



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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President's Note

My message this month is to just get out there and enjoy as much of this weather as you can. It's what we have been waiting for. See you all at Penny's pot luck on the 23rd!

Mikey

June Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zonejun01.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

BCGA Membership Meeting, June 6, 2012

Present: Penny Barton, Jon Porter, Bob Blair, Mikey Haven, Ann Warwick, Howie Fennimore, Becky Reynolds, Linda Gjording, Jan Wilfert, Janae Dale, Zoe Bolton, Jenna Bertus, Penny Goodman and Gail Swan

Meeting was called to order @ 9AM by President, Mikey Haven.

May minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's report: \$1190.33

JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 11TH AS THE FIRST WED IS THE 4TH

Continuing Education:

Dr Chaulker-Scott gave another excellent presentation, even though a bit shorter than expected.

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

Other Field trips suggested but not scheduled:
Manito Park plant sale June 9th
Spokane Garden Tour June 16th; includes 7 gardens; fee \$10

A combination tour to: Marsha Semars, Ronegars, and Moose Valley Nursery
A combination tour to: Sanborns Rose garden, The Plant Man, South of Newport, The Iris Gardens, & The Cottage Garden
A combination tour to: Bob Wilson's nursery, The Tomato Guys, & Florascape
Dates for these to be determined

Home Hort:

Classes went well over all for the spring series; committee will be meeting the later part of June to begin work on the fall series; any suggestions for classes will be gladly accepted by any of the committee members

Pot Lucks:

A welcoming pot luck for our students and other new members to be held @ Penny Barton's on June 23rd @ 1Pm; we will also be inviting several instructors & other folks who have been so supportive to our association in the past

Directions to Penny's: 1762 West Elmira Road
Drive 14 miles North of Kootenai Cutoff Road; turn left just past mile marker 490 @ West Elmira Road; Go 6 tenths mile & turn right at big bank of mail-boxes; (house is approx 1 mile from here) Stay on main road—don't turn on any driveway until you come to a pair of black & white address #'s on a post—1614 & 1762—this is the beginning of Penny's driveway—stay to the right through the cement columns; Welcome to Penny's Garden!!

Loie DeLaVergne, July 7th @ 5pm
Howie & Tonnie Fennimore, July 21st @ 3pm
Mikey Haven, August 18th @ 3pm

Membership Committee:

A welcome packet will be given to all our new members @ the pot luck at Penny's ; packet will include: 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

School Gardens:

Sarah Evans, a teacher @ the Charter School, is working with 6th & 7th grade students to keep advancing students involved with the gardens; Toni North is working with them on landscaping the area & prepping the beds for planting; Ann Warwick is teaching composting; Howie Fennimore built compost bins; Judith Street & Janae Dale are continuing their involvement as the projects continue

The food bank is in great need of fresh veggies if you have any to share; anything will be greatly appreciated

"Fresh" the movie, will be presented @ the Panida on June 23rd @ 7pm (doors open @ 6pm); fee \$5.00. Proceeds to benefit the school gardens
Think about what you are eating!! Go to www.freshthemovie.com for more info

Valle Novak will be having surgery on her injured foot; any cards or visits will be appreciated

Transitional Gardens:

Transitions in Progress @ Trestle Creek; there are 4 houses for those families making changes in their living status; Becky Reynolds, Ellie Lizotte & Janae Dale are helping with the gardens

Bonner County Fair:

Lynn Pietz & Jon Bair have scheduled a meeting for the fair committee to meet @ the BCGA office on June 20th @ 10am

BCGA Garden Tour:

Tour to be held on July 1st, a Sunday; there are 6 gardens in the Sagle & Sandpoint area; tour is from 10-4 & volunteers will be needed for each garden to work 3 hour shifts; anyone working the gardens will be given a free ticket to see them either before or after your shift; contact Penny Barton to volunteer; Chris McIntosh will be doing to advertising & Zoe Bolton will be putting the info on the website

Meeting adjourned @ 10:45



Rosa gallica officinalis

Event Calendar - 2012			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Cont Ed – Native Plant Pollinator Gardens	Tues 6/19	Ann Warwick	Outdoor class; presenters Jennifer Costich-Thompson and Carol Randall; Sandpoint Ranger District office; 2pm – 5pm
Committee Meeting – Bonner County Fair	Wed 6/20	Lynn Pietz	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 10am - noon
Potluck – Welcome New Members	Sat 6/23	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Penny Barton’s home; 1762 West Elmira Rd, Sandpoint; 1pm
Garden Tour	Sun 7/1	Penny Barton	Locations - various
Potluck	Sat 7/7	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Loie DeLa Vergne’s home, 436 Willow Lane, Sandpoint, 5pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 7/11	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Potluck	Sat 7/21	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Howie and Tonnie Fennimore’s home, 1574 Sagle Road, Sagle, 3pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 8/1	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
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



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
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 one-cent@gotsky.com
Bonner County Fair	Aug	Lynn Pietz	lynnpietz@hotmail.com or 265-3563



“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June”

Al Bernstein, writer



“The objection to gardening is that by the time your back gets used to it, your enthusiasm is gone”

Baltimore Sun



“To begin with, there is no such thing as a ‘born’ gardener. Even the most famous and accomplished gardeners had to start at the beginning, and all gardeners are perpetual students”

Pamela Jones, professional gardener, landscape artist

“From a garden comes health of body and mind. You keep limber there, heaven knows, and gardening isn’t like games that require club membership, and special garments and equipment; all you need is old clothes and plenty of old shoes, at least six pairs a season, easily acquired by making your new ones old as you simply forget to change”

Helen Van Pelt Wilson, garden writer



“One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides”

W.E. Johns 1893-1968, author

“Gardening is the only unquestionably useful job”

George Bernhard Shaw, 1856- 1950, Irish dramatist