

The Garden Gate

August 2006



The Learning Garden

This beautiful garden located on the east side of the Bonner County Extension Office is flourishing and has vegetables growing for the Plant A Row project! The garden was designed to highlight a variety of planting mediums and showcase the best of north Idaho gardening! Many, many thanks to Ann Keiser, the chief visionary, her able right hand man, Dave Summers and her amazing helpers, Penny Barton and Linda Kirchmann. Their hard work and the dedication of all the volunteers and sponsors brought this vision to reality. Please come and help on the next work days: Tuesday August 8 and Thursday August 17 from 9:00-noon.

Please donate any gently used garden tools to help maintain the garden. You may drop them off in back of the plant clinic.

It's Fair Time!

Bonner County Fair takes place August 23-26. Once again Master Gardeners will have a booth to promote gardening and answer questions. The theme this year is Summer Safari. The booth will be located outside by the Arena Building. To volunteer please call Sue Lopez 263-1949.

Yard Sale

The sale will take place on Saturday August 26 at 8:00 am on the grounds of the Lake Pend Oreille Alternative High School on Boyer Road.

You may drop off your **pre-priced** gently used articles behind the plant clinic on Thursday August 24 or Friday August 25 or bring them to the sale location on Saturday beginning at 7:00 am. Please come to help price and sell. If you have questions contact Janae Dale at 265-2205 or jjdale@coldreams.com

Plant A Row Project

The gardens of Bonner County are producing a bounty of vegetables and berries this summer, often more than the gardeners and their families can eat. The food banks in our county can use any fresh produce that we can donate. The Bonner County Master Gardeners, together with the Garden Writers of America, are sponsoring a chapter of Plant A Row for the Hungry, challenging local gardeners to donate as much produce as possible this season. To date, the Bonner Community Food Center has received over 200 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables from area gardeners. This is a good start, but a fraction of what is needed. Alice Wallace, director of the Community Food Center, has said that they can store and distribute a ton or more of fresh produce per month.

To get involved, deliver your produce to one of the three area food banks and ask for a receipt. The total of the receipts helps track the amount of food donated. Bonner Community Food Bank is located at 921 N. Fifth in Sandpoint, and is open from 9 to 3 weekdays. West Bonner County Food Bank, located at 103 N. Washington in Oldtown, accepts donations on weekdays from 10 am until noon. Clark Fork Food Bank, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Clark Fork, is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information, call 263-2844.

Let's all share our harvests to help those in need. Thank you.

Ann Warwick

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Time to Schedule Your Volunteer Hours

The summer seems to be slipping away more quickly than I would like. There's lots going on and several good projects like the fair, the yard sale, and Plant-a-Row where you can complete your Community Service hours. If you are in the Class of 2006 and have not done your 3 hours of landscape work, here is what we need. You can join in either of the two scheduled work parties coming up on Tues. Aug. 8 and Thurs. Aug 17 from 9:00 am - noon. If these days don't fit your schedule, then you can come by on your own any time and water, weed and deadhead anywhere you see the need. With all the hot weather, watering is the most important. We have a lot of young seedling coming up in the new raised beds.

Also, make sure you finish up your Plant Clinic hours. You will need 24 hours if you are in this year's class, and 9 hours for everyone else. Make sure you get these scheduled now while there are openings on the calendar. The Plant Clinic will close at the end of Sept. Call Patti to schedule - 263-8511.

Plant Clinic

<u>Tuesday August 8</u> Deanna Barb (am) Penny	<u>Thursday August 10</u> Jan G Blaine/Gina (am) Janae	<u>Tuesday August 15</u> Kate Julie C. Rae	<u>Thursday August 17</u> Ann Warwick Bonnie (am) Chris Mc.
<u>Tuesday August 22</u> Blaine/Gina (am) OPEN OPEN	<u>Thursday August 24</u> Fair - Clinic Closed	<u>Tuesday August 29</u> Julie C. Jane R. OPEN	<u>Thursday August 31</u> Jane R. Blaine/Gina (am)
<u>Tuesday Sept.5</u> OPEN OPEN OPEN	<u>Thursday Sept.7</u> Blaine/Gina (am) Marsha (am) Gail (am) OPEN (pm)	<u>Tuesday Sept.12</u> Penny Ann K Marsha W. (am)	<u>Thursday Sept.14</u> Ann Warwick Bonnie (am) Linda K
<u>Tuesday Sept.19</u> Jennifer C-T Julie C OPEN	<u>Thursday Sept.21</u> Joyce L Linda K Jane R.	<u>Tuesday Sept.26</u> Jennifer C-T Don C OPEN	<u>Thursday Sept.28</u> Blaine/Gina (am) OPEN OPEN