



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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President's Note

I came home from work today and went to check on the garden, as I do every day, and to my surprise, I had my first bloom on one of my mini iris's, and my bean seeds are poking up through the soil. It is officially Spring.

Come one, come all, don't forget, Thursday, May 24th at 6pm-8pm the Chalker/Scott presentation, invite all your friends.

Reminder, June 23rd we will welcome all of our new members, with a potluck at Penny Barton's home. I will hand out badges and its a great way to get to know everyone. Our potlucks are awesome, please don't miss this one.

And as always,
Feed the soil, not the plant.

Mikey

"The boughs of the oak are roaring inside the acorn"

Charles Tomlinson b. 1927 (poet)

May Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zo_nemay01.html



Zone 3

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Plant cool-season lawns and permanent ground covers
- Feed and aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables

- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Divide and replant summer- and fall-blooming perennials
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after bloom
- Plant bare-root and container roses
- Uncover roses for spring and apply dormant spray
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs, and vines
- Apply dormant spray to trees, shrubs, and vines before buds swell
- Plant tender shrubs and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant needle-leafed evergreens

Zone 4

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded winter- and spring-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before buds swell
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant permanent ground covers
- Plant, feed, and aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Set out herbs

- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after bloom
- Plant container roses
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs and vines
- Apply dormant spray to shrubs and vines
- Plant tender shrubs and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant needle-leafed evergreens

Zone 5

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded winter- and spring-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before buds swell
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant permanent ground covers
- Plant cool- and warm-season lawns
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after bloom

- Plant container roses
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs, and vines
- Apply dormant spray to shrubs and vines
- Plant tender shrubs and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant balled-and-burlapped trees
- Plant trees in containers
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant needle-leafed evergreens
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Spokane Garden Expo May 12
Spokane Garden tour June 16

Home Hort:

Good attendance in the beginning classes, not so much in the last few; planning for the fall series will begin soon; if you have any suggestions, please contact Janae Dale, Don Childress or Gail Swan

Pot Lucks:

Pot luck @ Janae's was awesome!
Penny Barton's on Sat, June 23rd @ 1pm to welcome new students & other new members; Brad Blummer & Dr Tripepi to be invited also (class presenters)
Fennimore's on Sat, July 21st @ 3pm
Mikey-August
Kim-Sept

BCGA Membership Meeting, May 2, 2012

Present: Howard Fennimore, Butterfly Burke, Bob Blair, Becky Reynolds, Ellie Lizotte, Penny Goodman, Mikey Haven, Jan Wilfert, Janae Dale, Jenna Bertus, Jon Bair, Penny Barton, Ann Warwick, Kim Peterson, Linda Gjording, Bonnie Pick & Gail Swan

Meeting was called to order @ 9AM by President, Mikey Haven
Minutes from last meeting were approved as written
Treasurer's report: \$1603.41 (Insurance just paid in amount of \$ 908)

THE JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 11TH (2ND WED) BECAUSE THE 1ST WED IS THE 4TH OF JULY

Continuing Ed:

Dr Chauker-Scott will be presenting a class "Horticultural CSI" on Thursday, May 24th from 6-8PM at the "Ponderay Event Center"; public will be invited for a fee of \$10; Dr Chauker-Scott has a new book available titled "Sustainable Landscapes and Gardens"

There will be a class scheduled in June (possibly the 18th or 19th) on Pollinators, by Jennifer Costitch-Thompson & Carol Randall

Nursery tour for all members & new students to be on Tues, May 8th; meet @ 8:45 @ the office to car-pool

Tomato tour @ Deerfield Farms-possibly in July
Home Hort facilitator class to be held @ the Event Center before the fall series starts

Membership committee:

We are waiting on "Bios" for Robin Roberts, Robb McCracken & Nancy Hastings

The updated By-Laws are in the Bible; also, updated handouts for the next membership class are available in the office, as is a page for online resources

The final membership class for this year will be a review, held on May 3rd

Business e-mail lists:

Do we send both ways? Should those new members who own businesses send out our e-mails if we are to accept theirs? Any mass e-mails members want to send out should go to the president & the president will forward if appropriate; can we send our class information to these businesses & ask them to send out to their e-mail list?

The new "**Sunset Western Garden Book**" is available; contact Gail Locke via e-mail if interested in purchasing the book @ a discount & she will do an order; Gail will also be taking over a great deal of the responsibility @ the "**Healing Garden**" for Valle, so please contact Gail if you can help

School Gardens:

Judith Street, Ann Warwick & Jean Roth are teaching some students in the 6th & 7th grades @ the Charter school & they will teach others in their classes; they will be planting seeds & fertilizing beds
Gail Locke & Gail Burkett will be @ the Northside School on May 12 for a work day

Farmers Market:

Begins May 12th; Kim has had difficulty getting answers from the board of the Market & is being told that they only want us there 1x month with one small table & no pop-up for weather protection; they need to make room for “paying clients”; Mikey contact the same person & was disappointed in no improvement in attitude toward the association; a possible new venue for us could be “Fox’s Fun Market” on Highway 200 across from the Mall entrance; Mikey will continue to pursue this

Fair Booth

Lynn Pietz still needs someone to help her chair the booth for this year; she is having surgery & will not be able to handle the entire event by herself

Home & Garden Show:

A great job was done by Ellie Lizotte & Ann Warwick again this year; Ellie donated a large basket for the raffle to support the show; all the demos were good & there was plenty of support to staff the booth

Becky Reynolds will be helping with gardens @ Trestle Creek “Transition in Progress” a program to help homeless people get back into the community & become self sufficient

Annual Garden Tour:

Scheduled for July 1st (Sunday); Penny Barton is still looking for appropriate gardens-call her if you have any suggestions; she has sent out letters of request to several people requesting their gardens for the tour

Meeting adjourned @ 11:05

Continuing Education

Horticultural CSI

Solve some of the mysteries of plant problems yourself with this informative and delightfully humorous presentation...based on science. Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott returns to Sandpoint to once again deliver a presentation that clarifies the reality between fact and fiction, or right and wrong, related to gardening processes.



This class is open to the public in addition to the membership. There will be a \$10 fee at the door to cover the cost of the program. It will be held on **Thursday May 24th** starting at 6pm at the Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way.

Native Plant Pollinators Garden

All members are invited to attend this class where we will receive information on pollinators, where they are found in the garden and what plants and habitat features one should use or emphasize when trying to create a “pollinator garden”. This class will be held partially outdoors.

This exciting class will be taught by Jennifer Costich-Thompson and Carol Randall. It will be held **Tuesday, June 19**, at the Sandpoint Ranger District office, 1602 Ontario Street, Sandpoint - 2pm to 5 pm.

Email or telephone Ann Warwick at w.redguy@frontier.com or 263-2844 if you plan to attend.

Hope to see you there!



(Bee there or bee square!)

Event Calendar - 2012			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Cont Ed – Horticultural: CSI	Thurs 5/24	Janae Dale	Dr. Chalker-Scott; Ponderay Event Center; 6 – 8pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 6/6	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
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
Potluck – Welcome New Members	Sat 6/23	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Location – Penny Barton’s house; 1762 West Elmira Rd, Sandpoint; 1pm
Garden Tour	Sun 7/1	Penny Barton	Locations - various
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 -
Membership Meeting	Wed 8/1	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Yard and Plant Sale	Fri 8/24	Janae Dale	Details to be announced



“Your garden may appear to be a quiet place, but in reality it is an arena where hundreds of life-and-death dramas are played out every day. Birth and death, killing and nurturing, even intrigue and cunning are all part of the complex community of life waiting to be discovered – and sometimes struggled with – in your garden”

Rosalind Creasy, Cooking From the Garden

‘Rural Rhythm’, a hardy Buck rose