



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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President's Note

Happy Spring !!! Soon everyone will be busy in the garden and enjoying the summer fun, but please don't forget about the activities you signed up for.

When the reminder emails start coming, join in and have fun with a great group of people. Our pot-lucks start this month at the Dale house, on the 21st at 1pm, directions and more info to follow.

Also, June 23rd we will welcome all of our new members, with a potluck at Penny Barton's home, mark it on the calendar, don't want to miss this one.

And as always,
Feed the soil, not the plant.

Mikey

April Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Mont_h/zonemar01.html



Zone 3

- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals indoors
- Water cymbidiums weekly until they bloom
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow frost-tolerant perennials indoors
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Divide and replant summer- and fall-blooming perennials
- Plant bare-root and container roses
- Uncover roses for spring and apply dormant spray
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root shrubs and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

Zone 4

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs

- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before buds swell
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant, feed, and aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Plant container and bare-root roses
- Uncover roses for spring and apply dormant spray
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs and vines
- Apply dormant spray to trees, shrubs, and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant needle-leafed evergreens

Zone 5

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
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BCGA Membership Meeting, April 4, 2012

Present: Howard Fennimore, Butterfly Burke, Bob Blair, Becky Reynolds, Ellie Lizotte, Penny Goodman, Mikey Haven, Jan Wilfert, Janae Dale, Jenna Bertus, Jon Bair, Zoe Bolton, Penny Barton & Gail Swan

Meeting was called to order @ 9AM by President, Mikey Haven
Minutes from last meeting were approved as written
Treasurer's report: \$2303.62

THE JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 11TH (2ND WED) BECAUSE THE 1ST WED IS THE 4TH OF JULY

Continuing Ed:
Pruning class scheduled for March 10: only one person attended; another pruning class on ornamentals scheduled for Sat, April 7 (weather permitting) by Gail Locke;
Good bugs, Bad bugs scheduled for Tue April 10 form 1-3pm @ Library, by Tom Eckberg
Valle Novak's class on roses has been cancelled
Dr Chaulker-Scott will be presenting a class "Horticultural CSI" on Thursday, May 24th from 6-8PM

at the "Ponderay Event Center"; public will be invited for a fee of \$10; Dr Chaulker-Scott has a new book available titled "Sustainable Landscapes and Gardens"

There will be a class scheduled in June on Pollinators, by Jennifer Costitch-Thompson & Carol Randall

Membership committee:

Modification of bylaws has been approved; volunteer hour requirements are to be 6 per year & 2 educational events per year; a new protocol will be written on becoming a member

We have several more people who want to join our organization: Robb McCracken, Barb Pressler, and Robin Roberts; there will also be a bio for the new class participants in the Garden Gate

Home Hort: going well-attendance has been very good

Pot Lucks-April 21st @ Janae Dale's house @ 1pm & one on June 23 @ Penny Barton's to welcome the new members

School Gardens:

Janae met with Sarah Evans & Michelle; discussion to have MG's teach 4-5 students, & then have those students teach classmates; Judith Street will teach seed planting into cells, transplanting into pots & transplanting into garden; Toni North will help make a landscape plan & then help with the planting; Ann Warwick will teach composting, using a compost bin Howie Fennimore made for the school; Janae will teach a class on worms, Kit Cooley will teach 2 classes on container gardening (1 with seeds & 1 with plants); Howie will be putting up a hoop house

Farmers Market:

Kim Peterson will pursue getting this started this year & form a committee to be a presence there

Home & Garden Show:

Set up will be Friday eve after 5pm

Open Sat from 9:30 -5:30

Open Sun from 10-4

Tear down @ 4pm

Fair Booth:

Lynn Pietz needs someone to co-chair this event; she is having surgery & will not be able to handle the entire event by herself

Healing Garden:

Valle needs help on a weekly basis, a few hours a week with maintaining the garden; call Valle if you can offer some assistance

Annual Garden Tour:

Scheduled for July 1st (Sunday); Penny Barton is still looking for appropriate gardens-call her if you have any suggestions

Meeting adjourned @ 10:35

Bios for Membership Class Students 2012

Marion Newsome Banks:

An intermediate gardener, she has been gardening since she was a child, helping her father garden; she now raises a large portion of her family's food & has done all the landscaping on her 2+ acres; Marion considers gardening her "chief form of creative expression"; her goal is to expand her knowledge & skill to be able to help others

Sandra Gevurtz:

An advanced gardener, Sandra has 2 Associate of Science degrees from Spokane Community College-one in Greenhouses & one in Nursery & Floral; she does landscaping & is interested in meeting others with similar interest & in learning more about N Idaho gardening

Gordon Fish:

A beginning gardener, Gordon is an aerospace engineer & has an interest in computers; he wants to start a home garden this year, & is interested in meeting new people with gardening interests

Bonnie Pick:

Considers herself an intermediate gardener & has been an avid gardener for the past 12 years; she was interested in the class to expand her knowledge & to meet other gardeners; she is involved in local garden clubs & has done lots of volunteer work in the community

Pamela Forcier:

Pamela has done about 5 years of home gardening, mostly in perennials & considers herself to be a beginning gardener; she is interested in making new friends in gardening & in continuing her volunteer work in the community; Pamela is a member of a local gardening club

Richard Forcier:

Also a beginner gardener, Richard has spent extensive time in gardening at home; he loves to garden & also does volunteer work in town & gives his time in service to the community

Jean Marie Roth:

Jean has a long background in gardening, beginning as a child; she has been an Environmental Science teacher & is now pursuing her dream of starting a small farm; she is also interested in medicinal plants & herbal medicine; she has done extensive volunteering-mostly with teaching children

Drew Bryenton:

Drew is a Ranger with the Mt Rainier National Park in Wash & has been a volunteer member of the

Corvallis Mt Rescue Unit; he is interested in obtaining a better understanding of specific plants & gardening concepts & to become involved in the Sandpoint community

Katya Greimes:

A beginning gardener, Katya is a senior in the Sandpoint Charter High School; she lives on Schweitzer Mt, so her garden space is extremely limited & she has a plot in the Sandpoint Community Garden, She is taking this class to begin more formal gardener's training & wants to pursue a career in Horticulture

Event Calendar - 2012			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
HH – Roses in N. Idaho	Wed 4/18	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Valle Novak; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
Potluck	Sat 4/21	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Janae Dale’s house; 770 Whiskey Jack Circle, Sandpoint; noon
HH – Ergonomic Gardening	Wed 4/25	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Meredith Evensen-Lynch; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 5/2	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Cont Ed – Horticultural: CSI	Thurs 5/24	Janae Dale	Dr. Chalker-Scott; Ponderay Event Center; 6 – 8pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 6/6	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Potluck – Welcome New Members	Sat 6/23	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Penny Barton’s house; 1762 West Elmira Rd, Sandpoint; 1pm
Garden Tour	Sun 7/1	Penny Barton	Various
Membership Meeting	Wed 7/?	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Membership Meeting	Wed 8/1	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Yard and Plant Sale	Fri 8/24	Janae Dale	Details to be announced

2012 Event Chairs and Contact Info			
Event	Date*	Chair(s)	Contact
Membership Meetings	Ongoing	Mikey Haven	610-4829 or 66haven@gmail.com
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Membership Committee	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Home Horticulture Series	Spring & Fall	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Don – 255-7928 or dwc1rsc@televar.com ; Janae – 265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com , or Gail H 263-0180 C 290-4126 or gswan8274@hotmail.com

School Gardens	Spring/Summer	Janae Dale	265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com
Farmers Market	Spring/Summer	Kim Peterson	627-8418 or krpeterson1@gmail.com
Mickinnick Trailhead – meet the 1 st and 3 rd Wed of each month at 9am at the trailhead	Spring/Summer	Jan Griffiths	jan@looptravel.com , 290-1973
Healing Garden	Spring/Summer	Valle Novak	
Potlucks	Summer	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Becky - rplace@directv.net or 264-3214; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or w.redguy@frontier.com
Garden Tour	July	Penny Barton	H 265-9733; C 610-1493 or one-cent@gotsky.com
Bonner County Fair	Aug	Lynn Pietz	lynnpietz@hotmail.com or 265-3563

“If my eye lights upon a carefully tended peony held up by a barrel hoop, the round group of an old dicentra, the fine upstanding single plant of iris, at once I experience the warmest feeling of friendliness for that householder, and wish to know and talk with them about their flowers. For at the bottom there is a bond which breaks down every other difference between us. We are ‘garden souls’.”

Mrs. Francis King, The Well-Considered Garden



*“Roses are red, violets are blue,
But they don’t get around like the dandelions do”*

Slim Acres, American Poet

*“One of the healthiest ways to gamble is with a
spade and a package of garden seeds”*

Dan Bennett, writer