

The Garden Gate

July, 2007



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The next Membership Meeting will be held August 7th @ 9am @ the extension office. All Master Gardeners are welcome & encouraged to attend all meetings. Input from everyone is greatly needed & appreciated by the Membership Board. Also, please feel free to contact any of the officers and/or board members if you wish to share an idea & are unable to attend the meetings. Phone #'s & e-mail addresses are available in the membership roster.

Board Officers for 2007:

President: Penny Barton
Vice Pres: Joyce Lane
Sec: Gail Swan
Treas: Janae Dale

Board Members:

Ann Warwick
Ann Keiser
Chris McIntosh
Shirley Barksdale
Linda Kirchmann

2007 Garden Tour: *The Garden Tour was a huge success this year! We sold 177 tickets & got lots of positive feedback regarding all the gardens. There were lots of visitors from the Spokane area, so thanks to Chris McIntosh for all her efforts with advertising! Apparently the word is getting around for all our events. Some people had a difficult finding one of the gardens; we will have a professional cartographer do our map next year so hopefully we won't have that problem again. A big thanks to Penny Barton who not only chaired the tour but had her garden included. Lots of work well done.*



Shirley Barksdale

wrote: Thanks for your part in making the 4th of July parade a huge success! We are getting rave reviews & a very nice "Thank You" call from the North Idaho Backcountry Horsemen who said we picked up more than their "compost". Having the granddaughters along made it even more special. I am grateful to you for letting me chair this fun event & even rewarding me by letting me keep the contents of the wheelbarrow!

Home Horticulture Classes:

The committee is working on the fall series; if you have an interest in a particular subject please contact Don Childress (committee chair) @ dwc1rsc@televar.com or call the extension office @ 263-8511. Any input will be greatly appreciated.

Advanced Master Gardener Classes:

Our final week was spent enjoying 2 field trips so we could put our newly learned knowledge to the test. We went to the Sandpoint Native Plant Arboretum on Wed. & to the Finch Arboretum & Manito Park in Spokane on Thurs. Thanks so much to Bob Wilson for his ongoing Master Gardener education.

Bonner County Fair Booth:

The theme this year is "All American". We have people who have volunteered to be on the committee, but we still need a chairperson. Step right up for this fun filled experience!!! Call Bob, Penny, or any board member to let them know you want the job. There will be a committee meeting on Aug 7th, after the Membership meeting. Please bring any items you have for display to decorate the booth.

Plant Sale/Garage Sale:

This project did so well last year-Janae Dale & Pat Moss have volunteered to co-chair again this year. Save all your unwanted items and any extra plants you may have for this sale. We will have a "drop-off" place as time draws near for the sale.

The Learning Garden/Extension office Landscaping:

Come one-come all-lend a hand @ the extension office in the Learning Garden. Lots of help is needed for weeding, planting and watering. Of the 9 hours required of each of us for our community service, 2 hours are to be dedicated to the landscaping @ the extension office. So put in your hours at any time that is convenient for you. Ann K does not need to be there, but if you feel you would like some direction, feel free to call her to see what she would like done. Ann can be reached @ 255-5965 or 610-4224.

Notes:

The Plant Clinic started May 1st; there are calendars available now @ the extension office for signing up for your hours. 9 hours are required of each active MG member. The hours this year are from 9-12 although you should stay & finish projects you are working on after 12 if they are not complete. Those hours can be counted toward your total. There will generally be two MG's scheduled to be in the clinic each Tuesday & Thursday. Hours can also be scheduled on Saturdays @ the Farmers Market. Check with Bob @ the office for this arrangement.


The sign-up calendar is at the front desk. The calendar in the Plant Clinic is only a copy. If you change one, please change them both. If you are calling people to remind them about the next shift, please use the front desk calendar to see who is officially signed-up.

Some new books have been purchased for the plant clinic: "Organic Gardening in Cold Climates" & 2 wildflower books that were recommended by Bob in his class. Please jot down any subject that the plant clinic needs more info on; we have money to purchase new books for the clinic and many need replacing or updating. If you know of a specific book and/or website-write it down

Remember to water the planting areas & gardens!!!

Following is the calendar for August. The July calendar is full-yea!
Please sign up for your hours & fill the spaces.

The plant clinic will be open August 21, the Tuesday of Fair Week

August 2007								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1 Penny Joyce	2	3	4	
5		6 Rae JAN R.	7		8 Willie M. Linda K	9	10	11
12		13 Penny Ann K	14	15 Ann Warwick	16	17	18	
19	20	Plant Clinic Open		21	22	23	24	25
Bonner County Fair								
26	27 Gail Rae	28	29	30 Deanna MARCHIA	31			

Plant Clinic Tips

- ♦ Use a new cover sheet for each request, even if a client asks for help with more than one plant problem. This helps keep each research item separate as well as the diagnosis and treatment recommendations. The only exception is for multiple weed identification which can be listed on one sheet with a treatment recommendation that includes them all.
- ♦ If the cause of a plant problem isn't obvious, please fill out and attach the blue sheet so we have a good record of what we know about the problem.
- ♦ If using a blue plant problem sheet, consider other questions you might ask and write down ANY information you get.

This sounds like a fun tour:

2007 GARDEN TOUR

Sunday Afternoon - August 12

Master Gardener's of Pend Oreille County -South Tour



Come join us for a fun filled day with other gardeners.

Enjoy a stroll through a variety of gardens

- ▶ Water wise
- ▶ Dahlia
- ▶ Country
- ▶ Small Space
- ▶ Deer Protected

▶ 16th Annual Tour

Meet at Newport Extension Office 1:00 p.m.

Carpooling suggested. We can arrange carpools at the Extension Office. Make some new friends!!!

DINNER!!!!

"Do You Know Where Your Food Comes From?"

Relax and unwind while enjoying conversation and ideas.

Dinner includes:

- Locally grown Roasted Pig
 - Garden Fresh Salads
 - Dessert
 - Home made herbal teas
- \$8.00

Dinner served at the last garden.
(Purchase tickets by 8/3)

DINNER LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE

Entertainment by: Dorene Greg

RAFFLE: A composite (cement) garden bench with bird bath

REGISTRATION

Please list the names of any additional attendees being paid for with this form.

Please PRINT

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone # with area code: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Number		Total Enclosed
_____	Pend Oreille South Garden Tour Aug 12, 2007 @ \$ 7.00 each	_____
_____	Dinner - Purchase by Tues Aug 3 to reserve your spot. @ \$ 8.00 each	_____
_____	Raffle Ticket(s) @ \$ 1.00 each	_____
	Drawing to be held Aug 12, at Dinner. Need not be present to win.	
	GRAND TOTAL	_____

Mail the above registration, with payment, to: Pend Oreille County Extension Office
Garden Tour, P.O. Box 5045, 418 South Scott Avenue, Newport, Washington 99156
For questions call: (509) 447-2401