

Arboretum Associates Newsletter

P.O. Box 3391 Moscow, Idaho 83843

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Message from the Arboretum Associates' President

Dear Members and Friends:

The hectic pace of the last few weeks of the semester have slowed down, the last strains of the recessional have wafted away, and the caps and gowns are back in storage. And as another academic year comes to a close, another growing season has begun. As summarized in the Director's message, we have had an auspicious start in the Arboretum.

The end of the academic year is also the time for the annual meeting. With about 65-70 members in attendance, the 16th annual meeting on April 27 was the largest ever. We were especially pleased that Dr. Ernest Hartung, UI President Emeritus and a driving force in establishing the new UI Aboretum and Botanical Garden, attended the meeting. In the business meeting, Hugh McKay was elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee. Dr. Carlos Schwantes' illustrated lecture "Shaping the Palouse Landscape", was the capstone of the evening. Even those who consider themselves "old-timers" on the Palouse gained new insights into this remarkable area.

Philanthropic support of Arboretum Associates and the UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden continues to increase. During the first nine months of the 1993-94 Fiscal Year (period ending March 31, 1994), Arboretum Associates members and others contributed more than \$25,400, which was deposited into funds that benefit the Arboretum (e.g. associate membership funds, tree funds, grove funds, memorial bench funds, and endowment funds). This support is essential if the goals and objectives as set forth in the Arboretum Master Plan are to be successfully attained. On behalf of the Directors of Arboretum Associates, I extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to everyone who has helped bring the UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden to its present stage of development. The best is yet to come!

This is the last newsletter of the fiscal year (July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994). If you have not already done so this fiscal year, I encourage you to consider enrolling in one of the membership categories listed in this newsletter. As of March 31, 1994, there were 10 Life Associates, 15 Sustaining Associates, 11 Contributing Associates, three Business Associates, one Club & Organization Associate, 94 Individual/Family Associates, and one Student Associate. Membership in all categories, except Life Associates, begin anew each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

I also encourage you to take a leisurely stroll through the Arboretum. If, after your visit, you have any suggestions or questions for Arboretum Associates, please contact me (479 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID - Telephone 208-882-5078). -Duane Letourneau, President Message from the Arboretum Director

Dear Arboretum Friends:

Our spring planting has been completed; 153 trees and shrubs were added this year. In addition to planting specimens in many established groves, we initiated several new groves. For the Watts family Norway spruce grove, we planted 27 cultivars of the species-including dwarf, creeping, columnar, and weeping forms. Ten cultivars of Scot's pine started the Farrel Tovey grove on the dam near the European lilacs. Planting fourteen cultivars of *Picea pungens* began the Chi-Wu Wang grove of blue spruce in the Western North American valley cove.

In mid-April, eleven members of the White Pine Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society transplanted 29 specimens of 27 Idaho taxa to begin a grove of native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers in the Western North America section in the lower valley of the Arboretum. Roger Blanchard, INPS Arboretum Chair, arranged for the planting and directed most of the operation.

During the first two weeks of May, we had spectacular flowering of Asian crabapples in the Stelljes, Eiguren, and Hartung groves; most of the ornamental Asian pears flowered in the Moscow Central Lions grove; the Asian ornamental cherries commemorating the 75th anniversary of UI's Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority were very colorful. As of today (May 13), the Idaho Garden Clubs' grove of European lilacs are at their best as the Asian lilacs in the Linda Kinney Hollenbeck grove are just beginning to flower.

On the eastern slopes of the Arboretum, sheltered from winds by green fabric screens while the graft scions are rooting, there are stunning flowers or large flower buds on the Asian shrub peonies ("tree peonies") in the Hallie Seaman and Moscow Garden Club groves. Fifteen of the 33 cultivars planted last July will flower this year.

As summer progresses, we will extend the effluent water line to the southern third of the Arboretum valley so that we can accelerate planting there during 1995. In addition to regular mowing, weed eradication, and barkmulching of trees and shrub beds, we will be preparing sites for new groves. These will include the Clearwater District Garden Club's Asian roses, the UI Retirees' Asian Viburnum grove, and the Elmer and Jeanne Stout grove. Plaque labeling will be a high priority for completion prior to September.

It has been a tremendous spring—so busy that I have taken a breather to examine some gardens and arboreta in Europe. I'll see you in June. Thanks for all of your loyal support. -*Richard J. Naskali, Director* 205 C.E.B., University of Idaho Moscow, ID 83844-3226 (208) 885-6250 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 1994: We greatly appreciate general contributions to the Arboretum Associates from the following individuals and families: Beverly A. Anderson; Larry E. & Helen Mae Bobisud; Shirley R. Caldwell; Duane E. & Linda F. Char; Lee & Claudia F. Deobald; Hazel M. Erickson; Mildred Haberly; Alice Ingebritsen; Anthony J. & Doris A. Knap; Carol J. Lemke; Winifred B. Moorer; Lorraine S. Morris; Lillian Pethtel; James R. & Joanne R. Reece; Louise Shadduck; Hervon L. & Pearl R. Snider; Eugene & JoAnn C. Thompson; William Voxman; and Helen V. Wagner.

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