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The Garden Gate

April 15, 2005



GSI - Garden Scene Investigation: A course in pest diagnosis and management

Advanced MG classes on Wednesdays April 27 - June 8 Mornings or Afternoons: 7 classes 3 hour each, 17

signed up so far.

This course covers insects and mites, infectious diseases, and abiotic (environmental) diseases and will focus on the pest and beneficial organisms that call your garden their home. You will learn diagnostic methods will help you distinguish one pest from another, and friend from foe. Pest management will emphasize an integrated approach and low-impact treatments. There will be a heavy emphasis on live material and hands-on learning.

Plant Clinic Orientation

Friday May 6 9:00 -11:00 am

You are cordially invited to join us for a re-orientation of the plant clinic. In addition, Bob Wilson will be giving a briefing on the weed identification software. Please bring your weed samples in and we'll learn how to use the computer to identify them.

Plant Clinic

By Debbie Crain, Plant Clinic Director

Ready or not...it's almost time to open the Plant Clinic for another season of business! The Master Gardener Plant Clinic is one of the most visible, helpful things we do for our community. Your volunteer hours are vital to the success of this program.

This year the clinic will be staffed with two master gardeners per shift instead of three. The hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon from May 10 until September 22. After the clinic closes at noon, you may spend as much time as necessary to follow up and finish the work you have started, but you may leave when finished.

The one shift per day helps with the continuity of the work and makes up for not having a new class this year. Master Gardeners need 9 hours in the plant clinic and those who are taking the advanced class need a total of 15 hours for recertification.

Please call Patti at the extension office to sign up: 263-8511...do it today!

Valle suggests MG's to let Debbie know if you are available for emergency call.

BCMG Bake Sale and Plant Clinic

By Bill Lamson, V.P.

The Bonner County Master Gardeners will be having the first of two combination bake sale and plant clinics on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Farmer's Market (Farmin Park in downtown Sandpoint). Volunteers are needed to man the tables and furnish baked goods. Get out your favorite recipe, and bring those culinary masterpieces to the market on Saturday morning. Plan on spending the day, or a two hour shift selling baked goods and helping at the plant clinic table. You can look at all the plants, veggies, and crafts the vendors have for sale while you listen to the live music of local musicians. It is a fun place to be. Contact Bill Lamson (263-3799) if you want to help, or want an alternate time and place to leave your baked goods.

Alternative schools. Barb met with Priest River Alternative School; Shelly Brooks principal, two teachers and counselor. Sample curriculum discussed that is used in Post Falls. Looking at grants. Goal is for Spring 2006.

Hospice Healing Garden

Valle will be working and call her if you would like to help.



Can you send a donation??

Storage Building

Don Childress donating the lumber needed to erect. What we need is \$350 in materials to

complete the project. Don and John Dale to erect and volunteers welcome. Call Don. Donations are requested and are tax deductible! Make your check to Bonner County Master Gardeners, in care of Patti, earmarked for the Storage Shed. Thank you!

Master Gardeners' Plant Sale

May 21 Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

On the Grounds of the Lake Pend Oreille High School. Chair: Judith Pagliasotti Start bringing things on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to the back of the Extension Office. Also bring plants on Saturday. Please label and appearance helps sell. Banner to announce sale during that previous week at the site.

When you are planting seedlings this spring, please plant a few extra for the sale. As you work on your yard, moving and replacing plants, please remember to pot up unwanted plants. The income from the plant sale is important to our annual budget, so please keep in mind that presentation does make a difference in how well it will sell, and it is very important that plants be identified with some kind of label. Call Judith at 255-2961.



Sue Lopez, Board Member

To me, gardening is vegetables. It's food. It's sharing. It's feeding my family, my neighbors, my friends. And although I was raised in a family with an enviable yard, I think my love for gardening came from my Armenian neighbor. I was little, (small enough to squeeze through the loose fence board) and he was old - maybe slightly blind or terribly kind, because he never let on that he noticed me hiding under his grape vines - watching him in the hot sun of summer, hoeing his rows of onion, garlic and tomatoes, lovingly tending to his edible backyard. He grew everything; fruits, nuts and vegetables. And, although he spoke no English, he communicated his love for us by sharing the bounty of his garden. Somehow I have carried with me that love from those memories, and I plant them and nurture them every year in my own garden.

I lived in Sandpoint for 8 years before I got involved with the Master Gardeners,

and sometimes I wonder what took me so long. But, I know that things happen at the right time and my boys were little then (Lord knows I never had time for a garden then!!) I'm just grateful I'm here now. Being part of this great Master Gardener family, aside from making wonderful friends, is the opportunity to be involved in community service. Like my sweet, old Armenian neighbor, it's about giving and sharing.

Home Horticulture Classes

April 20 - , "Seed Propagation" presented by Laurie Brown

May 4 - "Berries and Small Fruits" presented by Joe Runk

May 18 - "Fruit Tree Culture" / "Pruning Fruit Trees" presented by Carver Kearney & Rich Del Carlo

June 1 - , "Perennial Flowers" presented by Loie dela Vergne

June 15 - "Landscaping with Shrubs and Perennials" presented by Kirk Johnson

June 29 - "Using Herbs in the Landscape" presented by Lois Wythe

Facilitators: April 20 Janae, May 4 Valle, May 18 Brenda, June 1 Gail, June 15 <TBA>, June 29 Sue Lopez.

Workshops at All Seasons Nursery

April 30, 10-noon - Roses

April 30, 1-3 pm - Lilacs

Call 265-2944 for info

Panida Garden Tour

Several MG's are helping plan and carry out a garden tour to benefit the Panida. What I need are several more real gardeners to act as "docents" at individual gardens.

On Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day), from 1-5 pm, there will be a garden tour in south Sandpoint, to benefit the Panida. Titled "A bouquet of Gardens", it will be a self-guided, walking tour (parking available at Memorial Field or on residential streets). MG Rae Charlton needs help with an important detail: some knowledgeable gardeners to serve as docents at individual sites (the sites would be toured a week before the event, as preparation). Anyone interested should call Rae (255-7666) or email at raecharlton@earthlink.net. And, she's hoping we'll help spread the word about the event, and attend! Tickets are \$10, and will be available two weeks before the tour, at Eve's Leaves, Pack River Potions, and Monarch Mountain Coffee.

Mickinnick Trail update

By Ann Wimberley

Master Gardeners continue to work with members of the Landscape Committee of the Native Plant Society on plans for the Mickinnick Trail trailhead. Hardscaping will hopefully be completed in April. A plant list is being made and a landscape plan drawn. Plants will be purchased soon. Planting will probably be done mid-May. The trail, scheduled to open in Summer 05, will offer panoramic views of Sandpoint, Lake Pend Oreille, and the Selle valley.

Don Childress says backhoe 21st April -berm to be spread and topsoil delivered. Call Ann to contribute your time or if you have any information on topsoil. Planning and design should be final now.

Waterlife Discovery Center Update

By Ann Wimberley

The plantings done last fall will be evaluated in late May or early June. Plans will then be made to supplement the plantings as needed. A planting date will then be set. Labels will be added to help visitors learn to identify the plants.

2005 International Master Gardener Conference July 24-27

For registration and class information

www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca



Barb's Memorial for Oldest Son Patrick who died February 13, 2005 after a 5 ½ year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

At the old Mission grounds an Apple Tree grew for many years. Every year it blossomed in glory with its pink and white blossoms and continued to do so long after that building was no longer used and fell into disrepair.

Several years later the new Church of Saint Therese was established. One night, someone (or some ones) decided that the tree would look especially fine near the Church. Even though they had probably been "imbibing", they proceeded to move the Apple Tree.

Now, any of you who have transplanted a tree know that there are several points to remember and follow:

1. Dig a large hold, adequate for size of the tree.
2. Very carefully dig up the tree.
3. **ESPECIALLY TAKE CARE TO GET AS MANY ROOTS AS POSSIBLE.**
4. Gently transport tree.
5. Carefully place tree into hole.
6. Cover with dirt from the hole.
7. Be certain tree is standing straight.
8. Fertilize.

9. Water and continue to do so frequently.

Several days later, upon inspection, it seems the tree had NOT been transplanted keeping these pointers in mind and in addition, it leaned very strongly toward the Church. And so... much TLC was given to the Apple Tree. Eventually one of the "Imbibers" brought a huge rock and leaned the tree against it. A strong chain, later removed, was lovingly placed around the tree and rock for moral support.

To this day, an interesting question remains...Why was the Apple Tree moved between the Church and the status of Saint Therese, rather than taken up the alley by the parking lot where it was transplanted?

Of course the other question that was asked was... Will the Apple Tree live? Summer and Autumn days passed quickly. Winter came and finally gave up to Spring. Imagine the surprise of many and the excitement, joy, and wonder of all as the Apple put forth its first tiny buds that burst into spectacular pink and white blossoms. Some years later, it was wondered by some if the tree should be pruned to it didn't lean so much toward the Church. The replay was, "No, it is leaning to the Church for strength." Remember this story...

Donna was Pat's rock. Kristen and Joe were the unseen chain. Together they gave sunshine, showers, and sustenance to Pat for his journey to God.

When Spring returns this year, as it does every year, believers, unbelievers, and doubters, please ponder the wonderful exciting and glorious idea of Resurrection. Remember pat... and the "Imbibers".

Barbara Moore, MG President

New directory available thanks to Patti.

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Directory to be mailed with the April newsletter.

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Master Gardeners Schedule... 2005...

- Baskets, barrels downtown Sandpoint - Jan Rumore
- April - Plant Clinic sign-up -
- April 20 Home Horticulture
- April 27 through June 8 - Master Gardener Advanced Classes
- May 4 Home Horticulture
- May 6 Plant Clinic Orientation
- May 7 Bake Sale at Farmers Market - Bill Lamson

- May 18 Home Horticulture
- May 21 MG Plant Sale
- June 1 Home Horticulture
- June 4 Bake Sale at Farmers Market - Pat Moss
- June 15 Home Horticulture
- June 26 Garden Tour - Barb Moore & Rae Charlton
- June 29 Home Horticulture
- July 4th Parade - Sue Lopez
- Sept. - Nov. - Home Hort series
- Aug. - Bonner County Fair booth - Penny Barton & Pat Moss
- October 7 Harvest Party, seed and plant exchange
- LPHS - classes/greenhouse
- Ongoing membership/phone tree committee
- December 9 Christmas Party

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