

2008 INPGA Annual Membership Meeting

INPGA members attended the 6th Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 27th. We had the opportunity to see the beautiful new headquarters of Progressive Plants in Copperton, Utah and take an early-bird tour of their facilities. We extend a big THANK YOU to Janet Simonich and her staff for their helpfulness and hospitality.



Progressive Plants

Following the tour, outgoing president Maggie Wolf welcomed the attendees and summarized the year's accomplishments, most notably the completion of our new website. A financial report was given by outgoing treasurer Linda Oswald. Nominees for Board of Directors and Officers were introduced and balloting followed. New leaders for 2008-2009 include:

President: Clifton Smith

Treasurer: Harry McCoard

New Board of Directors: Nancy Hardman and Bill Doty

Continuing Board of Directors: Stephanie Burton, Merrill Johnson and Harry McCoard

Landscape architect Nancy Monteith addressed the group. Her slideshow and discussion of projects with which she has been involved, specifically Daybreak and the new University of Utah Museum of Natural History, were very interesting and informative. These are huge projects that could impact the native plant industry significantly. INPGA needs to network with these two entities so our local growers can plan ahead for future plant needs.



Nancy Monteith



Lunch included discussion of INPGA committees and tasks. Because the size of our Board of Directors has been reduced from nine to five members and Directors will meet quarterly instead of monthly, the importance of functioning committees is a critical component to INPGA's effectiveness. We need ALL members to participate in accomplishing a variety of tasks, whether it is a one-time commitment to stuff envelopes or an ongoing task to produce newsletters, write grants or help with the seed bank. Members will receive a "Committee and Task Sign-Up" form in the near future as well as a personal phone call. Please volunteer your expertise on a committee or committees to ensure INPGA's success.

At the conclusion of the meeting, some members visited the Daybreak community on a self-guided tour to see what Nancy Monteith had discussed.