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FROM THE EDITOR

It's hard to imagine but the journal is entering its fifth year of publication. On a good note, subscription demand continues to increase and the number of manuscripts submitted, particularly refereed research manuscripts, steadily rises. You'll notice that this issue has 100 pages, our single largest issue to date. Looking at the next couple of issues, I see them being as large or larger as well as we work to keep the submissions timely. That greater influx of manuscripts has a down side as well—it takes more and more time to process and track those submissions. Watch for changes in how the review process is conducted; I'll be working with my editors to streamline the process.

I have enjoyed a close working relationship with the University of Idaho Press for the past 3 years. They have handled subscriptions, marketing, advertising, mailing, and some editing. Beside the journal, they also put together the *Native Plants Materials Directory*. Unfortunately, in a cost-cutting measure, the University of Idaho closed the press in late February. The University of Idaho will continue to honor subscriptions and contracts related to the journal until the first of July. By then, another publisher will have been selected to continue publication of the journal. For those of you with multi-year subscriptions, those subscriptions will transfer to the new publisher. I hope that transition will be a smooth one, and you won't notice anything different. The masthead page of this issue has some current contact information for people at the University of Idaho you can contact if you need any assistance with your subscription.

This was another fun issue to put together. It has a nice compliment of articles, including micropropagation of a showy rock garden plant, a couple of features on propagation of endangered species, growing native plants in a roof top garden, reclamation of mine spoil with a native grass, some propagation protocols, a comprehensive article on out-planting tools, and an extended gizmo and gadget section showcasing some low-tech seed collection and processing devices. I would encourage all of you to consider looking at your own scratch-built contraptions and consider sending a short note about them to the journal. It's amazing the feedback I get about gadget articles.

The journal web site will be overhauled this summer. It really needed a facelift and I think you'll be pleased with the new version. It should be much easier to search through past issues and locate articles.

Looking ahead to the next couple of issues, the journal will have a focus on genetic issues. I know that the questions most folks have concerns appropriateness of seed lots for planting sites. It's a difficult question to answer because of a lack of research, but we will begin to explore the genetics side of native plant propagation and hopefully make us all better informed.

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