

ArborNotes

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Arboretum Coordinator Named



Dr. Richard "R.J." Naskali

In October, 1987, Dr. Richard J. Naskali was appointed Arboretum Coordinator at the University of Idaho. Professor Naskali will oversee the development of the new Arboretum and the continued development of the Shattuck Arboretum. In addition, Professor Naskali will provide counsel to the UI Administration on matters of woody plant selection and maintenance.

Professor Naskali's office is located in Room 205, Continuing Education Building; phone (208) 885-6250. If you have questions about the Arboretum, call Professor Naskali or stop by his office.

Arboretum Associates Celebrate 10th Anniversary

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Arboretum Associates. Help us celebrate this fact by renewing your commitment to and membership in the Arboretum Associates. Much has been accomplished over the past decade and with your help and support we expect even greater achievements in the future.

President's Report

Dean Vettrus

While celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Arboretum Associates, we should be aware that the Arboretum itself was begun many years ago.

Charles Houston Shattuck was born in 1867. Prior to coming to the University of Idaho, he taught in numerous eastern and southern colleges. He brought many dreams and expectations with him. With his educational experience and love for the woods, he promoted wise use and improvement of the land through the use of plants.

In a proposal to the University of Idaho President, James A. McLean, Shattuck said:

"On that hillside I should like to plant trees—a great variety of them to test their growing"

"That hillside" became the first arboretum west of the Mississippi River.

Let's make this centennial year a banner year for planting trees. And strive to put new plantings in each of the various sections of the New Arboretum—the Asian, Western North American, Eastern North American, and European.

Arboretum Barn:

The barn located on the southeast corner of the New Arboretum was built in 1908. The Moscow Rotary Club is in the process of developing plans to aid in the repair of the barn. In the future the barn will house Arboretum offices as well as public exhibition space. It is a large undertaking and hundreds of volunteer hours will be donated by the Rotarians.

Arboretum Tractor

The Arboretum acquired a tractor last year through Idaho surplus.

Dean Vettrus found the 1972 International model 2444 in a surplus yard. Through skilled bargaining and dogged persistence, Dean purchased the tractor for \$200.00. Donating many hours of evening and weekend time, Dean, overhauled the

Grove Report

Three special groves are being planned for the New Arboretum:

The Hollenbeck Grove of Asian Lilacs

Mike Hollenbeck, Ontario, Oregon, has approved the installation of a grove of Asian lilac species and hybrids as a memorial to his late wife, Linda Kinney Hollenbeck. Linda was the president of the AWS and a 1964 UI graduate. The grove, to be located in the Asian section of the new Arboretum, will be completed in 1989.

Asian-derived lilacs extend the bloom season well beyond that of the common "French" lilacs, *Syringa vulgaris*. These very hardy Asian lilacs will present a significant group of plants for public education and enjoyment.

University of Idaho President's Grove

The forty Centennial Oak Grove trees planted in April 1987 all appear to have overwintered well. An additional 33 oaks have been planted this spring. The final 27 oaks, ordered from the Morton Arboretum arrived in early May and have been planted.

The grove of 100 oaks, divided among thirteen Eastern North American species for the thirteen UI presidents, will be completed for the spring 1989 dedication.

Blue Key Grove

Blue Key, undergraduate student honorary society at the University of Idaho, will fund a centennial grove of twelve ginkgo trees for the new arboretum. The Blue Key grant will underwrite the cost of the trees, labels, and a commemorative bronze plaque. In addition to male and female ginkgo trees derived from seed, the grove will contain named varieties.

engine, repaired the hydraulic system, partially rewired the electrical system, and gave the whole tractor a new coat of paint. All for less than \$800.00.

During the past year the tractor has logged over 75 hours of mowing and maintenance in the Arboretum. THANKS DEAN.

Arboretum Notes

R.J. Naskali

For this first occasion of *Arboretum Notes* I thought that it would be appropriate to write of characteristics and goals of arboreta. In future articles I will relate some of my goals for development of the outdoor campus and our two arboreta.

What is an arboretum?

Arboreta are places of observation, study and research. University arboreta benefit the University and the general public. Typically they are "living museums" with planned plantings of woody species of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs. Many times, an arboretum also functions as a botanical garden to the extent that annuals, and herbaceous perennials are included. They are places where passive recreation (plant study, photography, walking, bird watching) is appropriate and encouraged.

In an arboretum plant groupings are organized on the basis of taxonomic similarities or native plant communities.

An arboretum must have long range planning and long term commitments for the development of specimen trees and shrubs.

A few goals common to all arboreta:

1. Extensive plantings of documented, carefully labeled trees and shrubs for easy identification by students, teachers, and the general public.
2. Introduction of new plants.
3. Hardiness trials for designated plants.
4. Dissemination of knowledge about woody plants.
5. Presentations of many of the "best" woody plants which will survive and thrive in the local environment.

With the support of the University and the Arboretum Associates I look forward to significant progress in our arboretum as we begin the second century of the University of Idaho.

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Shattuck Arboretum Cleanup:

A much needed cleanup of the 70 year old Shattuck Arboretum was accomplished last fall. The cleanup allows desirable species such as Incense Cedar and Scotch Maple to regenerate and thrive. At the same time it checked the uncontrolled spread of less desirable species such as Norway Maple and eliminated areas of potential disease and insect infestation.

Under the direction of the new Arboretum Coordinator three student groups (Tau Beta Pi,

Engineering Honorary; Sigma Nu, Men's Social Fraternity; and Farmhouse, Men's Social Fraternity) contributed over 200 hours of public service work in the cleanup effort.

Students cleared deadwood and debris from the Shattuck Arboretum. Small debris was shredded and the chips placed on the Arboretum trails. Larger pieces of wood were cut and stored for later sale as firewood; the proceeds from the sale will go to the Arboretum.

New Hybrid Iris



'Vandal Spirit'

'Vandal Spirit', a new tall bearded garden iris was introduced spring 1988 by Schreiner's Gardens, Salem, Oregon. Its gold standards and reddish black falls make this a special credit to the UI Centennial. The plant will be available only as a dividend plant by Schreiner's Gardens and as a "thank you" gift for contributions of \$50.00 or more to the Arboretum Associates. A feature story about this iris will appear in the June issue of "Idaho the University".

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