

The Garden Gate



June 2004

Events at a Glance:

- June 16:* *Hypertufa Creations: Michelle Reichelt*
(6 - 8 pm at the Brown House meeting room)
- June 17-19:* *Inland Northwest Master Gardener Conference*
- July 4:* *Sandpoint 4th of July Parade*
- July 10:* *Bake Sale at Farmer's Market*
- July 18:* *1st Annual BCMGA Garden Tour*



Salutations

Jan Rumore

Greetings Gardeners. Here we are in the peak season of our common passion; is the sun shining on your garden today? We all seem to recognize the need for rain, but oh, the tested patience at farmers markets and civic events! The lawn behind my house has grown so rapidly the last few weeks that by the time it was dry enough to mow it really need to be swathed and bailed rather than simply chopped!

This cool, cloudy interim, however, provided ideal conditions for the flower-barrel and hanging basket downtown projects. Now we are attending to the final details and many Thank Yous are in order.

First and foremost: Kudos to R.J. White and Jen at the DSBA (a.k.a. the Downtown Sandpoint Business Association). What a project you ladies have put together... R.J. the determined, patient coordinator and Jen the hands-on, always available and cheerful Ms. Friday!

And WOW: Arcadia Nursery! So little warning; so much done! Thank you for the plethora of donated time and materials. Your help made the project possible.

To Bill Friedman and his amazing crew from Idaho Stone for an amazing attitude (along with an extremely generous donation of time and materials): THANK YOU!!

Bill Lampson, we couldn't have done it without you. Bill served as the "on-call" guy, and I am truly grateful for his unstinting support.

And thank you to the "buff guys", Bill Jensen and his son Jeff who showed up on extremely short notice to make the basket hanging possible.

Thanks once again to Penny Barton, Don Childress, Rae Charlton, Sue Lopez and the innumerable other people who shoveled, planted, climbed ladders and hauled baskets and supplies. We are grateful to all of you! This project has truly been a community venture.

On a quite different note, the June board meeting included a review and discussion of our MG copy fees at the Extension Office. These costs have once again depleted our funds and the board will be implementing some measures to staunch this steady bleeding of resources. At the very least, our treasurer must be able to predict outgo by knowing who is copying what and when. At the price of 8 cents per page, the cost of a few "extra" copies can accrue quite quickly.

We are very aware of the necessity of making copies to disseminate information. If, however, your copy needs exceed 200 pages (\$16), please okay the project with Don Childress (#255-7928) or me, Jan Rumore (#255-1827).

We welcome your ideas for reining in this beast, and of course, we welcome all financial contributions and volunteer time to the baking, gardening, touring and various other fundraising projects which help us to remain afloat!

Inland Northwest Master Gardener Conference

This is the week of the 2004 Inland Northwest Master Gardener Conference in Coeur d'Alene. There is a terrific line-up of classes, and many still have room for more participants. If you are interested, it is possible to register for this at the door. Full conference registration is \$50 or you can sign up for

single classes for \$10. Tonie Fitzgerald from WSU - Spokane County Extension is giving our keynote presentation on Plants of the Lewis and Clark Expedition after the Friday evening banquet.

Fund Raising Scorecard

Spring Garden Raffle: The winner of a selected Perennial garden is Gail Swan. Congratulations to Gail! Mary of the Flower Farm was very generous and donated the plants to our raffle. We sold over 125 tickets and our costs were 1/10 that of our profits. Thanks so much to everyone who found ticket sale locations, individually sold tickets and those of you who also delivered and picked up tickets. We have had a lot of good suggestions for next year to make this upcoming annual more profitable and fun.

Garden Tour: Sunday July 18, 2004:

The selected gardens are:

1. Barbara Pressler (Barbara Moore)
2. Beth Evans (Rita Janisse)
3. Gretchen Hellar (Bill Lamson)
4. Loie DeLaVergne (Don Childress)
5. Penny Barton (Penny)
6. Sharon Rench (Jan Rumore)

We have selected Board members and Board attendees (in parenthesis) to be chairpersons for organizing, staffing, set-up, and breakdown and ticket sales opportunities at local Garden Centers. The chairperson for each garden will be contacting Master Gardeners to help support this event.

Volunteer staff needed:

9:30am - 1:00pm - 2 volunteers

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Set-up

Post signs, Get registration ticket sales table ready (cash envelope, Garden Tour sign-up, MG brochures), Deliver hostess gift (engraved stone), Give hats to MG hostesses, Review garden with hostess

Break-down

Assist hostess with clean-up, Return signs to Extension office, Return any leftover marketing material to Extension office, Have chairperson record funds and give to Don Childress (treasurer)

Ticket Sales Opportunities - please contact me if you have additional ideas

(Name)	(Garden Site)
Barbara Moore	Priest River Gardens
Rita Janisse	Assisting Beth Evans
Bill Lamson	Arcadia
Don Childress	Northland Nursery (Post Falls)
Penny Barton	Idaho Stone
Jan Rumore	Westwood (Rathdrum)

Chairperson will contact each location and get permission to sell tickets on two Saturdays or Sundays before July 18, 2004. Staffing to be determined by Chairperson.

The Garden Tour brochures will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday June 15, 2004 at the Extension Center. All master gardeners are welcome to pick up brochures for individual sales.

After all of these details, let's remember to have fun and enjoy the community service and fund raising that will benefit all of us.

Again, thanks so much for all of your enthusiasm!!! *Michelle*

Editor's note: If you look in the dictionary under enthusiasm, creativity, commitment, and generosity - curiously, the definitions are all the same. It simply says Michelle. Thank You seems inadequate.



DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO PLANT VEGETABLES?

Jake and Jennifer Leedy have a large tilled garden they no longer use. They are offering it to one, two or three families to share this season. If you are interested please call the Leedy's at 263-9374. Their home is located at 1515 Center Valley Road.

Happy Gardening!

Spring Plant Sale Summary

Rita Janisse

Considering the weather, the Spring Plant Sale was a soggy success and we raised \$238. I wish to thank everyone who was involved with the Sale and to say a

special thanks to those who donated plants. You really out-did yourselves this year; the plants were awesome!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Penny Burton for the massive lilacs and raspberry plants that she donated and to Michelle Reichelt for the sheer numbers of plants that she donated. We are, indeed, lucky to have members like these two women in our group!

Editors note: Thank you Rita for your extraordinary effort in chairing the Plant Sale once again – accomplishing so much while facing our own North Idaho Mother Nature. Job well done!



Kudos to our own Jennifer Costich-Thompson for being honored as an outstanding staff member by the University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Jennifer works at the Sandpoint Research and Extension Center.



Extension Office Perennial Beautification Project

We are asking Master Gardeners to provide one perennial (dug from your yard or purchased if you wish) to help landscape the beds around the Extension Office. The area to be done faces East, gets morning sun, so shade plants will work nicely. Please deliver plants to the Extension Office by the 21st of June. We will be planting them June 21st from 9 - 11 am. Anyone wishing to help plant, bring your garden gloves and a trowel and come get dirty with us. Thank you so much for your generosity. *Garden Fairy People*

(Editors note: I think the Good Garden Fairy might just be Penny Barton)



Bake Sale:

July 10 Farmer's Market

by Mary Bruhjell

(Tune of "I'm a little teapot")

Will you bake some cupcakes, sweet breads or a pie,
carrot cake or brownies? I'll bet you're wondering why.

Bring them to the market, packaged oh so well.

Then spend some time at market, helping us to sell.

Come enjoy the sunshine, music, and fresh air.

We'll educate the public, and make them all aware.

The Plant Clinic is open, every Tuesday and Thursday.

And our Garden Tour is scheduled for the next week on Sunday.

****WE NEED BAKERS!****

Please use disposable packaging. Individual wrappings are great. Add ribbons, bows etc. (cute sells!) Please identify your creation (especially if nuts are used). Chocolate chip cookies and chocolate cake went over really well last time. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Farmer's Market at 8:30 the morning of the sale.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE BOOTH!

Can you commit to a two hour shift at the market? What a wonderful way to put in some of your volunteer hours. We need to fill 9-11, 10-12, and 11-1 shifts. You can shop the market before or after your shift!



Volunteer Opportunity: MGs Helping Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are needed for a grass seeding project at the Habitat for Humanity site in Kootenay. From Sandpoint, turn left off HWY 200 at the last paved road at the east end of Kootenay and go about a half mile north until you see the Schissler Meadows sign on the right. Bring a steel rake and shovel; wheelbarrow if you have one. A whirlybird seed spreader may come in handy. Date: June 22. Time: 10:00 A.M., Come later if you can't make that time. Contact Bill Lamson at 263-3799.



Plant Clinic

Things are humming along in the Plant Clinic. Its that time of year when there are lots of garden problems cropping up, especially with all this WET weather. Just a reminder, when you are working the afternoon shift, you need to call the next Plant Clinic day's volunteers to remind them that they have signed up to work that day. Also, if you are not able to make it for the shift you signed up for, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

There are a few volunteer slots available for June and July. Call Patti (263-8511) if you can fill these slots.

June 15

am Mary Bruhjell
Ann Kieser
Michelle Reichelt
pm Sylvia Hirning
Denise Gulman
Parise Whitley

June 17

am Ann Wimberly
Sue Lopez
Nikki Donaldson
pm Ann Wimberly
Sue Lopez
Parise Whitley

June 22

am Irene Crain
Debbie Crain
Parise Whitley
pm Irene Crain
Debbie Crain
Susan Daffron

June 24

am Joyce Lane
Mary Bruhjell
Barbara Moore
pm Ann Wimberly
Barbara Moore

June 29

am Sherri Reuter
Janae Dale
Irene Crain
pm Sherri Reuter
Irene Crain
Susan Daffron

July 1

am Sue Lopez
Don Childress

pm Sue Lopez
Jan Rumore

July 6

am Ann Wimberly
Gail Swan
Marcia Crockett
pm Ann Wimberly
Gail Swan
Susan Daffron

July 8

am Mary Bruhjell
Ann Wimberly
Marsha Williams
pm Nikki Donaldson

July 13

am Debbie Crain
Marcia Crockett

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July 15

am Mary Bruhjell
Ann Wimberly
Jan Rumore

pm _____

July 20

am Bill Lamson
Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

pm Bill Lamson
Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens

July 22

am Sue Lopez
Ann Wimberly

pm Sue Lopez

July 27

am Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens
Gary Parker

pm Michelle Goode
Lee Stevens
Gary Parker

July 29

am Mary Bruhjell
Ann Wimberly

pm _____

Corrections:

Please note the following corrections from the 2004 Directory and make the change in your book. If you have a correction, change of phone, address or e-mail please let us know. My e-mail is geopat@bossig.com, I will be happy to include your information in subsequent newsletters.

Valle Novak - phone # 265-4688 (not 263-)

Rae Charlton - email: raecharlton@earthlink.net (letter "l" was omitted)

Don Childress - email: dwc1rsc@televar.com

Sylvia Hirning - email: hjames6587@iguanasoft.com

Adrienne Lilly - last name was misspelled, email is: lillypad@imbris.com

Colleen MacGregor - email: jbcm@coldreams.com (change e to c)

Ann Murphy - email: ann83864@peoplepc.com

Gary Parker - email: celtickayak@surf1.ws

Joyce Pence - email: konjoy@webtv.net

Michelle Reichelt - email: mcdreich@earthlink.net (change e to c)

Gail Swan - email: grambo8274@earthlink.net

Parise Whitley - email: 02baloof@earthlink.net (note that the first character is the number "0" and not the letter "O")

Incorrect or changed e-mails: Max Bromberg, Julie Case, Bev Chapin, Loie DeLaVergne, Becky Gorden, Shannon Price, Chris Winslow