

# The Garden Gate



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## President's Note

Dear & aster Gardeners,

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Just to let you / now I am on my way to Spain and other locations, returning in mid-December. In my absence you will be in the very capable hands of Vice president, & i/ e5 2 a0en. She can be reached at [88ha0en@gmail.com](mailto:88ha0en@gmail.com) or 810-92: .

August was a very busy month for our membership with the completion of the 100th Fair Grounds beautification project, annual 100th Fair and annual yard sale = we were successful on all counts!

We won both a blue ribbon and Best of Show = community booth at the fair. The booth was dazzling thanks to the vision and leadership of Gail - ock/e. We had many helping hands in the preparation, setup and take down for the fair not to mention all of you wonderful folks who had the time to man the booth.

The Yard Sale set a record in terms of income to the association. Those funds are used to promote our mission with an emphasis on investment in education. The success of the yard sale is a major contributor to our ability to fund those initiatives so a big thanks to Anae, Ale for her continued leadership on this annual event. Thanks too to all of you who pitched in this year especially considering Anae's unavailability the day of the event.

This is the time of year we start our planning for programs for next year. You will shortly be receiving, in the mail, the annual renewal form. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible to help with expediting the renewal process.

The election for next year's board and officers is also just around the corner so look for notification which will be coming soon. Please contact Gail Swan if you are interested in holding a board or officer position for next year.

There is great lineup for 2ome 2ort classes this fall. Check out the program and sign up for your classes of choice. The fee is discounted to \$! per class for members. The classes are under way but we still need facilitators so I am asking that you contact Gail Swan and volunteer to help us out with that role.

I think that is it for now. Wishing you all a beautiful fall and hope that your harvesting will be bountiful!

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

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# September Gardening To Do List

From <http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening&onth?onesep01.html>



## **Zone 3**

- , divide peonies and other spring and summer-blooming perennials
- Plant perennials
- Plant bare-root and containerized trees and shrubs
- Sow wildflower seed for spring bloom
- Plant spring-blooming bulbs
- , mow and aerate lawns
- If September rainfall is scarce, water trees and shrubs to keep them supple and prevent winter damage
- Clean and restock/ birdfeeders
- Plant garlic for harvest next summer
- Set out bare-root peonies

## **Zone 4**

- Harvest apples and store in a cool place
- Plant garlic
- , mow and aerate the lawn
- Clean out rose beds and apply fungicide one last time to susceptible varieties
- Plant perennials
- Move tender houseplants, etc. indoors after rinsing and repotting, and set up a grow light to supplement natural light
- Clean and restock/ birdfeeders
- Begin to move tropical water lilies and other tender aquatic plants indoors
- Plant spring-blooming bulbs; refrigerate those you intend to force
- Set out bare-root peonies

## **Zone 5**

- Set out transplants of cool-weather vegetables

- Plant winter-hardy pansies and fall annuals like calendula, dianthus, ornamental cabbage and /ale7
- Plant tag teams of perennials and spring-blooming bulbs that will complement each other or bloom in sequence near season
- Water trees and shrubs when rainfall is scarce to winterize them
- , ethatch and aerate the lawn
- , ehead chrysanthemum plants to keep flower buds forming through the fall
- . lean out rose beds apply fungicide leaves hips for winter color and bird food
- Prune summer-bearing raspberries
- Grow back/ strawberr plants remove weeds and mulch
- Move tender houseplants, etc. indoors after rinsing and repotting, and set up a grow light to supplement natural light

## Flower Show

The Lehigh Valley Garden Club is sponsoring a standard flower show on October 1 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is a demonstration of various flower arranging techniques, and will be held at the old Michigan Greenhouse location, on Michigan Street behind the 1st Baptist Church in Sandpoint. The Lehigh Valley Garden Club invites everyone who is interested in flowers or floral arranging to attend. For additional information, call Sally Sonnichsen at 282-1188.

## Controlled Campanula

Most people enjoy the beauty of the flower of the campanula, with their wonderful bell shape. But plant one in your garden, and you are fighting it for years as it sends runners and seeds everywhere. Attention Campanula, and gardeners shake their heads. Last month in Garden Gate, the commercial one, mentions a campanula on page 19 that behaves itself. Mrs. Sarastro's bellflower doesn't reseed or spread by runners all over the garden. With 2 1/2 long purple flowers, it has strong stems and reblooms. More than your chance to indulge yourself with a well-behaved campanula.

## Saskatoon Serviceberries

Most of us, at one time or another, have tried eating the berries on our native serviceberry. Most of us taste them. We can see why the Indians dried them, ground them up and mixed them with suet to eat them. I was working in my yard in mid-August when I noticed some large purple berries on one of my serviceberries. I remember having planted one that was supposed to taste good. Yeah, right, but I hadn't seen berries on it before. I bravely tried eating one. Wow! The most delicious flavor burst in my mouth. Much better than blueberries. I hunted the bush to find any more the birds might have left, and ate them all. I can't tell you enough how good they are. You would have to try them yourself. But you'll have to try them somewhere else because mine are all gone. Well, I decided right then I wanted some more of these bushes. I came in and did some research on the computer. It seems that the Saskatoon variety of Serviceberry is noted for its flavor. They are grown as a berry crop in Canada, with commercial fields and Orchards. Now have we missed out on this? What an ideal shrub or small tree for our area. It has to grow, attractive shape, loaded with white flowers in the spring, have some fall color, and best of all, have the most wonderful tasting berry. So I ordered three more. There are many varieties, but the \*orthline Serviceberry was highly recommended for flavor. I can't promise I'll share any of them next year, but if you can find some, you are in for a real treat!

## BCGA Membership Meeting, September 7, 2011

**Present:** Elnolds, Coe, Linda Gording, Jan Silfert, & Irene Williams, Andrea, Fennimore, Ann Bair, Gail Swan, Annae, Ale, Annaertus, - Ann Piet?. Coe, president, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The August minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer, Penn Barton, was not present.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Home Hort Series,** Gail Swan, chair. Gail reported that sign-ups are coming in slowly for the fall classes, possibly because of the labor shortage. The mushroom field trip, scheduled for October 9, is getting a nice response from the community.

**Continuing Education,** Annae, Ale, chair. The Cottage Garden Master Tour in Newport will be this Friday, September 9. Garden poolers will meet at Mountain West Community Center, 10000 Highway 2, at 10:00 am.

October 10, Joe Quhl, from University of Idaho, will speak on G&Ks. The talk will be for about two hours, and he would like for those attending to have questions for him to answer. There will also be speaking to the Charter School and the local high school while he is here. It would appear that organic growers could be interested, so it will be open to the public, with a suggestion that attendees make a donation.

Another insect class is possible. Gail Swan has emailed Tom Mcberg and asked him to teach this class, but has not heard back. She will follow up with another email.

**Farmer's Market,** Annae, Ale, chair. The market this year has been very successful. The questions asked are most generally easily answered at the booth. The more in-depth questions are referred to the plant clinic. Having a presence in the community is needed. We are recommending that we have a booth at the market every other week.

**BCGA Potlucks,** Irene Williams, co-chairs. The potlucks have been very well attended this year. The next one will be September 21, at Sally's house.

**Yard Sale,** Annae, Ale, chair. The yard sale was extremely successful this year. We made \$1200, generally on smaller items. For items left over, the store, 'Seconds & More', has picked up most things. Electronics, however, were not wanted by the store, so we had to take them to the recycling center, and pay \$12 each, to dispose of them. Next year we will not receive such items for our yard sale.

The shade tree is still for sale, but there are still prospective buyers.

Many people came before the 10:00 starting time, causing some difficulties. To remedy this, it might be an option to start earlier, or to state on the advertisements that no 'early birds' should come.

The silent auction was not very successful. People were there for bargains and wanted to immediately take home their purchases. A suggestion was to have a 'Spring Fling' for all garden groups in town, possibly a luncheon, or a symposium with speakers, to allow nurseries to each have a table and chip in for advertising. A silent auction would work better in such a venue. This drew a positive response.

Other options discussed for next year include changing the date of the yard sale so as not to be spread too thin between the sale and the Fair. Changing the date to a cooler time of year. More canopies for shade for the workers. A possibility of a two-day sale, rather than the one.

**Bonner County Fair Booth:** We did well again this year, taking home a blue ribbon and a 'Best of Show' award for a community booth. Without a committee head this year, a group planned the booth, and a team set it up. There were some concerns for enough people to man the booth, but it worked out well. Rhonda Kingston has submitted pictures of our booth to a statewide contest for fair booths.

Rhonda is also very pleased with the landscaping for the front of the building. Gail and The Plant Society teamed up with many volunteers of time, funds, labor, and materials, to give the front a brand new look. It was recommended that Toni Orth and her husband be properly reimbursed for the employees they brought to install the irrigation system. We will also replace the one plant that died.

### **Old Business:**

**Event Calendar updates:** Christmas party will be December 10, at the Oldwater Recreation Center.

**2012 board positions:** A committee was created to identify people who would like to run for a board position for 2012. We were reminded that there is a four-year limit for anyone to be on the board. A question was

raised about having a board position for the president when that person steps down. Changing that procedure would involve changing the bylaws. Coe suggested that we consider such an option later in the year.

**New membership:** Five people in our community have requested to become members of C. G. & membership criteria were discussed. The best option appears to be that an applicant should have been an & G in some community, corner lot or somewhere else. To this, Ann suggested that we have a two-tiered membership: those with an & G background, and a community group who do not meet those qualifications but have a gardening background. Should there not be a 2012 & G training course offered by O. of I. Attention, a group of classes could be offered to such applicants who do not already meet & G qualifications. ; committee was set up to look into such a program.

**Membership Renewal:** C. G. membership is from October 1 to September 30 each year. She will be sending out notices to our membership to renew.

**New Business:**

**Memorial:** It was suggested that we purchase a tree or rose bush for the Healing Garden or the herboretum in memory of Lois, the long-time Master Gardener, who contributed so much to our community. The board agreed to do this.

**Farmin Park:** Gail Swan gave a report from the Star Club, that a new band shell will be erected at Farmin Park this next year. They are asking for landscaping to be done. ; suggestion was made that native plants be used, so people can more easily learn to identify them. This comment resulted in a very positive response.

**School Gardens:** In September 2011, at Qootenai Elementary, someone reported will be cleaning off a strip of land behind the school parking lot. This land will be used for more raised beds for gardening. Volunteers will be needed to help clean this up, and it is important that some people from our group be there to help out. Large gardening tools such as hoes and rakes will be needed.

**Community Gardens:** Ann suggested about the Community Gardens, with the idea of our being supportive of that group in 2012. Ann reported that the gardens are doing very well, and that they have a strong, committed group of people keeping them going.

**Membership:** Coe suggested that at the December meeting we look at criteria for maintaining C. G. membership. Currently there are 12 members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Pietz, Secretary

BCGA – 2011 Event Calendar

Calendar			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
HH – Food Preservation 101	Wed 9/21	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Carol Hampton; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
Potluck- Valle Novak's Home	Sun 9/25	Becky Reynolds and Ann Warwick	41 Hackney Lane, Noon
HH – Soils for Dummies	Wed 9/28	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Mikey Haven; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 10/5	Zoe Bolton	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
HH – Mushroom Field Trip	Sat 10/8	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Tim Gerlitz; Lion Head Campground Priest Lake 10am
HH – Berries #1	Wed 10/12	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Jon Bair; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
BCGA Continuing Education - CMO	Thur 10/13	Janae Dale	6 – 8pm
HH – Berries #2	Wed 10/19	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Jon Bair; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
HH – Garden Design and Hard scape	Wed 10/26	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Toni & JR North; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
HH – Home Orchards continued	Wed 11/2	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Rob McCracken; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
HH – All About Beekeeping	Wed 11/9	Don Childress, Janae Dale, Gail Swan	Blaine and Gina Harvey; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E; 6 – 8 pm
Membership Meeting • Note date change	Wed 11/16*	Zoe Bolton	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
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 <a href="mailto:zbolton@gmail.com">zbolton@gmail.com</a>
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing	Janae Dale	265-2205 or <a href="mailto:dalejanae@gmail.com">dalejanae@gmail.com</a>
Home Horticulture Series	Spring & Fall	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Don – 255-7928 or <a href="mailto:dwc1rsc@televar.com">dwc1rsc@televar.com</a> ; Janae – 265-2205 or <a href="mailto:dalejanae@gmail.com">dalejanae@gmail.com</a> ; Gail – 263-0180 or 290-4126 or <a href="mailto:gswan8274@hotmail.com">gswan8274@hotmail.com</a>
Home and Garden Show	April	Ellie Lizotte and Ann Warwick	Ellie – 264-5462 or <a href="mailto:hopeellie@aol.com">hopeellie@aol.com</a> ; Ann – H 263-2844 C 691-1900 or <a href="mailto:w.redguy@frontier.com">w.redguy@frontier.com</a>
School Gardens	Spring/Summer	Mikey Haven	610-4829 or <a href="mailto:66haven@gmail.com">66haven@gmail.com</a>

FarmersMarket	Spring/Summer	JanaeDale	265-2205or <a href="mailto:dalejanae@gmail.com">dalejanae@gmail.com</a>
MickinnickTrailhead	Spring/Summer	Jan Griffiths	<a href="mailto:jan@looptravel.com">jan@looptravel.com</a> 290-1973
HealingGarden	Spring/Summer	ValleNovak	
Potlucks	Summer	BeckyReynolds,Ann Warwick	Becky- <a href="mailto:rplace@directv.net">rplace@directv.net</a> or 264-3214 Ann - H 263-2844 C 691-1900or <a href="mailto:w.redguy@frontier.com">w.redguy@frontier.com</a>
GardenTour	July	PennyBarton	H 265-9733;C 610-1493or <a href="mailto:one-cent@gotsky.com">one-cent@gotsky.com</a>
BonnerCountyFair	Aug		(650)-867-6625or <a href="mailto:gardenersdaughter@yahoo.com">gardenersdaughter@yahoo.com</a>



# 2011 Fall Home Horticulture Workshop Series



Presented and Coordinated by  
Bonner County Gardeners Association

Programs will be held from 6pm - 8pm  
at the Ponderay Event Center  
401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E, Ponderay, Idaho

Email inquiries to [bcgardeners@gmail.org](mailto:bcgardeners@gmail.org)  
Or call 208-265-2070

## Dates and Topics

### September 7 "Planning your Home Orchard"

Presented by Robb McCracken-owner of  
"Northern Rockies  
Extra Hardy Trees Nursery"  
Robb will cover site selection and preparation, and tree  
selection for North Idaho; a second class will follow later  
on problem diagnosis and treatment

### September 21 "Food Preservation 101"

Presented by Carol Hampton, MS, Boundary County Extension  
Educator  
Preserve the bounty of your garden with freezing, canning  
and drying, using new home food preservation techniques

### September 28 "Soils for Dummies"

Presented by Master Gardener Mikey Haven  
Soils basics, including types of soils, types of organic and  
inorganic amendments, with the goal of improvement in  
your garden's production

### October 8 "Mushroom Field Trip to Priest Lake"

Presented by Tim Gerlitz, North Idaho Mycological Association

NOTE: THIS IS A SAT FIELD TRIP; Meet at Lion Head Campground @ the NE end of Priest Lake @ 10AM; bring a basket or  
Paper sack for your collection, a small knife, field guide if you have one, and your lunch

**October 12 "Berries #1"**  
Presented by Master Gardener Jon Bair  
Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and other traditional garden berries, including their culture and uses

**October 19 "Berries #2"**  
Presented by Master Gardener Jon Bair  
What's left to talk about? Grapes and other unusual berries, including landscape and habitat varieties

**October 26 "Garden Design and Hardscape"**  
Presented by Toni and JR North, co-owners of "Groundskeeper" Landscaping Service  
This class will include landscape planning, plant selection, plant placement and touch briefly on pathway construction

**November 2 "Home Orchards, Continued"**  
Presented by Robb McCracken  
Class will cover maintenance of your orchard, problem diagnosis and recommended treatments and a brief introduction to nut trees for this area

**November 9 "All About Beekeeping"**  
Presented by Blaine and Gina Harvey, co-owners of Harvey Honey Farm in Clark Fork  
Learn how to set up and maintain hives, with an emphasis on keeping the hives healthy. They will include collection and uses of the honey and the comb and will bring samples of what they harvest and make

Fees cover the cost of venue, publications, materials, and the support of non-profit activities of the Bonner County Gardeners Association.



**All programs will be held from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Ponderay Event Center**  
**401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, Idaho**

**ALL CLASSES WILL START PROMPTLY @ 6pm; CHECK-IN**  
**STARTS @ 5:30; PLEASE BE ON TIME**

Please check the classes you wish to attend and send with check to Bonner County Gardeners Association  
804 Airport Way  
Sandpoint, Id., 83864  
You may also bring your registration form & check to this address  
Or  
You can pay on-line with a credit card via Paypal at

