

# The Garden Gate

## September 2008



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### Volunteer Hours

Everyone and especially the 2008 class—please have your hours in to Patty at the extension office **NO LATER** than Sept. 30. Use the volunteer form, or a piece of paper, or e-mail them. It's that simple!

## 2008 Master Gardener Graduation

Saturday, October 25

The Brown House  
(located next to the hospital)  
6-9pm  
Pot Luck Supper  
Spouses or significant  
others' welcome!



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### Other Stuff....

Starting around Oct. 1, be looking for Master Gardener articles to appear in the Daily Bee every other Wednesday.

Howard Fennimore will be building compost bins for the learning garden. This will correspond with Mike's Home Horticulture class on Oct. 1. Thank you Howie!

To all MG's who volunteered at the Fair—a big thank you! Outstanding job Kit Cooley for chairing this important event!

Janae Dale, Shirley Barksdale, and Pat Moss—what a yard sale extravaganza! Thanks to all who brought things to sell, helped at the event, and bought items. A special thanks to Janae for taking the mirror to the consignment shop and continuing to work on getting the nativity set sold.

International Master Gardener Conferences

2008 (Oct.) will be in Washington, D.C., 2009 (March) is in Las Vegas. Interested in learning more? Contact Mike.

Treasurers Report: \$5796.72

Printer in Plant Clinic—Gail Swan is getting a new printer head; hopefully this will fix the problems we've been having.

## Fall Home Horticulture Classes

A **\$10.00** registration fee per class is required.  
Please pre-register for all classes by calling the  
Bonner County Extension office  
\* 263-8511 \*

- October 1 "Creating Compost For the Garden "  
Presented by Mike Bauer, University of Idaho Extension Educator. Learn how to make compost bins, what materials to use, and how to create your own compost as you recycle kitchen and garden scraps.
- October 15 "All About Bulbs, Corms and Rhizomes"  
Presented by Valle Novak, Master Gardener Emeritus. Learn how and when to divide, plant, grow and care for the bulbs and their plants.
- October 22 "Ask the Panel - Everything you ever wanted to know about gardening and more."  
Presented by Mike Bauer, Jennifer Costich-Thompson, Valle Novak, Laurie Brown, Loie DeLa Vergne, and Diane Green. Bring your questions and problems to be answered by this select group of experts from our community.
- November 5 "Bird Sanctuaries - Create your own bird sanctuary in your garden"  
Presented by Valle Novak, Master Gardener Emeritus. Learn how and what to plant to encourage our many local birds to spend time in your yard.
- November 12 "Holiday Arrangements for Your Home"  
Presented by Nicole French from Petal Talk. Learn how to create your own arrangements for the holidays
- November 19 "Gifts From Your Garden"  
Presented by Sue Traver, University of Idaho Extension Educator. Learn how to use produce from your garden or market to create one of a kind gifts for your friends and family for the holiday season. Make tantalizing goodies that will have you being known as the "Best Gifter" year after year.



ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY'S FROM  
6PM—8PM  
AT THE BONNER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
4205 N. Boyer Sandpoint, Idaho



### 2009 Evaluation Meeting

Thursday October 23  
9:00 to 11:00am

This special meeting is to discuss and evaluate the MG program and projects for the following year. This is open to anyone interested and especially committee chairs. Questions? Please contact Mike.

Please note....

Next Membership Meeting is  
**Monday, Sept. 29**

There will be no meeting in  
**OCTOBER**

## It Feels a Little Like Fall

I now remember how the weather can be in north Idaho, especially as this late summer weather feels more like fall. I know of a few MGs who were happy they covered their tender plants recently.

### ***Kudos...***

The MG Yard Sale on August 22 was a great success, bringing in over \$500.

The MG Fair Booth was outstanding and received 3<sup>rd</sup> place (see pictures below!).

Thanks to all who helped make these projects a success. Great job!

### ***Upcoming events...***

If any MGs would like to know about being a Board member of the Bonner County Master Gardener Association, please contact me.

Everyone is invited to be a part of evaluating the Bonner County Master Gardener Program. Our annual meeting is Thursday, October 23 from 9 – 100 am at the Bonner County Extension office.

Master Gardener Graduation and Recognition Night. Saturday, October 25 from 6 – 9 pm at the Brown House.

As the summer winds down to the fall, I would like to remind all MGs to report their hours for 2008. I just know there are a lot of hours out there that have not been reported. This is especially important for MG trainees, since the hours you report may affect whether you are certified as MGs this year. I would like to have all hours reported to our office by September 30 so we can prepare to recognize MGs at our Graduation Party on October 25. An MG reporting form is attached to this newsletter.

Thanks for making the Master Gardener Program a success!

Mike





# 2008 MG Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Additional info.</b>
Sept. 29	Monday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	There will be NO OCT. meeting
Oct. 23	Thursday	9:00am	2009 Evaluation Meeting	Mike	Projects for 2009
Oct. 25	Saturday	6-9pm	Graduation	Mike	2008 Master Gardeners Graduation
Nov. 3	Monday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	Date changed due to Election on Nov. 4th
Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Membership Meeting	Any Board Member	
Dec. 12	Friday	6-9pm	Annual Christmas Party/Election of Officers and Board members	Any Board Member	Sandpoint Community Hall Pot Luck

### 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