



Bonner County Gardeners Association Education ~ Community Service ~ Camaraderie

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- Water living Christmas trees (ice cubes work well)
- Prechill tulips and hyacinths for forcing indoors

December Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zonesept01.html



Zone 5

- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Water living Christmas trees (ice cubes work well)
- Prechill tulips and hyacinths for forcing indoors

Zone 3

- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Water cymbidiums weekly until they bloom
- Water living Christmas trees (ice cubes work well)
- Prechill tulips and hyacinths for forcing indoors



Zone 4

BCGA Membership Meeting, November 7, 2012

Present: President, Mikey Haven, Treasurer, Bob Blair, Secretary, Gail Swan, Board Members, Jenna Bertus, Jan Wilfert, Jon Bair & Becky Reynolds; others present, Zoe Bolton, Barb Pressler, Mike Williams, Ann Warwick, Janae Dale, Butterfly Burke, Penny Goodman and Bonnie Pick

Meeting was called to order @ 9:00 am by President, Mikey Haven.

Oct minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: \$2567.00

Home Hort:

Attendance has been rather minimal for some really terrific classes; a discussion to cut classes to four in the fall next year & perhaps increase the amount in the spring

Pot Lucks:

Possibly 3 more to be announced in late fall or early winter:
Jenna Bertus, Penny Barton & Janae Dale

Officers & Board for 2013

Only 32 ballots have been returned so far; deadline was extended to Nov 15 to return; we have also had 46 members renew so far for next year

Christmas Party:

Penny Barton will be held on Sat, Dec 8th @ Coldwater Creek again this year; we need to trim expenses for this year's party; Mikey will chair a party committee; volunteers are Penny Barton, Jan Wilfert, Nancy Hastings, Jenna Bertus, Ann Warwick & Gail Swan; committee to meet Mon, Oct 15th @ 9am

Membership committee:

A meeting is scheduled for Nov 16 @ 9am to discuss a membership course for early next year, possibly starting in January

Christmas Party

There will also be a meeting of the party committee, following the membership meeting to finalize preparations for the Christmas party & make a list for invitations

Patricia Murphy

The announcement was made that we were awarded a wonderful tribute by "Trish" Murphy, a Master Gardener who graduated in 2008 and passed away last year. BCGA is the recipient of \$34,848 from her estate. This was made to us so that we may continue to provide community service and education in alliance with our mission. We will be having a discussion regarding a memorial that we can plant in some appropriate location for Trish.

Meeting adj @ 10:10

Christmas Party!

The annual Christmas party will be held on December 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Coldwater Creek's Office Atrium in Ponderay.

The party is a potluck, so please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. Ham, beef, turkey and scalloped potatoes will be provided by the BCGA. There will also be tea, coffee, sparkling cider and punch; if you wish to drink beer or wine BYOB but please no hard liquor (Coldwater Creek rules).

Of course there will be the ever popular White Elephant Gift Exchange, so bring a wrapped gift to get in on the fun! Spouses, partners and family members are welcome to participate.



Wythe Native Plant Grant

It's not too late to apply for the Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant! The Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society is offering a grant of up to \$200 for a Bonner county individual, class or group, to be used for a project that promotes the awareness of native plants. The grant will be awarded on basis of impact and originality of the project. The project will have to be completed by the end of 2013, when the grantee will submit a report about the project. Application forms are available at www.nativeplantsociety.org For more information, contact Janice DeBaun at 208-263-8970. Applications must be in by November 30, 2012.



BCGA – 2011 Event Calendar

Calendar			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Membership Meeting	Wed 12/7	Zoe Bolton	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Christmas Party	12/10	Zoe Bolton	Cold Water Creek Atrium

BCGA – Event Chairs

2011 Event Chairs and Contact Info to Volunteer			
Event	Date*	Chair(s)	Contact
Membership Meetings	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing	Janae Dale	265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com
Home Horticulture Series	Spring & Fall	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Don – 255-7928 or dw1rsc@televar.com ; Janae – 265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com , or Gail H 263-0180 C 290-4126 or gswan8274@hotmail.com
Home and Garden Show	April	Ellie Lizotte and Ann Warwick	Ellie – 264-5462 or hopeellie@aol.com ; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or w.redguy@frontier.com
School Gardens	Spring/Summer	Mikey Haven	610-4829 or 66haven@gmail.com
Farmers Market	Spring/Summer	Janae Dale	265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com
Mickinnick Trailhead	Spring/Summer	Jan Griffiths	jan@looptravel.com , 290-1973
Healing Garden	Spring/Summer	Valle Novak	
Potlucks	Summer	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Becky - rplace@directv.net or 264-3214; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or w.redguy@frontier.com
Garden Tour	July	Penny Barton	H 265-9733; C 610-1493 or one-cent@gotsky.com
Bonner County Fair	Aug		(650)-867-6625 or gardenersdaughter@yahoo.com