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The Garden Gate

July 20, 2005



July 4 Parade ... another year!

Good job Sue Lopez for coordinating everyone again.... Next year more of us will get on board!

Bonner County Master Gardeners 2005 Garden Tour a Success

This year we had eight gardens on the tour from Priest River to Elmira and many locations in between. They were wonderfully diverse and really gave our guests something new to enjoy at each and every garden.

A grand time was had by all. All the Garden owners truly enjoyed the

experience and would do it again anytime they were asked. We gave each Garden owner a stone that was etched with a hummingbird and bleeding hearts that said Bonner County Garden Tour 2005 as a thank you. These were so appreciated by each owner and they all displayed them proudly.

I want to thank everyone who worked on the committee to get this fund raiser off the ground and for all our hosts and hostesses who worked the gardens. I don't have the exact amount we made from the tour but can say it is around \$500. Our treasury is in good shape and no more fund raisers are needed for this year. Happy Days Penny



Priest River Raised Beds on Tour

Plant Clinic

Debbie Crain, Plant Clinic Director
PS nine hours needed for recertification

Warm Summer Greetings!

I hope your summer is going well. The plant clinic is functioning smoothly thanks to YOU! Through the end of June, we have assisted over 85 people with a variety of problems. If you have any suggestions to improve the clinic please email me: crain3610@hotmail.com

We have a couple suggestions this month:
-In the log book, please be more specific as to the problem and the type of plant or tree. Then someone with the same problem can use your solution as a quick reference.
-Please file the completed problem sheets correctly.

IMPORTANT: Please do not sign up on the plant clinic copy of the schedule. You must sign up on the master schedule at the front desk to make it "official".

Please be sure to call Patti to get your hours scheduled. The time slots are filling fast.

Here is the schedule of workers for the rest of July, August, and September:

JULY

21: Jan and Janae
26: Michelle and Bill
28: Janae and Sue

AUGUST

2: Parise and Gail
4: Brenda and OPEN
9: Debbie and Penny
11: Brenda and Penny
16: Ann Wimberly and OPEN
18: Barbara and Brenda
23: Janae and Bill
25: Gail and Barbara
30: Parise and Bill

SEPTEMBER

1: OPEN and OPEN
6: Debbie and OPEN
8: Sue and Penny
13: Penny and OPEN
15: OPEN and OPEN
20: Gail and Joyce
22: OPEN and OPEN

3 Guys & A Storage Shed



Don Childress, Ed Swan, John Dale

Words cannot express how wonderful these three have been to contribute 25 to 30 hours each to complete our MG Shed. Now located behind the Extension Office!



Don Childress, Active Member

After being born in the Midwest, my parents moved west when I was four years old. We moved around a lot in my formative years as my parents were itinerate school teachers. My father, being an administrator, climbed the corporate ladder by moving to an ever larger school district. I attended grade schools in rural Oregon near (arguably) one of the west's best steelhead rivers. It made a large impression on me! With my families active moving schedule, I went to three different high schools in the six years it took me to graduate (just kidding, I made it in five.) By now we lived in California and I attended college at the University of California in Riverside and Davis, and then went to Dental school at UC San Francisco. After doing an internship in Houston, Texas, I started a dental office in Davis, California, where I practiced for thirty years.

I married Roxann in 1991. We honeymooned in Paris and Africa where we climbed Mt Kilimangaro. After Roxann started throwing up at 18,000 feet and

still made it to the top, I knew that I had married well. We began looking for an "interesting" place to retire in the early nineties and checked out the west's great fishing areas before we crossed the Long Bridge one sparkling February day. We were smitten and couldn't wait to live in such a beautiful setting.

We found an unfinished log cabin on 80 acres, 19 miles from town, perfect. We bought immediately and moved in June 1999, into an apartment above the garage while we spent a year and a half renovating the cabin.

After we moved in it was time to landscape the yard and get a garden in place. Enter Master Gardeners. We took the training to see what would grow in this short growing season environment and to meet nice people who frequent garden groups. I spent four fun years as a board member of Master Gardeners and am now enjoying some new volunteer projects with Master Gardeners and Idaho Native Plant Society.

Roxann and I enjoy the four seasons North Idaho offers and the outdoor activities that are presented. We ski, cross country ski, and snow shoe with our boys, Sage and Tyrell. A biography of myself would not be complete without mentioning that I have enjoyed my primary hobby of fly fishing for forty years and I am still learning. Just like gardening.

Don

Coming up August 24 - 27

Squeels and Wheels Fair Booth

The fair booth committee met on Wednesday the 13th of July to plan how we are going to decorate the booth this year. The Theme is Squeels and Wheels.

We have ideas of doing an Adult Pig pushing a wheelbarrow with kids in it (not real kids of course). The kids would be wearing snouts. The wheelbarrow colorfully painted and filled with straw and lot of vegies. With perhaps a background of a barn. Or we can do a pig with leathers wearing goggles pushing a wheelbarrow decked out with flames for a biker/ hot rod idea. We may do a combination of the

two of them. Whatever we find that will work.

If you have a small windmill or some stuffed pigs please contact me. Also if you are willing to man the fair booth for a shift or more please call Penny at 265-9733. Without having a graduating class this year it is going to be more of a challenge to get all the shifts covered. So do consider helping us out. It is a pleasurable experience and you get to know a fellow Master Gardener & you will receive community service hours!

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