

# The Garden Gate

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*The next Membership Meeting will be held October 2nd @ 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  
Barksdale  
Vice Pres: Joyce Lane  
Sec: Gail Swan  
Treas: Janae Dale

**Board Members:**

Ann Warwick                      Shirley  
Ann Keiser                        Linda Kirchmann  
Chris McIntosh

**Bonner County Fair Booth:**

*I hope you all had a chance to get to the fair this year & see the wonderful booth we put together! Shirley donated all the flag fabric as the background & those of us who came to decorate just brought all we could think of in red, white & blue. It worked out great & we won "Best of Show" for Community Booths with a Blue ribbon, a Plaque & a check from the fair for \$10. Thanks so much to all those who participated, and spent time "manning" the booth. You all made it such a winner!*



Shirley and Gail – The Fair Ladies

**Plant Sale/Garage Sale:**

*This project did great again this year-we took in over \$700 with more to still come in. Ann Warwick donated several books that are apparently worth money. Janae is researching their value & will sell them in the manner that will make the most money. Save all your unwanted items and any extra plants you may have for next year. We are already planning to do this sale again.*

**Plant-A-Row:**

*Don't forget-take your extra produce to the Food Bank; you may need to ask for a "PAR" receipt. This is not a great help to our community, but it is also a tax deductible donation. There has been close to 100 lbs donated from the Learning Garden and at least that much from the "jail garden". Ann Warwick will be submitting an article to the*

*Bee about this garden and how well it is doing. Thanks so much to the MG's who had a hand in helping make this garden a reality.*

**The Learning Garden/Extension office Landscaping:**

We have an extra "compost enclosure" behind the MG shed if anyone wants to take it home. There is just not enough room in the garden for it. We also have an extra "Nelson Rain Train" that we bought last year for \$55. It has never been used because the water pressure @ the office will not support 2 of these sprinklers running @ the same time. Anyone who wants to make an offer on it can call Penny Barton or the extension office. Penny has made a new tall sprinkler for the "Learning Garden". Please remember to turn it on along with the soaker hoses, when you come in for Plant Clinic & turn them off when you leave. It is our responsibility to water all the plants we have planted around the office. Also, 2 hours of your volunteer time need to be dedicated to working in the gardens at the office so let's keep it looking great!

**Home Horticulture Classes:**

The new schedule is out for the fall schedule and can be picked up @ the office. We will have at least 6 classes starting Sept 26 and ending Nov 7.

2007 Fall Home Horticulture Workshop Series  
Registration Form

A \$10.00 registration fee per class is required. Fees cover the cost of publications, materials, and support of the non-profit activities of the University of Idaho/Bonner County Master Gardeners. Class space is available on a first registered & paid basis.

All programs will be held from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Bonner County Extension Office, 4205 N. Boyer, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Please check the classes you wish to attend.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

September 26 "All About Herbs" *LAVENDER*  
Presented by Lois Wythe

October 3 "What is Organic Gardening?"  
Presented by Diane Green

10 "Vegetable Gardening In A Cold Climate"  
Presented by Judith Pagliasotti

17 "Rock Gardening"  
Presented by Valle Novak

24 "Espalier"  
Presented by Rich Del Carlo

November 7 "Flower Arranging Techniques & Ideas"  
Presented by Nicole French

\_\_\_\_\_ Classes X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable & return to:  
U of I/Bonner County Master Gardeners  
4205 N. Boyer  
Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

**Plant Clinic:**

It was decided at the Membership meeting to purchase an "all in one" printer/copier for the plant clinic. With that we will be able to do our own copies of information to be sent to the Plant Clinic clients. Hopefully, this will save some funds in the long run since copies are a major expense for us. Gail Swan will research this item and purchase. Janae is looking into some new books, especially a badly needed new copy of "Weeds of the West" and & current "Sunset Western Garden Book".

If there are any other suggestions, please contact any Board member or the office. If you need to sign up for any more hours in the plant clinic call or drop into the extension office to sign up. Clinic hours will end the last Thursday in Sept.

**From Bob:**

I've gotten 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 Keiser 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 tally hours for the year.

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.

The unspecified hours were included to allow more flexibility in choosing how to complete this requirement. I have attached a copy of the volunteer activity form so you can record what you have completed and see what else is needed. If you have any questions, please let me know.  
--Bob

### **Videos at the Extension Office**

*Bob Wilson*

If you are looking for gardening ideas or just need a quick refresher on a gardening topic, you might take a look at the video collection at the Extension Office. Our videos are all on tape, sorry no DVD's yet. Videos can be checked out from the front desk. Just ask Patti. Here is what we have.

1. How To Grow And Nurture Seedlings
2. How To Design And Build A Vegetable Garden
3. How To Grow Warm Weather Vegetables
4. How To Grow Cool Weather Vegetables
5. How To Grow Plants In Sunspaces
6. How To Grow Healthy House Plants
7. How To Grow Roses
8. How To Design A Flower Garden
9. How To Grow Flowers
10. Pruning Your Own Shrubs And Small Trees
11. How To Grow And Cook Fresh Herbs
12. How To Care For Your Lawn
13. Back Yard Composting
14. Firesafe Inside And Out

Several additional videos I have in my office can also be loaned out.

1. Biological Control of Weeds in Montana
2. Nothing but Herbs – A Case Study of a Small-Acreage Farm
3. Riley Creek Blueberry Farm – A Case Study of a Small-Acreage Farm
4. The Small Commercial Garden
5. Opportunities in Mushrooms

We will be putting on a Master Gardener Training Class in 2008. A committee was formed to meet with Bob to go over all pertinent information that we will need to put this class together without him. Bob will be sorely missed! (Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome-just call Penny or the office.) We already have more than 20 individuals interested in the 2008 program. This is uncharted territory for us & will be a lot of work, but we feel that we need to go ahead with this program to recruit new members. We have a meeting scheduled Sept 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9am @ the office to go over all the info Bob has provided for us and to start the planning of the program. We are also planning on taking Bob out to lunch after the meeting so please let us know if you are interested in joining us.

**A NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO START WORKING ON NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2008. THE MEMBERS ARE JANA E DALE, PAT MOSS, DEBBIE CRAIN, ANN WARWICK & LINDA KIRCHMANN. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING WITH BOB TO FINALIZE THE SELECTIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY INPUT PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF BOB AT THE OFFICE.**

*PENNY BARTON IS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH HER HUGE GARDEN: DEADHEADING, CLIPPING BACK IRISES & DIVIDING AND TRANSPLANTING IRISES AND DAY LILIES. SHE THINKS ABOUT 20 HOURS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AND PAYS \$9/HOUR. GIVE HER A CALL IF INTERESTED. SHE WILL HAVE 100'S OF IRIS TO GIVE AWAY ALSO WHEN SHE IS DONE DIVIDING; SHE JUST HAS NO ROOM FOR THEM. PENNY WILL ALSO CHECK ON DATES AVAILABLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY-HOPEFULLY TO BE HELD AT THE BROWN HOUSE.*

## *RAE CHARLETON, CLASS OF 2004*

*By Chris McIntosh*

Rae says that she is really a "city girl", having grown up in a Seattle neighborhood. But two lucky things nudged her into an appreciation of gardening: the fact that her double lot was blessed with a variety of fruit trees AND raspberries, and that during WWII the folks next door had a victory garden. It was a thrill to watch vegetables grow and to experience their extraordinary freshness (appreciation of how beautiful they are came later). Later, she read a book by Ann Lovejoy on gardening through the year, which had no pictures but such terrific "word pictures" that Rae was hooked. She notes that because so much grows easily and well in Seattle, Rae wanted to learn more about helping things grow.

Rae enjoys Horticulture magazine and last year she took one of their garden tours, to Portugal and Madeira, which was fabulous. (Rae noticed they are offering it again in 2008). In the current issue, Renee Shepherd (seeds-woman) is interviewed, and Rae loved what she said: "I think good gardeners get in tune with plants, which are living beings, too...It makes you notice the beauty. It slows you down, connects you with things. Experiencing the miracle of life over and over again--it gives you appreciation and patience for life."

Does this sound familiar? Rae's biggest challenges are deer ("rodents on stilts") and gophers. Achievements for Rae are a mostly deer-proof, xeric part of the garden that finally, this year, seems to be working.

When not gardening, Rae likes reading, travel, and keeping up with friends.

Rae admits she is not much of a TV watcher; she has too many books! The authors she enjoys include Beverly Nichols, Henry Mitchell, and Valerie Easton.