

Idaho Returned
Peace Corps
Volunteers

COMMON GROUND



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Spring/Summer 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16

**BON VOYAGE/WELCOME HOME
POTLUCK AT THE IDAHO
BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Join fellow Idaho RPCV's to send off local volunteers starting their journey and welcome back returned volunteers from far away lands. Please bring a dish to share and stories of your volunteer experiences.

When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Idaho Botanical Gardens,
2355 Old Penitentiary Road

Contact: Diana Gardner,
dianalea024@yahoo.com

June 20-22

SUN VALLEY CABIN CAMP OUT

Location: Ketchum

Hosts: Jennifer Rogers
and Walter Kaiser

Contact: Jennifer Rogers,
208.484.7511

jen30rog@gmail.com

June 27

**IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL:
AS YOU LIKE IT**

The price per person including tax is \$16.96. Buy your tickets by June 19th. To order, call 336-9221. Identify yourself as part of Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and give reference #355295. Your ticket will

be held at will-call under Idaho Returned Peace Corps volunteers.

Contact: Harriett Almerico,
harenco@msn.com

July 4

LIBERTY DAY PARADE

Join IRPCV's and the famous Peace Corps Taxi for a walk in the holiday parade. Then meet up for a potluck lunch afterwards.

When: 9:00 am

Parade Location: 802 W Bannock St.

Potluck Location: Fern's house

Contact: Fern Van Maren,
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July 19

**INTERNATIONAL CUISINE DINNER:
LUCIANOS ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

Picked by popular IRPCV choice...

What: Italian, Vegetarian, Seafood

Where: 11 N Orchard Street, Boise

When: 5:00 pm

Contact: Diana Gardner,
RSVP: dianalea024@yahoo.com

August 14-17

**WEST REGIONAL RPCV
CAMPOUT IN WASHINGTON**

Place: Cougar Rock Campground,
Mount Rainier National Park

Hosted By: SEAPAX, the Seattle Area
Peace Corps Association

Campground Details: Main campsite is group site F002, Loop F. Overflow campsite is group site F003, Loop F. Check-in time is 12:00 pm, Thursday, August 14. Check-out time is 12:00 pm, Sunday, August 17. For more information, visit home.seapax.org

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BRINGING THE WORLD HOME
WWW.SEAPAX.ORG

September 21

**VOLUNTEER AT THE IDAHO
SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AND
WATCH STEEL MAGNOLIAS**

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September

IRPCV/Habitat for Humanity Build Day

We are on Facebook!
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IRPCV NEWS

Summer and Shakespeare

By Harriett Almerico

Summer and Shakespeare...a great combination. Boise is so fortunate to have a world-class theater in gorgeous, natural surroundings. This year we will have two Shakespeare events. One we will attend as we have in the past where we pay a nominal entry fee and have a preshow picnic by the pond followed by seating in the lawn section of the theatre. The second event we don't pay any entry fee because we will be doing what we do so well...volunteering.

So the dates to mark on your calendars are Friday, June 27. We are grateful to Idaho Shakespeare Festival for recognizing our educational contribution to the community by continuing to offer IRPCVs the significant educational discount. The price per person including tax is \$16.96. The play, "As You Like It", is a frolicking romantic pastoral comedy with twists and turns, disguise and deceit. We watch as Rosalind's

banishment by her father to the Forest of Arden is transformed into a charming adventure. **NOTE:** In order to receive that discounted price you must buy your tickets by June 19, otherwise the remaining seats will be pulled off the discount block. To order using your credit card, call 336-9221, identify yourself as part of Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and give reference #355295. Your ticket will be held at will-call under Idaho Returned Peace Corps volunteers.

The second date, Sunday, September 21, is our night to volunteer. The play, "Steel Magnolias", is a hilarious, touching poignant play set in a small southern town. "Filled with hilarious repartee and more than a few acerbic verbal collisions, 'Steel Magnolias' is a perfect way to end your



summer in a garden of amiable delights" If you enjoy the Idaho Shakespeare Festival you won't want to miss these events. To volunteer for September 21, email Harriett at harenco@msn.com. Volunteering is fun. We still sit down and have our picnic and enjoy the performance plus we get recognition from the stage as the volunteer group for the evening.



Join Global Gardens Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Anybody considering a CSA share this year? We still have space and have had so many wonderful RPCV members over the years! Stay involved in the international community by supporting a refugee grower! There is a new pickup location this year, at St. Luke's Downtown.

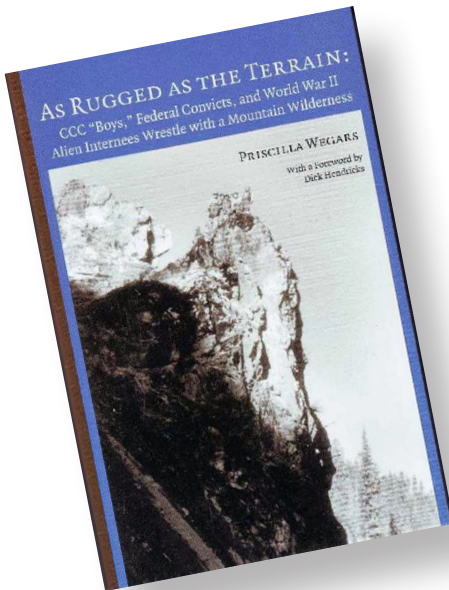
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"The logic of the Peace Corps is that someday we are going to bring it home to America." ~ President John F. Kennedy

MEMBER NEWS

Idaho Author and RPCV Dr. Priscilla Wegars Publishes New Book



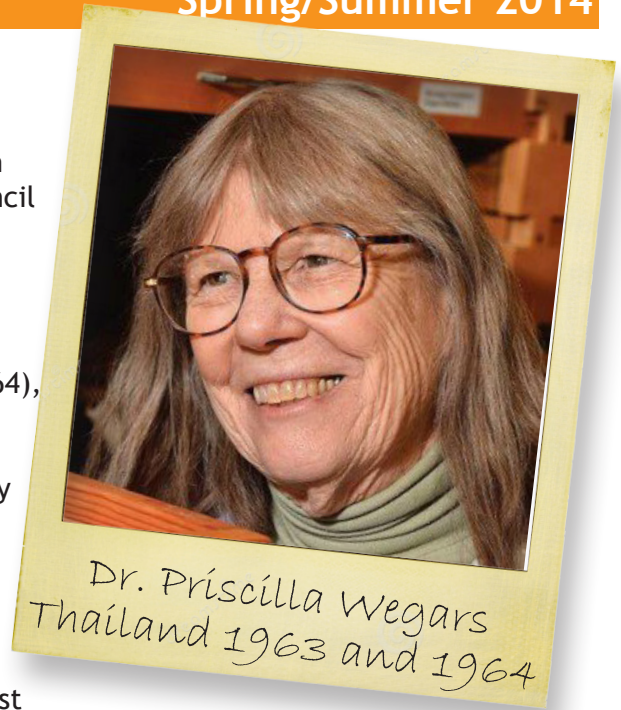
**As Rugged As The Terrain:
CCC "Boys," Federal Convicts,
and World War II Alien
Internees Wrestle with
a Mountain Wilderness**
by Dr. Priscilla Wegars

This book explores some intriguing history of Idaho's wild and scenic Lochsa River. In 1893 this site, at turbulent Canyon Creek, was a footnote in the saga of the ill-fated Carlin hunting party. Next, in 1933, it housed nearly two hundred tent-dwelling Civilian Conservation Corps recruits. In 1935 the site became Federal Prison Camp No. 11, a road-building facility for convicts mostly from the Leavenworth, Kansas, penitentiary. After the prison camp closed in May 1943, Japanese detainees at the Kooskia Internment Camp continued road construction for two more years.

ISBN: 978-0-87004-540-0
394 pgs \$21.95
Talks are available through the Idaho Humanities Council Speakers Bureau.

BIO

Dr. Priscilla Wegars (RPCV Thailand 1963 & 1964), established the Asian American Comparative Collection at the University of Idaho in 1982. Through her talented efforts, hard work, countless hours of service, the Collection has become what it is today one of the Northwest's most prized collections that embodies the cultural history and heritage of the diverse population in the region. Wegars is an internationally known leader in her field whose reputation brings credit to the University of Idaho through her books, publications, and conference presentations. Wegars received national acclaim for her book, **Polly Bemis: A Chinese American Pioneer**, and also authored **Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp**.



Royalties from these and other books benefit the AACCC. Wegars has also written numerous articles for journals and is a consultant to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service.

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Donate to Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)3, corporation registered in the State of Idaho. We are an all-volunteer organization and no wages or salaries are paid to any of our members or board. Our tax ID number is 20-3065582. Each year our organization makes at least one charitable donation. Our members make suggestions of organizations they would like to see receive the donation(s) and they are then voted on by the general membership. We try to choose organizations that exemplify Peace Corps idealism and its spirit of volunteerism.

Some of our past recipients include:

- Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity
- The Good Samaritan Home
- Interfaith Sanctuary Housing
- Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Corpus Christi House
- Global Gardens
- Semilla Nueva
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Ada County

International Cuisine Dinner



At
Thai Cuisine
6777 West
Overland Rd.
Boise

May 4th, 2014



IRPCV NEWS

Peace Corps Connect - Nashville!

What do...

- Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet
- Peace Corps Architect Harris Wofford
- Grammy Award Winner Emmy Lou Harris
- Climate Change Activist and Renowned Author Mike Tidwell
- Georgia State Senator Jason Carter
- Former ASEAN Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan

all have in common?

They are all scheduled to come together in late June for Peace Corps Connect - Nashville!

Peace Corps Connect will be held Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, giving you further time on Sunday to explore Nashville. And, if you are job hunting, plan to come early as the Peace Corps is planning a regional career fair on June 19th, to coincide with Peace Corps Connect.

Our friends with the Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are hard at work to make this a special event. But it will only be special if you come!



IRPCV Board Position Opening: Treasurer/ Membership

Pat Hughes and Trish McKernan have been sharing the Treasurer/Membership positions on the Board of Directors and will be stepping down at the end of 2014. Please take a look at the job description below to see if you would be interested in filling this position. The job does not require a huge time commitment. If you would like more information, please contact Pat or Trish at twopats@mac.com

IDAHO RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, INC. TREASURER/ MEMBERSHIP CHAIR JOB DESCRIPTION

Keep all financial records of the corporation as follows:

- Keep the checkbook in an orderly fashion and write checks as approved by the Board of Directors.
- Accept dues payments in the form of cash, checks (make bank deposits in a timely manner), Paypal (transfer funds to the bank account monthly or as necessary) and direct deposits from NPCA.
- Keep ongoing/current lists of members who pay locally and through NPCA (name, address, phone, e-mail, country/years of service and NPCA number). Add new members to the Mail Chimp list.



- Balance the checkbook with the bank statement on a monthly basis.
- Pay sales tax on calendar sales in a timely manner. (Keep a separate log for calendar sales to facilitate paying the sales tax and to track our profit.)
- File the 990N with the IRS (online) by the May15th deadline.
- File the annual report with the Secretary of State by the deadline of May 31st each year. You should receive a postcard with the needed PIN number, but if not received in time you can call to request it.
- Work with the President/Board to create a yearly budget.
- Prepare a Treasurer's Report at year-end. (Our fiscal year is the calendar year.)
- Attend Board meetings.

IRPCV NEWS

CETUSA Needs Host Families for High School exchange students coming to Boise

At the IRPCV Annual Meeting in March, the Council for Educational Travel USA (CETUSA) presented the need for host families in the Treasure Valley. CETUSA offers you the opportunity to host a teenager from another country for an academic year. By opening your heart and home, you give these students an opportunity to become more culturally aware. The more you help to create a unified understanding of the global community.

Benefits:

Cross cultural experience, knowledge and understanding of another culture and language; a new family member; a renewed look at the American lifestyle as you share it with your new family member; you are able to choose a student from a country you are interested in, who shares common interests; an opportunity for a lifelong global friendship.

CETUSA Students are:

- Double screened for maturity & English ability
- Arrive in August for the academic year eager to be a part of American life
- Bring \$250 monthly spending money
- Come with their own medical & accident insurance

If you are interested, please contact **Lindsay Meloy** at **208.340.0834** or cetusa.greaterboise@gmail.com



Peace Corps official merchandise!
Visit the NPCA online store at
peacecorpsconnect.org

IRPCV Sponsors the Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS)

What we do:

The Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS) is a specialized, inquiry-based education organization that utilizes an organic garden setting as the foundation for our unique learning environment. Each year we serve approximately 3,500 youth through our multiple education programs and since our founding, we have provided students with knowledge through “real life” experiences. We know that a student with the ability to dig in the soil, plant a seed, and watch it grow is excited to eat the fruits of their labor, and will understand the science behind a sprouting seed or photosynthesis.

Programming Objectives:

- Help students discover how to plant and maintain an organic garden at home or at school
- Explore nutrition in the kitchen to gain exposure to healthy foods that they can prepare at home
- Understand the skills needed to create and sustain a small business through the BUGS farm stand
- Overall, gain a deeper understanding of nature, food, and the power to make healthy choices for their bodies and the environment

Projects:

Since 2003 BUGS’ programming has expanded to include three summer program options for kids ages 6-16, one and multi-day youth workshops and field trips in partnership with the local school districts, and we have created “Just Add Water” a tool-kit that helps schools to create and maintain a school garden program of their own.

Mission:

At Boise Urban Garden School our mission is to grow healthy communities and inquiring minds.

Thanks to New and Renewing Members

John Adkins
Philippines 63-65

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Kazakhstan 95-97

Brian Beesley
Kenya 85-88

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Jamaica 68-70

Campbell Diebolt
Ethiopia 10-13

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Alexandra Wicher
El Salvador 11-13

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Ecuador 82-85

Charlotte and Jerry Zaugg
Ghana 67-68



Your membership dues are vital to the success of Idaho RPCVs. In addition to our many social and service activities this past year, IRPCV made three \$333 donations to support local nonprofit/charitable groups in Idaho.

The three 2013 grant recipients are: Corpus Christie House, providing day shelter and other services to our homeless community; Boys and Girls Club of Ada County Book Donation Project, serving approximately 900 children through a reading program; Semilla Nueva, a 501(c)3 organization to help farmers in Guatemala.

Join IRPCV Today! Become a Member and Renew Now!

Your dues are essential to the continuing success of our organization. And what a bargain! For only \$15 a year, you get 12 months of Peace Corps advocacy, IRPCV activities, updates and information to help fulfill the 3rd goal of the Peace Corps - bring the world back home to Idaho.

IRPCV is run totally by volunteers. The regional Peace Corps Office in Seattle counts on IRPCV to help recruit new Volunteers throughout the state of Idaho. IRPCV expenses are very frugal: National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) annual membership dues, financial support for our NPCA Regional Representative, financial support for our leaders to attend regional meetings plus charitable donations.

Dues can be sent to our Treasurer, Trish McKernan (make your \$15 check payable to IRPCV and send to: 5349 N. North Glen Lane, Boise, ID 83714). If you have questions,

you may contact her at 208.853.1051. You can download a membership form from our website or pay your dues via Paypal on the site www.idahopeacecorps.com. Spouses and friends are welcome to join our organization as well. Any RPCV who has never been a member of IRPCV can join for one year free of charge!

We encourage you to consider joining the NPCA. NPCA makes it easy to maintain your Peace Corps connections and make new ones through their social networking, global events and affiliate member sites. Most importantly, NPCA is the #1 advocate for the Peace Corps on Capitol Hill. If you are currently serving or you have recently returned from service, you can join NPCA at no charge.

After one year, NPCA dues are \$35 per year and can be paid online. You can join IRPCV and/or other affiliate regional, country and special interest RPCV groups via the NPCA website www.peacecorpsconnect.org. NPCA will forward the \$15 IRPCV dues to us and send you a reminder when they are due again.

Join us today!

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In 2014 IRPCV Donated Funds to:

- Boise Urban Garden School ~ \$500
- Peace Corps Partnership Program / Peace Corps Volunteer from Idaho ~ \$100

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