

The Garden Gate

August 2008



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MG YARD SALE

Friday August 22

9am—3pm

Lake Pend Oreille High / Alternative High School
1005 N. Boyer

You may start dropping off items at the extension office during regular business hours.

Want to help further?

Price the items—this will save oodles of time for Janae and Shirley!

Remember—new or gently used items only.

Need people to work event
Contact Janae at 265-2205

◀◀ Date Change!!

Membership Meetings....

Sept. 2, Tuesday (as usual)

Sept. 29, Monday, (NO October)

Nov. 3, Monday (due to election)

Dec. 2, Tuesday (as usual)

Mark your Calendars!

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Your opportunity to learn more about the plant clinic has arrived!

Penny Barton and Martha Fortunati will alternately be at the plant clinic

Tuesday Aug. 19 and

Thursday Aug. 21

for this special session.

The clinic is closed this week due to the Fair.

You can count time there towards your Plant Clinic hours!

If you want extra guidance or to just ask questions, this is your chance!

This is for students only

Hours for both dates are

10-noon and 1 to 3

Questions? Contact Penny or Martha

A Midsummer Thank You From Mike Bauer.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bonner County MGs who have stepped up to fill in the midsummer lull that often comes this time of year. Requests for help with the recent thin ranks of CMGs attending our Plant Clinics have been met with swift resolution due to your commitment to the program.

The University of Idaho sent a staff member of our Educational Communications to take pictures and interview Master Gardeners about their involvement in the program on July 30. Thanks to all of you MGs who showed up at the office to share your experiences. The pictures and interviews will be featured on a new recruitment page for north Idaho featured on the UI Master Gardener website.

Thanks again to all of you for contributing to an outstanding Master Gardener Program. I hope you are having a wonderful summer, and hope to see you at the Master Gardener booth during the Bonner County Fair, August 20-23.

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Thanks to Linda Kirchmann for getting a new pump for learning garden water feature.

Fall Home Horticulture Classes will begin Oct. 1. Look for more information in Septembers Garden Gate! Thanks to Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan for getting this done.

Straw bales—The Learning Garden straw bales are, well, a learning process. The squash and pumpkins planted this year are not doing so hot. We will keep the bales for next year and plant different things to see what will work in that space. That's why it's a Learning Garden!

Marsha Semar Tour—Scheduled for Monday, Aug. 25 from 1-3pm. Contact Penny if you are interested. Her garden is worth the drive to Moyie Springs.

U of I has featured our own Penny Barton along with other Idaho Master Gardeners to promote the MG program. An article as well as pictures are being put together on a special website. We will let you know the web site as soon as it is up and running. Cool, huh?

2008 Bonner County Fair
"EWE BEE THERE—IT'S OUR 80th FAIR"
Aug. 20-23
Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven, chairs

**Needed are people for booth,
especially 5-8 pm shifts**



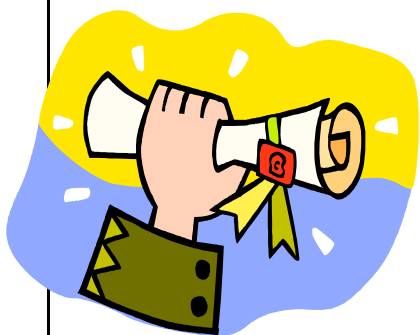
Contact Kit at the_editrix@yahoo.com or
Mikey at resqbiz@netzero.com

Plant Market

Have plants you're looking for?
Plants you'd like to sell?
Plants to give away?
This is the spot for you!

Contact Chris at dcradish@gmail.com to
have your greenery or wish-list posted
in the "Plant Market".

*Ann Warwick has peony's for sale.
263-2844 or w.redguy@verizon.net*



2008 Master Gardener Graduation

Saturday, October 18

Sandpoint Community Hall
6-8pm

Pot Luck Supper
Spouses or significant other welcome

More details in the Sept. Garden Gate.....

Down The Garden Path



Well, it's the dog days of August for sure. Makes me want to find a shady nook and read a good book during these hot afternoons. I know I would be re-energized if we could just get a good rain.

The summer is winding down and so are our projects. The Fair Booth is always a good time and a great way to get the word out about being a Master Gardener. We try and use this forum to help educate the public about our worrisome weeds and about those nasty wasps that show up this time of year and fight us for our fruit.

Our yard sale gives us an avenue to shed those unwanted items from our homes, leaving room for wondrous new things. I love an excuse to purchase something to make my heart sing. It usually inspires me to do some deep cleaning as well, so it's all good. Janae says you can leave items on the back porch of the Extension Office and she will pick them up and get them ready for the yard sale. If you know of a group that would be interested in what we do not sell, please let Janae know that as well, and we will happily donate to them.

Our Graduation date has been set for the 18th of October. Be sure to have all your hours completed and reported prior to that date, so we can give you your Master Gardener Graduation Certificate. It's so very exciting to be awarded your diploma and we hope all of you will be there so we can cheer you onward. I love having the distinction of being called a Master Gardener and I know you will as well. You will also receive your Master Gardener name badge at this celebration. Please bring your spouses.

I want to thank all of the Certified MGs for signing up for the empty slots for the Plant Clinic. The knowledge you share with the new class helps them to learn and you to stay tuned up. All new class members, remember that on the 19th and the 21st of August that Martha and I will be offering Plant Clinic Training from 10-12 and from 1-3 on both days. You can count the time spent there for plant clinic hours.

Should any of you need my assistance or just want to chat with me, please do not hesitate to call me anytime, 265-9733.

*Wishing you bountiful harvests and fun filled summer days,
Penny*

Bill Tedesco one of our Emeritus MGs has a Blueberry Field ready for picking. Go to Laclede and take Riley Creek Road, go approximately 5 miles (he has signs along the road) to Valley View Lane. He sells his berries for \$2.00 a pound or \$12.00 for a bucket (which he provides) that will hold approximately 7 pounds. If he is not at home, he has everything set up for you to weigh your berries and pay for them. I have picked there several times and his berries are big and juicy. If you have questions please call Bill at 263-8982.
Penny





2008 MG Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Contact	Additional info.
Aug 19 Aug 21	Tuesday Thursday	10-12 and 1-3	Plant Clinic - Additional training	Penny Barton/ Martha Fortunati	For students only—special plant clinic session for questions and guidance
Aug 20— 23	Wed. - Saturday	10am— 8pm	Bonner County Fair	Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven	2 people/3 hour shifts
Aug 22	Friday	9—3	Annual Yard Sale	Janae Dale/Shirley Barksdale	Need helpers before/during and after event. Bring items to ext. office prior to event
Aug. 25	Monday	1-3pm	Marsha Semar Garden Tour	Penny Barton	Moyie Springs
Sept. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	You will be missing all the fun if you don't come.....
Sept. 29	Monday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	There will be NO OCT. MEETING
Oct. 18	Saturday	6-9pm	Graduation	Penny or Gail	2008 Master Gardeners
Nov. 3	Monday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Date changed due to Election on Nov. 4th
Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership	Any Board Member	
Dec. ?	TBA	TBA	Annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers and Board members	Any Board Member	

2008 Officers and Board Members

Penny Barton, President
 Gail Swan, Vice-President
 Chris McIntosh, Secretary
 Shirley Barksdale, Treasurer

Board Members: Linda Kirchmann, Ann Warwick,
 Jan Rumore, Liz Kunze, and Brenda Fletcher