & Barbara J. Kraus; Duane & Phyllis LeTourneau; Juanita J. Lichthardt & Paul A. McDaniel; Beorn Macalen; Hugh C. & Roberta McKay; Joseph W. & Freda J. Oppé; James & Patricia Peek; Robert C. & Kathleen R. Probasco; S. Edwin & Mary E. Rante; Elmer K. & Margaret R. Raunio; Ken & Mary Ann Roberge; Richard H. Ross; Thomas & Jean Sawyer; Elisabeth & Stanley Shepard; Howard W. Smith; Delbert M. Steljes; Kathryn B. Swenson; Fred & Elizabeth Watts; Donald L. & Agnes K. Weeks, in memory of Michael Dumas; Gerald E. & Consuelo Weitz; Marie H. Whitesel; Susan M. Zenier.

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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 FY95 (July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995).

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