

White Pine Chapter News

OCTOBER EVENT: Please add to your calendar

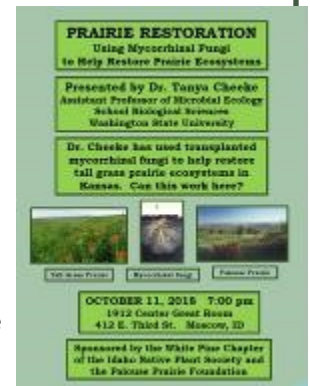
Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. White Pine Chapter meeting, co-sponsored with Palouse Prairie Foundation

Speaker: Dr. Tanya Cheeke, Assistant Professor, Microbial Ecology, Washington State University

Program: Mycorrhizal Fungus Transplants Can Help Restore Prairies

Location: [1912 Center, Great Room, 412 East Third St., Moscow, Idaho.](#)

Tanya Cheeke, Assistant Professor of Microbial Ecology, School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University, will be speaking on transplanting mycorrhizal fungus to help restore prairie ecosystem. She has researched the role of mycorrhizal transplants in successfully restoring tall grass prairie in Kansas. Native plant species are often more dependent on mycorrhizal fungi than are invasive species. When the fungi are disturbed, mycorrhizal-dependent native plants do not compete well with invasive species. She and her team are now testing the mycorrhizal responsiveness of some of the local Palouse prairie plants. This program is jointly sponsored by the White Pine Chapter of INPS and the Palouse Prairie Foundation.



Chapter Business

White Pine Chapter Annual Membership Meeting was held September 22 at Mary McCroskey State Park after a fascinating field trip led by Pamela Brunsfeld. A primary focus of the field trip was to see and learn to identify the conifers of this park which has a high diversity of native cone-bearing plants. We learned to differentiate between the primary trees using the characteristics—scale-like vs needle-like leaves, rounded twigs vs flattened twigs, number of needles per bundle, size and shape of cones, branch arrangement, etc. We collected samples of both conifers and shrubs to take to the picnic shelter for a botany lesson using the keys provided by Pam. These keys will be posted on the chapter website: Conifers of Idaho, Key to Some Common Plants of the Pacific Northwest, Common Plants of the Pacific Northwest. Thanks Pam for your excellent work putting all this together for the field trip.

After a delicious lunch coordinated by President Judy Ferguson and supplemented by appetizers, fruit and desserts provided by members, a chapter meeting was held. Judy highlighted chapter accomplishments, conducted election of officers, and introduced chapter board members-at-large. Thanks to each of you who attended and shared your ideas. And thanks to our 2018 slate of officers for their efforts throughout the year.

Officers for the coming year

Co-Presidents	Judy Ferguson, Susan Rounds
Vice President	Pamela Brunsfeld
Treasurer	Steve Bunting
Secretary	Charlotte Omoto
Publicity	Emily Poor

Board meetings are generally held the first Saturday of the month in the morning.

Committees and Members-at-large

Bylaws:	Steve Bunting, Nancy Miller, Thad Davis
Conservation:	Judy Ferguson
Grants Committee:	Helen Stroebel, Trish Heekin
Membership:	Nancy Miller
Plant Sale:	_____, Nancy Miller
Website, Facebook:	Nancy Miller, _____
Members-at-large:	Thad Davis, Earl Beasley, Bettie Hoff, Kristen Pekas, Bill Phillips

If you are interested in serving on a committee or volunteering in another way, please notify one of the co-presidents.



NOVEMBER EVENT—please add to your calendar

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. White Pine Chapter meeting

Speaker: Dr. Penny Morgan

Program: Fire History of Palouse Prairie-Forest Interface

Location: [1912 Center, Great Room](#), 412 East Third St., Moscow, Idaho.

Dr. Penny Morgan, Professor and Senior Fire Ecologist in the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences at the University of Idaho, and White Pine Chapter member, will present a program on the fire history and ecology of forest edges and forest islands in the Palouse Prairie.

Recap of some late summer / early fall activities.



Sages Notes, out soon, will have a special article on the 2018 INPS Annual Meeting in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains.

September: We hope you didn't miss the presentation by Angela Sondenaa on the conservation efforts of the Nez Perce. Her impressive presentation detailed the inventory of rare plants, assessments of reproductive ecology and pollinator research and a status update on special efforts to conserve *Silene spaldingii* in Joseph Creek. Well done, Angela! We look forward to an update on your team's research.

Photos by Angela Sondenaa and Nancy Miller



July: A number of us toured several Latah County locations to learn more about forest health and especially about some of the insects which attack our native trees. The first stop was the UI Arboretum where Dr. Steve Cook, UI Professor, and Paul Warnick, Arboretum horticulturist, showed us some galls and other evidence of insect damage on Arboretum trees. We then went to two sites north of Moscow where we saw dead Douglas-fir trees—the result of Douglas-fir beetle infestations and evidence of Western Pine beetle infestation. Dr Cook has graciously agreed to talk more on this subject in a spring program. A Bark Beetle Identification document from Dr. Cook will be posted on the chapter website. Photos by

Sonja Lewis and Nancy Miller.



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DUES can be paid now for 2019.

Membership dues are paid on a calendar year basis so current year memberships will expire December 31, 2018. You may pay your dues several ways. 1. Use the form online at <https://idahonativeplants.org/membership/>. Or 2. Give a check to the chapter membership chair or treasurer (be sure you've let us know of any changes to your information). Or 3. Print the membership form on the chapter website or the backpage of *Sage Notes* and send with your check to White Pine Chapter, PO Box 8481, Moscow, ID 83843.