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Bella, Bella, Bellingham

The IPPS-Western Region had a successful conference in Bellingham, WA in September, 2010 at the Lakeside Inn and Conference Center. The pre-conference tour took over 60 participants south to the Skagit Valley, a diverse agricultural community. Pre-conference Co-chairs, Bob Hart and Jim Barbarinos, put together a tour that included the Washington State University Mount Vernon Research Center, Urban Forestry Nursery, wholesale tree nursery, Christianson's Nursery, offering a unique collection of rare and unusual plants, with a break for a barbecue salmon lunch at La Conner Flats, a beautiful English Display Garden. After lunch the group toured Wells Nursery, propagators of specimen conifer and deciduous trees, and finally Northwest Horticulture, a leading grower of perennials. Pre-conference attendees returned to the conference where they joined other members and guests for a welcome reception at the conference site. The Educational Session featured 31 speakers organized by Ross Merker, Classical Farms and his excellent committee: Lynn Caton, Briggs Nursery; Jill Cross, Classical Farms; Robert Buzzo and Seth Swanson, Lawyer Nursery; Rita Hummel, Washington State University; and Steve McCulloch, Mountain Shadow Nursery. The sessions were divided into the following topics: Horticulture in the Northwest, Organics and Sustainability, New and Outstanding Plants, Food for Thought-Nuggets of Knowledge, Propagation, Native Plants, Mechanization and Efficiency in Plant Production and Woody Plants. Thank



you to all who shared their time and knowledge.

Todd Jones, of Fourth Corner Nursery, did an outstanding job putting together the two half-day tours of the Whatcom County Nursery industry. On Thursday the 148 members and guests visited Smith Gardens, producer of Northwest Grown products, Van Wingerden Greenhouses, producer of 5 million bedding plants and 35,000 hanging baskets, and Cascade Cuts, growers of herbs, bulbs, perennials. On Friday the conference tour took us to Pure Potato, a limited Generation Seed Farm; Cloud Mountain Farms, propagators and growers of top quality fruit trees, Japanese maples and conifers and Fourth Corner Nursery, growers of native plants for restoration.

On Friday evening a banquet was held where attendees not only enjoyed a prime rib carving station, seafood and scrumptious deserts, but they were enthralled by Dan Hinkley's presentation and slides of Plant Collecting in Chile.

Bob Buzzo, poster session chair, recruited 40 posters from as far away as Jamaica. Our silent auction was a great success thanks to the efforts of Andre Suskje, T& L Plants; Karen Engel, Mountain Forest Farms; Corey Barnes, Quarryhill Botanical Garden and Steve Hottovy, Beyond Green. They gathered and organized over 400 items, raising over \$4,500 for the Western Region.

**Just
for a
laugh...**

According to Jerry Seinfeld, most people's number one fear is public speaking with death coming in second. **This means that the average person attending a funeral would rather be in the casket than doing the eulogy!** If you want to avoid your number one fear, why not prepare a poster for the upcoming annual meeting. You'll find all the information you need here.



Save the Date:
52nd Annual Meeting
September 21-24, 2011
Sacramento, CA

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NEW MEMBERS: 2010-2011

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Katy Wilcox-Denver Botanic Gardens	Virginia D. Williams-Black Iron Gym

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Kristen Fleming	University of Arizona
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UPCOMING AREA MEETING

Save the Date!
Northern California Area Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2011, 9am to 3pm

We will be visiting nurseries in the Santa Rosa area. Confirmed so far are the following sites, more will be added, plus plans for lunch.

Shooting Star Propagation, Graton: Started 30 years ago by Cal Poly graduates Dan Jennison and Nancy Hargreaves, Shooting Star has perfected the art of growing an enormous variety of liners in peat pots for wholesale growers.

California Flora Nursery: Well known to California native plant enthusiasts, Cal Flora has been growing for wholesale and retail customers from their site in Fulton since 1981. They feature a wide selection California natives and Mediterranean plants, propagated on site. Both Sherrie Althouse and Phil Van Soelen, co-owners of the nursery, have served as chapter presidents of the California Native Plant Society.

Sonoma Horticultural Nursery: IPPS member Polo de Lorenzo has gardened at this location near Sebastopol since 1976, developing a stunning 8-acre garden of shade loving plants. The nursery specializes in azaleas and rhododendrons, plus other shade loving trees, shrubs and perennials.

Emerisa Gardens: Emerisa Gardens is a family-run wholesale nursery specializing in four-inch plants emphasizing hardy and unusual perennials, herbs, and ornamental grasses.

This event is open to members and guests. Carpool, if possible, transportation will not be provided. For further information please email the organizer:

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We hope to see you in June!

IN MEMORIAM

A. Bruce Macdonald

With great sadness we announce former Director of UBC Botanical Garden, A. Bruce Macdonald, has passed away following a long illness. Bruce came to Canada in 1980 to take on the role of Associate Director at the Botanical Garden, with responsibility for horticulture and plant introductions. Bruce was involved with the International Plant Propagators' Society (IPPS), both in Britain and after he immigrated to Canada, eventually becoming International President. He was senior lecturer in nursery stock production at Hadlow College in England and, later during his tenure at UBC, taught plant propagation in the Horticulture Program. Bruce was well-known in the nursery industry around the world through his work with IPPS and as author of the widely acclaimed Practical Woody Plant Propagation, an exhaustive exposition of propagating methods. In 1998 Bruce was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's most prestigious international award, the Gold Veitch Memorial Medal. The award is given for outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science and practice of horticulture. Among his many achievements, Macdonald helped develop the Botanical Garden's innovative Plant Introduction Scheme, which selected and introduced new and improved plants to nurseries. A memorial service was held on Friday, March 18 at All Saints Anglican Church in Ladner.



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