

# The Garden Gate

## March 2008



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**Next Membership Meeting**

**~ Monday ~  
April 7**

**9:00am**

**Be There!**

### 2008 Officers and Board Members

President: Penny Barton

Board Members

Vice-Pres.: Gail Swan

Linda Kirchmann, Jan Rumore, Ann

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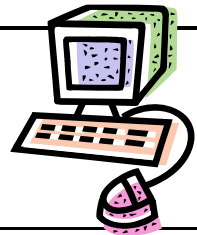
Warwick, Liz Kunze, Brenda Fletcher

Treasurer: Shirley Barksdale

*Check out our web site....*

[www.bonnercountymastergardeners.org](http://www.bonnercountymastergardeners.org)

*Thanks to Brenda Fletcher and Susan Daffron for getting this done!*



Greetings from your Pres

THE CLASS OF 2008 ROCKS!

I have had the pleasure of spending time with the students in the new class and I think they are awesome in so many ways.

They are so enthusiastic and excited for every class. They are attentive and ask great questions. They are so appreciative and amazed at the great quality of instructors we have provided for them. They get filled to the rim from every class but come again the next time eager to be filled once more. They just can't get enough and are requesting field trips after the course has completed.

The class is now one third of the way through and all is running smoothly. Even though it is a very full class the new table and seating arrangements are working amazingly well. It is such a user-friendly room now. This arrangement has been dynamic in helping the students to get to know one another, forming important bonds with their class. Most students are there by 8:20 in the morning so they have time to chat with new friends they have made before class starts.

We complete our course on April 24<sup>th</sup> with the Greenhouse Tours. We will meet at the Extension Office at the regular time of 8:45 so that anyone wishing too can carpool. This will be a brown bag lunch day so come prepared. Anyone wishing to join the new class for this field trip is more than welcome. Our tour will start at All Seasons then to the Flower Farm and ending at Moose Valley Farms in Naples.

If anyone would like to audit any of the remaining classes be sure to contact me. There are many classes open yet and we can have two auditors to a class.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> the committee to employ the new Horticulturist will be doing our interviewing of three candidates. Janae Dale and myself are on this committee. We are so anxious to meet our new Mentor and friend. Results will be in the April issue of the Garden Gate.

We will be planting the city baskets again this year with All Seasons Nursery. The new class and all MG's are welcome to join in for this fun day in the greenhouse. This item was not listed on your sheet of choices for you to participate in. Anyone interested in planting the city baskets, please let me know and I will put you on the list. This is counted as Community Service hours. This is a dirty day so dress accordingly. This is also a greenhouse and the temperature can vary widely so consider dressing in layers. Bring your trowel, gloves and a cheery attitude and fun will be had by all.

Until Next Time

Penny Barton

# Spring Home Horticulture Classes

A \$10.00 registration fee per class is required. Please pre-register for all classes by calling the Bonner County Extension office  
\* 263-8511\*

- March 19 *Seed Propagation*  
Master Gardener Laurie Brown and owner of North Star Farms
- March 26 *Planting Spring Vegetables*  
Marcia Semar, owner of Marcia's Cottage Garden
- April 2 *Fruit Trees of North Idaho*  
Dr. Dan Barney, Director of the U of I Research and Extension Center in Sandpoint
- April 16 *Bee Keeping*  
Master Gardeners Blain and Gina Harvey and owners of Four Star Apiary
- April 23 *Butterfly and Fragrance Gardens*  
Carol Mack, Extension Educator, Washington State Extension Pend Oreille County
- April 30 *Pesticides, the Good, the Bad, and Ugly*  
Tim Stein, Sr. Ag. Investigator and Field Officer Idaho State, Department of Ag.



ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY'S FROM 6PM—8PM  
AT THE BONNER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
4205 N. Boyer Sandpoint, Idaho



## City Baskets

It's a go for planting the baskets again, but at this time, no firm date is set....see Penny's letter on page one!!

## Home and Garden Show

April 12 and 13 at the Bonner County Fairgrounds  
Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 9am to 5pm  
Brenda Fletcher is the committee chair (bflletcher@norlight.org)  
We will need to man the booth as well as people to set-up and break down.

## Garden Tour

Do you know of a super garden that could be on our tour???

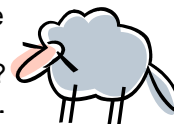
Penny Barton will be the committee chair, so please contact her at [one-cent@got-sky.com](mailto:one-cent@got-sky.com).

Date TBA, but probably a Sunday late June or early July

## Bonner County Fair

Aug 18-23

We always have a creative booth—last year we won a ribbon!!  
This year's theme is EWEEBEE THERE, and it's the fair's 80th anniversary.  
Does someone want to chair this event?  
More info. in upcoming newsletters...



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