

The Garden Gate

September 2006



L-R: Janae Dale, Debbie Crain, Ann Warwick, Gail Swan, Ann Keiser, Penny Barton, Linda Kirchmann

The Learning Garden

Many thanks to those who contributed time and supplies to the very successful first year of our Learning Garden. Great big thanks to Ann Keiser, Penny Barton, Linda Kirchmann, and Dave Summers. Our thanks to the following companies: Idaho Stone, Woods Rock Crushing, All Seasons Nursery, Alpine Lumber, Solar Pump, Perfection Tire and Peck Landscaping.

Plant a Row

To date, the Bonner County Food Bank has received over 1750 pounds of produce from local gardeners! Please take all your extra harvest to the Food Bank. Don't forget the apples from yours and your neighbor's trees (with their permission, of course).

Graduation Day!

Pot-luck dinner Friday October 27 at 6:00 pm at the Brown House (north of the hospital). Save the date and look for more information to come!

Garage Sale Report:

Janae Dale reported a very successful Sale. The total income was over \$900! Many thanks to all who contributed items and those who showed up to help. Another sale is in the planning stages for next year, so hang on to your good stuff to donate.

2007 International Master Gardener Conference

The conference will be held May 2-5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. You can find more information at the website: <http://mg2007.uaex.edu>.

A Letter from Penny:

Greetings Master Gardeners and New Master Gardeners

Fall is here and it's time to finish up with projects outside so we can all slow down a little bit. I think it's been a frantic way too busy of a summer and I am sure you, the Newbies are really feeling it. The good news is once you graduate the requirements to stay a Master Gardener in the years to come are so much less. Yippy!

We set the date for your Graduation Party at our last board meeting. It will be held at the Brown House (located next to the hospital) on October 27th. Be sure to get the date on your calendar. This will be a potluck dinner. The time and other details will be given in the October newsletter. We all look forward to meeting and welcoming you as new Master Gardeners.

We have changed the name of our meetings from Master Gardener Board Meetings to Membership Meetings. Seems the former is intimidating and we don't wish to be. These meetings are for our entire membership including Newbies.

The very best way to get involved with the program is to attend our monthly meetings. They are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9 am at the Extension Office. We discuss and plan all our activities for the year at these meetings.

You are cordially invited to attend each and every Membership Meeting. The fresh new ideas you bring with you are important and exciting to us. And it's exciting for you to share them and be listened too. We have had the pleasure of having Linda Kirchmann attend the past few meetings, so if you have questions about them perhaps you could give her a call.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October 3rd meeting

Sincerely,
Penny Barton, Vice President

**NEXT MASTER GARDENER'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3RD AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Volunteer Hours Due Sept. 30

All volunteer hours need to be completed by the end of Sept. If you have completed yours, you can send them in at any time. Otherwise, try to schedule what you need and turn them in when completed. I have attached a copy of the volunteer activity record form.

<u>2006 Requirements</u>	Plant Clinic	Landscaping	Community Service	Education
New Master Gardeners	24	3	8	0
Cert. Master Gardeners	9	0	6	3

Plant Clinic

Tuesday Sept.12

Penny
Ann K
Marsha W. (am)
Jan R. (pm)

Thursday Sept.14

Ann Warwick
Bonnie (am)
Linda K

Tuesday Sept.19

Jennifer C-T
Julie C
Brenda

Thursday Sept.21

Joyce L
Pat M.
Jane R.

Tuesday Sept.26

Jennifer C-T
Don C
OPEN

Thursday Sept.28

Blaine/Gina (am)
Jim S.
Janae

Home Horticulture Classes

Fall classes are scheduled as follows, save the dates and watch for more information.

October 3- Xeriscape, water wise landscape techniques by Bob Wilson

October 17-Using the bounty from your gifting garden by Lois Wythe

October 24-TBA

November 17-Flower arranging, professional style for those who want to learn, by Nicole French of Petal Talk

TBA- Saturday field trip on Mushroom Hunting with Success by Robert Zweifel