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# The Garden Gate

October 10, 2005



*October 12 Stewardship - Forestry*

*October 19 Stewardship - Pastures & Weeds*

*October 20 Home Horticulture - Bird Sanctuary*

*October 26 Stewardship - Starting Small Farm Enterprise*

*October 27 Home Horticulture - Water Features*

*December 9 Christmas Party 6 pm at the Brown House*

*Turn in your MG Hours to Bob*

## Fair Booth

We were awarded a Blue First Place Ribbon for our display booth at the Fair. Hope most of you were able to get out there to see it in person. Thanks to our Committee, Penny Barton, Mary Bruhjell, Rae Charlton and Gail Swan. Thank you to everyone who came out and manned our booth during the fair as well.

## Congratulations Winners

Penny Barton Best of Show for her lily stalk; Parise Witley, Best of Show for her orchid and Best of Show for her vegetable basket. All were splendid

Parise did an awesome job on the Native Plant Society Booth, even though she did not win any awards. We thought it was a winner.

## Stewardship for Small Acreages

Classes are continuing Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm at the **Federal Building** (1500 Hwy 2, Sandpoint). \$5 for individual classes.

## Plant Clinic by Debbie Crain

Please tally your hours to make sure you have at least 9 (nine) for re-certification (15 if you took the advanced class).

## Master Gardener Recertification

Attached you will find the Volunteer Activity Record to fill out and return to Bob Wilson, 4205 N. Boyer Avenue, Sandpoint, ID 83864. If you have any questions nor needs call Bob at 263-8511 at the Extension Office.

**Home Horticulture Classes** You are invited to attend. Meet at the East Bonner County Library at 1407 Cedar St. in Sandpoint. Cost \$10 per class.

**October 20, Thursday, 6 - 8 pm**

Valle Novak, MG, Garden Columnist and **bird lover**, will join forces with Rich del Carlo, fellow **bird enthusiast** to present a multifaceted program. Valle will provide information on creating sanctuaries, planning for the birds, and winter feeding and shelter. Rich will show pictures of the local winter and song-bird population and their calls for easy recognition.

**October 27, Thursday, 6 - 8 pm**

Matthew Friedmann of Idaho Stone will help you with the planning and planting of your own landscape water feature. From tiny ponds to large reflecting pools and everything in between, he'll explain the aspects of creating a lovely waterscape.



**Patti Speelmon**

I started working at the Extension Office in September of 2001. I took the Master Gardener course in 2002. I have always had vegetable and flower gardens. I have been married for 38 years and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. In my spare time I sew, quilt, read, camp & fish, and home can foods from the garden. I am also on the board of the Memorial Community Center at Hope. My biggest project there is the Community Christmas Basket Program. Last year we provided food and gifts to 50 families in our area (88 of which were children).

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## Landscaping at the Extension Office

### Extension Office Clean Up

On the 9th of August we had a clean up day for the Extension Office Grounds. To the surprise of most of us the grounds were in terrible shape. We weeded, pruned and planted until things looked much, much better. Don and Bill worked on the trees to put rings of bark around them to help protect them from the persons that do the weed eating. Brenda and husband Tom brought the bark for the trees and then hauled away all of the debris. Workers were, Brenda and husband Tom, Don, Bill, Penny, Gail, Sue and Ann.

Ann Keiser has been a whirlwind since that date making sure the Extension Office Grounds look awesome. She has planted flowers, flowers and yet more flowers to the front of the building to make it look beautiful. She has added flower beds to the front walks and filled them to the rim in color. She has taken from her home countless containers of plants and flowers and filled the porch area with color and texture. Ann comes often to water the new beds, existing beds and containers to keep everything looking lovely, fresh and healthy. Many thanks to Ann our new Extension Office Garden Fairy. If you haven't been by for awhile, I think you will find it worth the trip. Be sure to let Ann know your thoughts.

Starting April 2006 we will be having a standing work morning on the third Thursday of each month. Anytime between 9 and noon you can come to help maintain the Extension grounds. P.s. Picture is AFTER Ann planted tons of stuff!



**PLANTS, PLANTS AND MORE PLANTS.** from Penny Barton

I have so many large plants to share with anyone in need of them. Lupin, shasta daisies, coreopsis, gailardia and strawberries. Whether it's a pot or two or a pick up load, I have them. I would like for anyone coming to dig plants to please bring top soil or potting soil to replace the soil removed with the plants. I cannot grow more top soil. Top soil can be obtained at Idaho Stone, potting soil and Walmart and All Seasons. Penny 265-9733 [onecent@surfmk.com](mailto:onecent@surfmk.com)

## Mickinnick Trail

**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.

Mickinnick Trail: 4.5 mil rather than 3 miles. Upkeep for next year 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month starting in May. Official opening was 9/05/05. MGs getting plaque for our work...Gail / Ann / Sue / Bob / Jenae / Penney / & Don contributed their time.





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