



## Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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### President's Note

Greetings all,  
Now that the holidays are over and we have started our new diet, again, we can start thinking about the direction we want for our organization in the new year.

We have two committees this year that will play a large roll in the direction of the BCGA in the coming years. The membership committees task is to define the qualifications for new applicants and establish requirements for our current membership. The continuing education committee develops the educational program for the upcoming year for the membership.

Attendance is encouraged for both of these committees.

Just as a reminder,  
If you build up the soil with organic material, the plants will do just fine.

Mikey

### January Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:  
[http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening\\_Month/zonejan01.html](http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zonejan01.html)



#### Zone 3

- Order seeds
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Water cymbidiums weekly until they bloom

#### Zone 4

- Order seeds
- Sow seeds indoors for hardy spring-blooming plants
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)

#### Zone 5

- Order seeds
- Sow seeds for hardy spring-blooming plants
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Sow frost-tolerant perennials indoors

## WINTER POTLUCKS FOR MEMBERS

Many of you have attended the summer potluck series for BCGA members to visit one another's gardens and to enjoy a casual social outing and meal. These events have proved so popular that members requested similar events in the winter. Since there isn't much to see in gardens this time of year, it was suggested that we have snowshoe/potluck events.

We are patiently awaiting snow right now, but Bob Blair and Penny have offered to host such get-togethers this winter. We will contact the membership with dates and times.

It is not necessary for everyone to snowshoe in order to attend; these social gatherings are part of our stated purpose: "Education Community Service Camaraderie." It is an opportunity for members to get better acquainted, to mingle.

If anyone has an idea for another activity that could form the basis of a potluck social, or are willing to host a potluck, let Becky Reynolds [rplace180@yahoo.com](mailto:rplace180@yahoo.com) or Ann Warwick [w.redguy@frontier.com](mailto:w.redguy@frontier.com) know about it. We are also planning our summer garden visits. If you want to host a potluck anytime this year, just set a date and let us know.

### Links!

Penny Barton sent this link for an ergonomic shovel designed for women:

[http://greenherontools.com/hershovel\\_more.html](http://greenherontools.com/hershovel_more.html)

Women have a different skeleton and muscle mass distribution than men, and this shovel is designed for that. Green Heron Tools has the trademarked the name „Hergonomic' for their line of tools. They also state that this shovel is appropriately designed for men who are older (less upper body strength) or shorter than the „average man' that the majority of tools are designed for.

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From Janae Dale comes this extremely interesting link: <http://onemilliongardens.com>

This site offers a FREE 52 week, online gardening course that focuses on growing food, whether a rooftop, a small plot in your backyard or a small farm.

The course offers the 52 week course, online videos, tips on seed saving, composting and pest control, free membership in their social network, offers for free gardening stuff and events, and kids gardening activities, recipes and more.

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Also from Janae is a wonderful picture of Jeanetically modified plants:



The picture is from [BBB Seed Heirloom Vegetable & Wildflower Seeds](#), a small, family owned seed company in Colorado. They have a lot more interesting pictures; click on „Photo' and then „Wall' for more pictures of unusual plantings- in shoes, old beds, trucks, and more.

## BCGA LIBRARY

The BCGA office, located at 804 Airport Way, Suite E (for those who have not visited yet) has a sizeable library, part donated by former members, part salvaged from the collection we formerly had at the extension office, and some purchased by the organization. The books are for the use of the membership. Anyone who is a member of BCGA may borrow the books.

In order to keep track of these reference materials, there is a sign-out sheet in the office. Just put the date of taking the book, the title of the book and your name on the sheet, and, when you return the

volume, put the date of return on the sheet. We suggest a limit of one month for borrowing. If the book remains unreturned past a month, you may receive a phone call to remind you that others may wish to read the same material. The office is open five days a week, from eight to five, and is left unlocked for the use of all members.

## BCGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING— Jan 4, 2012

Present: Bob Blair, Howie Fennimore, Kim Peterson, Penny Barton, Ann Warwick, Jan Wilfert, Zoe Bolton, Janae Dale, Jay Baker, Becky Reynolds, Jenna Bertus, Mikey Haven, and Gail Swan

Board Members absent: Linda Gjording & Penny Goodman

Meeting was called to order @ 9am by President, Mikey Haven

Dec minutes were approved as written

Treasurers report: \$3125.71

\$299 was spent on a PA system with wireless mike & amplifie

\$150 was spent on acquiring the MG DVD from Toni Fitzgerald @ Wash State

Mikey is working on getting a lap-top for the office—probably refurbished & maybe free

2 meetings to be held on Monday Jan 9:  
membership meeting @ 10AM  
continuing ed meeting @ 1PM

Bob Blair offered his property for a “snow-shoe party in late Jan or early Feb; Penny Barton has also offered to host one—just waiting for more snow

Becky Reynolds has a book & DVD by Michael Polan titled “Botany of Desire”; perhaps we can watch the DVD in the conference room while having lunch; date to be announced

Home Hort: committee will be meeting soon to put spring series together

School gardens: Janae has been to Charter school; they have 2 raised beds & need more so all students that want to participate can have space; a

meeting is to be held soon with Michelle to see what needs to be done; Janae hopes to attend that meeting; the Sagle school has no gardens at this time; Linda Kirchmann & Ann Warwick are mentoring the students at Kootenai school  
Suggestion made: form a plan of what BCGA is willing to do for the schools & present to Michelle

Library update: Jenna has made 2 list of books in the library—1 by author & 1 by title; Zoe will put these in the Garden Gate & Ann will put a clipboard in the office for signing books out & in

Native Plant Society has a new book on Landscaping with native plants—available @ Vanderfords; also “A Walking Tour Of Sandpoint”—about trees in town; Penny will purchase for library

Janae met with “Mt Sky” printing to check on labels to put inside the books that have been donated to us by members as a memorial; also checking on thank you cards with our logo

Steve Holt—owner of “Eureka Institute” @ Garfield came to talk; would like to have BCGA put on gardening classes at his gardens—both class room & hands on; he has a ¼ acre garden for both veggies & flowers; Mikey will schedule a field trip so we can further assess the facility & what the expectations would be from us

Memorials: Penny will look at property on Friday to see where we can plant some trees; she will meet with IDT for some suggestions

Zoe will print the 2012 membership directory

Meeting adjourned @ 11:05

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*“Just when winter appears interminable, and it seems not one more bleak and bitter day can be endured, the first harbinger of the gardener’s spring arrives: the nursery catalogs!”*

*Martha Smith, Beds I Have Known 1990*

*“The best way to tell the vegetables from the weeds is to watch your neighbor’s chickens”*

*Jack Judge, English actor, songwriter*

## BCGA Library Booklist

<u>Title</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Botany for Gardeners	B	Capon, Brian	2010	
Botany in a Day	B	Elpel's, Thomas	1997	Trisha Murphy
1997 Crop Protection Guide for Trees & Fruits in Washington	Bug	WSU EB 0449	1997	Loie De La Vergne
2010 Pacific Northwest: Insect Management	Bug	Pacific NW Extension Pub	2010	
Common Sense Pest Control	Bug	Olkowshi & Daar	1991	
Complete Guide to Pest Control	Bug	Ware, George	1996	
Garden Insects of North America	Bug	Cranshaw, Whitney	2004	
Gardener's Bug Book, The	Bug	Pleasant, Barbara	1994	
Good Bug Bad Bug	Bug	Walliser, Jessica	2008	
Insects and Gardens	Bug	Grissel, Eric	2001	
Insects: Peterson Field Guide	Bug	Borror & White	1970	

Lepidoptera of the PNW: Caterpillars and Moths	Bug		Miller & Hammond	2003	Trisha Murphy
Pacific NW Landscape: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Bug		WSU Extension	2000	Loie De La Vergne
Pests of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Flowers, The	Bug		Alford, David	2003	
Berries for the Inland Northwest	F/B		WSU Extension	2004	
Growing Small Fruits for the Home Garden - WSU	F/B		Brun, Charles	1992	
Western Fruit Berries & Nuts	F/B		Walhein & Stebbins	1981	Loie De La Vergne
Complete Book of Fruits and Vegetables, The	F/B, V		Biandurii, Corbetta	1973	
Annuals and Bulbs: Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening	Flwrs		Proctor, Rob	1995	
Bulbs	Flwrs		Scott, George H	1982	Loie De La Vergne
Garden Flower Book, The	Flwrs		Murdock Books	2006	Trisha Murphy
Hardy Roses	Flwrs		Osborne, Robert	1991	Lois Wythe
No-Fail Flower Garden: Rodale's	Flwrs		Benjamin & Ellis	1994	

	Perennials for the Backyard Gardener	Flwrs		Turcotte, Patricia	1993	Joe Courtemanche
	Perrenials for the Inland Northwest - Vol 1 - WSU	Flwrs		WSU MISC0254	2001	Loie De La Vergne
	Perrenials for the Inland Northwest - Vol 2 - WSU	Flwrs		---	2001	
	Pocket Roses: Botanica's	Flwrs		Tate, Ken	2006	Trisha Murphy
	Successful Flower Gardening	Flwrs		Ortho Books	1994	
	Western Fertilizer Handbook 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Frtz		California Fertilizer Asssoc	1998	
	1000 Gardening Questions and Answers	GG		New York Times	2003	
	2010 Pacific Northwest: Weed Management	GG		Pacific NW Extension Pub	2010	
	All About Lawns Ortho Book	GG		McCaskey	1985	Loie De La Vergne
	Garden Primer, The	GG		Damrosch, Barbara	1988	
	Gardening in the Inland Northwest	GG		WSU MISC0304	---	
	Landscape Problems	GG		WSU Extension	2000	
	Lawns	GG		Vengris & Torello	1982	

	Miracle-Gro Guide to Growing Stunning Trees and Shrubs	GG		Frederick, Kate	2005	Janae Dale
38	Natural Gardening: A Native Company Guide	GG		1995		Lois Wythe
	Organic Gardening in Cold Climates	GG		Perrin, Sandra	1991	Loie De La Vergne
	Planning an Idaho Vegetable Garden - UI	GG		Bell, Colt, Holman, Wilson	2010	
	Plant World: The World Book Encyclopedia of Science	GG		---	1991	Trisha Murphy
	Readers Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening, The	GG		Bradley, Marshall, Cole	2009	
	Saving Seeds: Down-to-Earth Gardening Book	GG		Rogers, Marc	1990	Loie De La Vergne
	Success with Seeds: Park's Seed Company	GG		Reilly, Ann	1978	Lois Wythe
	Successful Cold-Climate Gardening	GG		Hill, Lewis	1981	Lois Wythe
	Sunset Western Garden Book, The	GG		Brenzel, Edit	2007	
	Sunset Western Garden Book, The	GG		Lane	1979	Loie De La Vergne
	Sunset Western Garden Book, The	GG		Sunset	1999	Lois Wythe
	Truth About Organic Gardening, The	GG		Gillman, Jeff	2008	Lois Wythe
	Ultimate Encyclopedia of Gardening -	GG		Bradley, Ellis, Phip-	2009	

	Rodale's				pips		
	Complete Book of Herbs, The	H			Bremness, Lesley	1988	Lois Wythe
	Encyclopedia of Herbs and Their Uses	H			Brown, Dimi	1995	
	Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs: Rodale's	H			Kowalchik & Hylton	1987	Sharon Redd
	Complete Houseplant Survival Manual, The	HP			Pleasant, Barbara	2005	
55	HP		Long, Cheryl			1996	
	How to Grow Healthy House Plants HP Book	HP			Herwig, Rob	1979	Loie De La Vergne
	Indoor Garden Book, The	HP			Brookes, John	1986	Lois Wythe
	AHS Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers	ID			Brickell, Cole	2002	Trish Murphy
	Botanica	ID			Koenemann	2004	Trish Murphy
	Color Dictionary of Flowers and Plants, The	ID			Hay & Synge	1990	Trisha Murphy
	Flora of the Pacific Northwest	ID			Hitchcock, Cronquist	2001	
	Home Depot Landscaping 1-2-3	ID			Holmes, John	2001	Janae Dale
	Landscape Plants for the Inland NW - WSU	ID			Fitzgerald, McCrea, et al	2001	
	Mountain Plants of the Pacific Northwest	ID			Taylor, Ron, Douglas, Geo	1995	Trisha Murphy



	Native and Adapted Landscape Plant List for the Inland Northwest - WSU	ID		Fitzgerald, McCrea, et al	---	
	Native and Adapted Landscape Plant List for the Inland Northwest - WSU	ID		Fitzgerald, McCrea, et al	2001	
	Ornamental Grasses	ID		Ottesen, Carole	1984	
	Rock Garden Plants: Eyewitness Garden Handbooks	ID		Stock, Charlotte	1997	
	Shrub Identifacation Book, The	ID		Symonds, George	1963	
	Tree Identification Book, The	ID		Symonds, George	2003	
	Trees in Idaho	ID		Brough & Weber	1997	Trisha Murphy
	Trees, Shrubs & Vines: Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening	ID		Appleton, Bonnie Lee	1993	
73	Weeds of the West	ID			2006	
	Garden Book, The	L		Brookes, John	1984	
	Landscape Plant Problems	L		WSU	2000	Loie De La Vergne
	Landscape Problem Solver: Rodale's	L		Ball, Jeff & Liz	1989	
	Landscaping with Fruits and Vegetables	L		Hagy, Fred	1990	
	Naural Habitath Garden, The	L		Druse, Ken	1994	Lois Wythe
	Ornamental Kitchen Garden	L		MacDonald, Janet	1994	Lois Wythe
80	Rock Gardens	L			1997	

Water Gardens	L		Heriteau & Thomas	1994	
Well-Designed Mixed Garden, The	L		DiSabato-Ajust, Tracy	2003	
2010 Pacific Northwest: Plant Disease Management	PD		Pacific NW Extension Pub	2010	
Compendium of Potato Diseases	PD		Stevenson, Walter	2001	
Compendium of Rhododendron and Azalea Diseases	PD		Coyier & Roane	1995	
Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests - 2nd edition	PD		American Plant Society	2007	
Compendium of Tomatoe Diseases	PD		Jones, John Paul	1991	
Diseases of Trees and Shrubs	PD		Cornell University	1987	
Foliage Plant Diseases	PD		Chase, A R	1997	
Ortho Home Gardener's Problem Solver, The	PD		Ortho Books	1993	
Ortho Problem Solver, The: 7th Edition	PD		Ortho Books	---	
Rodale's Flower Garden Problem Solver	PD		Ball, Jeff & Liz	1990	
Truth About Garden Remedies, The	PD		Gillman, Jeff	2008	
Garden Insect Disease and Weed Identification Guide	PD, ID		Smith, Carr	1979	
Pruning Made Easy	Prn		Hill, Lewis	1997	
Pruning: Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening	Prn		Medic, Kris	1995	

Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard PNA 400	Prn		Pacific NW Extension	1995	Loie De La Vergne
Lasagna Gardening: Organic Gardening Magazine	V		Lanza, Patricia	1998	
Vegetable Gardener's Bible, The	V		Smith, Edward	2009	
Vegetables, Rodale's Successful Organic Gardening	V		Michalak, Patricia	1993	Lois Wythe
Winter Harvest Handbook, The	V		Coleman, Eliot	2009	