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A Note from the Editor

Due to severe storm damage to her place, there is no letter from our president this month. Hopefully by now the damage is repaired!

The newsletter is very late this month because I, in my infinite wisdom, promptly forgot about it. My apologies for this!

Laurie



Astilbe 'Ostrich Plume' and daylily 'Bela Lugosi'

August Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Montzonesep01.html



Zone 3

- Sow seeds of wildflowers, spring-blooming annuals and fall veggies
- Lift, divide and transplant perennials
- Plant hardy Oriental and Asiatic lilies
- Aerate, dethatch and fertilize the lawn
- Start moving houseplants and other tender plants indoors to acclimatize
- Pick herbs to dry for winter soups, stews and baking
- Order trees and shrubs now for fall planting
- Plan ahead for an extended harvest by building or buying a cold frame

- Blanch tomatoes for freezing and canning by boiling them for just a few minutes and slipping off the skins
- Order spring bulbs to force indoors

Zone 4

- Lift, divide and transplant perennials
- Order peonies for fall planting
- Divide and transplant bearded iris
- Start moving houseplants and other tender plants indoors to acclimatize
- Enjoy a case of the late summer "blues" with a palette of aconitum, caryopteris, fall asters and reblooming iris in your planting schemes
- Blanch tomatoes for freezing and canning by boiling them for just a few minutes and slipping off the skins
- Plant fall-blooming crocus and colchicum for late-season flowering
- Prepare beds for planting bulbs and divide any existing bulbs that might be overcrowded
- Build up weather resistance of trees and shrubs with deep waterings now throughout the fall
- Look forward to something different next spring: try alliums in your bulb garden

Zone 5

- Sow seeds of fall vegetables
- Order peonies for fall planting
- Divide and transplant bearded iris
- Plan perennial beds for fall and winter color with ornamental grasses, fall-blooming bulbs and hardy heaths and heathers
- Harvest vegetables continuously to stretch their season
- Sprinkle compost starter to speed up composting for fall soil building
- Prune summer-blooming shrubs (hydrangea, clethra, caryopteris) after flowers finish

- Plant garlic now for spring harvests
- Look forward to something different next spring: try alliums in your bulb garden
- Enjoy a case of the late summer "blues" with a palette of hardy ageratum, caryopteris, fall asters and reblooming iris in your planting schemes



Rose 'Mozart'

BCGA Meeting Minutes –

August 6, 2014

Present at meeting: Barbara Pressler, Janae Dale, Penny Barton, Butterfly Burke, Patti Pietron, Bob Blair, Jan Wilfert, Deborah Steffen, and Howard Fenimore, and Ann Warwick.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President Jan Wilfert, who welcomed the members to the first membership meeting since June. The July membership meeting was amended to a meeting with visiting members of the Idaho Gardeners Association from the Boise area.

June Minutes: Motion to approve, Jan Wilfert, second, Bob Blair, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as of July 31: \$3546.99. Garden Tour gross proceeds of \$2150 provided a hefty boost to the account. Kudos went to Penny Barton, Garden Tour Chair.

Garden Tour Report: Penny Barton, Chair. The tour was a great success, enjoyed by all, even with the narrow winding roads of Hope, where the tour was located this year. 215 tickets sold, far higher than last year's 158. Some members heard mild complaints

about the one lane roads in parts of the tour. One person complained that there were "too many gardens" (?). It was pointed out that one does not have to visit each and every garden.....Overall, most thought it was among the best ever.

School Gardens: Howie Fennimore and Janae Dale. Howie brought in three garlic heads from the garden at the Charter School. They were huge and admired by all. It will be entered into the Fair. Concerns for the school garden have arisen. A new principal has scheduled the garden teacher for a math class instead. Those invested in the project are considering alternatives.

BCGA Name Change: Bob Blair has looked into the procedures, which seem simply to change the name on all the forms and documents of the organization and to send them to the appropriate entities.

Printer Issues: Our printer has died, and needs replacing. Janae Dale moved we replace the printer, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Bob Blair and Deborah Steffen immediately went to purchase the printer and returned with the new one. Our laptop computer will be used to drive the printer for now. Replacing the computer is on the agenda for a future meeting.

Bonner County Fair: "The Land of Awes". The committee is chairless, so an emergency meeting for the fair booth took place after the membership meeting. Set up for the fair is Sunday, August 10 and Monday morning, August 11. The booth will be manned during busy times.

Penny Barton organized a work party for the main building landscaping for Saturday, August 9, at 2:30 pm.

Storage area under Stairs: Penny Barton and Howie Fennimore organized and inventoried the BCGA storage area under the lobby stairs.

BCGA Yard and Plant Sale: Janae Dale, Chair. Plant sale will be August 22 from 8 am to 3 pm at Lake Pend Oreille High School on Boyer Avenue. Bring gently used items to Bob Blair's home on Wednesday, August 20, or call for delivery earlier. Items will be priced and organized on August 21. Bring plants to the sale site on the morning of August 22, or bring them (well watered) the evening before and place them along the side of the school building. If you need pots, call Ann Warwick. Penny Barton donated many plant pots, and they are at Ann's home.

Potlucks: We had a pleasant potluck at Sandra and Steve Gevurtz's home in July. The next Potluck will be at Kit Cooley's home on Sunday, August 24. A notice will be sent out soon. Patti Pietron will host a

potluck on September 20. Anyone who would like to host a garden visit/potluck this year contact Ann Warwick.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am.

10:00 work parties begin: Fair planning, storage area cleanup, purchase and installation of new printer.



Asclepius incarnate

"My own philosophy about gardens is that they should have diversity, a happy mixture of strong design and careless rapture."

Rosemary Verey, garden writer



Coleus 'Kong'