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Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.



Thanks to all our clubs who planted

bulbs for our National President, Renee Blaschke's "Golden Days" project. All 2,000 Daffodil Quail and Jet Fire bulbs were sold. We anxiously await their bloom. You will agree – it has been a very long winter. Capture your blooms in photos blooming in their beds, pots, or naturalized to enter in our state contest. Send the photos to Awards Chairman, Maxine Smolowitz by June 10, 2011. Each photo will be displayed on a poster and numbered with the member's name and club information on the back of the photo. Attendees at our State Convention, June 22 – 24, 2011 will vote on the "MOST BEAUTIFUL BULB DISPLAY". The winner of each category will receive a prize and you need not be present to win. The Southeast District is planning a fun and educational time for you at our State Convention, "THE MAGIC OF SUMMER" at the Hilton Inn in Idaho Falls. Details and registration form are in this newsletter.

Mission Statement

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. , a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization , will create, promote and further interest in horticulture, gardening, civic beautification and natural resource conservation through educational, charity and community improvement projects.

President's Message

Our Earth, Our Future—Renew and Protect It

At our state board meeting in Boise on March 29, 2011 it was decided to present three Resolutions to the GCII membership at our 1st Annual GCII Convention this June for vote to approve or reject:

Resolution 1: The 1st Vice President's Travel should be paid for by the GCII State organization. A travel budget for the 1st Vice President will be established in coordination with the Finance Committee to select those meetings considered important to the development of the 1st Vice President's background in the leadership of the GCII organization and with an understanding of the funds available. (If you are interested, I urge you to contact your Director or Club President for an application!)

Resolution 2: Increase the GCII State dues to be paid for each member to \$10.00. The purpose of this increase is to more adequately fund the President's Travel and to provide a budget for the 1st Vice President's travel.

Resolution 3: Form a committee entitled the 'Future of GCII' which will be comprised of the GCII Executive Board (Officers, Elective and Appointive, District Directors and immediate former State President), the former Regional Director and all 17 Club Presidents. It will be the responsibility of this committee to resolve such issues as:

- Do we maintain the current District structure?
- Do we change the number of District Meetings required?
- Do we eliminate the 2nd Vice President position?
- Do we reduce the number of committee chairs?
- Do we change the travel expectations for both the President and 1st Vice President limiting them perhaps to only what their respective travel budgets allow?

The Future of GCII Committee will report its recommendations for action to the Fall Board.

The vote on these resolutions that affect our organization's future will occur at the business session of our June State Convention. I urge you to approve them.

For those of you who itemize your taxes, make use of our 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status. If you take an active part or responsibility at the convention, you may be able to deduct travel expenses. Tax information is on our GCII website.

I look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

Robyn



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB (NGC) FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

The Flower Show School consists of four courses which will alternate between Clarkston WA and Moscow ID and are scheduled for Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012.

What: Course I. Horticulture study will include the Gesneriad family, including Streptocarpus, African Violets, and Gloxinia. Design presentations will cover American Traditional Designs.

When: April 25-26, 2011

Where: Quality Inn. Clarkston WA

Cost: \$50 per day or \$90 for two days (including lunch).

Instructors: Dorothy Yard (Pennsylvania) and Shirley Spildie (Montana)

Everyone is welcome to attend and extend their personal knowledge or just sit back and enjoy the presentations from expert horticulture and design instructors from various parts of the U.S. Gardeners and amateur designers will get tips and demonstrations on growing, designing and exhibiting flowers. A list of suggested resource material will be provided.

Sponsored by the Clearwater District Garden Clubs of Idaho and open to the public, the courses will be taught by National Garden Club (NGC) certified horticulture and design instructors. The primary purpose of the school is to encourage and educate garden club members to become accredited NGC Flower Show Judges but everyone is welcome for their own personal enrichment.

Participants who are not planning to become judges are welcome to attend any or all of the courses. Participants taking the school for credit to become flower show judges are required to attend all four courses including a mandatory written exam after each course.

For registration forms or more information, contact local Flower Show School Chairmen:

Jodene Caldwell: 208-882-0412 jcaldwell@moscow.com
or **Joyce Parr:** 208-883-3051 dj.parr@frontier.com



Idaho Horticultural Society (IHS) Sponsors Small Standard Flower Show

At the Boise Flower and Garden Show, March 25—27



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FLORAL DESIGN WINNER
PAT BAKER, IHS



HORTICULTURE ENTRY WINNER— MOUNTAIN MAHOGANY
ALAN DEITZ, ADA GARDENERS



SELECTED FLORAL DESIGN ENTRIES



SELECTED HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN ENTRIES

Garden Clubs of Idaho Inc.

Invites you to its 1st Annual State Garden Club Convention

"THE MAGIC OF SUMMER"

Hosted by

The Southeast District

June 22 - 24 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Lindsey Blvd., Idaho Falls

Wednesday, June 22

Registration opens at 12:30 p.m. and Board meetings begin at 1:00 PM in the North Fork River Room.

On Wednesday evening we will attend the Arti Theatre, a non-profit local artist repertory theatre established 1986. You will enjoy an intimate dinner and experience theatre at its best in a 100-year-old building with its facade restored to its natural beauty. The Arti Theatre has produced many groundbreaking, cutting-edge productions in the last 23 years.

Thursday, June 23

Rob Cavallaro, Regional wildlife and non-game biologist from Idaho Fish and Game, and Stewardship Director for the Teton Regional Land Trust, will present a program on "Bird Counting" after our Thursday "On the Run" breakfast buffet.

Ralph Thurston, renowned author from Blackfoot, owner/operator of Bindweed Farm, will be our luncheon speaker. Bindweed is a husband and wife cut flower farming team in Southeast Idaho, a summer occupation that supports the owners' winter habits of his writing and her painting. They grow nearly ninety species of perennial and annual flowers on five acres. Bindweed supplies local designers with a greater variety of product than distant shippers can provide, and the farm's proximity to its customers means fresher, undamaged flowers. You can visit them at www.bindweedfarm.com

Floral Art will do a presentation on "Floral Design Floral". Floral Art serves the Idaho Falls and Teton Valley Idaho areas and Jackson, Wyoming. High quality boutique floral and plant varieties fill their cooler daily. From European garden designs accented with regional botanical accents to interpretive ikebana with long lasting tropicals, Floral Art tailors customer's designs to fit the chosen theme and decor. Details at www.idahofallsfloralartflorist.com.

In the afternoon, we will leave for our "Around the Town Tour". We will visit the Southeast District's Blue Star Memorial, Taylor's Crossing, Zaladonis' yard, and Eagle Rock Nursery. The tour concludes at the Snake River Landing for a watermelon bust. It will be an afternoon to remember.

Our banquet speaker Thursday evening is Matt Woodard, Project Manager-South Fork Snake River, Trout Unlimited (TU). He will give a program about his work on watershed restoration. Matt has been with TU since 2001. He is currently the Chairman of the East Side Soil Conservation District and the Chairman of the Upper Snake River Basin Advisory Group. Matt is also one of the founding members of the South Fork Coalition and is a past president of the local TU Snake River Cutthroats chapter. Visit their website at www.tu.org.

Friday, June 24

Friday morning after the "Garden Skillet" breakfast buffet, Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed Superintendent, will present a program on "Noxious Weed Control". He will describe projects to eradicate noxious weeds in Bonneville County.

Raffles, silent auctions, sales tables, plant sales, and door prizes add to the fun. We look forward to seeing all of you at "The Magic of Summer"!

Molly Graeber
2011 GCII Convention Chair

Linda Carter Beck & Janice Zabriskie
Convention Co-Chairs



An added attraction: Visit "Bodies—The Exhibition" at the Museum of Idaho at a reduced Group price!!

Garden Clubs of Idaho Inc.

www.gcii.org

1st Annual State Convention

Registration Form

"The Magic of Summer"

June 22nd – 24th, 2011, Idaho Falls

Each person attending the convention must fill out a separate form.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Club Name: _____

Badge Information (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Club Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> # Years Member over 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Critic | |

REGISTRATION (Fee must be paid to attend any Convention Event):

Full Convention (paid by May 22nd)	\$15.00	_____
Full Convention (paid after May 22nd)	20.00	_____
One-day convention (paid by May 22nd)	10.00	_____
One-day convention (after by May 22nd)	15.00	_____
Dinner only registration fee	5.00	_____

EVENTS AND MEALS

Wednesday, June 22nd		
Arti Repertory Dinner Theatre	\$40.00	_____
Thursday, June 23rd		
"On the Run" Breakfast Buffet, or	13.00	_____
Breakfast both days (Thursday and Friday)	25.00	_____
Sandwich and Salad Platter Lunch	17.00	_____
Roast Beef and/or Honey Grilled Salmon Buffet	34.00	_____
Friday, June 24th		
"Garden Skillet" Breakfast Buffet	13.00	_____

All meals include beverage, taxes, and gratuity. Check if you have special diet needs: _____

Package price including registration, events, and meals noted above (by May 22nd) \$131.00 _____
(after May 22nd) \$136.00 _____

Make checks payable to: Garden Clubs of Idaho Inc. Convention 2011
Mail form and check to: Vicki Torres, 306 N. 3823 E. Rigby Idaho 83442

For questions call Vicki on 208-745- 0851 or email: vickitorresoct6@q.com
No refunds after June 1, 2011.

Make hotel reservations prior to June 7, 2011. Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Lindsey Blvd., Tel: 208-522-9500.
(Ask for the Garden Clubs of Idaho Convention Special Rate. \$109.00 per night.)

Nezperce Garden Club Sponsors State Woodsy Owl Poster Winner



Last January students of Nezperce Elementary School participated in the National Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Nezperce Garden Club members choose first place winners from first through fifth grade to go on to the state competition.

Our little town is truly blessed to have not one or two but, three of the five students to win at the state competition. The first place winner for the 2nd grade in state is KC Wahl, the first place winner for the 5th grade is Ensley Keith and first place winner for the 4th grade and over all Idaho state winner for Woodsy Owl is Riley Fuchs. Riley's poster will compete in the Regional competition.

Congratulations from the Nezperce Garden Club to Riley Fuchs, Ensley Keith, KC Wahl and to all the other students that entered in the National Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

LeeAnn McMaster, President, Nezperce Garden Club

Owyhee Gardeners Sponsor State Smokey Bear Poster Winner

Owyhee Gardeners sponsored the Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear Poster Contest for the after school program at both schools in our area. In Marsing the fourth and fifth grades participated. In Homedale the young artists were from the fourth grade class.



It was fun to meet with the students and tell them the story of Smokey Bear. We also explained a little about the importance of preventing wildfires, and what children can do to prevent wildfires. We also told the story of Woodsy Owl and discussed ways to care for the land.

It is very exciting that we had a state Winner from each school. Both of our winners were for the Smokey Bear Poster contest. Kaitlyn Hanson from Homedale was the first place winner for fourth grade. Ana Alvarez from Marsing won first place for fifth grade and was the overall winner for the state. Her poster will be sent to the Regional competition.

Linda Symms, President, Owyhee Gardeners

New Mexico Man Remembers Cub Who Inspired Smokey the Bear

By Amanda L. Husson, *Las Cruces Sun-News (edited)*

Sixty years ago this May (2004), his dad brought home in a shoebox a tiny black bear cub that would become the incarnation of a national icon – but Donald Bell still remembers it vividly.

A typical 15-year-old, Donald wasn't much impressed by the arrival of the injured bear at his Santa Fe home; his father, Ray Bell, was a game warden, and routinely brought home injured animals, got them medical care and found homes for them at area zoos.

Not until some photos of the bear, his blistered feet bandaged, made their way into newspapers across the country that the little Hotfoot Teddy, as he had been named, caught the attention of the U.S. Forest Service and became Smokey Bear – the living symbol of the fire prevention program that debuted in 1944.

Bell's sister, Judy, 10 years his junior, was a bit wary of the bear, Donald said. "She thought it might bite her, so she kept her distance." But one of the most famous pictures of the young cub features him with little Judy, seated below a fire prevention poster.

Once the cub recovered from his injuries, he was taken by plane to Washington, D.C., where he lived at the National Zoo until his death in 1976. Bell said the Smokey Bear fire prevention program has done a lot of good over the years, and his father was part of that all his life. "Dad was always called upon to give Smokey Bear talks," he said.

There exists some confusion about Smokey, from when he got his start to what his real name is. The 1952 song, "Smokey the Bear," is well known to many Americans, but it was the songwriters who added that middle "the". His name has always been Smokey Bear.

In 2004, for the 60th anniversary of the mascot's introduction, an annual Smokey Bear Days tradition was started at the Smokey Bear Historical Park at the Captain Gap in the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico. Smokey's grave is at the site – he was brought back to New Mexico after his death in 1976.

HUMMINGBIRD FACTS

Hummingbirds are native only to the Americas. All states have them except Hawaii. The early explorers had never seen them before and called them flying jewels. There are 350 species of hummers. Most of them are non-migratory. There are 16 species in the U.S. and Canada.



Calliope

Recent banding has shown that some of the Western birds are now traveling to the East. The migrating distance is 2,000 miles and more each spring and then again in the fall. Also with banding information, they determined that the migrating hummers live 5 to 6 years. They have captured one that was 12 years old.

The Calliope is the smallest migrating bird. The male weighs less than 1/10 of an ounce and measures 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches. Other hummers are 5 inches in length from the tip of their beak to the tip of their tail feathers. They have about 1,500 feathers. When flying their wings make a figure 8 pattern. They can fly upside down, backwards, stop in mid flight and hover. They have been clocked flying 50 miles an hour. Their wings hum at 2,280 revolutions per minute. They have such weak legs that they can only perch, not walk.

Humming birds must drink twice their body weight in nectar each day. They have grooved tongues to collect nectar. They lick 13 times a second. They have to drink from 1,000 flowers a day to get enough nectar. Hummers burn calories faster than any other warm-blooded creature by body proportion. They need 7 to 12 calories a day. This sounds ideal until you do the math. It is the equivalent of a 180-pound human having to scrounge up 204,300 calories a day. He would have to eat 75 pounds of sugar or 171 pounds of meat a day. This human would have to have a body temperature of 750 degrees and have a porta potty strapped to his back.

The hummers' brain is bigger than a humans' proportion wise. Its heart rate is 1200 beats a minute and resting heart rate is 250 beats a minute. Body temperature is between 102 and 112.3 degrees Fahrenheit. They can put themselves into a state called Torpor when it is cold. They can drop their body temperature down between 60 to 70 degrees. Their body temperature must reach 86 degrees before they can fly.

Relative to body size, Humming birds lay the largest egg of any egg laying animal. Their eggs are the size of a small bean. They do not mate for life and can have more than one mate during mating season. The female builds the nest herself and is the sole provider for her offspring. Incubation of eggs varies with each species, between 12 and 30 days. There are usually two eggs per nest. The nests are made with Cottonwood or Pussy willow fuzz and spider webs. They are the size of ½ a nut shell. Nestlings are in the nest 2 to 4 weeks. The mother brings them insects and nectar. The mother continues to feed them once they fledge for a few weeks.



Hummers eat tree sap and insects along with flower nectar. Right before sundown there will be a feeding frenzy so they can get enough energy to last them through the night. This is a good time to get a hummer to land on your finger if it is placed on one of the feeder stands. Also, they may eat out of your hand.

To make your own hummer juice: 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. Bring to a boil and take off burner. Do not use sugar substitutes or honey. It is not necessary to add food coloring. The birds will come to your colorful feeder.

Jeanne Ensley, State Chairperson for Birds



Now through early spring is an excellent time to prune **MOST** trees and shrubs. Plants will be able to heal wounds and cover pruning cuts with their new growth. However, one group of plants should not be pruned now. Spring flowering shrubs already have their flower buds developed. If you prune before they flower, you will prune off most of the flowers. Flowering shrubs should be pruned shortly after they bloom.

AMERICAN PAINTED LADY (*Vanessa Virginiensis*)

This “Virginia Lady”, as she is known in some parts, has a fondness for heliotrope. If she cannot find any, she will hunt for zinnia or yarrow. Perhaps that is why she is also known as the Hunter’s Butterfly.

The American Painted Lady is similar to that of its cousin, the Painted Lady – orange and black in no particular order. The key distinguishing characteristic of the American Painted Lady is the blush or pinkish-rose on the mid forewing.



Vanessa Virginiensis

The most obvious field mark that sets the American Painted Lady apart from her cousin, the Painted Lady, is the two large blue eyespots on the underside of the hindwing. The Painted Lady sports four eyespots while the West Coast Lady has five. The West Coast Lady also has an orange bar on the forewing as opposed to the pink of the Hunter.



The Yellowish-green eggs of the American Painted Lady are usually deposited on the leaves of everlasting and on daisies. The black caterpillar, the larval stage of this butterfly, has yellow cross bands with red and white spots between them. The larva may pupate in its gold-speckled, brown chrysalis. Although the American Painted Lady can survive colder temperatures than its cousins, it still has only two broods in the North, but more in the South.

The American Painted Lady is found throughout the United States, where its numbers are usually greater in the East than in the West.

With its fondness for garden flowers, the American Painted Lady is a regular visitor to yards and open places. Comfortable in various habitats, the American Painted Lady does not migrate to the extent that her relatives do.

Range: Canada to Central America and from the East Coast to the West Coast of the United States.

Attracted to: mallow, borage, burdock, heliotrope, zinnia, yarrow, daisies and everlasting.

Inez Thomason, State Butterfly and Wildflower Chairperson

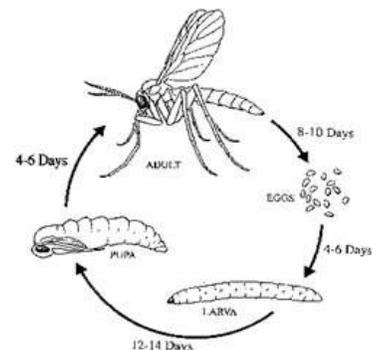
BIODEGRADABLE SEED POTS – A GREAT RECYCLING IDEA

Here’s a practical way to recycle empty toilet paper tubes. They are about five inches long. Cut one in half crosswise and you have two tubes about 2½ inches long. Next, cut four ½ inch to ¾ inch slices at the bottom of each tube around the circumference. Fold these flaps over toward the center and tuck them into each other and you have a bottom. You have created two seed starting pots! Fill your pots to the top with the potting soil you use. Plant the seeds and water with a spray bottle. Put them under the grow lights or into the windowsill and water as needed. Soon they are ready for the garden. Ready to plant? Put the whole pot into the soil and it will decompose in time and be part of the soil. You can also carefully open the folded flaps on the bottom a bit so the roots can spread downward a bit faster.

Sandra Ford, Pacific Region Director

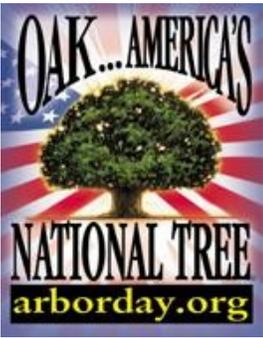
FUNGUS GNAT CONTROL

In some very interesting new research by Kansas State Professor Raymond Cloyd, published in HortScience 45: 1830-1833 (2010), it was discovered that Bounce® original brand fabric softener dryer sheets were quite effective in repelling fungus gnats. As it turns out, the Bounce® sheets that make your clothes smell so good, contain linalool, benzyl acetate, beta-citronellol, and hedione...very effective chemicals against fungus gnats. If you’ve grown plants from seed, you have no doubt run into fungus gnats, which are tiny black flies that live on the surface of moist potting soils. Fungus gnat larvae eat developing seedlings, some even before they emerge from the soil. I recommend sowing your seed, then covering the pot with a Bounce® sheet and securing it with a rubber band. The sheets will allow light and water to pass through while keeping the fungus gnats out. Once the seedlings are large enough, the covers can be removed. Good air movement and keeping the soil surface dry are also very important in controlling fungus gnats.



Patty Huston, Horticulture Chairman

ARBOR DAY



Arbor Day is celebrated nationally to encourage citizens to maintain and replenish our country's forests, orchards, and woodlands. While National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday in April, state observations of Arbor Day may be at some other time. Hawaii observes their state Arbor Day in January and California observes theirs in March. Communities in Idaho observe Arbor Day in April. Arbor Day provides an excellent opportunity to plan events and activities that utilize and promote information on trees. Trees are beneficial to the environment, and provide vital stability to our ecosystem. They absorb air pollution, give off oxygen, improve water and air quality, help cool the air, muffle noise, can provide food and shelter, help prevent flooding and erosion, and give aesthetic pleasure.

Trees decorate our landscapes with rich colors and shapes. Trees can be a component of landscape design. They can provide line, form, texture, color, proportion, scale, balance, rhythm, contrast, and dominance to the landscape. Well selected and planted trees may provide visual privacy and protection, help prevent soil erosion, and reduce noise pollution.

Trees should be selected and arranged according to their specific horticultural needs for the landscape to thrive in healthy conditions. Consider the growth characteristics of the species and be sure that power lines, overhanging roofs, and nearby trees don't interfere with the vertical space required by the mature height of the tree. Allow space for roots so that other plants are not deprived of water and nutrients. Don't plant trees where their droppings will cause a problem or where they will attract undesirable insects, birds, or animals.

From providing shade to beautifying our homes, neighborhoods and communities, trees are enjoyed by everyone. Celebrate and share information about trees when you celebrate Arbor Day, a time to commit ourselves to preserving and planting trees for our own benefit and for the benefit of future generations.

Edited from Winter 2011 issue of *The National Gardener* 'Arbor Day', by Greg Pokorski, Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultant, and NGCGSS Chairman



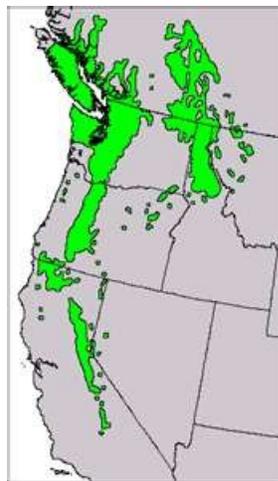
Idaho State Tree: The Western White Pine (*Pinus Monticola pinaceae*)



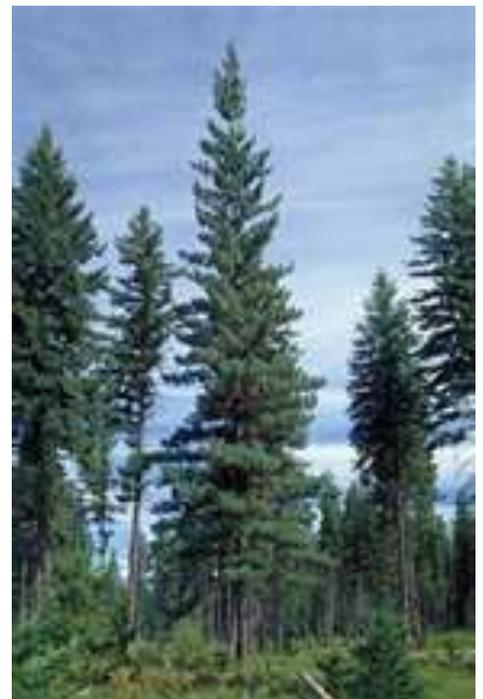
Our state tree is probably most notable since the largest remaining stand of this timber in the United States grows in the northern part of Idaho. Tall and slender, the Western White Pine is native to forests of the Pacific Northwest from British Columbia to Montana and as far south as central California. It has blue-green needles, slender cones and can grow to 100 ft. It has many other fine qualities such as straight grain and soft, even texture in its wood. The Western White Pine was named Idaho's state tree in 1935. - www.idaho.gov



White Pine Bark



White Pine Habitat



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Celebrate!
National Garden Week

June 6-12, 2010
June 5-11, 2011

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Pacific Region Convention** is April 14-16, 2011 in Scottsdale, AZ
- **Flower Show School**, Course 1, April 25-27, 2011, in Clarkston, WA
- **National Garden Clubs Conv.**, "Our Capital Congress", Washington DC, May 24-30, 2011
- **GCII State Convention**, Hilton Inn, Idaho Falls, ID, June 22-24, 2011
- **"Plant it Pink" Awards application** due to Maxine Smolowitz by October 1, 2011

Let us know about special events you planned for National Garden Week for publication in our July Gem State Gardeners newsletter. Deadline for articles is July 15th.

TAX INFORMATION

Tax information about potential tax benefits for GCII donors and volunteers is available for viewing and printing from our website. To access it:

- Open our website at www.gcii.org
- Click on 'Fund Raising/Tax Info' button on top
- Look under 'Tax Information' heading in right column
- Click on desired information item

Sweet April showers
Do spring May flowers
Thomas Tusser, A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry, 1557

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ON A SEED

“This was the goal of the leaf
and the root.

For this did the blossom
burn its hour.

This little grain
Is the ultimate fruit.

This is the awesome
vessel of power.

This is the source
of the root and the bud...

World unto world unto world
remolded.

This is the seed, compact of
God,
Wherein all mystery is unfolded.”

G. S. Galbraith

