

The Garden Gate

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PLEASE READ THIS...

Certified Master Gardeners

It's Plant Clinic Time!

Please call Patty and schedule your hours. Each shift needs a certified MG to work with a new class member.

This has been a problem—sometimes only new people have been scheduled!

Remember you need 9 hours for re-certification.

Hours are 9-12 and either 12-3 OR 1-4, Tuesday and Thursday's through September. Advertised closing time for the clinic is 3:00pm.

Call 263-8511 and schedule!

A message from Mike Bauer...

Greetings Bonner County Master Gardeners!

I am excited to arrive in Bonner County as your new Horticulture/Small Farms/Nursery Educator. I have already met with many of you, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you. I am excited to come back to the Sandpoint area, where I spent time in the late 1980s completing my Master Thesis. I am excited to return to serve nurseries, small farms and home horticulture needs of Bonner County and the Panhandle area.

My background includes working as an Extension Horticulture Agent for Oregon State University, Colorado State University, and most recently as Horticulture Educator with the University of Idaho in Lewiston. As you can see, these areas have short growing seasons (except for Lewiston). I hope I am not carrying a jinx because everywhere I have lived has experienced a drought shortly after my arrival. Needless to say, I have some experience in this area!

Way back in ancient times, I received my Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Studies from Western Michigan University in 1983, spent time training agriculture teachers in Togo, W. Africa and received my MS in Agricultural Education from the University of Idaho in 1989.

From my visits to many of your projects, it is obvious you are an industrious and enthusiastic group of valuable volunteers. The Learning Garden has been planted, the Plant Clinic is one of the best in Idaho and many other exciting projects are taking shape. I will do all that I can to support these projects, and feel free to call or drop by the office any time.

I am excited to be here on July 1

2008 Master Gardener Garden Tour

Sunday, June 29

10 to 4

\$10 per person

Tickets available at the extension office, or the day of the tour at each garden.

Next Membership Meetings

Tuesday, July 1

Tuesday, Aug 5

9:00am



Down the Garden Path ...Greetings all MG's

Welcome again to our new Extension Educator Mike Bauer. We look forward to working with him on everything related to Master Gardener's. Mike was present at our June 3rd meeting and had the pleasure of meeting many of our group.

A huge big thank you for the wonderful working crew who showed up Sunday in the rain and stayed with planting until we were finished. Many thanks to Kristy Pierce, Ken Lunde, Joyce Pence, Ann Keiser with partner Dave Summers, Martha Troughton and your fearless leader. Wednesday we had yet another cold and blustery work day. Many thanks to Ann Warwick, Willie Millard, Gaea Swinford, Mikey Haven, Abby Chavez, Gail Swan, Janae Dale, Bob Blair, Zoe Bolton, Ann Keiser with partner Dave Summers. After the Learning Garden, some of us went to All Seasons and had a wonderful time planting the whiskey barrels that adorn Sandpoint with so much summer color. Thank you, Jan Rumore, Gaea Swinford, Ann Warwick, Mikey Haven, Gail Swan, Janae Dale, and Zoe Bolton.



Mikey Haven donated several wood and clay pots for the front steps. Along with the four large pots remaining from last year, they all have been planted and are ready to wow all who visit the Extension Office. The walkway leading to the office has also been planted with lots of summer color. A gentle reminder that there is always some weeding and dead heading to be done on the grounds and all MG's are required to spend two hours a year working at the Extension Office to keep it looking cared for.

ATTENTION: Anyone that knows the whereabouts of the black and white Garden Tour arrow signs, please contact me ASAP. I don't know how these have gotten away but they have and we are in need of them prior to the Garden Tour on the 29th.

Speaking of the Garden Tour....., there is a meeting of the Garden Tour committee at 1 pm Thursday, the 12th of June at the Extension Office. Please be there as I am in need of your help.

A special thank you to Kit Cooley and Mikey Haven for being brave when they were feeling fearful, and stepping up in spite of it, to co-chair the Fair Booth this year. The very best way to get more involved and to be in the know is to attend your Membership Meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday July 1st. Hope to see you there.

Cheerfully thinking of all of you in this too busy time of year.

Perry Barton

Master Gardener President



The Native Plant Society

Invites you

Saturday, June 28 at 9:45 am
Sandpoint Community Center



"A Presentation to Celebrate &
Learn about our Chapter's Founder,
Lois Wythe."

All are welcome to come celebrate
this extraordinary person!

4 th of July
 Parade
 Friday ~ 9:00 am

Meet In back of Army/
 Navy Surplus store .
 Parade starts at 10:00 am .
 We will follow the Back
 Country Horsemen and as
 usual, compost all the way!
 Come be part of a Master
 Gardener tradition!!



MG YARD SALE
 Saturday, Aug. 23rd

START SAVING your gently used items so we'll have lots to sell. Have an item you need out-of-the-way now? Penny has generously donated space at her home, call her for information.

We'll let you know when you can start dropping things off at the ext. office.

Questions? Contact Janae Dale or Pat Moss.

Updated calendar will be included with each Garden Gate—make sure you refer to the most current edition.

Garden Tour Committee Meeting—1pm on Thursday June 12th.

Plant Clinic—this is really, really important....The front office list (Patty's) is the final say in who's scheduled! IF YOU CHANGE THE LIST IN THE PLANT CLINIC, MAKE SURE YOU UPDATE PATTY'S.

Needed! One volunteer to come either Sat. or Sun. during summer to water Learning Garden. Please notify Penny if interested.

Treasurers Report—\$4613.13

Volunteer Opportunities:

Mickinnick Trail with Kinnikinnick Chapter of Native Plant Society, on 1st Wednesdays, am to noon* July 2 and August 6

Mickinnick with Master Gardeners on 3rd Wednesdays, am to noon* June 18, July 16, and August 20

**These days are traditional but not exclusive. All members may mix and match. Questions? Contact Jan Griffiths.*

Waterlife Discovery Center, am to noon, stay for the barbeque lunch!

June 26 and July 17; Questions? Contact Eileen Atkinson at eatkiss2@verison.net

OTHER
 STUFF

2008 MG Calendar

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Contact	Additional info.
June 12	Thursday	1:00pm	Committee meeting	Penny Barton	Ext. Office—Anyone interested
June 28	Saturday	9:45am	Honor Lois Wythe	Native Plant Society	Monthly meeting of the Native Plant Society will honor Lois
June 29	Sunday	10:00am—4:00pm	BCMG Garden Tour	Penny Barton	\$10.00 per person. Tix available at ext. office or each garden on tour
July 1	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Everyone is invited and welcome to attend
July 4	Friday	10:00am	4th of July Parade		Meet at 9:00am back of Army/ Navy Surplus store
Aug. 5	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Yes, you can attend! New input is always welcome.
Aug 18— Aug 23	Monday— Saturday	????	Bonner County Fair	Kit Cooley/Mikey Haven	Committee meetings will be scheduled
Aug 23	Saturday	Most of day	Annual Yard Sale	Janae Dale/Pat Moss	Need helpers before/during and after event. Start saving those items!
Sept. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	You will be missing all the fun if you don't come.....
Oct. 7	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership	Any Board Member	
Oct. ?	TBA	TBA	Graduation	Penny or Gail	2008 Master Gardener
Nov. ?	TBA	TBA	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Date changed due to Election on Nov. 4th
Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership	Any Board Member	
Dec. ?	TBA	TBA	Annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers and Board members	Any Board Member	

2008 Officers and Board Members

Penny Barton, President
 Gail Swan, Vice-President
 Chris McIntosh, Secretary
 Shirley Barksdale, Treasurer

Board Members: Linda Kirchmann, Ann Warwick,
 Jan Rumore, Liz Kunze, and Brenda Fletcher