

Arboretum Associates

NEWSLETTER

News from the Arboretum Director:

Student employees who perform the majority of maintenance tasks at the Arboretum & Botanical Garden are "winding down" in preparation for the resumption of classes. Michael D. Frost, our lead worker during the summer of 1994 and through June 30, 1995, completed his B.S. degree in plant science in May. He ended his meritorious work in the Arboretum June 30; he will undertake Master of Science graduate studies in horticulture at Oklahoma State University this autumn. Now, the majority of upkeep tasks (mowing, irrigating, weeding, planting, ground squirrel control, etc.) are performed by UI students Andrew Conkey (senior, Landscape Architecture), Daniel Harrington (sophomore, Chemistry), and Jeremy Wimer (junior, Agricultural Systems Management).

Survey-mapping of plantings and utilities continues with the assistance of UI students Duane Priest and Micah Jordan for the CAD documentation of the Arboretum. Other work included painting the storage shed and gates and adding a new layer of gravel to the entire service road in June.

Several families, organizations, and individuals have committed themselves to underwriting new groves and commemorative trees. These include the UI Public Utilities Executives' Course Grove of red, white, and blue ash trees from Eastern North America, the Frank E. & Susie V. Post Grove of Eastern North American hardwoods, the William V. Accola river birch tree, and the Marion "Lou" Rathbun Turkish filbert tree.

Special recognition is extended to Leonard Halland for his generous gift recognizing President Elisabeth Zinser's service to the University of Idaho. In addition to his gift of \$ 10,000 to the Zinser-Mackin Arboretum Endowment, he has underwritten a Leonard Halland Grove of Asian-derived taxus, an Elisabeth Zinser Grove of "Syringa"/Mockorange from Western North America and Europe, and a granite bench honoring Elisabeth A. Zinser as the 14th President of the University. The balance of Leonard Halland's gift will be used for a special Arboretum amenity; a kiosk for disseminating literature and information about the Arboretum is one possibility.

Major infrastructure projects have not yet begun for fiscal year 1996 which commenced July 1. Potential projects include extension of the effluent irrigation line into southern parts of the Eastern North American section; a gabion retaining wall along slopes of the southern part of the Frontier 1 addition (a residential area adjoining the southeastern part of the Arboretum), re-roofing the Arboretum barn, and the purchase of an additional four-wheel-drive mower.

Granite benches are in the final stages of planning for several sites in the Arboretum and Botanical Garden. I anticipate that seven or eight benches, already underwritten by donors, will be installed yet this year. If you wish details of underwriting such a bench for the Arboretum, please call me.

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AUGUST 1995

Dear Members,

The annual meeting of the Arboretum Associates was held April 25, 1995. At this meeting new officers and board members were elected. These individuals, along with the returning board members, will be representing the Arboretum Associates.

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If you have any questions or issues regarding the arboretum please contact a board member.

Sincerely,

Beverly Rhoades
President

Caution Bird Feeders

Residents of our area who feed birds have been alarmed by the news report of a disease that is killing birds in Southwestern Idaho. Several dead birds have been found near a feeder in Moscow, and there has been concern that the disease may have spread this way.

Staff members of Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine were shocked to hear of this disease and are not aware of any problem here now, but do offer words of caution for the care of bird baths and feeders. These should be cleaned thoroughly and washed with bleach every couple of weeks.

According to Dr. W. J. Foreyt of WSU's Department of Microbiology and Pathology, late in the winter feeding season, a disease caused by the *Salmonella* organism may be spread at feeders, especially at accumulations of bird feces. The trichomoniosis disease in Southern Idaho is caused by a protozoan rather than a fungus (as reported in the newspaper) and commonly afflicts doves. However, a fungus-caused disease can also be spread at feeders and baths and its control requires good sanitary practices. Feeding birds in summer is not a good practice, but they do need clean bird baths.

-Malcolm Renfrew

Chairs for fat birds and steps of concrete

Bill Hall editorial



One morning a year or two after we started planting trees at our house, I looked out and a fat bird was perched on a slender limb of one of those trees for the first time, a tree finally big enough to support the weight of a bird.

You see a thing like that and you feel you haven't wasted your stay on this planet. You can more easily ignore whatever ugly things people say about you when you know that at least a bird is glad you came along.

That's why people plant bird chairs - because it lets them know that they have done something that will matter after they are gone. It could be the closest we come to immortality.

Most of what we do in life is probably useful in the grand scheme of things but it's kind of hard to see how at the time. Oh, sure, merely making life better for people in the here and now - with no thought of the time after you are gone - is rewarding in its own right, whether you are a waitress serving pie, a mechanic fixing cars or a plumber doing his daily job. There are times when nothing is more crucial to humankind than plumbing that works.

But man does not live by the here and now alone. As a person grows older, he wanders in his conceit what his impact will be when he is gone. That's what makes children and trees so popular. It's something you planted that will outlast you.

Oh, sure, some kids become burglars and some trees fall on the house, killing the dog. But it's kind of heartwarming to look ahead to the time without you and realize that that burglary and that mashed dog never would have happened if it hadn't been for you. It's a not an especially proud thing but it's better than no lasting impact at all.

Of course, more often than not, a kid or a tree turn out well. And sometimes the impact is not flamboyant with kids. Some of them just live their lives quietly and well, going to work, loving their families without making much of a splash.

And some trees are just out there in the yard, not so much really - unless you are a tired bird who needs a place to rest.

The next time you seek the shade of an old tree, think of it as a present from some dead guy. It was once a seedling that he planted there, not just for the satisfactory of seeing it then but also for the pleasure of knowing it would one day be a boon to people not yet born. It was his way of reaching out into future in a concrete way and improving the lives of birds and people he would never see.

Speaking of concrete, we have spent part of this summer building steps down the hillside to our vegetable garden - concrete steps. That's concrete, as in something that will last longer than you will.

It was no small project. We built 47 individually crafted steps, each one with its own arrangement of flagstones imbedded in the cement. And it is no accident that so large a family engineering project occurs in the latter half of our lives. We had to do it now, in our late 50s, while we still barely have the strength to mix so much concrete.

We also had to do it now because the time is not far off when we will need those steps and the new handrail to get safely down where the tomatoes and the zucchini live.

But it is probably no coincidence that we do it as the grandchildren gather all about us, as we plan for retirement, as a person begins to wonder what is beyond retirement. It is at this age that the ultimate conceit kicks in of wanting the world to have some permanent remnants of your presence. And it is at such a time that the word "concrete" springs to mind.

We have experienced something on this project even more heartwarming than watching a fat bird sit on the limb of a tree we planted. We have seen grandchildren scamper up steps we constructed, going on from down here where we stand, using the solid footing we provided to climb the hill, a generational metaphor made of concrete.

There is a lot to be said, as the frost gathers, for grandchildren on concrete and fat birds in trees.

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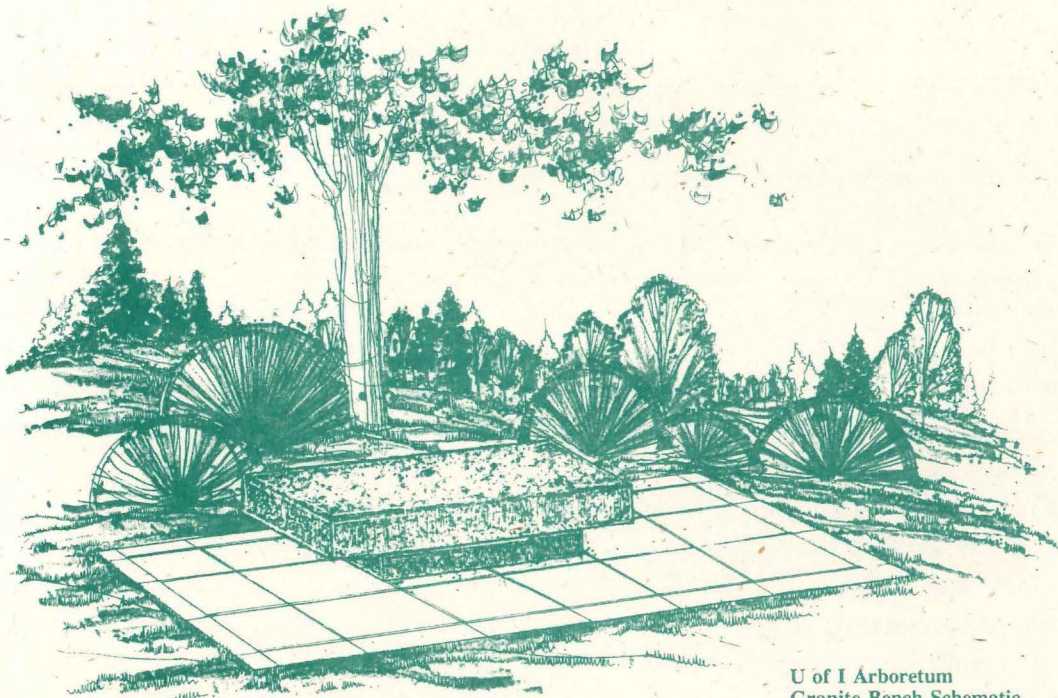
Bronze Plaques for Groves and Trees Installed

Earlier this season, we installed the bronze plaques for several commemorative groves and trees, including the Charles Horgan, Linda K. Hollenbeck, William McGowan, Moscow Central Lions, Timothy Ostebo, Farrel Tovey, Ethel & Leif Verner groves and the James Lyle Family, Leonard Dobler, and Earle C. & Ena F. Blodgett commemorative trees. The majority of other plaques are in preparation for installation before November 1995. — Richard J. Naskali

Canada Geese and the Arboretum

On the weekend of May 14-15, our single nesting pair of Canada geese hatched five goslings—all of which have survived under the aggressive and watchful care of tightly bonded parents. Since mid July, these seven regularly have been joined for several hours per day by other roving local flocks of geese—including one snow goose. Up to 110+ geese visit the Arboretum at one time. The majority of the visiting geese are possible descendants of the “transplanted” geese accepted into northern Idaho from Seattle area parks during 1988-92.

Recently the Idaho Fish and Game Department stopped additional importation of geese from western Washington into northern Idaho. In order to minimize the negative impacts of geese to the Arboretum, the UI Golf Course, and other Moscow area green spaces, **DO NOT FEED THESE ANIMALS. LET THEM BE WILD!** Be aware that feeding roving flocks of waterfowl may enhance the chances of spreading avian cholera into “wild” populations and can create serious environmental problems which are difficult and expensive to correct. Feeding these waterfowl causes them to abandon natural feeding and migration patterns and increases the damage potential to our green spaces, according to Jeff Gould, Lewiston, ID office of Idaho Fish and Game. Witness the problems caused to the green spaces of Lewiston, ID and Clarkston, WA. —Richard J. Naskali



U of I Arboretum
Granite Bench Schematic

Contributions Received During the Period March 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995

We greatly appreciate receiving general contributions to the Arboretum Associates from the following individuals, families, businesses:

David L. & Barbara Adams; Beverly Anderson; Jasper & Louise Avery; Verna Bell; Mary Ellen & Robert Bottjer; Margaret & Martin Dibble; John Goffinet; James & Mary Hoyt; Donald & RoseMary Huskey; Harley & Nancy Johansen, in memory of Paul Browne; Maurice Johnson; Anthony J. & Doris A. Knap; David & Rebecca Knapp; Walter & Betty Kochan; Carol J. Lemke; Paul & Elsie Mann; Lorraine Morris; Moscow Garden Club; Shirley Newcomb; Wayne & Pamela Peterson, in memory of Erwin W. Graue; Gerry & Elaine Queener; Elmer & Margaret Raunio; Thomas R. & Jean A. Sawyer; Eric R. & Julie Ann Schulz; Francis & Mary Seaman; Clarence & Helen Seely; Stanley & Elisabeth Shepard; William H. & Virginia J. Snyder; Delbert Stelljes; Dorothy & Stanley Thomas; Eugene & JoAnn Thompson.

Other valued contributions which benefit Arboretum endowments, memorials, and plantings were received by the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. for categories noted:

Three Subalpine Fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*) trees: David Hash, Hash Tree Company;

Arboretum Associates' Centennial Arboretum Endowment: James & Dorene Branson; Mary Jane Estocin & Peter Klaiber; Malcolm & Carol Renfrew;

R. J. Naskali Arboretum Endowment: Richard J. Naskali.

H. Eugene & Norma Slade Arboretum Endowment: Beverly Rhoades; H. Eugene & Norma Slade, in memory of George M. Bell, Raymond R. Cooksey, Don A. Marshall, & Edith Stubbins Young.

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Dwight S. Hoffman Limber Pine Grove: Ann, David, Vincent, & Stephen Dawson; Melva Hoffman; David & Jane Meierhenry.

Idaho Garden Clubs' Constitution Lilac Grove: Moscow Garden Club.

Hallie Seaman Asian Shrub Peony Grove: Francis & Mary Seaman.

Robert & Constance Shreve Grove: Gaston & Dorothy Blom; Linda S. & P. Michael Davidson; Verne & Donna Duncan; Platt & Evelyn Tredwell.

Farrel Tovey Scots Pine Grove: Stephanie Tovey & John Ratti.

Blacker Family Trees: William & Nancy Blacker.

Gordon L. Braun Tree: H. Eugene & Norma Slade.

Dale Hart Memorial Tree: Charles W. & Nancy Jo Nelson.

Marion L. Rathbun Tree: Marion "Lou" Rathbun.

Myra Smart Memorial Roses of Western North America: Rita Dubrow; Lewis & Winifred Elwood.

Coming Events at the Arboretum

Sunday, September 24, 1995, noon to 3pm:

"Pound the Pavement for the Palouse Habitat for Humanity", the primary fundraising event of this non-profit, homebuilding organization, again will include a walk through the UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Call Pam Peterson (882-1349) for details.

Sunday, October 15, 1995, 3-5pm:

"Tree Selection for Home Gardens" will be a combination tour to see fall color at the Arboretum and see many potential, quality trees for home landscapes. The Arboretum Director will illustrate many trees which will meet specifications for the recently adopted standards for the City of Moscow. The fall foliage coloration should be good on the maples, oaks, aspens, etc. Meet at the Arboretum entry gate along Nez Perce Drive for the walking tour. Arboretum maps will be provided. Rain Cancels.

Keep the Momentum: Renew your annual contribution to the Arboretum Associates for Fiscal Year '96. Please help the Arboretum grow by renewing your annual gifts for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1995. *Thank You!*

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 FY96 (July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996).

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