



ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER

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May 20, 1993

Message from the Arboretum Associates' President

Annual Meeting

Forty-eight members, the largest number ever, attended the 15th annual meeting of the Arboretum Associates at the 19th Hole of the University of Idaho Golf Course on April 20, 1993. In a major item of business, the group unanimously approved the proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Newly elected officers are Duane LeTourneau - President, Malcolm Renfrew - Vice President, Norma Dobler - Secretary, Robert Steele - Treasurer, and Beverly Rhoades and Hugh McKay - Members of the Executive Committee. Rhoades will serve a three-year term and McKay will complete the one-year term created when Dobler became secretary. Glenda Hodge, with two years remaining on her term, is the other member of the Executive Committee.

I thank Walter Kochan, outgoing President, and Stan Tate, outgoing Member of the Executive Committee, for their efforts on behalf of the Arboretum Associates.

Following the business meeting, Anna Fehrenbacher presented an excellent illustrated lecture, "The Tapestry of the Garden: A Look at the North Carolina Botanical Garden." Prior to moving to Moscow in the summer of 1992, Fehrenbacher served as business manager of the North Carolina Botanical Garden for six years.

Our financial situation continues to improve. Contributions to Arboretum Associates during the first nine months of the current fiscal year were 52% greater than the total contributions received for the entire prior fiscal year.

The Arboretum Director's message follows this report. As you can see, many exciting changes are taking place, thanks in large part to the increase in contributions. A complete report of the year's activities will be included in the next issue of *Arbnotes* scheduled for publication this fall.

I encourage you to visit the Arboretum and Botanical Garden and become involved in the activities of Arboretum Associates. Please contact me at 479 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843, telephone 208-882-5078, if you have suggestions or questions.

-Duane LeTourneau, President

Message from the Arboretum Director

Spring 1993 has been a remarkable year for planting some 360 trees and shrubs of over 80 taxa (species, hybrids, cultivars) in UI's new Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Although major emphasis has been the completion of dedicated groves and trees funded by individuals and groups through the UI Foundation, Inc., there also has been significant addition of general plantings funded by the Arboretum Associates. It has been my goal to complete as many dedicated groves and trees as plant availability would permit. The greatest number of additions has been in the Asian section.

Although unusually frequent and heavy rains hampered planting and mowing through April, the rewards have been great in terms of flowering. At this writing, we have spectacular flowering of the crabapple species which constituted the first arboretum plantings Easter Sunday, April 11, 1982, for the Stelljes, Eiguren, and Hartung groves. More than half of the European lilacs in the Idaho State Federation of Garden Clubs' Constitution Grove are in peak flower; included is the first and spectacular first flowering of 'Sensation' (a variegated chimera with white-margined purple flowers), and 'Krasavitsa Moskva' ("Beauty of Moscow") from Russia. Of the Asian ornamental cherries planted in the Kappa Kappa Gamma 75th anniversary at UI Grove, many flowered well in April and early May. In the Linda Kinney Hollenbeck grove of Asian lilacs, most of which are late flowering, the majority have many flower buds. The lack of a hard and late frost has been most helpful!

In the dedicated plantings, the greatest additions were:

- Moscow Central Lions Club ornamental pears (*Pyrus calleryana*: 'Capital', 'Whitehouse', 'Chanticleer', 'Bradford', 'Red Spire', 'Autumn Blaze', 'Dancer'; *Pyrus ussuriensis* and its cultivar, 'Prairie Gem'; *Pyrus faurei*).
- Ernest Hartung Grove (*Forsythia* 'Arnold Dwarf', 'Beatrix Ferrand', 'Lynwood', 'Spring Glory', 'Vermont Sun', 'Meadowlark', 'Northern Gold', 'Bronxensis', *Forsythia suspensa*, and the white flowered *Forsythia* relative, *Abeliophyllum distichum*).
- Kappa Kappa Gamma *Prunus* Grove (*Prunus sargentii* and *Prunus* cultivars: 'Okame', 'Akebono', 'Yoshino', 'Tai-Haku', 'Snow Fountains', 'Whitcomb', 'Royal Burgundy', 'Rosy Cloud', 'Afterglow' and *Prunus x hilleri* 'Spire').

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In the general plantings, we now have a collection of mockorange (*Philadelphus*) cultivars in the European section adjacent to a block of our State Flower (*Philadelphus lewisii*) in the Western North American section.

Last weekend we acquired 15 additional lilac species and cultivars, including some very difficult to acquire ones, as the International Lilac Society met in Spokane, Washington. Early in July, we will receive 32 fine Asian shrub peonies to start the Hallie Seaman and Moscow Garden Club Groves.

At the Arboretum Associates Annual Meeting, door prize plants of *Philadelphus* cultivars were won by JoAnn & Gene Thompson, Valerie Chamberlain, Joy Fisher, Joanne Kirkland, and Gene & Norma Slade.

I greatly appreciate the significant new interest in funding special arboretum groves and trees that has occurred. As of this writing, there are now 27 dedicated funds for memorial and commemorative plantings in our new Arboretum. The confidence that you have shown in our project is very gratifying. I am pleased to see the hundreds of visitors strolling the site, examining the plants, and using the Arboretum in the manner that arboreta are intended to do. **THANK YOU!**

Have you seen the new garden flowers US postage stamps first released in Spokane in connection with the meetings of the International Lilac Society on May 15?

-Richard J. Naskali, Director

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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 fiscal year 1992-93 (July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993).

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