



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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President's Note

Hi everyone, I am enjoying my birthday and a visit from my brother that I haven't seen in over 15 years. He brought his wife that I have not met before and we are all having a wonderful time. They have not been to our beautiful city before and are amazed to say the least. We have a lot of catching up to do as you can imagine. Needless to say I don't really have anything prepared, so I will just tell you that we will be on the water tomorrow. So, I hope you are having a great summer also. See you all soon.

Mikey

July Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zonejuly01.html



Zone 3

- Now's the time to start seeds of cool-season vegetables for fall growing
- Rogue out (remove) virus-infected plants from the garden and control leaf-hopping insects to prevent virus spread
- By pruning off faded blooms from annuals, you can prevent seed formation and coax additional flowers
- Mulch flowerbeds with dried grass clipping or compost to maintain moisture and reduce weeds
- Save maintenance and water by allowing perennial rye and Kentucky blue grass lawns to go dormant during the summer
- Raspberries are ripe when they pull readily from the central core
- Prune water sprouts (upright, vigorous shoots) from apple trees
- Avoid deep cultivation around shallow rooted trees and shrubs such as evergreens
- Add a water-soluble fertilizer to hanging baskets and patio pots every 2 weeks to keep plants blooming their best
- Cut flowers for drying at their prime or when just opening

Zone 4

- Add one last planting of gladioli bulbs for flowers into fall

- Harvest veggies as soon as they're ripe to encourage further production
- Avoid the sight of a weed-infested garden: weed first before you leave on vacation
- Harvest sweet corn when silks are brown and punctured kernels produce a milky juice
- Prevent blossom-end rot on tomatoes by providing plants with at least an inch of water each week
- Let melons ripen on the vine--this is where they will develop their best flavor
- Start fall garden transplants from seed
- Petunias, coleus and other summer annuals might be leggy by now. Pinch them back just above a leaf to encourage bushy growth and more flowers
- Leave faded flowers on those plants that form ornamental seed heads, pods, or berries
- Provide water in a shallow pan or birdbath for your feathered and fluttering friends

Zone 5

- Remove annuals with stunted or unusual color; these are usually virus infected and the disease can spread to neighboring healthy plants
- To control disease on fruit trees, maintain a summer spray schedule
- Clean hummingbird feeders filled with nectar solution regularly to ward off mold and bacteria
- Consider drip irrigation and/or soaker hoses for watering in the flowerbed and vegetable garden
- Bats help control mosquitoes; attract these friendly mammals with bat houses
- Muskmelons and cantaloupes are ready for picking when the stem "slips" easily from the fruit with gentle pressure
- Harvest veggies as soon as they're ripe to encourage additional production

- Sharp mower blades prevent leaf blade damage and lawn stress
- Prevent diseases on susceptible rose varieties: apply fungicide every 7-10 days
- Lanky annuals need your help! Pinch them back now to encourage bushy growth and more flowers



BCGA Bonner County Fair Booth

The Fair Committee is busy planning for the 2012 Bonner County Fair. This year's committee is co-chaired by Lynn Pietz and Jon Bair.

The theme for this year is ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE FAIR. The committee has put a creative twist on the theme: ALL ROWS LEAF TO THE FAIR.

We will leave the main theme ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE FAIR, and have a red and white stripe fair tent (like a circus tent) that will be made from sewing red and white fabrics together. This tent will cover the entire back wall. Tent flaps will open to a bookcase, which will be filled with flowers, vegetables, homemade canned fruits and vegetables, and award ribbons.

The fair is our annual opportunity to inform the community of our mission and agenda and to answer questions about gardening in northern Idaho. The sign-up list to work the booth will be out soon and the committee asks that you volunteer to for a time slot as soon as it is released.

See you down the road...at the fair!



BCGA Membership Meeting July 11, 2012

Present: Penny Barton, Bob Blair, Mikey Haven, Ann Warwick, Howie Fennimore, Becky Reynolds, Linda Gjording, Janae Dale, Zoe Bolton, Jenna Bertus, Butterfly Burke and Gail Swan

Meeting was called to order @ 9:05 am by President, Mikey Haven.
May minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's report: \$1716.71

Continuing Education:

Pollinators class presented by Jennifer Costitch-Thompson & Carol Randall on June 19 (Tues) from 2-5pm; class was held at the new Federal building on Ontario; part of class was a field trip into the grounds around the building. There was no charge for the class, but donations were gladly accepted as we reimbursed Carol Randall for her travel expenses from Coeur D'Alene.

Other Field trips suggested but not scheduled:
A combination tour to: Marsha Semars, Ronegars, and Moose Valley Nursery in August
A combination tour to: Sanborns Rose garden, The Plant Man, South of Newport, The Iris Gardens, & The Cottage Garden (date to be determined)
A combination tour to: Bob Wilson's nursery, The Tomato Guys, & Florascape July 30 or 31

Pot Lucks:

A welcoming pot luck for our students and other new members was held @ Penny Barton's on June 23rd @ 1Pm; we invited several instructors & other folks who have been so supportive to our association in the past; it was a good turnout-about 40 people with-as usual-excellent food and a wonderful garden tour

Loie DeLaVergne, July 7th @ 5pm with about 20 people; another great garden party!
Howie & Tonnie Fennimore, July 21st @ 3pm
Mikey Haven, August 18th @ 3pm

Membership Committee:

A welcome packet were given to all our new members @ the pot luck at Penny's ; packet's included: name badge, directory, certificate of completion of class, letter from President, Mikey; a resource guide, and a volunteer sheet for those who haven't yet filled one out; packets were mailed out to those

not able to attend; we are still waiting on bio's for Robb McCracken & Robin Roberts

School Gardens:

Toni North is working with students @ the charter school on landscaping & prepping the beds for planting; she has done an awesome job-brought books for the students to use plus many plants to put in & loads of mulch to help with moisture control

Newport Garden Tour

August 5

Bonner County Fair:

Lynn Pietz & Jon Bair held a meeting for the fair committee @ the BCGA office on June 20th @ 10am; "All Roads Lead to the Fair" Jenna is working on lettering & fences for the background

BCGA Garden Tour:

Was held on July 1st, a Sunday; there were 6 gardens in the Sagle & Sandpoint area; 129 tickets were sold with income of \$968 after expenses; Penny has a DVD of the gardens available for \$5

Farmers Market

Volunteers are needed to set up & staff a booth 1 Sat a month and every Wed; we may need to wait until 2013 to get this program started, although Janae thought she may be able to call some volunteers to get started this year

Front Planter area-Fair Grounds

A weed day is scheduled for Thursday, July 19 @ 8am to weed the planted area

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30



Event Calendar - 2012			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Potluck	Sat 7/21	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Howie and Tonnie Fennimore’s home, 1574 Sagle Road, Sagle, 3pm
Continuing Education – Field Trip	Tues 7/31	Zoe Bolton	Visit to Cedar Mt Perennials (Bob Wilson) and Deerfield Farm (Jerry Petrina) – meet at the office at 9am to carpool. Bring a sack lunch.
Membership Meeting	Wed 8/1	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Newport Garden Tour	Sun 8/5	Zoe Bolton	12:30 – 5:00pm For more information go to: http://pendoreille.wsu.edu/mg/documents/GardenTourFlyerwregistration-2012.pdf
Potluck	Sat 8/18	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Mikey Haven’s home, 230 Southview Lane, Sandpoint, 3pm
Bonner County Fair Booth	8/21 – 8/25	Lynn Pietz, Jon Bair	Bonner County Fairgrounds – 2012 Theme – “All Roads Lead to the Fair”
Yard and Plant Sale	Fri 8/24	Janae Dale	Details to be announced
Membership Meeting	Wed 9/5	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Membership Meeting	Wed 10/3	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Membership Meeting	Wed 11/7	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Membership Meeting	Wed 12/5	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am



2012 Event Chairs and Contact Info			
Event	Date*	Chair(s)	Contact
Membership Meetings	Ongoing	Mikey Haven	610-4829 or 66haven@gmail.com
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Membership Committee	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Home Horticulture Series	Spring & Fall	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Don – 255-7928 or dwc1rsc@televar.com ; Janae – 265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com , or Gail H 263-0180 C 290-4126 or gswan8274@hotmail.com
Home and Garden Show	April	Ellie Lizotte and Ann Warwick	Ellie – 264-5462 or hopeellie@aol.com ; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or w.redguy@frontier.com
School Gardens	Spring/Summer	Janae Dale	265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com
Farmers Market	Spring/Summer	Kim Peterson	627-8418 or krpeterson1@gmail.com