

The Garden Gate

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The next Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday Dec 4th @ 9am @ the extension office. All Master Gardeners are welcome & encouraged to attend all meetings. Input from everyone is greatly needed & appreciated by the Membership Board. Also, please feel free to contact any of the officers and/or board members if you wish to share an idea & are unable to attend the meetings. Phone #'s & e-mail addresses are available in the membership roster.

Board Officers for 2007:

President: Penny Barton

Vice Pres: Joyce Lane

Sec: Gail Swan

Treas: Janae Dale

Board Members:

Ann Warwick

Shirley Barksdale

Ann Keiser

Linda Kirchmann

Chris McIntosh

Plant Sale/Garage Sale:

Janae sent the books that Ann Warwick donated to an auction site in Dallas, Tx. That deals in old & rare books. The books will be evaluated and put up for auction, hopefully in February. The web site for the auction house is www.ha.com if anyone is interested in looking at their site.

Home Horticulture Classes: The classes are over for the fall and were a big success. All of Chris's advertising seems to be working!

The committee will be working on the Spring Schedule soon. Any ideas you have are welcome-call or e-mail Don Childress, committee chair.

There have been a couple of calls lately about volunteer hours and what is required. Since there was a change this summer, there is still some uncertainty about what the rules are. In order to assist Ann Kieser with the Learning Garden, the Board voted to require that 2 hours of your Community Service be completed in the Extension Office Landscaping. This does not include Plant Clinic hours that you spend watering plants which still should be recorded as Plant Clinic. In addition, some notes in the newsletter were in conflict with each other. The most important requirement is that you complete a **total of 18 hours** by mid- October which is when we have our awards dinner.

The current breakdown is:

Plant Clinic	9 hours
Community Service	4 hours (2 in the Extension Office Landscape)
Education	3 hours
Unspecified	2 hours
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TOTAL	18 HRS.

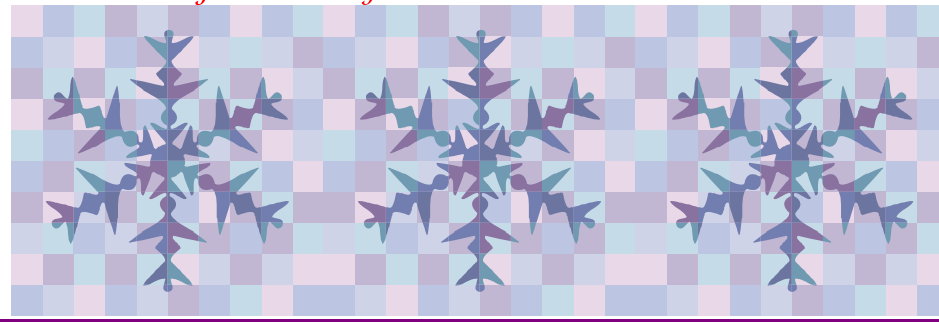
Remember-any time you spend attending membership meetings are considered community service.

The unspecified hours were included to allow more flexibility in choosing how to complete this requirement.

A copy of the volunteer activity form was attached to the Sept GG. Remember-get your hours in!!! There will be prizes given @ the Christmas party for the most hours in any category. There is a 2008 recertification agreement & volunteer opportunity list included with this news letter.



The Christmas will be held at the Brown House on Saturday, Dec 8th. Decorating to start at 5pm with the party to be held from 6 to 9pm. It will be pot luck & there will be a "white elephant" gift exchange. Remember to bring you hot dishes in containers that can be kept hot-we can not use the kitchen for heating anything. Also-no alcohol will be allowed. Pat Moss will be writing out invitations. The ballots for next years officers and board members will be included with the invitations, so make sure you vote & get your ballot back to Patti @ the office before the party. There will be extra ballots at the party for anyone who didn't vote. The results will be announced @ the party. Come one-come all and join in the festivities.



THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS A LIST OF MEMBERS TO BE VOTED ON FOR BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2008. THE BALLOTS WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THE CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATIONS. WRITE-INS ARE ALSO ACCEPTABLE.

President: Penny Barton
Vice President: Gail Swan
Secretary: Chris McIntosh
Treasurer: Shirley Barksdale

**Board Members: Linda Kirchmann, Ann Warwick,
Liz Kunze, Jan Rumore, Brenda Fletcher**

Good News !

We have been informed that we will have an extension educator (as Bob was). The job will be expanded to include working with small farms. The position COULD be filled as soon as April.

Following is the schedule for the 2008 Master Gardener class to start in February. There are 2 classes left that facilitators are needed for. If you wish to sign up just call Patti @ the office. Also, any master gardener wanting to sit in on a class is welcome to do so.

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES 2008

- 2/12 Orientation
Lois Wythe, Valle Novak, Gail Swan,
Penny Barton, Don Childress & Janae Dale
- 2/14 Intro to Botany Facilitator:
Jennifer Costich-ThompsonAnn Warwick
- 2/19 Plant Propagation
Laurie Brown Pat Moss
- 2/21 Herbaceous Ornamentals
Dennis Moore.....Jan Griffitts
- 2/26 Entomology
Carol Randall.....Ann Warwick
- 2/28 Lawns & Ground Covers
Jack Zimmer & Valle Novak.....Chris McIntosh
- 3/4 Veggies
Marsha Semar.....Shirley Barksdale
- 3/7 Environmental Plant Problems/Planting trees-shrubs
Bob Tripepi.....Chris McIntosh
- 3/11 Pruning
Rich Del Carlo.....Jan Griffitts
- 3/13 Weeds
Brad Bluemer.....Linda Kirchmann
- 3/18 Small Fruits & Berries
Dan Barney.....Jan Rumore

- 3/20 Organic Gardening
Diane Green.....Chris McIntosh
- 3/25 Landscaping/xeriscaping/native plants
Nina Ashney (&Valle Novak?).....Janae Dale
- 3/27 Fruit Trees
Dan Barney.....Jane Roach
- 4/1 Soils & Fertilizers
Greg Becker, Gary Parker, & Ken Roberts..**Open**
- 4/3 Pesticide Management
Ed Bechinski.....**Open**
- 4/8 Plant Diseases
Tim Murray.....Janae Dale
- 4/10 Plant Problem Diagnosis
Mike Bauer.....Martha Fortunati
- 4/15 Presentations
Valle Novak, Penny Barton & Gail Swan
- 4/17 Review Exercises
Valle Novak, Penny Barton & Gail Swan
- 4/22 Plant Clinic Orientation
Valle Novak, Penny Barton, & Gail Swan
- 4/24 Greenhouses & Tour
Valle Novak, Penny Barton, Gail Swan

**University of Idaho – Bonner County Master Gardener Volunteer
Recertification Agreement for 2008**

I understand that this agreement is to recertify me as a University of Idaho Master Gardener. Upon completion of these requirements, I will automatically be certified as an Advanced Master Gardener. In signing this agreement, I agree to the following:

1. Complete by October 15, 2008, at least 18 hours of combined education, plant clinic and community service. The 18 hours are divided as follows: 3 hours of education courses, 9 hours of plant clinic service at the Bonner County Extension Office or approved satellite location(s), 4 hours of community service (including 2 in the extension office landscape), and 2 additional hours in any category. I understand I can be involved in more than 18 hours of education and service. These are the minimum standards for recertification.
2. I understand extenuating circumstances, such as health problems or other unforeseen circumstances, may create a need to renegotiate the terms of this agreement with the Master Gardener Program Coordinator, and it is my responsibility to make appropriate arrangements with the coordinator prior to the October 15 deadline.
3. I also understand that as a University of Idaho Master Gardener, I serve as a representative of the University of Idaho Extension and I agree to abide by the regulations of the University of Idaho Extension, as defined in the Master Gardener Handbook. Information given out by Master Gardeners must be accurate, current, and research-based. I agree to give University of Idaho pest control recommendations even if they include synthetic chemical pesticides. I understand the University of Idaho will assume liability for my pest control recommendations, but only if the control measures are approved by the University of Idaho for home and garden use, and are listed in University of Idaho Extension approved publications.

Previously certified Master Gardeners may sign up at the Associate level to continue to receive the newsletter but without the volunteer service requirement. A \$10.00 fee must be submitted with this form to enroll at this level.

This is not a binding legal document. The intent is to create a mutual understanding between you, the volunteer, and the Program Coordinator, as to what is required to retain your status as a certified University of Idaho/Bonner County Master Gardener. It is required that you complete the minimum requirements by October 15, 2008 to recertify as an Advanced Master Gardener in 2008. If you do not return this agreement, it will be interpreted to mean you are not interested in recertifying as an Advanced Master Gardener in Bonner County for 2008.

If you have read this agreement and agree to the terms above, please complete and return the signed form and include the \$10.00 fee by December 31, 2007 to the Bonner County Extension Office, 4205 North Boyer, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, so we can begin scheduling activities for the 2008 gardening season.

Recertifying Master Gardener

Associate Master Gardener

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (Please Print) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ e-mail _____

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please indicate which activities you are interested in. Volunteer opportunities are not limited to items on this list. Any new projects must be approved by the Master Gardener Program Coordinator or the University of Idaho/Bonner County Master Gardener Assn.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>I can help with this project</u>	<u>I would like to organized this</u>
Plant Sale/Yard Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonner Mall Home & Garden Show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Fair Booth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winter Parade / 4 th of July Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension Office Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Other Projects</u>		
Weed/Insect Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Gate Newsletter (write articles, editor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspaper articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Tours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-H/Youth garden projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teach classes, public speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Horticulture Series	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topics: _____

Please list or describe any other activities that you are considering for your volunteer service.
