

The Garden Gate



August 2004

Events at a Glance:

- August 11: Knapweed Workshop, 9am (see article)
August 24-28: Bonner County Fair
August 24: Native Plant Tour- Roman Nose/Snow Creek 8:30-4:00
Aug. 24 – Dec. 14: Sustainable Small Acreage and Farming (see article)
September 6: Board of Directors Meeting (all welcome)
October 15: 2004 Graduation Party



Salutations

by Jan Rumore

Greeting Gardeners'

Do you think we had enough "stuff" going on in July? Parade the 3rd, bake sale the 10th, Garden Tour the 18th, Habitat project the 24th --- and each event so well put together!!

Thank you Michelle Reichelt for an outstanding garden tour, a huge project and hugely successful.

Thank you Mary Bruhjell for a well orchestrated and very fun bake sale. So many details and you covered them all.

Thank you Don for bringing the essential pieces together on the Habitat project and Bill for all of your behind the scene organization.

And once again to our 4th - woops- 3rd of July parade coordinators: Sue, Rae and Gail --- so many thanks and may this be the first of many summer parades to come for us.

I won't even begin to list supporting staff on these projects --- surely I'd miss far too many names --- I'll bet the number of MGs on these projects was in the several dozens! What an amazing community resource!

And I'll bet a good many of us are relieved at the easing of the schedule this month --- for certain I am! Penny B. and Adrienne N. seem to have the fair booth on track, and Ann Wimberly is tackling a new project at the Waterlife Discovery Center. So August will be less hectic, but not uneventful. Time to take a deep breath, catch up on home projects and pack away the roller-skates until next summer. Time to savor our accomplishments, each and every project *nicely done* --- and right now, *done is nice*.



Garden Tour

By Michelle Reichelt

*g*hank you to everyone who contributed to our Inaugural Sandpoint Garden Tour. I really appreciated your willingness to sell tickets and your wonderful smiles to greet tour guests. I have received so many compliments on the gardens and all of you.

We have an approximate count that was similar in four of the five gardens, approximately 85 tour guests. Again, thank you to all of you.

Please let me know any ideas that you have that could improve this venture in 2005. Your comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Hope this August finds all of you gardening to your heart's delight and I look forward to working with you on future projects.



Knapweed Workshop - August 11

Mark Schwarzlaender, UI biological control (BC) of weeds specialist, will be holding a knapweed workshop and field day. This will be held at the Federal Building on Hwy 2 and will start at 9:00 am. Following a presentation, participants will travel to a field site to look at existing BC agents and to release *Larinus minutus*. There will be additional *Larinus* available for participants to take and release on their own property. Lunch is available for those pre-registered. Call Patti at the extension office (263-8511) if you would like to attend. Since notice of this was received very late, I would suggest that you call first thing Monday morning to ensure there will be a lunch available. The class is free and offers 5 pesticide license recertification credits.

If you are unable to attend this one, there will be another workshop in Kootenai County on Friday, August 13. Call Kootenai County Noxious Weeds (208-446-1290) if you are interested in this session. Bob



Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching Course

Bob Wilson

We will be offering the Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching Course again this fall. It is designed to help people learn about developing a small farm enterprise employing good land stewardship practices. Anyone who is starting a small farm business, or is considering one but is unsure where to start would find this course useful. Whether it is vegetables, herbs, flowers, livestock, eggs, or value added products, students will learn how to select a good site, plan the farm, and develop a budget and marketing plan. Just about every session also includes small farm success stories told by the farmers and ranchers who made it work. Classes are held at the Extension Office and will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 5:30 pm, starting on Aug. 24 and ending on Dec. 14. Call Theresa Beaver at 208-885-7787 to sign up for the course or for more information. The course is available for academic credit or CEU's.

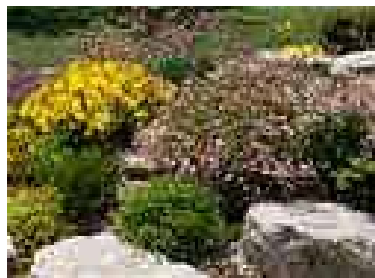


Native Plant Tour of Roman Nose/Snow Creek

The Boundary County Master Gardener Program is offering a Native Plant Tour of the Roman Nose/Snow Creek area Tuesday, August 24th from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.. Plan to join us as we end the Horticulture Series and extend our knowledge of Boundary County's unique habitat, resources and beauty. The tour will include visiting a variety of forest habitat types and native plant communities. We will also plan to tour the Myrtle Creek area. Scot Anderson, and Emma Fields, Master Gardeners will be facilitating the tour. Bring a sack lunch. Also, bring a light jacket and good walking shoes. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover expenses, Please call the Extension Office at 267-3235 to pre-register.

Help Needed: The Native Plant Arboretum is in need of a volunteer to care for the Rock Garden Exhibit - general gardening and weeding. Volunteers can work either Tuesday or Friday from 9 - 12. These hours count for continuing MG re-certification.

Please call Sylvia Chatburn at 263-2175 if you can help.





Waterlife Discovery Center Volunteer Request

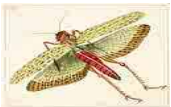
by Ann Wimberely

Mark Taylor of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has requested help from the Master Gardeners in landscaping the Waterlife Discovery Center being created at the old Sandpoint Fish Hatchery on Lakeshore Drive. This will be a self-guided habitat education center including underwater viewing opportunities along a stream and pond, wildlife watching platforms, and nature trails. 3.5 acres will be developed as interpretive exhibits with the remaining 6.5 acres as forested wetland trails.

Preliminary work has been done, including digging the pond and stream; hardscaping includes placement of boulders and graveled paths. Landscape planning is underway featuring native plants in a setting attractive to birds and other wildlife. Planting will begin soon.

Master Gardeners may be involved in landscape planning and/or installation of plants. The Landscape Committee of the Native Plant Society is also volunteering.

Contact Ann Wimberley (264-5379 or afwim@yahoo.com) for more information.



Plant Clinic Schedule: (please note vacancies and call Patti to schedule)

August 12

am Sherri Reuter
Ann Warwick
Joyce Lane

pm Sherri Reuter
Ann Warwick
Joyce Lane

August 17

am Debbie Crain
Alice Booth

pm Debbie Crain
Randy Wilhelm

August 19

am Sylvia Hirning
Denise Gulman
Randy Wilhelm

pm Sylvia Hirning
Denise Gulman
Randy Wilhelm

August 31

am Sylvia Denise
Ann Murphy

pm Sylvia, Denise
Ann Murphy

September 2

am Ann Warwick

pm Judith Pagliasotti

September 7

am Laura Gould
Gail Swan

pm Ann Warwick

September 9

am Laura Gould
Marsha Williams

pm Ann Murphy
Judith Pagliasotti

September 14

am Penny Barton
Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

pm Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

September 16

am Gary Parker
Ann Warwick

pm Gary Parker
Judith Pagliasotti

September 21

am Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

pm Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

September 23

am Sherri Reuter

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***** All shifts on September 28 and 30 are open.

BCMGA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights - August 2 ,2004

Old Business:

- Bob reported interest and positive feedback for the in-depth course for continuing MGs in lieu of a new class in 2005. Proposed is a 8-10 week course for approximately 15 persons. One idea is a pest/disease management section - this will be of great benefit to the PC as there are always concerns in this area
- Garden Tour 2004: Michelle reported great success in our first endeavor; approximately 85-100 persons toured the 6 gardens offered. The Gardens were gorgeous and the tour was enthusiastically appreciated by the community. Many, many Kudos to Michelle for the inspiration and creation of this tour in addition to her expert coordination of this event which will likely become an annual activity and fundraiser for the BCMGA. Thanks to Lois Wyeth who did the host hats.
- July Bake sale and mini Plant Clinic was a success. Much appreciation to all who provided the beautiful baked goods and worked in the booth.
- Don reported the Habitat for Humanity Project was a success. It was an intense 3 hours of work for the volunteers but all went well and all seemed to enjoy it. Approximately 40 college student workers helped with the landscaping. Loie DeLa Vergne gave a quick course in planting the iris/lilies (?) and the end result was pleasing and practical.

New Business:

- Board Vacancies: Beth Evans can no longer continue as Vice President due to a medical consideration. Since it is necessary to replace her, Don made the motion and Pat seconded to have Barb Moore replace Beth as Vice-President and to have Penny Barton join the Board filling the vacancy effected by Barb. It was unanimously agreed to. Bob checked the By-laws and reported: (*"Appointments to vacated positions: Upon receipt of a resignation by any officer, the advisory board will appoint, at their discretion, a person to fill the duration of the vacated term. Said person may stand for election to four consecutive full terms."*)
- Graduation 2004 Party: Friday, October 15 was agreed upon as the date. Michelle will book the Brown House; the Board will call all members to ensure a good turnout.
- Project Review and Evaluation: The Board will re-cap all the activities and evaluate their value for future inclusion. It has been a busy summer and the Board will take time to reflect on what has worked, what needs improvement, and what value it has to the Organization's purpose.