



# ARBORETUM ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER

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## *Message from the Arboretum Associates' President*

**Dear Members and Friends:**

Activities in the Arboretum and Botanical Garden are largely dictated by the growing season; the activities of Arboretum Associates are tied to the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That means that the books are now closed for the period July 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993 (FY93), and the new officers have officially assumed their responsibilities.

So far as our financial affairs are concerned, I am pleased to report that FY93 was the best year in our history. Specifically, when compared to FY92, gifts to Arboretum Associates increased 73%, while gifts for named groves increased 44%. Arboretum revenues from non-university sources totaled \$27,545, compared to \$21,952 in FY92. The importance of private support cannot be over emphasized! The University of Idaho provides funding for Arboretum personnel and grounds maintenance costs, but it is private support that funds the acquisition of the plant materials. Without private support, the 63 acres dedicated to the Arboretum and Botanical Garden would not be what they are today.

Your new Executive Committee met in July and discussed a number of topics related to our activities for the year. I appointed a Budget Committee, a Publications Committee, and an Arboretum Associates Centennial Endowment Committee, and asked each committee to report back at our next meeting in late August. The Budget Committee will make recommendations on expenditures for FY94; the other committees are responsible for developing long-term policies for the organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain our Centennial Endowment Fund. Established in July 1989, we now have about \$17,500 that is invested through the UI Foundation. The yearly earnings become part of our annual operating budget for improving the Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Memorials are a major source for increasing the principal of the endowment. If you wish to remember someone and the family has not designated a specific charity, you may make a check payable to Arboretum Associates and indicate "Centennial Endowment" in the lower left hand corner of the check. With the check, please include a note with the name of the deceased and the name and address of the survivor(s) so the UI Foundation can acknowledge your gift. All memorials to Arboretum Associates are tax deductible.

If you have not visited the Arboretum and Botanical Garden recently, I hope you have that opportunity in the near future. I believe you will be pleased with the progress that has been made this summer. If you have questions or suggestions about Arboretum Associates, please contact me at 479 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843, telephone (208) 882-5078.  
*-Duane LeTourneau, President*

### **ARBORETUM WORK DAY**

*Anyone who wishes to get first-hand experience with Arboretum improvement should report at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 1993, at the Nez Perce Drive entrance of the Arboretum. Bring gloves, appropriate footwear, and rain gear, if necessary. The Director promises that there will be plenty to do, and he will have light refreshments in the 3-hour period from 9am until noon.*

## *Message from the Arboretum Director*

Summertime is the high activity time in the UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden. The unusually high July precipitation and cool temperatures promoted significant growth in most trees and shrubs; some individuals grew 16-30" this year. Mowing grass, even with the late spring start, has taken a record 290+ hours between April 2 and August 18! In order to optimize herbicide effects, grass clippings had to be removed; many hours have been spent raking/removing the clippings.

Weed control and eradication accelerated during this growing season; regular mowing and manual collection of thistle flowers have prevented seed formation. In addition, broad areas have been herbicide-treated (with "Confront") to eradicate thistles. Foot pathways and the gravel roadway have been treated with "Roundup" for weed eradication.

In mid-July, 32 potted Asian "tree" peonies arrived on schedule from Illinois; 19 were planted in the Hallie Seaman Memorial Grove and 13 in the Moscow Garden Club Grove. The adjacent bark-mulched beds are clearly visible in the Arboretum because the individual plants are screened with a plastic mesh for protection from wind and sun to enhance their establishment. The 32 peonies present a wide form and color selection of old Japanese cultivars and American-made hybrids by A.P. Saunders and Nassos Daphnis.

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Ever-increasing numbers and kinds of birds use the Arboretum. Robins, Starlings, Black-billed Magpies, and Barn Swallows are regular inhabitants. During the last month, Great Blue Herons (one parent and one juvenile), California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Spotted Sandpipers, and Lesser Yellowlegs were present. Most recently, three Belted Kingfishers regularly use the newly completed wetland boardwalk as an observation platform and feeding base. Flocks of Canadian Geese occasionally stop by.

By the time that you receive this, three permanent signs marking the geographic zones of the Arboretum will have been installed. Entry signs are being designed for installation in the empty frames by mid-September. The

first phase of gabion retaining wall construction nears completion at the NW corner of the Arboretum. Gabions will stop the ongoing slumping and erosion of the unstable slopes between the golf course and the Arboretum.

The most disappointing news is that the regional meeting of the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta (AABGA) scheduled here for September 23-25, 1993, has been canceled.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support. If you have questions, please feel free to call (885-6250/882-2633). In the meantime, visit the Arboretum. Watch us grow!

-Richard J. Naskali, Director

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 1993:**

We gratefully appreciate receipt of general contributions to the Arboretum Associates from the following individuals and families: Beverly A. Anderson; Stuart E. Bedwell; William B. Bowler & Jacqueline Wright; Frank A. & Jayne Cronk; Bert C. Cross; Nick & Margaret DeMattia; John Goffinet; Robert J. & M. Mary Gregory; John C. Hecht; Alice Huffinan; Donald R. Huskey; Maurice E. Johnson; Doris Johnston; Anthony J. & Doris A. Knap; Paul & Elsie M. Mann; Hugh C. & Roberta McKay; Victor E. & Kathleen J. Montgomery; E. B. Newsome; LaDessa Nordale; Gifford D. Pierce; Beverly D. Rhoades; Thomas R. & Jean Ann Sawyer; Agnes C. Schuldt; Eric R. & Julie Ann Schulz; H. Myrl & Ruth Stearns; Laurent & Virginia M. Taylor; William Voxman; and Gerald E. & Consuelo Weitz.

Other greatly appreciated contributions which benefit the Arboretum endowments, memorials, and plantings received by the UI Foundation, Inc., for categories noted: H. Eugene & Norma H. Slade Arboretum Endowment: Beverly D. Rhoades; Herbert A. Berman Memorial Grove: 14 families; Idaho State Federation of Garden Clubs' Constitution Grove of European Lilacs: WSU Women's Nature Study Club; William McGowan Oak Grove: Robert D. Ryan, Agnes C. Schuldt, and Eugene & JoAnn Thompson; Roland W. Portman Memorial Grove of Asian Conifers: 28 families; H. Eugene & Norma H. Slade Grove: H. Eugene & Norma H. Slade; Elmer A. & Jeanne Stout Grove: Elmer A. & Jeanne Stout; Swenson Sweetgum Tree: Kathryn B. Swenson; UI Home Economists' Tree Honoring Adah Lewis, Elsinie Nielsen, and Margaret Ritchie: Shirley A. Newcomb

Gift trees for our collections were received from: Tree Exchange, Boring, Oregon ('Saratoga' Ginkgo for the Blue Key Ginkgo Grove) in the Asian plant section, and T. H. Belcher Nursery, Inc., Boring, Oregon (*Liquidambar styraciflua 'Variegata'*) for the Eastern North American plant section.

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 FY94 (July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994).


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