



Arboretum Associates Newsletter

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Message from the Arboretum Associates' President

Dear Members and Friends:

Although the hot, dry weather of late July and early August has turned the fields of the Palouse to various shades of tan and brown, the upper portion of the new Arboretum is various shades of green. With the installation of a new water line (see Director's report), it will soon be possible to keep the lower portion green also. As we move into the fall season, I anticipate some gorgeous fall colors. Come take a "mini" fall color tour as we move into late September and October.

With the increase in the plantings and the plant growth of the past few years, we have an opportunity to help the Arboretum Director in a non-financial manner. More and more visitors are expressing an interest in guided tours. While the Director is delighted to lead occasional excursions, his time is limited. Thus, we hope that some of our local members and friends are willing to volunteer to be tour guides. Dick will arrange training sessions for anyone interested. Please contact Dick or me (see below for addresses and phone numbers) if you can lend a hand.

The preliminary year-end treasurer's report at the last Executive Committee meeting showed that the Arboretum and Botanical Garden had its best year ever. Annual contributions through Arboretum Associates for fiscal year 1994 exceeded \$5,700; additional dedicated donations to memorial funds and endowments brought total revenues to over \$31,000. Your support is greatly appreciated and with your continuing help, we look forward to further development of a marvelous resource.

I am pleased to report that Jerry Wallace, UI Vice President for Finance & Administration, is in the process of naming an Arboretum and Botanical Garden Advisory Board. This group will consist of faculty members with expertise in disciplines related to the operation of an arboretum, as well as a representative from the UI Foundation, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, and Arboretum Associates. I have accepted the responsibility of representing our organization. Michael Sylvester, who recently arrived from the University of California at Riverside to assume the position of Director of Facilities Management at UI, will convene the advisory board early this fall.

Please contact me at 479 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843, telephone (208) 882-5078, if you have questions about or suggestions for Arboretum Associates.

-Duane LeTourneau, President



Message from the Arboretum Director

Dear Arboretum Friends:

Even though we have had an unusually hot and dry summer in Moscow, our round-the-clock watering program has meant that our plant establishment continues to be successful; only seven of over 250 trees and shrubs planted this year have perished. Most of the planted areas have remained green and been regularly mowed. Between April 2 (when mowing started this year) and August 15, our Kubota registered 473 service hours for an average cutting time of 25 hours per week.

Extensive plantings of recent years have meant increased maintenance work for our irregular help employment of students. During 1994, I have been fortunate in having quality work from three UI students: Michael Frost, Daniel Mestrovich, and Elias Meyer. Mike, a senior in Horticulture Science, worked for the Oregon branch of the Bailey Nursery during summers of 1988-92, and was a student intern at the Carlton Nursery in summer 1993. Dan is a graduate student working in the Master of Architecture program with specialization in healthy building environments. Eli Meyer of Sandpoint, Idaho, is a UI sophomore in Zoology; he aspires to become a physician. Their reliable work has ranged from weeding, path building, mowing, mulching, planting, filling rodent excavations, and numerous other tasks in the 'new' Arboretum and some cleanup of the Shattuck Arboretum.

In order to stabilize slopes along the west side of the Arboretum, a second phase of gabion wall building occurred from June 20 to August 15. During this period, a dozen other UI students and Larry Anderson (heavy equipment operator of University Construction) assembled, filled, and tied gabions on two terraces of the Arboretum. At completion of this phase, placement of 382 cubic yards (520 tons) of basalt during 1300 hours of labor means that continuous gully erosion and slumping of those terraces will cease; no trees were lost and the effluent water main will not have to be moved. For this project, I also acknowledge valuable contributed professional counsel of UI's Professor Terry Howard (Geological Engineering) to solve slope stabilization problems. The last and most complex phase of slope modification is still necessary to stabilize the most fragile and erodible interface of the UI Golf Course and Arboretum along the 18th fairway.

Plans are being made to remove the Fleiger house, built in 1936, from the Arboretum this autumn. Details of the bid process and potential sale and removal of the house will be available by legal notice in the Moscow-Pullman *Daily News* and from UI Assistant Vice President Gerald Reynolds.

As the major construction programs and routine watering-mowing decline, my major outdoor efforts will turn to plaquing groves, mapping plants, and some labeling of individual specimens. Thus far, more than 70% of our plants are computer mapped; UI students Duane Priest, Scott Windley, and Micah Jordan have been key assistants in this effort.

Extension of the effluent pipeline system to permit southward planting and irrigation of Eastern and Western North American sections of the Arboretum will begin by the end of August. This extension will open a number of opportunities for philanthropic funding of groves and commemorative trees - thus continuing all plant purchases to date by means of contributed private funding. Groves are \$1,500 and commemorative trees are \$500; these costs include a 20% fund transfer to the Centennial Arboretum Endowment, plant costs, and a bronze plaque.

On Sunday, September 25, 1994, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Palouse Habitat for Humanity's "Pound the Pavement" fund-raiser will occur through the University of Idaho and the eastern roadway of the Arboretum. For details, please call Pam Peterson at 882-1349.

For the first time since their planting five to seven years ago, many oaks in the Centennial Oak Grove are bearing acorns. As autumn approaches and times of best leaf coloration become evident, I plan to have some guided tours/walks; these will be announced via the local media.

Once again, THANK YOU for your continued financial support, communications, and visits. I greatly appreciate the respect shown for this facility and the UI campus by users honoring policies to preserve and enhance our plantings.

*-Richard J. Naskali, Director
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