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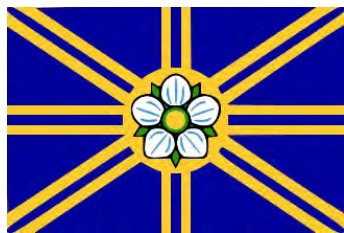
55th Annual Meeting October 1-4 Abbotsford, British Columbia

The Garden of the Future: Plant, Eat and Enjoy

Our Abbotsford meeting is quickly approaching and it is time to make sure you have set aside the dates of 1-4 October to come visit Beautiful British Columbia! The pre-conference tour on Wednesday will start by taking the West Coast Express train from Abbotsford to downtown Vancouver to attend the CanWest show where you will have the opportunity to attend seminars (including one by Eric Madden from Xerces Foundation sponsored by IPPS) and walk the show to get a real taste of the industry in Western Canada. The afternoon can be spent at the show or on one of a choice of accompanied tours to Granville Island, Stanley Park (the largest urban park in the world), or VanDusen Gardens. You



Ramada Plaza Abbotsford Hotel and Conference Centre



Abbotsford Flag

can also go on your own to Lonsdale Quay (across from the convention centre by water bus) or walk along the seawall. The last train back is about 6:30 in the evening or you can stay for dinner and take a charter coach bus back to Abbotsford later in the evening. (continued on page 2)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Fall and with that comes our annual meeting, this year in Abbotsford, British Columbia! I hope you are planning to attend. I know the local planning committee in the Abbotsford area is working very hard to put a worthwhile program together for us. I wish to thank them in advance for all of their efforts.

As the meeting approaches, I have been thinking about the future of the Western Region. Our society is lead by a group of volunteers who believe in keeping IPPS viable into the future. We are all committed to maintaining our motto of seeking and sharing. This cannot be done without your help and support. Please take a minute to evaluate your time and see if you could help us in some way, to bring the Western Region IPPS into the future with a strong and vibrant leadership group. I can tell you with certainty, it is a wonderful experience.

I look forward to seeing you in Abbotsford!



President Chris Ames

2014 ANNUAL MEETING (continued)

Thursday will focus on edibles and alternative crops with speakers on blueberries, Haskaps, Native plants, and rain gardens. We will go to a cranberry field to see how those wonderful berries are harvested, tour and taste at Fort Wine Company (famous for their wonderful fruit based wines), visit the Institute for Sustainable Horticulture at Kwantlen University, and tour a large greenhouse grower.

Friday and Saturday will be filled with practical speakers on IPM, media and compost, trade,



One of the Ramada Plaza's meeting rooms.

inventory control, perennial propagation, irrigation, etc. We will have a time dedicated to practical demonstrations, and our afternoon tours will take us to some of the more innovative nurseries in the eastern Fraser Valley - Van Belle, Qualitree and Pacific Northwest Propagators. Our Banquet speaker on Friday night is David Tracy from Tree City speaking on Urban Agriculture. And, of course, there will be opportunities to share your Nuggets of Knowledge and New plants, along with our annual business meeting, news from IPPS international, and lots of networking opportunities.

See you in October!

Abbotsford Facts (from Wikipedia)

Abbotsford's colonial development began when the Royal Engineers surveyed the area in response to the Gold Rush along the Fraser River in 1858. This led to the building of Yale Road (today Old Yale Road), the first transportation route to link the Fraser Valley. Settlement grew and the production of butter, milk and tobacco began by the late 1860s. In 1889, former Royal Engineer John Cunningham Maclure applied for a Crown Grant to obtain the 160 acres (0.65 km²) that would become Abbotsford.

There is some controversy over the origin of the Abbotsford name. The most commonly cited origin is that Maclure named the land Abbotsford after family friend Henry Braithwaite Abbott, the Western Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Until 1922 the name was spelled Abottsford. Maclure's sons later stated that the property had actually been named for Sir Walter Scott's home, Abbotsford, while in his later years Maclure himself claimed that the naming had been "a combination of two ideas".

RECENTLY COMPLETED AREA MEETING

On June 24th, an Oregon area meeting was held in the Hillsboro area at three companies. We had a great turn-out of 35 participants with both members and non-members. The tour began at Farmington Gardens in Beaverton for introductions, then loaded the bus for the short trip to Eshraghi Nursery.

Farmington Gardens is a retail garden center and Eshraghi Nursery is a wholesale nursery, both owned and managed by David and Linda Eshraghi. Eshraghi Nursery specializes in Japanese maples, grafted conifers and woody ornamentals. The company also produces Christmas wreaths and garlands. While at the main location of Eshraghi Nursery, we were able to walk through the propagation and grafting greenhouses and watch both cutting and maple grafting demonstrations. Our walking tour concluded with a tour of the finished product and the canning machine.

For our next stop, we toured Blooming Nursery, owned by IPPS member Grace Dinsdale. Blooming Nursery is best known as producers of perennials, though they also grow annuals, ground covers, herbs and ornamental grasses. At Blooming Nursery, we toured their state-of-the-art propagation and production greenhouses. We were also able to see their cutting station and ebb & flow watering. The tour also included an explanation of Blooming Nursery's solar water heating system, which serves as bottom heat for one greenhouse range.

Our last stop was at Gold Hill Nursery, with IPPS member and OAN President Matt Gold. Gold Hill is a family-owned business operated by the third generation of the Gold Family. Gold Hill Nursery grows a wide variety of woody ornamentals, specializing in topiary and sculpted plants. The Gold family also has an equipment business called Midas Nursery Solutions. They are a leading nursery in lean practices and



Blooming Nursery



Past President Verl Holden with Matt Gold.

automation. We began the tour with short videos demonstrating the specialty equipment that they use, including specialized trimming machines, fertilizer applicators and field digging machines. Gold Hill Nursery then toured us through their propagation and liner greenhouses, as well as demonstrated their Da Ros transplanting machine.



Solar water panels at Blooming Nursery.

For our final destination, we returned to Farmington Gardens for lunch in the display garden and had a chance to “seek and share” with colleagues.

BRUCE BRIGGS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Grants Committee received ten applications this year from a wide range of colleges and universities in the Western Region. With the help of President Chris Ames, we chose five candidates to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting in Abbotsford, British Columbia. The five candidates are all women, whom we felt would be potential future members of the IPPS.

Emma Jobson – Colorado State University

Emma is a senior at Colorado State University. She is an Honors student with a major in Horticulture and a concentration in Horticulture Science. She currently works in the Plant Physiology Lab at the university where she has the opportunity to propagate in soil, hydroponics and tissue culture. Emma also teaches propagation in elementary school programs. Her family is involved in both traditional and organic agriculture and she is interested in propagation for agriculture. Emma is interested in pursuing a career in international plant breeding and propagation.

Christie Aesquivel – South Seattle Community College

Christie plans to graduate following the fall quarter from South Seattle Community College in the Landscape Horticulture program. She is a returning student, who previously completed a B.A from University of Washington in Women's Studies and a minor in Human Rights and Law, Justice and Society. In 2013, Christie completed an internship at the Royal Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Garden in England. She is an active volunteer, including at Seattle's Volunteer Park Conservatory. Christie is interested in pursuing a career in public garden management.

Krysta Huston – University of Idaho

Krysta plans to graduate with a degree in Horticulture and a minor in Crop Science from University of Idaho and also takes dual-credit classes through Washington State University. She currently works in a lab that produces disease-free potato plantlets, working both in the tissue culture lab and greenhouse. Krysta is also an officer of the Plant and Soil Science Club. She volunteers her time leading fellow students in propagating plants for the club. She is also responsible for caring for these crops. Krysta is interested in pursuing a career in plant propagation in the greenhouse or nursery industry.

Morgan Fish – Washington State University

Morgan plans to graduate with a Master of Science in Horticulture from Washington State University. She is working on her research project testing struvite, as a non-leaching and sustainable phosphorus source in container nursery production. Morgan's work is funded by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Nursery Surcharge Grant Fund. She is interested in developing sustainable practices for nursery and greenhouse production. Morgan is interested in pursuing a career as a propagator or grower in the greenhouse or nursery industry.

Samantha Laney – Utah State University

Samantha plans to graduate with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Utah State University. She currently works with the USU Extension Office, assisting in growing trials of food crops. Samantha also began and directed "Grow: A Community Garden for Children", which offered children the opportunity to learn how to start seeds and to garden. She dreams of continuing her work with Grow in the future. Samantha is interested in pursuing a career in plant breeding & genetics or as a County Agent, assisting in research and community education.

Please help me welcome the 2014 Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Rogers-Roach
Oregon Area Director

IM MEMORIAM - LAWRENCE DAVID FITZGERALD

Lawrence David Fitzgerald - Larry, passed away peacefully in his home, on his terms, on August 10, 2014. Larry was born in Des Plaines, Illinois on April 27th, 1951. At 12, his family moved to California and he later attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, earning a Bachelor's of Science Degree in horticulture. He met Terri Cummings, the love of his life, in 1990. At the time, she was teaching in Sacramento and was fundraising. Terri laughs to remember that she was asking him for money when they met! They married in May of 1992.

In October of 1991, Larry was transferred to Oregon by his employer, Oki Nursery. Working in the nursery industry for more than thirty-five years, Larry has been a pillar of the horticulture community. He worked for Wichita Nursery for sixteen years, managing that nursery. He has been involved in the California and Oregon Associations of Nurserymen for many years, as well as International Plant Propagators' Society. At one point, he served the Clackamas Chapter of Oregon Association of Nurserymen as president. Larry and Terri have been integral members of the farming and horticulture community in Canby for years, and young people in Canby have received great support from him.

Most recently, he has worked for Yule Tree and absolutely enjoyed working for owner Joe Sharp, who has well-supported the family.

Hobbies for Larry included working on his beautiful farm property, cooking, hosting parties for a broad circle of friends, shooting off rockets with his nephews, and going to boat shows. He loved the Indianapolis 500 and had recently purchased his dream car, a 1991 candy-apple red Corvette T-top.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Terri Cummings; sister Patty Nelson and husband Bob of California; daughter Kelly Fitzgerald from Rancho Cordova, California; son Shawn Fitzgerald from Reno, Nevada; and a wide circle of loving and supportive friends, who will remember his broad smile, sparkling blue eyes, and witty sense of humor.



NURSERY RESOURCES

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**Use of Root-Promoting Products for
Vegetative Propagation of Nursery Crops**

Resources and Eugene K. Blythe, Coastal Research and Extension Center, Mississippi State University have published "**Use of Root-Promoting Products for Vegetative Propagation of Nursery Crops**" (Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, MF3105, December 2013). This publication was a joint effort between Kansas State University and Mississippi State University and came out of questions and discussion among IPPS members at recent Southern Region meetings. The publication is available on the web at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF3105.pdf>



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