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The Garden Gate

May 12, 2005



Plant Clinic

By Debbie Crain, Plant Clinic Director

We are open for business!!! There are a few minor changes this year, but the plant clinic is ready to help people with their garden questions. The books and resources have been slightly rearranged and the outdated items have been purged. The plant problem sheets have a couple changes, too. But the main difference is we are requesting that walk in clients are "logged in" to a logbook. This enables us to track the number of people and their problems just a little better.

Many thanks to Gail Swan for her help in getting the plant clinic into shape. Also, thanks to those who have signed up to work the clinic. There are plenty of openings in July and August.....so call Patti to schedule your time 263-8511.

Home Horticulture Classes

May 18 - "Fruit Tree Culture" / "Pruning Fruit Trees" presented by Carver Kearney & Rich De Carlo

June 1 -, "Perennial Flowers" presented by Loie dela Vergne

June 15 - "Landscaping with Shrubs and Perennials" presented by Kirk Johnson

June 29 - "Using Herbs in the Landscape" presented by Lois Wythe

Facilitators: May 18 Brenda, June 1 Gail, June 15 Janae, June 29 Sue Lopez.

Master Gardeners' Plant Sale

May 21 Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

On the Grounds of the Lake Pend Oreille High School. Chair: Judith Pagliasotti - Start bringing things on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to the back of the Extension Office. Also bring plants on Saturday. Please label for the sake of the MG workers as well as the recipients... also appearance helps sell. Call Judith at 255-2961.



You can still send a donation!! Storage Building

So far we have collected \$150 towards the \$350 needed to complete our storage building. Don Childress is donating the lumber needed to erect. The board voted to go ahead and fund the project with the hope that continued donations will refill the pot of gold in our treasury. Make your check to Bonner County Master Gardeners, in care of Patti, earmarked for the Storage Shed. Thank you!



Janae Dale, Board Member

It must have been the hops. When I was four, Mother planted some hops just for fun behind the house in Yakima. I remember being thrilled by how fast they grew! In junior high in Leavenworth, WA, I maintained the raspberry patch and sold raspberries for money from a small roadside stand. It seems I was always around things growing with all the orchards in the Wenatchee valley, the gardening of my mother, and the farming of my relatives.

One year I won a trophy at the Pend Oreille county fair for my flowers. When my husband and I lived in Snohomish, WA, we had a small vegetable garden and lots and lots of rhodies and azaleas. My husband had retired from the Seattle fire department, and I finally retired from teaching. We moved to Sandpoint and started building our new home the spring of 2002. I was planting things before the house was done, but had to learn again that many things that grow so well in Snohomish don't really like it here. Taking the Master Gardener class in 2003 certainly helped me learn not just what plants to use here, but

so much more! And the interesting thing about gardening is there is always more to learn!

My husband and I both like to ski. We bought snowshoes this past winter but never got to use them. Next year! We both enjoy hiking, exploring the side roads in the area, and finding good places for lunch. We used to like to travel, but now that we live in Paradise, it is difficult to leave to go anywhere else. I am active in Habitat for Humanity, enjoy sewing, quilting, reading, and working on finishing touches on our new home. Of course, I especially enjoy developing the landscaping and flowerbeds. My flower planting is somewhat limited by the heavy winds we occasionally get, so I am working on a wind garden.

And I'm considering planting some hops to grow over the pergola on our deck.

Waterlife Discovery Center Plans

The Landscape Committee of the Native Plant Society will evaluate last fall's planting at the Waterlife Discovery Center in late May or early June. A date for the follow up planting will then be set. Some one has volunteered to help install a drip irrigation system there.

Garden Tour Sunday, June 26
Contact Barb Moore for INFO
Watch for information in the June newsletter.... Meantime mark your calendars for June 26!

Mickinnick Trail



Planting Date Set For May 19

Master Gardeners are needed to help with planting at the Mickinnick Trailhead on Thursday May 19, beginning at 9:00 am. Plants were purchased locally from Scott Daily and also from Plants of the Wild. Hardscaping is complete. A drip irrigation system will be installed in the next few weeks. Please bring your rake and shovel, gloves, something to drink, and a lunch or snack.

Directions: To get to the trailhead, turn left off Schweitzer Road about 1/2 mile past the railroad tracks onto Woodland Drive. The trailhead is on the right about 1/2 to 1 mile down Woodland Drive. Contact Ann Wimberley afwim@yahoo.com or 264-5379 for more information. The trail is scheduled to open this summer.

Shown at work on the trailhead for the Mickinnick Trail are members of the Master Gardeners and the Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society. Eileen Atkisson stands at the left with Ann Wimberley (behind Eileen);

Michael Franklin (facing camera) is in center (talking to Leao, the City's equipment operator); and Don Childress is at the top of the berm with volunteer Stewart Gutenberger. As chair of the Landscape Committee of the Kinnikinnick Chapter, Eileen is supervising the joint effort of the two Bonner County volunteer organizations.

Don and/or Ann can supply any other details. - Phil Franklin

2005 International Master Gardener Conference July 24-27

For registration and class information www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca

Garden in the woods...

New Source of Native Plants in Sandpoint

Scott Daily, who recently moved here from the Yaak River Valley, will be selling native plants at the Farmers' Market this summer. He and his wife are living in Laclede with their two children while building a home and greenhouse in the Talache area.

Scott previously worked in habitat restoration projects along the Yaak River. Although he will have some plants available for sale this summer, he expects to have many more when his greenhouse is fully functional next year. He will be the speaker at the meeting of the Native Plant Society on **Saturday, June 25 at 9:30am** at the Sandpoint Community Hall.

THE FLOWER FARM BLOSSOMS WITH NEW OWNERS



Dennis & Cindy Moore

The Flower Farm, an established greenhouse outside of Sandpoint, is once again bursting with colorful bedding plants, vegetable starts, hanging baskets, and an impressive selection of perennial plants for area gardens. The new owners, Cindy Scott and Dennis Moore, are dedicated to producing high quality, healthy plants that are adapted to this climate, ready for local gardeners to take home. Each plant, from seedling to garden ready specimen, receives meticulous attention and care at The Flower Farm, backed by Dennis and Cindy's experience and education in all phases of propagation, and their high standards of excellence.

Dennis has decades of experience in a variety of agricultural endeavors. He studied horticulture, earning a degree in agribusiness management from the University of Hawaii, followed by diverse endeavors ranging from growing coffee to landscaping and nursery management, in Hawaii and other environments. Most recently, he served as Nursery Manager at

Salvadale Greenhouses, in Snohomish, Washington.

Cindy brings good gardening practices and boundless energy and enthusiasm to the business, as well as a friendly nature that brings customers back to The Flower Farm again and again.

They are offering a number of varieties of fuchsias rarely seen in this area, in many colors, and several with interesting foliage coloration. Featured also are some exotic plants such as the Voodoo Lily, a somewhat rare specimen with a tropical look and fascinating, huge, almost black blooms.

The Flower Farm, located at 5451 Selle Road, is open seven days a week during spring, from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday, and 10 to 4 on Sundays.

Annie Pressed Flowers

.....768 Samuels

.....Mile marker 486

10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Samuels.... $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to house

Started in 1989. In 1992 really got started. Little gardens beneath the tree wildlife friendly - plant collector with view towards preserving & drying.

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Plant Clinic Schedule by Debbie Crain

Please remember if you are unable to make your scheduled day you are responsible to call a replacement.

May-June Plant Clinic reminder: July, August and September MG's needed to sign up

May 10 Debbie Crain Sue Lopez	May 12 Bev Chapin Joyce Lane	May 17 Don Childress Rae Charlton	May 19 Joyce Lane Sue Lopez
May 24 Penny Barton Gail Swan	May 26 Barb Moore Janae Dale	May 31 Rae Charlton Jennifer Costich-Thompson	June 2 Rae Charlton Barb Moore
June 7 Don Childress Gail Swan	June 9 Rae Charlton Mary Bruhjell	June 14 Penny Barton Sue Lopez	June 16 Mary Bruhjell Jan Rumore
June 21 Ann Wimberly Debbie Crain	June 23 Mary Bruhjell Jan Rumore	June 28 Jennifer Costich-Thompson Jan Rumore	June 30 Bill Lamson Brenda Fletcher

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