

# The Garden Gate

April, 2007



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*The next Membership meeting will be held **May 1st @ 9am @ the extension office.** All Master Gardeners are welcome & encouraged to attend all meetings. Input from everyone is greatly needed & appreciated. Also, please feel free to contact any of the officers or board members if you wish to share an idea & are unable to attend the meetings. Phone #'s & e-mail addresses are available in the membership roster.*

**Board Officers for 2007:**

President: Penny Barton  
Vice Pres: Joyce Lane  
Sec: Gail Swan  
Treas: Janae Dale

**Board Members:**

Ann Warwick  
Ann Keiser  
Chris McIntosh  
Shirley Barksdale  
Linda Kirchmann

**2007 Directory**

*The new directory is now available for pick-up @ the extension office. It can be mailed upon request for anyone unable to get to the office.*

*There are some changes/corrections/additions to be made as follows:*

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*Our sincerest apologies to Chris for leaving her out of the directory.*

Pat Moss  
Penny Barton  
Mary Bruhjell  
Ann Keiser  
Deanna Renova is now Deanna Vick---Congratulations!

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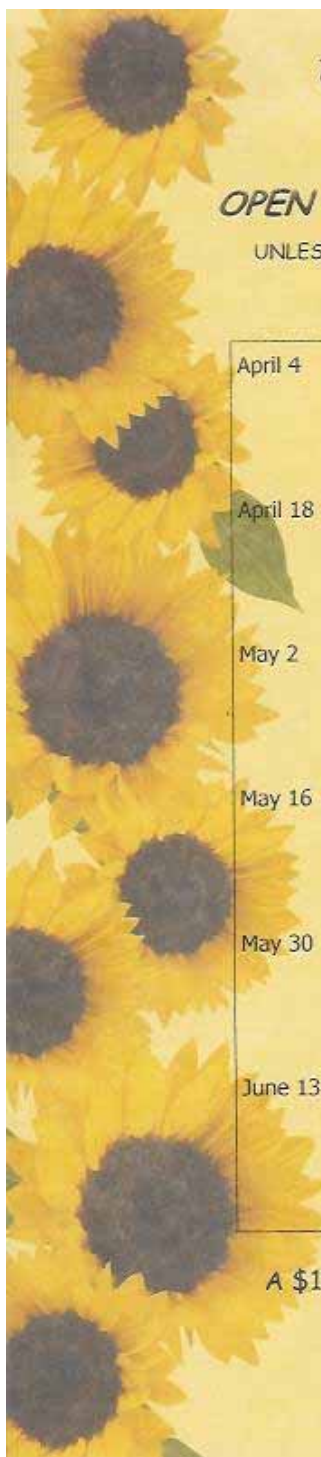
*If there are any other additions or corrections to be made, please let Patti Speelmon know @ the office & they will be included in the next issue of the "Garden Gate".*

**By-Law Changes:**

*The by-law changes have been accepted as revised, as have the guidelines & procedures. Bob will be sending final copies out to all members via e-mail. If you wish a copy & do not receive e-mail contact the office & a copy will be mailed to you.*

### Home Horticulture Classes

Chris McIntosh has done loads of work getting advertising lined up for all MG projects, not the least being the Home Hort series for spring & fall. We are hoping for a great turnout for all the classes-just give the office a call if you haven't signed up yet.



**2007 Home Horticulture Workshop Series**  
Presented and coordinated by  
Bonner County Master Gardeners

***OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN GARDENING!***

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD FROM 6PM—8PM  
AT THE BONNER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
4205 N. Boyer Sandpoint, Idaho

April 4	<b><i>"Gardening Pests and Diseases"</i></b> Presented by Bob Wilson, University of Idaho/Horticulture *Common landscape insect pests and diseases will be covered along with an integrated management strategy for each.
April 18	<b><i>"Deer Proofing Your Garden"</i></b> Presented by Master Gardener Janae Dale *Practical ideas you can use to give your garden some protection from our local deer.
May 2	<b><i>"Roses and Miniature Roses for North Idaho"</i></b> Presented by Master Gardener Emeritus Valle Novak & Master Gardener Laurie Brown *You won't want to miss this class - learn from the experts about growing roses!
May 16	<b><i>"Growing Berries in North Idaho"</i></b> Presented by retired raspberry grower Joe Runk *Learn about growing berries like raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and some of the blackberry varieties.
May 30	<b><i>"Batty about Bats"</i></b> Presented by bat experts Bonnie and Jay Price *Learn the beneficial facts plus how to build a bat house and how to attract these creatures to your yard.
June 13	<b><i>"Perennial Gardens"</i></b> Presented by Master Gardener Loie de la Vergne at her home, 5pm—7pm. You will get directions to her garden upon registration. *Spend a couple of hours with one of Sandpoint's best authorities on perennials.

A \$10.00 fee per class is required & pre-registration is mandatory  
by calling the Bonner County Extension office

**\*263-8511\***

The committee will be working on the fall series soon; if you have an interest in a particular subject please contact Don Childress (committee chair) @ [dwc1rsc@televar.com](mailto:dwc1rsc@televar.com) or call the extension office @ 263-8511. Any input will be greatly appreciated.

Home & Garden Show:

Dear Master Gardeners,

Thank you for your part in making the Bonner Mall Home & Garden Show a huge success. I especially appreciate the warm welcome and support you came me with my first-time project. It is certainly a pleasure to work with all of you.

Special thanks to the committee, Ann Warwick, Willie Millard, Linda Kirchmann, Jane Roach, Penny Barton

Sincerely,

Shirley

and Jan Rumore. Our success would not have been possible without you.

Janae, thank you for your very informative demonstration on "Deer Protection for Vegetables" and bringing the Compost Exhibit, complete with worms.

Jennifer, thank you for sharing your expertise on "Starting Seeds Indoors."

*Jennifer Costich-Thompson demonstrating starting seeds inside*



*Cindy & Dennis (owners of "The Flower Farm") demonstrating basket planting*

### **Master Gardeners Helping Each Other**

Know anyone who needs a hand with something? We are about helping in the community, but we are also about helping each other. If you know of any Master Gardener needing any assistance with chores, let us know. Contact Bob Wilson @ the extension office & he will send out e-mails to the membership. Let's show each other that we care.

Along this line-Linda Kirchmann has had someone contact her regarding yard clean-up. This person can pay minimum wage & is happy to hire teens. The property is in the Sagle area, off of Lakeshore Drive. If you know of anyone who could use a job, please call Linda @ 263-5727 for more information.

### **Yard Exchanges**

Are you interested in seeing other M.G. gardens? We are all so different & each of us has great ideas for our gardens. We can share our ideas & learn tricks from each other. Linda Kirchmann ([bkpkrilinda@aol.com](mailto:bkpkrilinda@aol.com)) & Jane Roach ([jane@roach.net](mailto:jane@roach.net)) will organize a "yard exchange" visit; they want to know who is interested & what time of year is best for your garden. Please contact one of these ladies to get your garden on the list!

### **Garden Tour:**

Penny Barton has scheduled a meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 to be held @ the extension office to organize the summer garden tour. If you have any interest or input to share please contact Penny or the committee members: Blaine Harvey, Shirley Barksdale, Jane Roach, Gail Swan & Chris McIntosh (will do the advertising).

### **Advanced Master Gardener Course:**

This course will be on "Plant Identification". Classes will be held at the extension office, beginning May 16/17 for 3 hours. There are 3 open positions for the Wed 1:30 to 4:30 class; the Thursday class if full. Classes will run for 7 weeks and are open to anyone interested with a limit of 15 students per class. A hand lens will be required. The fee (which includes the text) will be \$60 or \$45 if you don't need to purchase a lens.

### **Plant Clinic Sign-ups:**

The Plant Clinic is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>; there are calendars available now at the extension office for signing up for your hours. 9 hours are required of each active MG. The hours this year are from 9-12 although you will need to stay & finish projects you are working on after 12 if necessary. Those hours can be counted toward your total. There will be two MG's scheduled for the clinic each Tuesday & Thursday. Hours also can be scheduled on Saturdays at the Farmer's Market. Check with Bob at the office for this arrangement.

### **City Baskets:**

The basket planting for the DSBA beautification project was done at the "Panhandle Alliance Greenhouse" on March 30<sup>th</sup>. All Seasons Garden & Floral was in charge of planting again this year. The planting day was a collaboration of All Seasons employees, Master Gardeners & Panhandle employees. 118 baskets were planted with petunias in a variety of colors. The baskets will hang in the greenhouse until "Lost in the 50's" weekend when they will be taken down & hung in the downtown areas. Many hands made short & easy work of planting all those baskets-they were all finished in about 5 hours! It was a great way to say a big hello to SPRING!

**Spokane Garden Expo**

Much more info can accessed by logging on to <http://www.tiegardeners.org>



**GARDEN  
EXPO**

**May 12, 2007**  
**9am-5pm**

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### **Healing Garden:**

Valle Novak is requesting help from any interested master gardener for spring work in the "Healing Garden" starting the beginning of April. Valle will be there in the AM on Thursdays & Fridays. She will be happy to go over what needs to be done with you if you need to work another day of the week. This is

a big job and Valle shoulders most of the responsibility for it. It would be really great to have a group of us to show up and help her out. The Garden is such a wonderful addition to the hospital grounds; let's help Valle keep it that way.

### **Cat Sanctuary:**

Valle also is requesting help with a project at the "**Cat Sanctuary**" on Blacktail Road. There will be a planting project of trees & shrubs-to be done sometime in May (when the weather is warmer & the snow is gone). Contact Valle Novak @ 265-4688.

### **Bonner County Fair-August**

We need a chair person or co-chairs to head up the booth decorating for the fair this year. Anyone interested in this fun-filled event please contact Pres. Penny Barton at [onecent@gotsky.com](mailto:onecent@gotsky.com) or 265-9733

### **Fly Fishing:**

Don Childress-"Fly Fisherman Extraordinaire" has consented to giving a class on his passion if there is enough interest expressed. Joyce Lane will help coordinate this class. If you have an interest, please contact Don @ [dwc1rsc@televar.com](mailto:dwc1rsc@televar.com) or Joyce @ [jlane@coldreams.com](mailto:jlane@coldreams.com). This will include both classroom and practical classes.

### **Diane Green's Classes**

Diane Green, owner of GreenTree Naturals, will be offering several classes this summer for her Organic Gardening Workshop Series.

Sat. April 28 - Hoop house construction and season extension

Mon. May 21 - Planning the Garden

Mon. June 4 - Fertilizing Organically

Mon. June 18 - Natural Weed Control

Mon. July 2 - Pest Management

Mon. July 16 - Harvesting the Bounty

Mon. July 30 - Seed Saving

All classes are held at Diane's Farm from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. Cost is \$25/class or \$150 for the series. To register, Contact Diane at 263-8957 or at [greentree@coldreams.com](mailto:greentree@coldreams.com).

### **Seed Starter's Website**

Park's Seed has a website to help with seed starting. It is [www.SuccessWithSeed.org](http://www.SuccessWithSeed.org). You can ask questions about seeds and plants, chat with other gardeners, find info quickly and receive new tips and pictures with each visit.

## *ANN KEISER, 2007 BOARD MEMBER*

**By Ann Warwick**

When Ann Keiser, MG class of 2004, has an idea for a project, you can be sure she will pour energy and time into transforming a vision into reality. Anyone who has visited the extension office in the last several years can see the results of her efforts. She created the borders on the walkway to the office entrance and has planted and maintained the containers full of flowers on the stairs leading to the doors. It was Ann's inspiration that led to the creation of the Learning Garden, and her contagious enthusiasm and drive, as well as her ability to generate support from the community in the form of materials, that made the garden such a success. She continues to bring new ideas to the project, as well as hard work to make it all happen.

Ann has always been interested in gardening, though at times her love of horses has taken precedence over digging in the dirt. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, later moving to Palm Beach, Florida. When she moved to north Idaho, her interest in gardening blossomed, and she began propagating plants from seed, learning much about the life of plants.

Ann says her greatest challenge in gardening has been learning patience. Her greatest achievement has been watching things grow from seed. She likes the magic of watching things grow, not just plants, but also her gardening projects, and especially projects, such as the Learning Garden, and the camaraderie of group endeavors and community involvement.

According to Ann, all things gardening influence her: books, catalogs, other gardeners. She loves to learn new things and try them out herself.

## *LINDA KIRCHMANN, 2007 BOARD MEMBER*

**By Chris McIntosh**

Linda says that what got her interested in becoming a MG was her Mom. "She lives here in Sandpoint and gardens...she mentioned the program...so I got the MG handout and it sounded perfect for me (and a lot of fun). I was already doing volunteer work at the Arboretum during the summer months but wanted to learn so much more."

Who continues to inspire Linda the most is Lois Wythe. Linda has taken many of Lois' wonderful classes and has learned so much from her. Whenever Linda has a gardening questions or issue, she calls Lois.

Linda's biggest gardening challenge had been too much shade, but the gophers are a close 2<sup>nd</sup> and the short growing season is a close 3<sup>rd</sup>. Linda says, "I conquered the shade problem by going to mostly container gardening where I can move the containers in the sun any time of the day! The gophers and short growing season are still challenges. I live at 3200 elevation in the mountains (off-the-grid) so the snow and cold always seem to stick around a little longer and comes back a little sooner than I anticipate." Her greatest achievement? "Getting to eat a zucchini out of my own garden! Even with too much shade I actually got six zucchini to grow last year!"

Linda has many other interests. She writes, "I learned to weave two years ago and now am the proud owner of a beautiful (old) loom. I have been weaving scarves, towels and table runners and even tried my hand at a rag rug. I also kayak and plan on making a week long kayaking trip in June. And I love to hike."

When asked about her "never miss" TV shows, she said, "Yes...even off-the-grid we have TV (solar power). I try not to miss Grey's Anatomy, the 6pm local news, House, and The Closer."