

The Garden Gate

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Join the U of I Bonner County Master Gardeners and the Garden Writers Association to

Plant A Row For The Hungry

How to get involved:

- ✘ Plant some extra veggies, berry plants, or maintain fruit trees for optimum production.
- ✘ Harvest and eat the produce you grow.
- ✘ Take the extra produce to the nearest Food Bank.

Benefits of PAR:

- ✘ PAR is local people helping local people.
- ✘ Nutritious produce does not go to waste. Somebody enjoys it.
- ✘ Donations are tax deductible. Ask for a receipt.

Food Bank Locations:

- ▶ Sandpoint—Bonner Community Food Bank, 921 N Fifth, open M-F 9am—3pm
- ▶ Priest River—West Bonner County Food Bank, 103 N Washington, M-F 10am—2pm
- ▶ Clark Fork—Clark Fork Food Bank, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Wed. 10am—2pm

Next Membership Meetings are
Tuesday, June 3rd and
Tuesday, July 1
9:00am extension of office

2008 Master Gardener Garden Tour

Sunday, June 29

We need gardens!!

Do you have a special garden?
Do you know someone who does?
Please contact Penny Barton at
one-cent@gotsky.com or
265-9733

NOTE

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.

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!

2008 Bonner County Fair

"EWE BEE THERE—IT'S OUR 80th FAIR"

Aug. 20-23



The BCMG's will have a booth at the Fair again this year. *Bee thinking about ideas!* We'll need people to be at the booth, help with set up, and break down. The Fair starts on Aug. 18th, but is not open to spectators until the 20th. It's three months away, but it'll *bee* here before you know it!

OTHER STUFF

Valle Vista Care Center of Sandpoint has asked us to help out with raised bed gardening for their residents. Weeding, watering, planting, and other tasks will be among the chores needed to bring blossoms to their courtyard. Hours spent helping will count towards your community service hours. More details later when they become available.

July 4th Parade is on a Friday this year. We still need someone to organize this fun event. Contact Penny if interested! Thanks!

Thank you to Don Childress, Janae Dale, and Gail Swan for the successful Spring Home Horticulture series. They were all very well attended (some even "sold out"), and now we're looking forward to Fall's classes! If you have any ideas, make sure you contact the committee.

Down the Garden Path

Greetings Master Gardeners & soon to be Master Gardeners

I congratulate the new class for successfully completing our intense Master Gardener course. It's exciting now to be able to use the knowledge you have worked so hard to obtain. The Plant Clinic will be a launching pad for the experience you now need to add to your education. Give freely of your knowledge to friends, family and the public in general. Knowledge is wasted if not shared with others.

Our Plant Clinic Orientation Day we had the pleasure of having Lois Wythe come and talk to the class. As always her warmth and enthusiasm is picked up by those to whom she speaks. The class gave her a so richly deserved standing ovation. Lois ended her visit with us by visiting the Plant Clinic. She was thrilled with what we have done with it and said with the new arrangement she would even be able to come and put in some hours working there herself. Anyone lucky enough to have the opportunity to work in the Plant Clinic with Lois would indeed be blessed.

Our new Extension Educator, Mike Bauer, has been invited to attend our June 3rd Membership meeting and has said he will be attending. Mike is ready to enthusiastically plunge himself into his position here. He is a warm and friendly man with vast knowledge and experience and I think everyone will enjoy his mentorship immensely. Our warmest Master Gardener welcome to Mike.

We had what I believe to be a record number of 18 attending the May Membership meeting. Let's see if we can beat that record to welcome aboard Mike Bauer, our Extension Educator, mentor and friend.

I would like to thank Brenda Fletcher for a job well done as chair of the Home and Garden Show. The booth looked great and represented the MGs very well. If the list of people collected at this show interested in taking our next year's MG course comes to fruition we will have yet another class filled to overflowing. We did learn at this new location that next year we will need to use our PA system. With the PA system we can announce our classes to the public to create interest and those taking the classes can hear the speakers much better. We are always learning new things.

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Come join us for a fun field trip to see Marsha Semar's gardens in Moyie Springs. Marsha manages to grow vegetables year round and we are privileged to see just how she does that. The carpool will be leaving at approximately 8:50 from the Extension Office Tuesday May 13th. The trip is approximately 50 miles. Consider joining us to visit Diane Green's farm on the 20th as well.

On the return trip back from Marsha's I would like to invite anyone interested in walking my gardens to do so. I will give out some maps while on the tour. I would also like to extend that invitation to visit my gardens anytime you wish. A once a month visit would be ideal to take in the forever changing blooming going on. I would also simply love coming to visit your garden, so please invite me.

The Community Garden is no longer a Master Gardener project but is now being done by the Sandpoint Garden Group. The MGs have been given the edges surrounding the garden to plant with flowers. This group is young, eager and inexperienced in gardening and in need of mentors. Anyone interested in planting the MG portion or mentoring this group please contact the chairperson Gail Burkett. I wish them a season of bountiful harvests.

There seems to be some confusion about the hours for the PC. There are two options for the afternoon shift, option one is 12 -3, option two is 1 -4. This allows anyone working all day to take an hour break for lunch if they wish too. However, the closing time for the public will be 3 pm. The time spent after closing will be for research for anyone working in the Plant Clinic.

Garden Tip from the Spokesman Review: Plant your beans with the belly buttons down and your squash, melons and pumpkins with the point down. Your seeds will not need to put any energy into turning themselves over instead they will just burst out of the ground.

I am looking forward to working with as many of you as possible on our many projects and in the PC. Let's learn and grow together.

Penny Barton
Master Gardener President



Ann Keiser would like to invite anyone wishing to help plant the cool weather crops in the Learning Garden to

come at 1pm on Friday the 16th. She has all the seeds already. She wants to chat about plans for the Extension Office grounds for this year. Anyone who has plants they are going to divide and share may wish to bring some to plant around the building. See you there!

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.

2008 MG Calendar

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Contact	Additional info.
May 13	Tuesday	11:00am	Garden Tour— Marsha Semar	Penny Barton	Meet at ext. ofc. at 8:45am to carpool or contact Penny for directions
May 16	Friday	1:00pm	Learning Garden planting	Ann Keiser	See info. in May's GG
May 20	Tuesday	1:00pm	Garden Tour— GreenTree Naturals Diane Green	Penny Barton	Meet at ext. ofc. At 12:30pm to carpool, or at location at 1:00pm greentreenaturals.com
June 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Everyone is invited and wel- come to come
June 29	Sunday	9:00— 4:00 ??	BCMG Garden Tour	Penny Barton	NEED GARDENS! Contact Penny ASAP if you know or have a garden of interest.
July 1	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Everyone is invited and welcome to attend
July 4	Friday	TBA	4th of July Parade	???	Need coordinator
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	???	Need chair. Theme is Ewe Bee There.
Aug 23	Saturday	morning	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 Meeting	Any Board Member	
Oct. ?	TBA	TBA	Graduation	Penny or Gail Swan	2008 Master Gardener Graduation
Nov. ?	TBA	TBA	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Date changed due to Election on Nov. 4th
Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	
Dec. ?	TBA	TBA	Annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers and Board members	Any Board Member	