



Bonner County Gardeners Association

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President's Note

Hi, all!

I can't believe this is the end of September, only 3 more months for this year. Let's start thinking about snowshoeing potlucks and the Christmas party.

October Gardening To Do List

From Backyard Gardeners located at:
http://www.backyardgardener.com/Gardening_Month/zonesep01.html



Zone 3

- Start fall compost pile

- Cover perennial, vegetable, bulb, and strawberry beds for winter
- Plant winter- and spring-flowering bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded fall-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Protect roses for winter

Zone 4

- Start fall compost pile
- Cover perennial, vegetable, bulb, and strawberry beds for winter
- Plant winter- and spring-flowering bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded fall-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Buy spring-blooming bulbs
- Plant container and balled-and-burlapped fruit trees
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Plant, feed, and aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Divide and replant summer- and fall-blooming perennials after bloom

- Protect roses for winter
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant balled-and-burlapped trees
- Plant trees in containers
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

Zone 5

- Start fall compost pile
- Plant winter- and spring-flowering bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded fall-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Buy winter- and spring-blooming bulbs
- Plant container and balled-and-burlapped trees fruit trees
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Plant cool- and warm-season lawns
- Aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Divide and replant summer- and fall-blooming perennials after bloom
- Plant container roses
- Protect roses for winter
- Plant container and balled-and-burlapped trees, shrubs, and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

Start Saving For the Yard Sale!

SAVE NOW FOR THE YARD SALE! Bob Blair has very generously offered the use of his large storage building for our yard sale items year around. As you come across items that you would like to donate for the yard sale, just bring them any time to the office, to Janae's house, or take them to Bob's place at 330 East Bronx Road. If you take them to his place, please call first, 263-8416, to let him know you are coming. If you leave them at the of-

fice, please mark them, "YARD SALE", and I'll get them to Bob's place. This is a wonderful help for the success of our great yard sale. At the end of the sale we will be able to keep the items that are left and have them to start the collection for the year to come! Thanks again, Bob!

Growing Paperwhites

There is lots of information on the internet about forcing bulbs and growing Paperwhites. I recently kind of combined some of them and wrote these directions for the teacher at the Charter School who does School Gardens. Perhaps you would be interested.

Paperwhite narcissus can be grown in any kind of container, but glass allows one to see the roots (fun) and to check the water level (important).

Clear plastic containers also work. They should be about 4" deep, but even a tall vase could be used.

You might want to purchase some so you can see the size of the bulb. They should be close so they help support each other, but not tight. I would recommend a minimum of three per student, but just one would work in a glass, if that is all you can afford.

Usually they are planted with rocks, but any firm item could be used, including beads, marbles, small plastic soldiers or animals, as long as they can be loose enough for the roots to grow through and compact enough to hold the bulbs in place. The rocks, or whatever is used, and the container, need to be washed thoroughly with soapy water. The bulbs can be prone to rot, and this would eliminate contaminates.

Put the rocks about 2" deep in the container. Set the bulbs, pointy up, roots down, on the rocks. Put in more rocks to just above the fat part or to the "shoulder" of the bulbs. The top half to top third should be showing. This is what supports the bulbs and keeps them in place. Fill with water to the bottom of the bulbs so the roots are wet, but most of the bulb is dry. Avoid pouring water directly on the bulbs. This is where it is helpful to have a clear container. The bulbs will rot with too much water.

Put the containers in a dark, cool (50 -60 degrees) area. Check the water level every day. Keep it on the roots. Different varieties of bulbs require different lengths of time to start to root and to sprout.

Check when you buy them to find out how long it takes them to sprout. Usually it's about 2 weeks.

When they begin to sprout, they need to be moved to the sun but the room should be cool. They will grow too fast and floppy if the room is too warm.

They will grow very quickly (fun to see!) and may be ready to bloom in 2 - 4 weeks. Turn them a quarter of a turn each day to keep them growing straight. If they get too floppy, they could be tied together with a ribbon. Once they start to get buds the blooms will last longer if they are moved out of the sun.

After they have finished blooming, they are done and can be thrown in the compost pile. They won't bloom again.

The length of time is difficult to call. Some articles refer to starting them before Thanksgiving to be able to have them blooming as a gift before Christmas.

BCGA Membership Meeting, **September 5, 2012**

Present: President, Mikey Haven, Vice President, Penny Barton, Treasurer, Bob Blair, Secretary, Gail Swan, Board Members, Howie Fennimore, Becky Reynolds, Jenna Bertus, others present, Ann Warwick, Janae Dale, Butterfly Burke and Penny Goodman

Meeting was called to order @ 9:05 am by President, Mikey Haven.

August minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's report: \$2639.01

Bank account has been moved to Mt West Bank

Continuing Education:

A combination tour to: Sanborns Rose garden, The Plant Man, South of Newport, The Iris Gardens, & The Cottage Garden was on Wed, August 15; a good time had by all

A combination tour to: Marsha Semars, Ronnegars, and Moose Valley Nursery still to be scheduled

Pot Lucks:

Mikey Haven, August 18th, with a wonderful garden & a good party

One last party to be @ Helen Mansons on Sat Sept 8 @ 3pm

Bonner County Fair:

Booth got red ribbon-2nd place; a list of Questions taken & all answered; do we need people to staff the booth every day? The 1st day was very quiet in the am-very few people walking around

Yard Sale:

Took in \$1653 + \$22 IOU's & spent \$86 on food for workers

Great job-many thanks to all who helped out; there is more to sell on Craigs List if poss;

Bob Blair volunteered space on his property for storage of items in the future

New Business:

Discussion regarding putting on another membership class in the spring; do we want to take it on again? Perhaps start earlier? Limit to 8? Have more "in person" speakers & take out programs from the DVD that don't apply to N Idaho?

Officers & Board for 2013

A nominating committee was formed: Mikey, Jenna, Janae, Zoe & Gail will meet on Tues, Sept 25 @ 9am ; Bob Blair volunteered to serve as Treasurer again

Mikey is willing to chair a fund raiser along with Sears in the spring to sell plant starts; she will also be sending our logo to "Murphys T-Shirt shop if any one would like to purchase a shirt

Christmas Party:

Penny Barton will check with Robin Beams to see if we can hold the party @ Coldwater Creek again this year; we would like to schedule the party for Sat Dec 1st

Ann Warwick, Linda Kirchmann & Michelle Murphrey are working with the students @ Kootenai school again this fall

"Hypertufa" class to be held on Sun, Sept 16 & again on Sept 30 to be put on by Kate Bankson; e-mail kbankson@gmail.com if interested in taking the class; she is located 6 miles up Pack River Road, after the Connoco Station; phone is 263-5240; fee is \$35

also, contact Lucy Bauer, 509-447-5995 to make cement leaves for garden art

BCGA – 2011 Event Calendar

Event Calendar - 2012			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
Membership Meeting	Wed 10/3	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Home Hort Class - Hard-scapes	Wed 10/3	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Ivan Envik; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Home Hort Class – Composting and Vermiculture	Wed 10/10	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Ann Warwick and Janae Dale; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Home Hort Class – Harvesting Your Garden	Wed 10/17	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Marci Crockett, Karen Hempstead & Kendall Adams; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Home Hort Class – All About Ponds	Wed 10/24	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Dennis Rieger; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Home Hort Class – Growing Dahlias Successfully	Wed 10/31	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Paul Kusche; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Home Hort Class – Companion Planting	Wed 11/07	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Presented by Diane Green; Ponderay Event Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E, Ponderay, ID; 6pm
Membership Meeting	Wed 11/7	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Membership Meeting	Wed 12/5	Mikey Haven	BCGA Offices at 804 Airport Way, Sandpoint; 265-2070; 9am
Holiday Party	Sat 12/08	Penny Barton	Coldwater Creek Corporate Office - Atrium

BCGA – Event Chairs

2012 Event Chairs and Contact Info			
Event	Date*	Chair(s)	Contact
Membership Meetings	Ongoing	Mikey Haven	610-4829 or 66haven@gmail.com
Continuing Education Program	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Membership Committee	Ongoing	Zoe Bolton	264-1210 or zbolton@gmail.com
Home Horticulture Series	Spring & Fall	Don Childress, Janae Dale and Gail Swan	Don – 255-7928 or dwc1rsc@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	Janae Dale	265-2205 or dalejanae@gmail.com
Farmers Market	Spring/Summer	Kim Peterson	627-8418 or krpeterson1@gmail.com
Mickinnick Trailhead – meet the 1 st and 3 rd Wed of each month at 9am at the 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	Lynn Pietz and Jon Bair	lynnpietz@hotmail.com or 265-3563

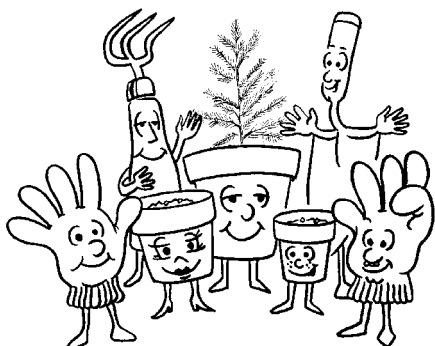


“Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons” Jim Bishop (writer)

“In autumn’s cup lingers a cloudy wine in which spring’s roses must shed their petals”
Ruben Dario, 1867-1916, Spanish writer

2012 Fall Home Horticulture

Workshop Series



Presented and Coordinated
by
Bonner County Gardeners Association

**Classes are held from 6pm – 8pm
at the Ponderay Event Center
401 Bonner Mall Way, Ste E, Ponderay, Idaho**

*Email inquiries to bcgardeners@gmail.com
Or call message line: 208-265-2070*

Dates and Topics

Sept 19 **"Planning Your Home Orchard"**
Presented by Robb McCracken, owner of
"Northern Rockies

Extra Hardy Trees Nursery"
Back by popular demand, Robb will cover site selection &
preparation, & tree selection for North Idaho.

Sept 26 **"All About Herbs"**
Presented by Kit Cooley, MG
**A weed by any other name.....Growing your own herbs
for food and medicine
is easy and rewarding. Learn how to cultivate, harvest
and preserve your
favorites. If there is time & interest, we can also discuss
some wild herbs to
gather.**

Oct 3 **"Hardscape"**
Presented by Ivan Envik, owner of "Envik
Concrete"
Is Hardscape the most difficult part of your landscape
project? Let a local professional show you how he does it.

Ivan does pathways, patios, walls, rockeries, borders &
much more.

Oct 10 **"Composting and Vermiculture"**
Presented by Ann Warwick, MG & Janae
Dale, MG

Ann will cover "hot" and "cool" composting, suitable ingredi-
ents, compost pile management, compost harvesting & uses
of compost. Janae will teach you how to keep a worm farm
& use the castings to enhance your garden soil.

Oct 17 **"Harvesting Your Garden"**
Presented by All Seasons gardening gu-
rus: Marci Crockett,
Karen Hempstead & Kendall Adams

All that time and energy planting and maintaining your
garden-now how do you harvest & what can you do with
the produce? These ladies will share their methods of
saving the food you worked so hard to grow.

Oct 24 **"All About Ponds"**
Presented by Dennis Rieger
This class will include all aspects of pond construction, in-
cluding waterfalls & fountains. The addition of plants &
fish is also included as well as maintenance, covering filtra-
tion, algae, leaks & winterization.

Oct 31 **"Growing Dahlias Successfully"**
Presented by Paul Kusche, Owner of "Papa
Paul's Dahlia Farm"
Learn how to grow & care for those beautiful dahlias. And
when winter is upon us, the real question is how to store
them. This class will review various methods for digging,
trimming & storing tubers for the winter.

Nov 7 **"Companion Planting"**
Presented by Diane Green
What vegetables like being planted with each other? Learn
from Diane, co-owner of "Greentree Naturals", a certified
organic farm here in North Idaho; she uses companion
planting as one of her growing methods. Basis: certain
plants can benefit others when planted next to or close to
one another.

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



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Classes are \$10

Each

**All classes 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 Gar-
deners 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 "Pay-Pal"

at www.bcgardeners.org

**2012 Fall Home Horticulture Workshop Series
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

- Sept 19 Planning your Home Orchard
Presented by Robb McCracken
- Sept 26 All About Herbs
Presented by Kit Cooley, MG
- Oct 3 Hardscape
Presented by Ivan Envik
- Oct 10 Composting & Vermiculture
Presented by Ann Warwick & Janae Dale
- Oct 17 Harvesting Your Garden
Presented by Marci Crockett, Karen Hempstead &
Kendall Adams from All Seasons
- Oct 24 Ponds
Presented by Dennis Rieger
- Oct 31 Dahlias
Presented by Paul Krusche
- Nov 7 Companion Planting
Presented by Diane Green

Classes \$10Each

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