

# The Garden Gate



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## President's Note

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This month's note will be brief as I am out of the country and without many communications with my friends in northern Idaho. I assume that cooler weather is moving into the area and that you are all busy putting your gardens to bed for the winter. This is a great time to reflect on the successes of the season and to take note of the things that worked well. For me, it is never too early to start planning for next year's garden.

I will be working on identifying our 2012 projects over the next couple of months with a continued focus on education, community service and camaraderie. Please let me know if there are specific projects you would like to have reviewed. Your input is very important in setting our agenda.

In the meantime I have had an opportunity to view some lovely gardens the last few weeks in both Spain and Portugal. I am sending along a couple of pictures of interest.





‘Pupp’ at the Guggenheim museum +9ilboa, 2pain

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## October Gardening To Do List

From 9ac54ard Gardeners located at?http?@www.bac54ardgardener.com@GardeningA&onth@oneoct01.html



### Zone 3

- 2tart fall compost pile
- 0o/ er perennial, / egetable, bulb, and strawberr4 beds for winter
- Plant winter+and spring#flowering bulbs
- , i/ ide and replant crowded fall+blooming bulbs after lea/ es 4ellow
- 0ut bac5 on feeding houseplants @do not feed dormant houseplantsD
- Protect roses for winter

### Zone 4

- 2tart fall compost pile
- 0o/ er perennial, / egetable, bulb, and strawberr4 beds for winter
- Plant winter+and spring#flowering bulbs

- , i/ ide and replant crowded fall-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- 9u4 spring-blooming bulbs
- Plant container and balled-and-burlapped fruit trees
- 0ut bac5 on feeding houseplants Do not feed dormant houseplantsD
- Plant, feed, and aerate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- 2ow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- , i/ ide and replant summer+and fall-blooming perennials after bloom
- Protect roses for winter
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and /ines
- Plant balled-and-burlapped trees
- Plant trees in containers
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

## Zone 5

- 2tart fall compost pile
- Plant winter+and spring-flowering bulbs
- , i/ ide and replant crowded fall-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- 9u4 winter+and spring-blooming bulbs
- Plant container and balled-and-burlapped trees fruit trees
- 0ut bac5 on feeding houseplants Do not feed dormant houseplantsD
- Plant cool+and warm-season lawns
- : erate cool-season lawns and loosen thatch
- 2ow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- , i/ ide 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 /ines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and /ines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

*"I love the fall. I love it because of the smells that you speak of; and also because things are dying, things that you don't have to take care of anymore and the grass stops growing." Mark Van Doren*

## BCGA Membership Meeting, October 5, 2011

**Present:** Gail Swan, Gail Swan, Ale, & Irene Allen, Penn Barton, Hit O'Connell, Cecelia Eldred, Genna Gertus, Louise Fennimore, . Ilie - i-cotte, -inda G(ording, - Ann Piet-

& Irene Allen, /ice-president, called the meeting to order at 7:08 a.m.

The September minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report,** Penn Barton? K, 2=J. The (ade plant was sold. It had been part of a silent auction at the : ugust 4ard sale.

Penn Barton asked about the benefits of belonging to the Chamber of Commerce, because we pay a membership fee of \$110. Benefits of this group were discussed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Home Hort Series,** Gail Swan, chair? In the absence of Gail, Gail Swan, alereported that there are fewer people signed up for the classes. The mushroom class this Saturday is full, however. \$ e continue to use PayPal as well as other means for registration, and the receptionist in our office has also agreed to accept registrations as well.

**Potlucks,** : Ann \$ arwick and Cecelia Eldred, co-chairs? The potlucks are over for this year. \$ e are /er4 happy with the turnout, and hope for more / olunteers next year.

**Continuing Education,** Gail Swan, chair? The speaker for next week will be , r. Huhl from the L. of I., speaking on The Science of G&Os. , r. Huhl will not be looking at pros and cons, (ust the science of G&Os). : comment was that it would be nice to have someone speak on the pros and cons of G&Os in the future. The group agreed, discussed possible speakers, and suggested a debate between two people, each taking a side.

**School Gardens,** Gail Swan, chair? The season is over for the school gardens this year. I hope , epot did come out to Hootenai . Iementary, and with / olunteers, cleaned off a strip of land behind the school parking lot to expand the number of raised gardens for next year.

### **Old Business:**

**2012 Board Nominees,** Gail Swan, chair? : list was circulated with the slate of candidates. Ballots will be sent out to the membership for / oting.

**Change in Board positions:** : t the last meeting there was a suggestion that the bylaws be changed to begin including past presidents as / oting members of the board. : fter discussion it was decided to leave it the way it is for now.

**Membership for 2012:** Irene reported that currently our organization has 88 paid members. \$ e are still waiting to learn if there will be a Master Garden training program provided by . Extension. Gail mentioned that Toni Fitzgerald has a , F, used for training for the G&O program at \$ ashington State, and we could obtain this to use as a refresher course for renewing our own skills. \$ e were reminded that each of us has a , F, , provided by our local . Extension Center, when we took our G&O training. I should mention I don't offer training, I mention Ferris . Extension would be the closest place to take the course. We understand that Hootenai I don't . Extension is closing.

**Memorials for past members:** In honor of two past members who have passed away, -ois \$ 4th and Tricia & urph4, we will be doing a planting for each. Places for such an honor were discussed. It was decided that we would consider a particular place that meant something to the individual, and plant there a favorite tree or bush.

**New Business:** Gail - oc5e has submitted the question? Should we be responsible for keeping the Fair grounds landscaping free of weeds, to make sure it continues to look good? A consensus was that we should leave that responsibility to the fairgrounds maintenance group. It looks good currently.

**Potlucks Idea:** Irene suggested that this winter we might have snowshoe potlucks, to get together for fun. Hit mentioned a greens cutting potluck as well, and members were encouraged to use their imagination for getting together this winter.

**Miscellaneous:** Irene has a friend with two apple trees, green and red, and a pear tree. : ll are loaded with fruit and ready for the picking. Irene can be called for further information.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 a.m.

I respectfully submitted,

- Ann Pietz, Secretary

## BCGA - 2011 Event Calendar

Calendar			
Event	Date	Chair(s)	Notes
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 - MO	Thur 10/13	Janae Dale	6 - 8 pm
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 and Garden 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 - H 263-0180 or <a href="mailto:290-4126orgswan8274@hotmail.com">290-4126orgswan8274@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 or 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>
Farmers Market	Spring/Summer	Janae Dale	265-2205 or <a href="mailto:dalejanae@gmail.com">dalejanae@gmail.com</a>
Mickinnick Trailhead	Spring/Summer	Jan Griffiths	<a href="mailto:jan@looptravel.com">jan@looptravel.com</a> ; 290-1973
Healing Garden	Spring/Summer	Valle Novak	
Potlucks	Summer	Becky Reynolds, Ann Warwick	Becky - <a href="mailto:rplace@directv.net">rplace@directv.net</a> ; 264-3214; Ann - H 263-2844 or C 691-1900 or <a href="mailto:w.redguy@frontier.com">w.redguy@frontier.com</a>
Garden Tour	July	Penny Barton	H 265-9733; C 610-1493 or <a href="mailto:one-cent@gotsky.com">one-cent@gotsky.com</a>
Bonner County Fair	Aug		(650)-867-6625 or <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

[www.bcgardeners.org](http://www.bcgardeners.org)