



The Garden Gate

May 2006

Congratulations Class of 2006!



From left to right: Standing - Blaine Harvey, Jan Griffitts, Julie Cooke, Linda Kirchmann, Gini Howard, Lisa Chronic, Debbie Gill, Charlene Blowers, Jane Roach, Kate Potticary, Jim Seyfert, Marth Fortunati, Shirley Barksdale, Deanna Renova, Bob Wilson. Kneeling - Gina Harvey, Bonnie Cavanaugh, Chris McIntosh, Willie Millard

Congratulations to the class of '06 for completing the Master Gardener class. Upon finishing the volunteer requirements you will join the ranks of a dedicated, hard-working, soil-loving group proudly known as Master Gardeners! We welcome you with open arms and look forward to your energy, effort and enthusiasm!

Extension Office Weeding and Watering

An opportunity is available to help keep the grounds of the Extension Office looking good by signing up to weed and water the landscaping. The new Master Gardeners are required to give three volunteer hours doing this, but anyone is welcome to help. The designated day is Tuesday during May and Tuesday and Friday for the remainder of the summer. You may come anytime during those days and stay only as long as it takes.

Call Patti to sign up: 263-8511

News and Notes:

-The **Plant a Row** project needs someone in or near Priest River and Clark Fork to help by dropping off and collecting receipts at those local Food Banks a few times during the summer. Please call or email Ann Warwick if you can help: 263-2844 or www.redguy@verizon.net

-If you planted a **hanging basket** at the Greenhouse, please pick it up by June 3rd because we are having a Plant Sale then.....and it may get sold!

-**Plant Sale** will be June 3rd at the Greenhouse. Please plant an extra flat or pots when you are doing your starts to donate for the sale. Flowers, veggies, house plants, divided perennials, herbs, and anything that looks healthy are good sellers. Where and when to drop off your donations will be announced at a later time.

-Are you **artistic**? Could you help paint a mural of safari animals for the Master Gardener fair booth this summer? Would you please call Sue Lopez: 263-1949?

-The Master Gardeners will have a "**Yard Sale**" the Saturday of the Bonner County Fair, August 26 on the grounds of the Extension Office. Please be saving **good** stuff to donate for this fundraiser.

- Thank you to Patti and Kristan in the Extension Office for helping "tidy up" the Plant Clinic. They often go above and beyond their duties to help and support the Master Gardeners. Please say a special "thanks" when you see them.

Home Horticulture Workshop Series

Don't forget to attend these informative, interesting classes:

May 17th: "Mushrooming in North Idaho" by Robert Zweifel

May 31st: "The Gifting Garden" by Lois Wythe

June 7th: "Hardscape Landscaping with Stones, Pavers, Etc." By Idaho Stone

Encourage your friends to attend, too. The \$10 registration fee helps support Master Gardener programs. You can pre-register through the Extension Office: 263-8511 or on the night of the program.

The Plant Clinic by Debbie Crain

May/June Schedule:

May 9

Sue L
Jane R
Deborah G

May 11

Open
Willi M
Linda K

May 16

Debbie C
Deborah G
Martha

May 18

Parise
Lisa C
Open

May 23

Marge C.
Jan G.
Deborah G. (am)

May 25

Janae
Shirley B.
Gini H.
Deanna

May 30

Marge C
Deborah G. (am)
Martha

June 1

Joyce L.
Charlene
Kate

June 6

Penny
Ann K.
Open

June 8

Bonnie
Chris
Jan R (am)

June 13

Debbie C
Lisa C
Martha
Charlene

June 15

Barb M (am)
Jim S
Blaine/Gina(am)
Jan G

June 20

Marge C
Jan R
Martha

June 22

Gail S.
Jane R
Linda K
Blaine/Gina (am)

June 27

Parise
Shirley
Kate

June 29

Jan R. (am)
Bonnie
Chris

(Italicized are certified Master Gardeners) One certified MG is needed per shift.

A certified Master Gardener is needed for Thursday, May 11.

The Plant Clinic hours this year are from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you are unable to work the full shift, be sure to specify whether you can work the am or pm shift when you sign up. Certified Master Gardeners need nine hours to re-certify. Student Master Gardeners need 24 hours. If you are unable to work the shift you signed up for it is your responsibility to find a replacement. You need to sign up soon because hours are filling in fast.

Farmers Market Plant Clinic:

The following Saturdays are available: June 10, July 8, August 12, and September 9 for anyone who cannot volunteer in the Plant Clinic on Tuesday or Thursday. A list of procedures and supplies will be available to pick up at the Plant Clinic the Friday before each shift. Please call Patti to sign up: 263-8511.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 9:00 am in the Extension Office.

Face-to-Face Contacts Recordkeeping

Bob Wilson

The University of Idaho has a non-discrimination policy that states that our services are available to all regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion or disability. It is important that we follow this to the best of our ability. Not only does our federal funding (Extension is partly funded by the USDA) require this, it is critically important that, as a taxpayer funded institution, our efforts do not favor one group over another.

In today's situation, it no longer is adequate simply to rely on the promise of good faith that one will not discriminate. It is necessary to demonstrate that there are neither barriers to access nor behaviors that might indicate discrimination. One piece of evidence we provide is the face-to-face contact record that we keep in the Plant Clinic. It is important that we record this information on all of our visitors. Although we try to keep these records as accurately as possible, we are not allowed to ask people about their race, age, ethnicity, etc. We must make our best guess.

There is one change to the recordkeeping from how it was done last year. In the past we have tracked age, gender and race. Now the University of Idaho has created a new category - ethnicity, which includes people of Hispanic origin. The race section separates everyone into Caucasian, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Black. The ethnicity section separates people into Hispanic and Other (non-Hispanic). The gender and age categories have not changed. Adults are 19 and older, Youth are 18 and younger. For each contact you will need to check one column in each of the four categories - age, gender, race and ethnicity.

On the plus side, I have dropped the phone call count column as this information has not been useful. Thanks again to everyone for your help on this. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Mickinnick Trail and Waterlife Discovery Center Updates

Weeding continues at the Mickinnick Trailhead on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

A Weed, Plant and Barbeque Picnic is planned at the Waterlife Discovery Center on Thursday, June 1, tentatively from 9-1.

Contact Ann Wimberley at afwim@yahoo.com, 264-5379 or 597-0477 for more information on either community service volunteer opportunity