

The Garden Gate

January 2008



Next Membership Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 5, 9:00am

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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!

~ Re-certification ~

Is your name missing from the list below?
Do you want to continue as a Master Gardener? Then you must send in a completed re-certification form along with a \$10.00 check.
It's that simple!! Send to:

BCMG/Bonner County Extension Office
4205 N. Boyer Avenue
Sandpoint, ID 83864
Or call Patty if you have any questions at 263-8511

Linda Kirchmann	Martha Foutunati
Shirley Barksdale	Marsha Williams
Jane Roach	Joyce Lane
Ann Warwick	Janae Dale
Chris McIntosh	Penny Barton
Bonnie Cavanaugh	Barbara Moore
Gail Swain	Jennifer Costitch-Thompson
Don Childress	

2008 Master Gardener Classes

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45—12:30 beginning *Feb. 12—April 24*. There is ONE Friday class—March 7th—instead of Thursday, March 6th. There will be 26 students this year, so space will be limited. A class schedule is included with this Garden Gate.

The board has voted to allow current MG members to audit ("to attend as a listener, receiving no credits") classes WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- Each class will cost \$5.00 to audit. You will receive a copy of the class handout (if any).
- The MG will sit along the periphery of the room and NOT at the tables provided for the students.
- The MG will NOT participate in class discussions or questions/answer periods, but remain as a spectator during the entire session.
- Remember this is not your class—let the new students have their time to shine!

Future Happenings

Spring Home Horticulture Classes

Don, Janae, and Gail have almost finalized the class schedule with the first one beginning early March. Look for more information in next months Garden Gate!

Home and Garden Show

The show this year will take place at the Fairgrounds, instead of the Bonner Mall. Shirley Barksdale is heading this committee. Date and times are TBA, but if you have any ideas, please contact Shirley.

Sandpoint City Baskets

The MG's will be helping with the baskets again this year. It's a good way to get your community service hours PLUS get your hands dirty when it's usually too early for work in our own gardens! Nancy with All Seasons will be the coordinator again. Dates and Times TBA.



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Ann Warwick's computer crashed, so in the meantime, she's only available by phone.

Speaking of Ann, she is writing a quarterly article for the The Co-Op "Country Round Up" newspaper. Look for her articles!

Penny will send MG class facilitators a "MG Facilitator Guide" along with the contact name and phone number of the instructor. This only applies to a handful of people, but it is most important that each facilitator follows through. If you have any questions, please contact Penny.

Nativity Set—Janae took the set to a consignment shop and it didn't sell. She will pick it up from there this week. Barbara knows someone who might like to buy it. Price was set at \$600.00. We would cover the shipping charges.

Nixon Books - Auction is set for Feb. at Heritage Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Master Gardener Classes 2008

Date	Class	Instructor	Facilitator
2/12	Orientation	Lois Wythe, Valle Novak, Gail Swan, Penny Barton, Don Childress, Janae Dale	
2/14	Plant Propagation	Laurie Brown	Pat Moss
2/19	Intro. To Botany	Jennifer Costich-Thompson	Ann Warwick
2/21	Herbaceous Ornamentals	Dennis Moore	Jan Griffitts
2/26	Entomology	Carol Randall	Ann Warwick
2/28	Lawns & Ground Covers	Jack Zimmer & Valle Novak	Chris McIntosh
3/4	Veggies	Marsha Semar	Shirley Barksdale
3/7 Friday	Environmental Plant Problems/ Planting Trees & Shrubs	Bob Tripepi	Chris McIntosh
3/11	Pruning	Rich Del Carlo	Jan Griffitts
3/13	Weeds	Brad Bluemer	Linda Kirchmann
3/18	Small Fruits & Berries	Dan Barney	Jan Rumore
3/20	Organic Gardening	Diane Green	Chris McIntosh
3/25	Landscaping/Xeriscaping/ Native Plants	Nina Ashney & Valle Novak	Janae Dale
3/27	Fruit Trees	Dan Barney	Jane Roach
4/1	Soils & Fertilizers	Greg Becker, Gary Parker, Ken Roberts	Shirley Barksdale
4/3	Pesticide Management	Ed Bechinski	Barbara Moore
4/8	Plant Diseases	Tim Murray	Janae Dale
4/10	Plant Problem Diagnosis	Mike Bauer	Martha Fortunati
4/15	Class Presentations	Valle Novak, Penny Barton, Gail Swan	
4/17	Review Exercises	Valle Novak, Penny Barton, Gail Swan	
4/22	Plant Clinic Orientation	Valle Novak, Penny Barton, Gail Swan	
4/24	Greenhouse & Tour	Valle Novak, Penny Barton, Gail Swan	

**University of Idaho – Bonner County Master Gardener Volunteer
Recertification Agreement for 2008**

I understand that this agreement is to re-certify me as a University of Idaho Master Gardener. Upon completion of these requirements, I will automatically be certified as an Advanced Master Gardener. In signing this agreement, I agree to the following:

1. Complete by October 15, 2008, at least 18 hours of combined education, plant clinic and community service. The 18 hours are divided as follows: 3 hours of education courses, 9 hours of plant clinic service at the Bonner County Extension Office or approved satellite location(s), 4 hours of community service (including 2 in the extension office landscape), and 2 additional hours in any category. I understand I can be involved in more than 18 hours of education and service. These are the minimum standards for recertification.
2. I understand extenuating circumstances, such as health problems or other unforeseen circumstances, may create a need to renegotiate the terms of this agreement with the Master Gardener Program Coordinator, and it is my responsibility to make appropriate arrangements with the coordinator prior to the October 15 deadline.
3. I also understand that as a University of Idaho Master Gardener, I serve as a representative of the University of Idaho Extension and I agree to abide by the regulations of the University of Idaho Extension, as defined in the Master Gardener Handbook. Information given out by Master Gardeners must be accurate, current, and research-based. I agree to give University of Idaho pest control recommendations even if they include synthetic chemical pesticides. I understand the University of Idaho will assume liability for my pest control recommendations, but only if the control measures are approved by the University of Idaho for home and garden use, and are listed in University of Idaho Extension approved publications.

Previously certified Master Gardeners may sign up at the Associate level to continue to receive the newsletter but without the volunteer service requirement. A \$10.00 fee must be submitted with this form to enroll at this level.

This is not a binding legal document. The intent is to create a mutual understanding between you, the volunteer, and the Program Coordinator, as to what is required to retain your status as a certified University of Idaho/Bonner County Master Gardener. It is required that you complete the minimum requirements by October 15, 2008 to recertify as an Advanced Master Gardener in 2008. If you do not return this agreement, it will be interpreted to mean you are not interested in recertifying as an Advanced Master Gardener in Bonner County for 2008.

If you have read this agreement and agree to the terms above, please complete and return the signed form and include the \$10.00 fee by December 31, 2007 to the Bonner County Extension Office, 4205 North Boyer, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, so we can begin scheduling activities for the 2008 gardening season.

Recertifying Master Gardener

Associate Master Gardener

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (Please Print) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ e-mail _____