

The Garden Gate

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PLEASE READ THIS...

Certified Master Gardeners

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#### 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!

### *A message from Mike Bauer...*

Greetings Bonner County Master Gardeners!

I am excited to arrive in Bonner County as your new Horticulture/Small Farms/Nursery Educator. I have already met with many of you, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you. I am excited to come back to the Sandpoint area, where I spent time in the late 1980s completing my Master Thesis. I am excited to return to serve nurseries, small farms and home horticulture needs of Bonner County and the Panhandle area.

My background includes working as an Extension Horticulture Agent for Oregon State University, Colorado State University, and most recently as Horticulture Educator with the University of Idaho in Lewiston. As you can see, these areas have short growing seasons (except for Lewiston). I hope I am not carrying a jinx because everywhere I have lived has experienced a drought shortly after my arrival. Needless to say, I have some experience in this area!

Way back in ancient times, I received my Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Studies from Western Michigan University in 1983, spent time training agriculture teachers in Togo, W. Africa and received my MS in Agricultural Education from the University of Idaho in 1989.

From my visits to many of your projects, it is obvious you are an industrious and enthusiastic group of valuable volunteers. The Learning Garden has been planted, the Plant Clinic is one of the best in Idaho and many other exciting projects are taking shape. I will do all that I can to support these projects, and feel free to call or drop by the office any time.

I am excited to be here on July 1

**2008 Master Gardener  
Garden Tour**

**Sunday, June 29**  
**10 to 4**  
**\$10 per person**

Tickets available at the extension office, or the day of the tour at each garden.

### Next Membership Meetings

Tuesday, July 1  
Tuesday, Aug 5  
9:00am



## Down the Garden Path ...Greetings all MG's

Welcome again to our new Extension Educator Mike Bauer. We look forward to working with him on everything related to Master Gardener's. Mike was present at our June 3rd meeting and had the pleasure of meeting many of our group.

A huge big thank you for the wonderful working crew who showed up Sunday in the rain and stayed with planting until we were finished. Many thanks to Kristy Pierce, Ken Lunde, Joyce Pence, Ann Keiser with partner Dave Summers, Martha Troughton and your fearless leader. Wednesday we had yet another cold and blustery work day. Many thanks to Ann Warwick, Willie Millard, Gaea Swinford, Mikey Haven, Abby Chavez, Gail Swan, Janae Dale, Bob Blair, Zoe Bolton, Ann Keiser with partner Dave Summers. After the Learning Garden, some of us went to All Seasons and had a wonderful time planting the whiskey barrels that adorn Sandpoint with so much summer color. Thank you, Jan Rumore, Gaea Swinford, Ann Warwick, Mikey Haven, Gail Swan, Janae Dale, and Zoe Bolton.



Mikey Haven donated several wood and clay pots for the front steps. Along with the four large pots remaining from last year, they all have been planted and are ready to wow all who visit the Extension Office. The walkway leading the to office has also been planted with lots of summer color. A gentle reminder that there is always some weeding and dead heading to be done on the grounds and all MG's are required to spend two hours a year working at the Extension Office to keep it looking cared for.

**ATTENTION:** Anyone that knows the whereabouts of the black and white Garden Tour arrow signs, please contact me ASAP. I don't know how these have gotten away but they have and we are in need of them prior to the Garden Tour on the 29th.

Speaking of the Garden Tour....., there is a meeting of the Garden Tour committee at 1 pm Thursday, the 12th of June at the Extension Office. Please be there as I am in need of your help.

A special thank you to Kit Cooley and Mikey Haven for being brave when they were feeling fearful, and stepping up in spite of it, to co-chair the Fair Booth this year. The very best way to get more involved and to be in the know is to attend your Membership Meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday July 1st. Hope to see you there.

Cheerfully thinking of all of you in this too busy time of year.

**Perry Barton**

Master Gardener President



The Native Plant Society

Invites you

Saturday, June 28 at 9:45 am  
Sandpoint Community Center



"A Presentation to Celebrate &  
Learn about our Chapter's Founder,  
Lois Wythe."

All are welcome to come celebrate  
this extraordinary person!

4 th of July  
 Parade  
 Friday ~ 9:00 am

Meet In back of Army/  
 Navy Surplus store .  
 Parade starts at 10:00 am .  
 We will follow the Back  
 Country Horsemen and as  
 usual, compost all the way!  
 Come be part of a Master  
 Gardener tradition!!



MG YARD SALE  
 Saturday, Aug. 23rd

*START SAVING* your gently used items so we'll have lots to sell. Have an item you need out-of-the-way now? Penny has generously donated space at her home, call her for information.

We'll let you know when you can start dropping things off at the ext. office.

Questions? Contact Janae Dale or Pat Moss.

Updated calendar will be included with each Garden Gate—make sure you refer to the most current edition.

Garden Tour Committee Meeting—1pm on Thursday June 12th.

Plant Clinic—this is really, really important....The front office list (Patty's) is the final say in who's scheduled! IF YOU CHANGE THE LIST IN THE PLANT CLINIC, MAKE SURE YOU UPDATE PATTY'S.

Needed! One volunteer to come either Sat. or Sun. during summer to water Learning Garden. Please notify Penny if interested.

Treasurers Report—\$4613.13

Volunteer Opportunities:

Mickinnick Trail with Kinnikinnick Chapter of Native Plant Society, on 1st Wednesdays, am to noon\* July 2 and August 6

Mickinnick with Master Gardeners on 3rd Wednesdays, am to noon\* June 18, July 16, and August 20

*\*These days are traditional but not exclusive. All members may mix and match. Questions? Contact Jan Griffiths.*

Waterlife Discovery Center, am to noon, stay for the barbeque lunch!

June 26 and July 17; Questions? Contact Eileen Atkinson at [eatkiss2@verison.net](mailto:eatkiss2@verison.net)

OTHER  
 STUFF

# 2008 MG Calendar

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| Date              | Day                 | Time           | Event                                                         | Contact                | Additional info.                                                        |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 12           | Thursday            | 1:00pm         | Committee meeting                                             | Penny Barton           | Ext. Office—Anyone interested                                           |
| June 28           | Saturday            | 9:45am         | Honor Lois Wythe                                              | Native Plant Society   | Monthly meeting of the Native Plant Society will honor Lois             |
| June 29           | Sunday              | 10:00am—4:00pm | BCMG Garden Tour                                              | Penny Barton           | \$10.00 per person. Tix available at ext. office or each garden on tour |
| July 1            | Tuesday             | 9:00am         | Membership Meeting                                            | Any Board Member       | Everyone is invited and welcome to attend                               |
| July 4            | Friday              | 10:00am        | 4th of July Parade                                            |                        | Meet at <b>9:00am</b> back of Army/ Navy Surplus store                  |
| Aug. 5            | Tuesday             | 9:00am         | Membership Meeting                                            | Any Board Member       | Yes, you can attend! New input is always welcome.                       |
| Aug 18—<br>Aug 23 | Monday—<br>Saturday | ????           | Bonner County Fair                                            | Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven | Committee meetings will be scheduled                                    |
| Aug 23            | Saturday            | Most of day    | Annual Yard Sale                                              | Janae Dale/Pat Moss    | Need helpers before/during and after event. Start saving those items!   |
| 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