



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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President's Message

June is the month of the Summer Solstice and Roses. Roses are an ancient plant; fossils prove that wild roses date back 40 million years. Most species are native to Asia, with smaller numbers native to Europe, North America, and northwest Africa. These elegant plants of legend and lore range in size from miniatures to long-caned climbers. Many emit intoxicating scents that perfume the air on warm summer days and nights.

Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Rosales
Family: Rosaceae
Genus: Rosa
Species: Over 100

Roses are woody perennials. Many are armed with what are commonly called thorns. These thorns are technically prickles; outgrowths of the epidermis.

Roses prefer full morning sun, protection from the wind, are highly susceptible to root competition, and do best in slightly acidic clay soils amended with an abundance of organic matter.

Hybrid Tea Roses account for the majority of the cut flowers sold and for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the rose plants produced commercially for gardens. Between the Tea Roses and their wild ancestors are a host of other hybrid rose varieties, and amongst these hybrids can be found virtually every characteristic that is possible to breed into a flower.

Most, yet not all roses form rose hips. Rose hips are an excellent source of vitamin C. Rose hips syrup was used to supply vitamin C to the British children during WWII, when supplies of citrus fruits were unavailable.

Roses are known as the Queen of Flowers. In 1986 the United States designated the Rose our national flower. The rose is also the state flower of Georgia, Iowa, New York, North Dakota, and Oklahoma.

Roses have a long and august history full of intrigue and passion. Throughout the ages, around the world, roses have been used to symbolize peace, war, love, hate, and a slew of other causes and passions.

Take time to smell the roses. Jan



Painting by Thomas Kincaid

June Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:

http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Montzonesep01.html



Zone 3

- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals and vegetables
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- Weed asparagus and strawberry beds
- Put up trellises or netting for peas, pole beans and flowering vines
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after the flowers fade
- Plant container roses
- Fertilize and aerate lawns
- Plant balled-and-burlapped and container trees, shrubs and vines
- Apply sulfur to control fungus problems on apple trees, roses and grapevines
- Pinch off first flower buds on chrysanthemum and carnation plants to coax bigger blooms
- Protect cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, kale) from egg-laying cabbage white butterflies with insect barrier cloth
- After their leaves yellow and dry up, divide and transplant crowded spring bulbs

Zone 4

- Plant seedlings of warm-season annuals and vegetables
- Sow seed of fast-growing, heat-loving herbs, vegetables (basil, squash, melons)

and flowers (nasturtiums, zinnias) directly in ground

- Thin out small green fruits on apple, peach and plum trees to one every 6 inches on the branch
- Dust potato plants to prevent infestations of potato beetle
- Set up trellises to support pole beans, morning glories and cucumbers
- Remove newest shoots from geranium plants to encourage fuller plants
- Plant new lawns and fertilize and aerate established lawns
- Plant container roses, shrubs and trees in well-amended soil
- Divide and transplant spring-flowering perennials that have finished blooming
- Protect cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, kale) from egg-laying cabbage white butterflies with insect-barrier cloth
- Weed asparagus and strawberry beds
- Remove new flower buds from chrysanthemums and carnations to coax bigger blooms

Zone 5

- Divide and transplant spring-flowering perennials that have finished blooming
- Harden off and plant seedlings of warm-weather vegetables and flowers
- Thin out small green fruits on apple, peach and plum trees to one every 6 inches on the branch
- Sow seeds of perennials directly into the ground
- Dust potato plants to prevent infestations of potato beetle
- Pinch newest shoots on geranium plants to encourage fuller plants
- Train your lawn to grow deep roots; Mow often, at a high setting

- Plant balled-and-burlapped and container shrubs and trees
- Feed roses as the first flower buds appear; apply fungicide to prevent powdery mildew or blackspot
- Weed asparagus and strawberry beds
- Feed young corn plants with high-nitrogen fish emulsion fertilizer
- Mulch flower and vegetable gardens to conserve water during heat waves

BCGA Membership Meeting June 5, 2013

Present: Penny Barton, Howie Fennimore, Jenna Bertus, Jan Wilfert, Ann Warwick, Butterfly Burke, Bob Blair, Janae Dale, Marjory Clements, Jon Bair, Linda Gjording, Gray henderson and Gail Swan Meeting was called to order @ 9:05 am by President, Jan Wilfert

May minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's report: \$2814.97 (current balance)

New Business

Chris McIntosh is looking for someone to take over the PR position for the association; she has been in this position for 6 years & feels it is time to give someone else a chance to be involved. She will stay in the position until someone comes forward & she will explain what she has been doing & has a detailed list of all her contacts. Please contact Chris or Jan Wilfert if interested.

Nursery Tour

We will meet in the parking lot of "Big R" for a trip to Marsha Semar's, Ronnegers and Moose Valley; any one interested should be at the lot on Monday, June 10, before 9am; we will carpool & leave at 9

Dr Tripepi Presentation

Scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 1Pm at the "Ponderay Event Center"-continuing education on plant problem diagnosis. Jan will contact the Native Plant Society & the Master Naturalists

City Baskets

The DSBA is looking for sponsors to help pay for and maintain the flower baskets; sponsors would have the name on a plaque attached to the hanging post. Jan will send an e-mail to the Trisha Murphy committee to see if interested in supporting this. The city would like \$150/ year to do so.

Old Business

Library books: A motion was made and 2nd to have Jenna Bertus purchase 2 books for our library: "What's Wrong With My Plant (and how do I fix it)" and "Attracting Native Pollinators"

Garden Tour

Penny Barton has secured 6 gardens for the tour; 4 are in the Sagle area and 2 at Ponder Point. The tour is scheduled for Sunday, July 7th from 10-4; tickets are \$10 per person. Gray Henderson will take a sign to the farmer's market to help advertise.

Pot Lucks

Penny Barton will be hosting a pot luck at her gardens on Friday, June 14th at 4PM

Christine Winslow will be hosting a pot luck at her garden on June 22 at 11:30. Directions & possible car pooling instructions will follow. Sandra Gevurtz will be hosting one on July 20; time and directions will follow

School Gardens

Toni North built more raised beds for the Charter school's garden; Janae Dale, Cindy Hayes, Sandra Gevurtz & Gray Henderson helped the teacher, Sara Evans & the students with the planting of fall veggies & pumpkins; They will also be planting an herb garden next Wed, June 12 and will be there all three periods so that all the students can be involved.

Farmers Market:

If you would like to have a presence at the farmers market, contact Sandra to sign up for any available days; a good way to put in volunteer hours. There has been a good amount of interest from the public regarding the booth there. The dates are the 1st Sat and the 3rd Wed

Trisha Murphy Committee

Penny Goodman will meet with Kim Woodruff again to possibly find an appropriate place for a tree or shrub of Trisha; Penny Barton will also meet with Rhonda Livingston at the fair grounds.

Spring Fund Raiser

Mikey Haven coordinated this with Sears-it was held out in their parking lot; the fund raiser was very successful and raised almost \$750 for the association. Mikey has said that she (& Sears) would be willing to host this again next spring

Talks & Presentations

Ann Warwick will be giving a talk on "Composting" at the Library on Thursday, June 13th at 6PM
Janae Dale will have her "red wigglers" at the Arborium on Sat, June 8th

Meeting adj @ 10:40

Charter School Garden

Some of the BCGA members are volunteering at the Charter School, helping them plant a garden. Member Cindy Hayes was on hand and took these pictures during one of Janae Dale's lessons. Here they are transplanting celery seedlings for the soup garden.



Summer Potlucks

Summer garden visits and potlucks are a fun and instructive part of the BCGA calendar. We always learn from each other's innovations in the landscape and have a pleasant and relaxing time with fellow members while enjoying a great meal.

On June 3, we visited Valerie Ripley's spacious garden. She integrates vegetables and flowers for an edible landscape, but also has raised beds for vegetables, a row of enormous raspberries, potatoes and even corn. She has created a feeling of privacy with well placed shrubs and perennials, and uses foliage color to provide interest and contrast. She'll be on the garden tour, so there is still an opportunity to visit her garden.

Friday, June 14, we visit Penny Barton's huge flower garden, full of thousands of iris, lilies, and nearly every ornamental perennial that grows in this climate.

On Sunday, July 14, at 2 p.m., we travel to Clark Fork to visit Christine Winslow's home, in a rural, mountainous setting. We can carpool and enjoy a leisurely drive around the lake.

Saturday, July 20, the potluck will be held at Sandra Gevurtz's home, which has a lovely landscape design and many interesting concepts to ponder.

In August, BCGA will enjoy a potluck at Barbara Pressler's home, and perhaps have a tomato tasting session comparing everyone's ripe tomatoes. The date is yet to be determined.

Make a place on your calendar for some good times with fellow gardeners, good eating, and some outstanding gardens to walk in.

2013 Bonner County Garden Tour – Sunday July 7th

The BCGA is pleased to announce its annual Bonner County Garden Tour. You are invited to spend the day visiting and enjoying six private gardens in and around Sandpoint. This self-guided tour will take you through some creative and beautiful landscapes. It will also give you some innovative ideas that you can apply to your own home gardening landscape plan.

Don't miss this opportunity to view some exquisite gardens in and around Sandpoint area!

When: Sunday July 7th – 10am to 4pm

Tickets may be purchased for \$10 as follows (children are free):

- Purchase them in person at the BCGA offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint. Tickets will be available July 1st.
- Tickets available at Sears at the Bonner Mall July 1st.
- Buy them the day of the event at any one of the garden locations.
- Order them online – credit cards accepted for online purchases. Just bring your receipt to one of the locations the day of the tour to pick up your tickets!

2013 Garden Locations:

Steve & Sandra Gevurtz
245 Kootenai Forth
Sandpoint

Valerie Ripley
511 Ponder Point Drive
Sandpoint

Joyce Dillon
207 Birch Banks Road
Sagle

Charlie & Deborah Steffens
167 Lupine Lane
(Off Dufort Road)
Sagle

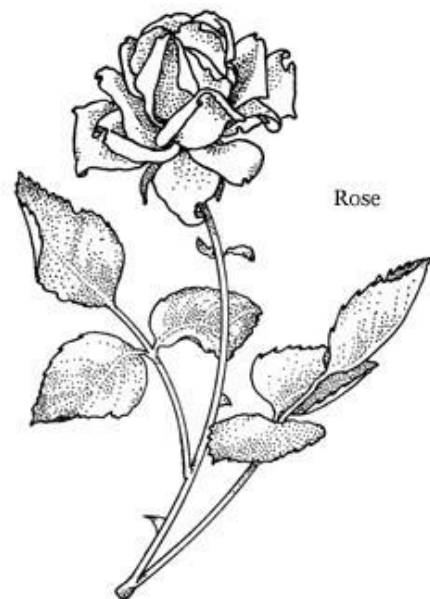
Diana May
435 May's Road
(Off Dufort Road)
Sagle

Dave & Leslie Emery
66 Tamtam Drive
(Off Dufort Drive)
Sagle

Volunteers needed to help work this important annual event. Please contact Penny Barton and give her your preferred time and location!

Nursery Tour

Janae Dale spearheaded a tour of three nurseries in Boundary County for the BCGA. On Monday June 10th about 15 people gathered at Big R to caravan to Marsha Semar's garden east of Moyie Springs, Ronniger's root garden nearby, and the Moose Valley nursery near Naples.



2013 Event Chairs and Contact Info			
Event	Date*	Chair(s)	Contact
Membership Meetings	Ongoing	Jan Wilfert	263-7405 or rj.wilfert2@frontier.com
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing		
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	Sandra Gevurtz	(509)922-2359 or sangevurtz@gmail.com
Mickinnick Trailhead – meet the 1 st and 3 rd Wed of each month at 9am at the trailhead	Spring/Summer	Jan Griffiths	jan@looptravel.com , 290-1973
Healing Garden	Spring/Summer	Valle Novak	
Potlucks	Summer	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Becky - rplace@directv.net or 264-3214; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or w.redguy@frontier.com
Garden Tour	July	Penny Barton	H 265-9733; C 610-1493 or miatamaven@gmail.com
Bonner County Fair	Aug	Lynn Pietz and Jon Bair	lynnpietz@hotmail.com or 265-3563