

The Garden Gate

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Attention 2008 Students

Your opportunity to learn more about the plant clinic has arrived!

Penny Barton and Martha Fortunati will alternately be at the plant clinic
Tuesday Aug. 19 and
Thursday Aug. 21
for this special session.

The clinic is closed this week due to the Fair.

If you want extra guidance or to just ask questions, this is your chance!

This is for students only
Hours for both dates are 10-noon
And 1 to 3

Questions? Contact Penny or Martha



Next Membership Meetings are
Tuesday, August 5 and
Tuesday September 2
9:00am at Extension office

Certified Master Gardeners

It's Plant Clinic Time!

Please call Patty and schedule your hours.
Each shift needs a certified MG to work with a new class member.
This has been a problem—sometimes only new people have been scheduled!

Remember you need 9 hours for re-certification.

Hours are 9-12 and either 12-3 OR 1-4, Tuesday and Thursday's through September. Advertised closing time for the clinic is 3:00pm.

Call 263-8511 and schedule!

PLEASE NOTE

Patty's schedule is the bible for the volunteers in the clinic. *If you change the one in the back, you must change Patty's for it to be official.*

Make life easier—always check Patty's list!

2008 Bonner County Fair

"EWE BEE THERE—IT'S OUR 80th FAIR"
Aug. 20-23

Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven, chairs

The BCMG's will have a booth at the Fair again this year.
Booth hours are 10am—8pm
and we'll need 2 people/3 hour shifts.



Contact Kit at [the_editrix@yahoo.com](mailto:editrix@yahoo.com) or
Mikey at resqbiz@netzero.com
to schedule



A note from Mike Bauer,
Extension Educator....

Beginnings

Well, here I am finishing up my first short week in Bonner County. My office is even looking habitable, and only lacks a few pictures and mementos to make the place seem like my home away from home.

I have been here long enough to realize what a great group of Master Gardeners we have here in Bonner County. I have seen many Master Gardener programs, and this is one of the best I have ever seen. Your knowledge and enthusiasm are top level. There are very capable and energetic MGs who are contributing a great deal to horticulture in Bonner County.

OTHER STUFF

Treasurers Report—\$4613.55

Gail Locke has volunteered to water the learning garden and ext. office pots on weekends! Thank you Gail!

Mike Bauer's email is mbauer@uidaho.edu

Thanks for all who marched in the 4th of July parade. Troopers, all of you!

And thanks for all the volunteers who helped make this year's garden tour such a success. Talk about sweat-equity! We made close to \$600.00.

MG YARD SALE Saturday, Aug. 23rd

You may start dropping off items at the extension office during regular business hours.

Want to help further?

Price the items—this will save oodles of time for Janae and Pat!

Remember—new or gently used items only.

Questions? Contact Janae Dale or Pat Moss.



Join the U of I Bonner County Master Gardeners and the Garden Writers Association to

Plant A Row For The Hungry

How to get involved:

- ✘ Plant some extra veggies, berry plants, or maintain fruit trees for optimum production.
- ✘ Harvest and eat the produce you grow.
- ✘ Take the extra produce to the nearest Food Bank.

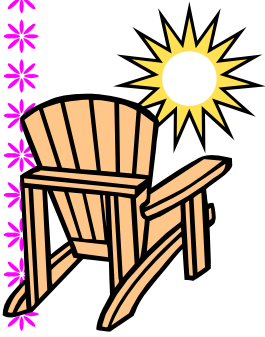
Benefits of PAR:

- ✘ PAR is local people helping local people.
- ✘ Nutritious produce does not go to waste. Somebody enjoys it.
- ✘ Donations are tax deductible. Ask for a receipt.

Food Bank Locations:

- ▶ Sandpoint—Bonner Community Food Bank, 921 N Fifth, open M-F 9am—3pm
- ▶ Priest River—West Bonner County Food Bank, 103 N Washington, M-F 10am—2pm
- ▶ Clark Fork—Clark Fork Food Bank, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wed. 10am—2pm

Down The Garden Path



Summer is finally here, but somehow I don't recall having spring this year. Just a few weeks back the tomatoes were mighty unhappy while they were shivering with the cold. Like many of you my yard simply fainted from the unexpected heat. If it wasn't enough to keep us busy with the wedding, planting and general tending of the garden, now it expects us to water it, too. Such is the life of a gardener.

The Garden Tour is over! Phew! In spite of the 100 degree heat we had a good turnout of very happy people touring the gardens all day long. I will be looking at gardens for the next month for our tour next year, so if you have a great garden or know of a great garden that would be good for the tour, please let me know.

Martha Fortunati and I will be conducting Plant Clinic training during Fair week. We will have two sessions on Tuesday the 19th and Thursday the 21st. The sessions are 10-12 and 1-3 both days. Martha will be doing 10-12 the 19th and 1-3 the 21st and I will be doing 1-3 on the 19th and 10-12 on the 21st. It's a great opportunity to get familiar and comfortable with what the Plant Clinic has to offer our community and ourselves. Keep in mind PC is the big reason why our organization exists. PC is still in need of Certified Mg's to be there with the new class members.

I wanted to take a moment and mention a very devoted Master Gardener, Gail Swan. She quietly goes about her work as Vice President and Committee member without any fanfare. She took half of the MG classes for the "Meet & Greet" in the mornings, she facilitated most of the spring Home Hort Classes, and she is on many committees where she always shows up for the meetings with offerings of helping any way she can. I think Gail is an outstanding Vice President and a terrific Master Gardener and I just wanted to say "Thank You" to her for her devotion and good works. Without her continuous assistance I would be hopelessly overwhelmed. Gail, you are my Brandywine Tomato.

Moose Valley Farms, the nursery in Naples, has added my garden to their garden tour on the 19th of July. There are many wonderful gardens up our way and I hope you get the opportunity to visit them. The tour starts at 9 am and goes to 6 pm and the price is \$5.00 per person. The CDA Garden Club is putting on their tour Sunday, the 13th, and I understand it is fabulous. We get so many great ideas and are so inspired when we visit gardens.

Coming up August 23rd is our annual Yard Sale. If you have things you wish to get removed from your home now, please call me and we can make arrangements to store them in my shed until the sale. We have a booth at the Fair and would love to have you call and volunteer to work a three hour shift. We need two people per shift, so sign up with a buddy if you wish, or get to know someone new. Kit Cooley and Mikey Haven are co-chairing this project, so give them a call.

Take some time to just enjoy the fruits of all your labors this month. Walk around your own garden and admire the lovely things growing there. Sometimes we get so busy working in our gardens we don't notice the flowers. Relax a little bit and enjoy your summer.

I would love an invitation to visit your gardens,

Penny





2008 MG Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Contact	Additional info.
Aug. 5	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Yes, you can attend! New input is always welcome.
Aug 19 Aug 21	Tuesday Thursday	10-12 and 1-3	Plant Clinic - Additional training	Penny Barton/ Martha Fortunati	For students only—special plant clinic session for questions and guidance
Aug 20— 23	Wed. - Saturday	10am— 8pm	Bonner County Fair	Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven	2 people/3 hour shifts
Aug 23	Saturday	Most of day	Annual Yard Sale	Janae Dale/Pat Moss	Need helpers before/during and after event. Bring items to ext. office prior to event
Sept. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	You will be missing all the fun if you don't come.....
Oct. 7	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership	Any Board Member	
Oct. ?	TBA	TBA	Graduation	Penny or Gail	2008 Master Gardener
Nov. ?	TBA	TBA	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Date changed due to Election on Nov. 4th
Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership	Any Board Member	
Dec. ?	TBA	TBA	Annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers and Board members	Any Board Member	

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