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# The Garden Gate

December 19, 2005

*Greetings! Happy Holidays!*



## Dear Master Gardeners:

Another year of Gardening memories; once again we have piled up and stored many in our hearts.

January brought the new Board Members together for the first time as we planted the activity seeds for 2005. Friendships also began and continued. Thank you Bill Lamson, Brenda Fletcher, Penny Barton, Sue Lopez, Gail Swan, Jan Rumore, Pat Moss and Janae Dale for a job well done.

We were still bragging in February about our fantastic float which took the GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP ribbon in the Sandpoint Festival of Lights Parade.

The second seed to grow was our booth at the Bonner Mall Home and Garden Show. What a great show with so many locals participating.

April Showers sprouted plans about the advanced MG course in Pest Diagnosis and Management. Never knew there are so many kinds of aphids!

The May Plant Sale made its presence known on a fairly decent day (as you know recent years were not water or wind free). Once again members showed their love of gardening by sharing and providing their starts, divides, and "other" for sale.

Our Second Annual Garden Tour burst into flower on June 29<sup>th</sup> all the way from Priest River, through Laclede, Sandpoint, and Samuels to Elmira. What fun to share and see everyone's gardening efforts!

We had our very own personal garden tour in September to see fall colors, followed by a Salad Supper that was not only beautiful but yummy.... also as September and October ran together with the fall Horticulture Series, our very own "garden angel" worked her magic at the Extension Office grounds.

The decision to offer a scholarship for the 2006 MG Course was finalized. It will be named in memory of Max Bromberg and be given annually.

December - Party time to celebrate life...our own and those of family and friends, but especially our gardens which bring us and give to others so much joy and hope.

THANK YOU to all who planted, nourished and brought each activity seed to life. A special THANKS also to Patti and Bob. We could not exist or operate without you.

To those who were unable to participate, hopefully you still have garden gloves (those with holes OK). As you well know, another pair of hands is always welcome. See you in the garden!

*Barb Moore, President 2006*

### **Master Gardener Scholarship**

Scott D. Hess donated \$100 to the Bonner County Master Gardener Program in memory of his friend Max Bromberg who passed away this year. The board decided to use this as a scholarship to pay the tuition for a new Master Gardener to take the training. In addition, they decided to call this the Max Bromberg Memorial Scholarship and make it an annual offering, future years being funded from the Master Gardener treasury.

One outstanding candidate was selected to offer this scholarship to for the 2006 training course. Jan Griffiths has accepted this scholarship and will begin the training in February. Many of you may know Jan as she took the lead on the development of the Mickinnick trail. In addition Jan has been very active with Friends of Scotchman Peaks, a group intent on seeing the Scotchman Peaks area in Idaho and Montana officially designated as wilderness (<http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org> for more information).

In the future, the Max Bromberg Memorial Scholarship will be available to any applicant and will be chosen on the basis of financial need, community service activity and gardening experience.

### **Master Gardener Training**

We still are taking applications for the 2006 Beginning Master Gardener Training. Applications will be accepted up until Dec. 31, or until the class is full, whichever is later. Cost for the course is \$125 with \$35 deposit due with the application. If you know of someone who has been thinking about taking this class, have them come by for an application. Or better yet - pick up an application and give it to them. Call 263-8511 for more information.



TROPHY! From the City of Sandpoint to the Master Gardeners for our participation On the Mickinnick Trail! Ps clear acrylic picture taken at Christmas Party!

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