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The Calypso Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society meets on the first Wednesday of March, April, May and October. The Chapter schedules field trips during the Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Calypso Chapter of the INPS was founded in 1991. We continue our efforts in promoting interest in native plants and native plant communities, collecting and sharing information on all phases of botany concerning this flora. Membership is open to all interested in the native plant community.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 4, 2015**, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Idaho Fish and Game Building** at 2885 W Kathleen, Coeur d'Alene, directly across from US Forest Service Nursery on the west end of Kathleen near Atlas Road. Since we will be having an outside guest speaker it would be great to get a really good turnout. If you can possibly make the meeting, please do so.

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Agenda

Business meeting

Minutes from last meeting

Treasurers report

Old business

2015 Annual Meeting

Discussion of Field Trips for 2015

Presentation: LeAnn Abell, Past President Calypso Chapter, currently a botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, will be describing the efforts to establish the Blackwell Island Native Plant and Pollinator Garden. She will be describing the construction and planting of the garden and what we can all do to help make this beautiful garden a success.



Blackwell Garden Project

COME AND BRING A FRIEND!!

Meeting Notes of October 1, 2014

Derek Antonelli opened the meeting held at the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game at 7:00 PM. The meeting notes of May 7, 2014, were approved after a date correction was made. Derek announced we had approximately \$1,000.00 in our treasury. The Clark Fork restoration project is proceeding with plantings to begin early next year. Volunteers will be needed. John Lee reported that the white bark pine presentation held this summer was a worthwhile and informational program to see. New business-the Idaho Fish and Game is designing an Idaho Wildflower Viewing Guide. Derek has collected and is submitting pictures to include in the guide.

The BLM is constructing a native plant garden at their Blackwell Island Park. Derek showed slides of the park design and work that had been done. An important goal of the project will be to involve kids in this outdoor activity. Adult volunteers will be needed to supervise and help with the project in 2015. A native plant garden for McEuen Park in Coeur d'Alene is also being planned. Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committee. Those interested need to contact Derek.

The INPS Annual meeting is to be held July 10-13, 2014. It will be a joint meeting with the Wyoming NPS in the Teton Mts. Which is based out of Driggs, Idaho. There will be multiple small field trips to choose from.

Program-Pictorial Review of Past Activities

Janet Benoit brought and passed around a photo album of previous field trips. She also had a slide show of past field trips. Derek compiled a slide program of pictures he had compiled from his files and submitted by members. We have done

a lot of field trips with a variety of participants! Crystal Lake, Trout Creek, Tubbs Hill, Coal Creek, Q'emiln Park, Hager Lake, Dishman Hills, Marie Creek, Morris and Regal Creek, Revette Lake, Steven's Lake, Fern Falls were some reviewed.

Next meeting- Botanist LeAnne Abell will present a program with information for the BLM native garden project at Blackwell Island for the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Williams, Secretary

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Featured Plant for March 2015

Highbush Cranberry: *Viburnum Opulus*, Family: Caprifoliaceae, Honeysuckle Family.

General: The plant is an erect, straggly, large deciduous shrub, 1-4 meters tall which occurs in moist woods and mountain zones from southern BC and Alberta to Wyoming.

Leaves: Opposite, coarsely toothed, 3-10 cm long with deep, slender pointed lobes, becoming yellow-red or reddish-purple in the fall.

Flowers: White, funnel-shaped, 4-7 mm across in a ring of showy, sterile flowers around the outer edge of each rounded to flat-topped flower cluster.

Fruits: Red to orange, berry-like drupes about 1 cm long with a single flat stone, strong smelling.



Notes: Alternate names are American cranberry bush, guilden-rose, rose elder, crampbark tree and others. The use of common names can be confusing as *V. edule* may also be referred to as a highbush cranberry shrub which has a more maple-like leaf with three shallow lobes. The common name crampbark tree refers to the antispasmodic properties of the bark which has been used for the relief of menstrual and stomach cramps, discovered independently by European, Native American and

Asian peoples. Highbush cranberry is used as an ornamental plant and valued for its edible fruits. The fruit is commonly gathered from wild stands in late August or early September, best when picked slightly under-ripe (and sour), and used in sauces, jellies, and juices. The common name alludes to the resemblance in fruit between the highbush cranberry and the cranberry of commerce (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*).

References on request

Submitted by Karen Williams

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