

The Garden Gate

February 2008



Bonner County
**Master
Gardeners**

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS >>

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Note Meeting Changes

Because of the MG classes, the next two membership meetings will be

Monday, March 3rd

and

Monday, April 7th

You are invited to come!

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

*Please feel free to contact any of the above if you wish to share ideas and are unable to attend the membership meetings. They'd love to hear from you!

Auditing MG Classes

The BCMG's do not pay for any course materials, it's all comes from the U of I. *Bottom line?*

There will be NO fee to audit a class!

If you come to a class, please "attend as a listener". Do not sit at the tables; they are provided for the students. Remember this is not your class; let the 26 students who are enrolled have their time with the instructor.



Spring Home Horticulture Classes

A **\$10.00** registration fee per class is required. Please pre-register for all classes by calling the Bonner County Extension office
* 263-8511*

- March 5 *North Idaho Landscaping, Planning and Planting*
Nancy Hastings, owner of All Seasons Nursery
- March 19 *Seed Propagation*
Master Gardener Laurie Brown and owner of North Star Farms
- March 26 *Planting Spring Vegetables*
Marcia Semar, owner of Marcia's Cottage Garden
- April 2 *Fruit Trees of North Idaho*
Dr. Dan Barney, Director of the U of I Research and Extension Center in Sandpoint
- April 16 *Bee Keeping*
Master Gardeners Blain and Gina Harvey and owners of Four Star Apiary
- April 23 *Butterfly and Fragrance Gardens*
Carol Mack, Extension Educator, Washington State Extension Pend Oreille County
- April 30 *Pesticides, the Good, the Bad, and Ugly*
Tim Stein, Sr. Ag. Investigator and Field Officer Idaho State, Department of Ag.



ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY'S FROM 6PM—8PM
AT THE BONNER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
4205 N. Boyer Sandpoint, Idaho

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Home and Garden Show

Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13
Bonner County Fair Grounds
Shirley Barksdale is the committee chair—please contact her to help! shirleyinidaho@aol.com

Sandpoint City Baskets

We will be helping with the baskets this year, and a good start to getting your community service hours! Nancy Hastings of All Seasons Nursery will let us know the date and time, probably late March.

Food Safety Course "Rural Roots"

This Friday, Feb. 8th
Call the extension office for details.

Only 19 people have re-certified for 2008 out of 49. A copy of the re-certification agreement was in the Nov. and Jan. Garden Gate newsletters. With the class starting next week, a new membership directory is printed at the end of Feb. If you haven't sent your agreement in, please do so. Questions? Comments? Please call Patty at the extension office at 265-8511, or any board member. Thanks!!

From Gail Swan, Vice President:

It has recently come to light that there may be some question as to why we have a president serving a second term. Perhaps I can shed some light on this.

1. Penny Barton did a wonderful job as president in 2007
2. Penny was asked by me & by the other board members if she would consider doing the job for a 2nd year
3. Penny was the driving force behind putting on a Master Gardener training course in 2008—even though we would not have a Master Gardener Educator to head up this program

Penny was extremely active as president, and was very involved in our various fund raisers. She organized the Garden Tour & also had her garden on display—one of these tasks would have been plenty! She was (and usually is) involved in all the other MG activities throughout the year.

I asked Penny to consider being president a 2nd term sometime last fall. She did not jump at the task, but said she would consider it. The rest of the board members were also vocal in this matter (and no one else came forward wanting the job). It was felt that since Penny was so positive of our ability to go ahead with a Master Gardener class—to organize it and recruit enough students, that it would be only right for her to be the president for 2008. Ballots went out and it was made clear that “write-ins” were accepted. Less than half of the membership voted.

The ***membership*** meetings have always been open to all of the members and the board has encouraged people to come & have a voice in the association, but we seldom have members come to the meetings. If you can't make it to the meeting, at least contact one of the board members or officers to bring a concern to light. This is an association for all of us; we can only address things that we are told about, and we make the best decisions we can with the information we have.

We need all of our members to stay active. As stated before, Penny has done a great job so get behind her with your support and make her job a bit easier. Please—come and share in some of the positive energy at the meetings and help keep this association strong!

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If you need to contact Ann Warwick, her computer is up and running!

Penny will send the MG class facilitators a “MG Facilitator Guide” along with the contact name and phone number of the instructor. This only applies to a few people, but is MOST important that as facilitators, we follow through. Questions? Contact Penny at one-cent@gotsky.com.

Nativity Set—Oh, yes. We are still talking about the nativity set.....We will negotiate the price with any interested buyer just to get it gone.

Nixon Books—Auction is set for this month! Find out about it at the Heritage Rare Books and Manuscripts web site—Ha.com. Thank you Janae, for getting this done.

Brenda Fletcher has agreed to get us an actual web site with our own address. Look for more information in upcoming GG's.

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