

The Garden Gate

January, 2006



A Message from the President:

Hi everyone! I'm Sue Lopez and I will be your fearless leader for 2006! I am very excited to take on this position and I'm looking forward to working with all of you on our many fun and exciting projects we have planned for the year. If you've never been to one of our monthly board meetings, or it's been a while since you've attended, please join us! We'd love to have your enthusiasm and fresh ideas! We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Extension office at 9:00 am. When the new MG classes for 2006 begins, we will find a new meeting location- I'll be sure to notify you ahead of time so you can plan accordingly.

Winter Carnival Parade

Neither snow nor sleet nor rain, nor buckets of rain, nor freezing rain nor puddles of rain, could keep this tough tribe of Master Gardeners from having tons of fun at the Winter Carnival Parade! Thanks to the creative genius and hard work of Penny Barton, Pat Moss, Don Childress and his lovely wife Roxanne, Joyce Lane and her wonderful husband, Tom, Jennifer Costich-Thompson and her enthusiastic nephew Grant, Sue Lopez, Gail Swan, Fields and Octavia Cobb and Valle Novak, we managed to put together the most creative and outstanding float ever! Unfortunately, due to electrical difficulty, you couldn't really see it! We didn't bring home a prize, but we received lots of cheers and enthusiastic "thumbs up" from our adoring fans! Honestly, we really were awesome! Next year, we will reclaim Victory!!

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2006 Please join us!

A Look toward 2006

Although we are in the dormant days of winter, we have much to look forward to in the coming year!

It's always exciting to watch a new master gardener class begin. The seeds of knowledge are planted by wonderful educators. The 20 students will grow into a garden of new members to share in community spirit and service.

Some of the projects that are being planned this year include:

Home and Garden Show
"Plant a Row" Project
Home Horticulture Series
Garden Tour
4th of July Parade

Fair Booth
Hanging Basket Sale
Extension Office Landscaping
Plant Clinic

Please keep reading the *Garden Gate* for more information on these and other great opportunities to be a Master Gardener.

A Word from Bob:

Master Gardener Training - Facilitators Needed

We have finalized the schedule for the Master Gardener Training. Now we need your help. Each speaker needs a facilitator. If there is a subject you would like to brush up on, or an instructor you would like to help, here is your opportunity. Please call Patti at the Extension Office (263-8511) to sign up as a facilitator for a class. No facilitator is needed for the Orientation or the last four classes. We will have a full class this year - 20 students.

I have included the training schedule for this year's MG training. Master Gardeners are welcome to attend any class in this schedule. I would like to encourage you to show up at the Orientation as well, even if briefly, to get a chance to meet the new class.

Volunteer Activities

I have attached a form which I would like every to fill out and return to indicate which activities you would like to participate in this year. Please note a couple of new projects - Plant-A-Row involves collection of fruit and vegetables from local gardeners and taking this to the Food Bank; and a Garden Rummage Sale, which is self-explanatory.

2006 Master Gardener Training
Tues. & Thurs. 8:45 am to 12:30 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Feb. 14	1	Orientation	Bob, Valle, Sue
Feb. 16	2	Intro to Botany and Horticulture	Bob Wilson
Feb. 21	3	Plant Propagation	Laurie Brown
Feb. 23	4	Soils and Fertilizers	Valdasue Steele
Feb. 28	-	Plant Identification	Bob Wilson
March 2	18,23	Herbaceous Ornamentals and Houseplants	Dennis Moore
March 7	-	Organic Gardening	Diane Green
March 9	19,20	Vegetables	Pat Van Volkinburg
March 14	21	Fruit Trees	Steve Holmes
March 16	22	Small Fruit & Berries	Stan Urmann, Joe Runk
March 21	9, 10	Entomology	Lee Pederson
★ March 24	12:IV-V & 16:IV-VI	Abiotic Plant Diseases and Plant Problem Diagnosis	Bob Tripepi
March 28	12	Plant Disease Management	Wes Chun
March 30	8	Pesticide Management	Ed Bechinski
April 4	14	Lawns	Jack Zimmer
April 6	13	Weeds	Brad Bluemer
* April 11	16:I-III, 17	Woody Ornamentals and Native Plants	Valle & Bob
* April 13	17:VI	Pruning	Dick Rifkind
April 18	none	Class Presentations	class
April 20	none	Review Exercise	Bob Wilson
April 25	none	Plant Clinic Orientation	Bob Wilson
* April 27	23	Greenhouses & Tour	Valle Novak, Bob Wilson

* Classes will be held outdoors. Be prepared for cold or wet weather

★ March 24 class is a FRIDAY!

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2006 MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Due Tuesday January 31, 2006

Name: _____

Please indicate which activities you are interested in. Volunteer opportunities are not limited to items on this list. However, any new projects must be approved by the Master Gardener Program Coordinator or the Bonner County MG Assn.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>I can help with this project</u>	<u>I would like to organize this</u>
Plant-a-Row	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plant Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonner Mall Home & Garden Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Fair Booth.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Hort Classes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake Pend Oreille HS Greenhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension Office Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downtown Sandpoint Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 th of July Parade.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winter Carnival Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Rummage Sale.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography/Scrapbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plant Clinic Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New MG Training Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Activities

- Bonner Co. Gardening Fact Sheet
- Weed/Insect Collection.....
- Write articles for newsletter/newspaper
- 4-H/Youth garden projects.....
- Teach classes, public speaking.....
- Idaho Native Plant Society projects.....

Teaching or writing topics: _____

Please list or describe any other activities that you are considering for your volunteer service.

