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Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.



President's Message

Our Earth, Our Future—Renew and Protect It

This special edition of the Gem State Gardeners newsletter forwards to you the report of the Committee for the Future of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. I discussed the formation and objectives of this Committee in our April 2011 newsletter. This special edition also reprints (from our October 2011 newsletter) the five amendments to GCII Policies and Procedures for membership vote that, if passed at our State Convention in June 2012, will

implement Committee Recommendations. All newsletters are on our website www.gcii.org.

The Committee's name is no exaggeration. It addressed issues and made recommendations for change that I believe are essential if GCII is to remain a part of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and participate nationally as well as locally. The Committee had five objectives. Objectives 1 and 2 addressed President and Vice President travel needs. They looked at the rationale for such travel and proposed budgets. Objective 3 considered funding sources for these travel expenses and made recommendations. Objective 4 examined the rationale for and recommended the minimum number of in-state and national garden club meetings deemed necessary for President and Vice President participation to maintain a viable organization. Finally,

Objective 5 – as a result of many questions – examined and clarified the need for proxy voting and how each club President would represent (your) votes as proxy when motions come to the floor and you cannot attend our yearly convention.

Please review the Committee report closely and then read the Five Amendments for Membership Vote at the GCII June 2012 Convention. Note that Amendments 1 and 2 were not addressed by the Committee and are self explanatory. The remaining three amendments (fashioned to follow the 'Blue Book' contents) were. Your vote is important and it counts. I urge you to vote 'yes' for a viable state, regional and national GCII.

Robyn

Mission Statement

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will create, promote and further interest in horticulture, gardening, civic beautification and natural resource conservation through educational, charity and community improvement projects.

To: President, Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc

From: Chair, Committee for the Future of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.

Subj: Committee Recommendations

January 20, 2012

Based on the decisions by the entire committee as presented at the 2011 Fall Board Meeting in Cascade, Idaho this document defines the final recommendations for consideration at the 2012 GCII State Conference. It includes the description of objectives and the detail of the recommendations including budget items.

OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2

Objectives 1 and 2 focused on the travel needs of the President and Vice President and the minimum necessary to allow them to conduct business and represent GCII. Included are cost estimates which will assist the budget committee in providing funding for the minimum travel recommendations. The underlying theme is to provide some travel payment for the two officers to make it more attractive for members to fill the officer positions.

Objective 1: Rationale for President's Travel – In-State and Out-of-State

IN-STATE MEETINGS

Currently each district hosts two meetings a year. The State is required by By-Laws and Guidelines to hold an Annual Conference and a Fall Board Meeting.

During past administrations, the State Administrations have made an effort to attend all District Meetings. The State President presides at the Annual Conference and the Fall Board Meeting. It is the opinion of this committee that ideally the State President should attend at least one of each District's Meetings outside home district per year, but at a minimum one meeting per term (see objective 4). Districts may be able to assist in paying for registration and housing if they are able. The State should not incur any costs for attending home district meetings.

It is mandatory that the State President attend the Annual Conference and the Fall Board Meeting.

OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS

Pacific Region:

The region consists of 8 states and each state is required to host the annual regional meeting on a rotational basis. It is the opinion of this committee that the State President continues to attend these annual meetings. This is the only opportunity the State President has to interact with members and leaders of the other seven states to discuss problems, activities, solutions and interact with regional goals and projects.

National:

National Garden Clubs (NGC) consists of all 50 states plus 11 International Affiliates.

NGC holds two meetings per year. The National Convention which is hosted by a state and rotates by region throughout the 50 states. The Fall Board Meeting is hosted alternately by NGC at the headquarters office located in St. Louis, MO in odd numbered year and by a State in even numbered years. The President should attend all these National meetings.

Objective 1: Budget for President's Travel – In-State and Out-of-State

Please remember all positions elected and appointed are volunteer and those accepting any and all positions are not compensated as stated in the By-Laws of GCII. Anyone accepting a position, be it elected or appointed is expected to pay out of pocket expenses.

There is a provision established in the Guidelines to offset the costs of the President's travel. This account is funded by a portion of annual member dues and the interest of the Book of Memory and Recognition as established by the Guidelines of GCII.

The portion of membership dues that is applied to president travel at the present is \$4.00 per person per year. The current membership stands at 450. This is approximately \$1,800.00 per year.

The interest from the Book of Memory and Recognition is less than \$100.00 per year depending on the interest rates.

Idaho is considered a small state by National Gardens Clubs, Inc. having less than 500 members. NGC allots small states up to \$900 per year to supplement costs to the annual National Convention. This is not an automatic payment, but must be submitted to the National Accountant accompanied by receipts.

(proposed travel budget is on next page)

PROPOSED PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL BUDGET

2012 IN-STATE TRAVEL

Spring District Meeting (Choice of SE, SW or Clearwater)*	\$ 100.00
State Convention – Boise**	\$ 100.00
Fall District Meeting (Choice of SE, SW or Clearwater)*	\$ 100.00
State Fall Board Meeting – Cascade	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$ 600.00

*Host District pays registration and housing.

** Convention pays registration and housing.

2012 NATIONAL TRAVEL

Pacific Region – Alaska	\$1,000.00
National Convention – Buffalo, NY*	\$ 900.00
National Fall Board Meeting – Arkansas	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Cost	\$2,900.00
National Allotment	<u>-\$ 900.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$2,000.00

2013 IN-STATE TRAVEL

Spring District Meeting (Choice of SE, SW or Clearwater)*	\$ 100.00
State Convention – Clearwater Dist.**	\$ 100.00
Fall District Meeting (Choice of SE, SW or Clearwater)*	\$ 100.00
State Fall Board Meeting – Cascade	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$ 600.00

*Host District pays registration and house.

** Convention pays registration and housing.

2013 NATIONAL TRAVEL

Pacific Region – Santa Rosa, CA	\$ 700.00
National Convention – Kentucky*	\$ 900.00
National Fall Board Meeting	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Cost	\$2,600.00
National Allotment	<u>-\$ 900.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$1,700.00

Again, this committee reiterates that holding the position of President of Garden Clubs, Inc. is an honor and a privilege. It is an elected position and is accepted as voluntary to serve the needs of the membership. It is not a compensated office.

Please note that a new administration begins at the annual State Convention in 2013.

Objective 2: Rationale for Vice President's Travel – In-State and Out-of-State

The Vice President position has been difficult to fulfill. The incumbents are reluctant to move into the President's office. The most quoted reasons are lack of ability, knowledge and training. Cost is another factor. The Vice President is an elected position and this person would not be in that position if the membership did not have faith in this person's ability to lead. The President should be grooming the Vice-President with constant communication and seeking advice along with preparation of duties and expectations. We are only as good as our successors. It is important that the Vice President be exposed to the happenings within the State, Region and National.

It is this committee's recommendation that ideally, the Vice President attends at least one District Meeting outside home district per year but at a minimum, one meeting per term (see objective 4). Districts may be able to assist in paying for registration and housing if they are able. The State should not incur any costs for attending home district meetings.

Objective 2: Budget for Vice President's Travel – In-State and Out-of-State

PROPOSED VICE PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL BUDGET

2012 IN-STATE TRAVEL

District Meeting (away from home dist.)	\$ 100.00
State Convention – Boise	\$ 100.00
State Fall Board Meeting – Cascade	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$ 300.00

*Host District pays registration and housing.

2013 IN-STATE TRAVEL

Spring or Fall District Meeting (away) (Choice of SE, SW or Clearwater)*	\$ 100.00
State Convention – Clearwater	\$ 200.00
Fall Board Meeting	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$ 400.00

*Host District pays registration and housing.

2013 National Travel

Pacific Region – Santa Rosa, CA	\$ 500.00
National Convention – Kentucky	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Estimated Costs to GCII	\$1,700.00

OBJECTIVE 3

Prolog: Funding sources for travel for the President have historically come from certain funds. Based on the outcome of Objectives 1 and 2, funding sources will have to be identified to meet the minimum expectations. Review the financial structure of GCII and make recommendations to meet those obligations.

The committee reviewed the options available and made the following recommendations:

- **President's Travel**

In May 2012, the President's Travel fund will double to \$1,800 (with 450 members @ \$4.00 each). None of the existing asset categories were raised with the intent of funding President's Travel. It would be unfair to the membership to re-categorize these accounts now. Any excess funds collected by GCII should be shared with the membership, perhaps in the form of grants for civic projects or as an encouragement to clubs to apply for annual awards. These grants or awards would be an agenda item at the GCII Fall Board Meeting in Cascade, October 17th.

- **Vice President's Travel**

There are excess funds in the Gem State Gardeners account (almost \$1,600). The committee proposes that \$500 of this current excess should be used to provide additional funds for the Vice President's Travel beginning in June 2012. This recommendation would have to be approved at the GCII Annual Meeting (Convention). The new dues allocation will provide \$900 (with 450 Members) and the allocation from GSG (\$500) will bring the VP's Travel money to \$1,400 for the year beginning June 2012.

Meetings the V-P would attend will also have to be approved. The Dues allocation (\$2.00) for Gem State Gardeners is too high under the current operation. The approval to allocate \$500 from GSG is a current recommendation and would be given one year at a time to ensure that if the cost of publishing Gem State Gardeners increases the funds would be available.

OBJECTIVE 4:

Objective 4 focused on a detailed examination of in-state meetings and specifically District meeting attendance. This objective's recommendations are, in large, supportive of those for Objectives 1 and 2.

- The consensus was to continue with a State Convention in the spring and a State Fall Board Meeting, and that each District decides on the number, time and location for their own meetings (provided they have at least one per year). The Fall Board Meeting, if a little less structured, allows the President to pass along critical info she has received from National. Informal get-togethers are a valuable tool in themselves for sharing.
- The goals, objectives, and intent are those of National Garden Club. The State President serves as our lifeline between National, Regional and State. The District Directors serve as a liaison and provide a strong link between State and District/Clubs.
- These meetings are mandatory for the Elected State Officers, including the District Directors. Emphasis should always be to send a replacement if they cannot attend. The benefits of attending meetings, sharing information, getting the 'feel' of the group, and hearing the discussions that lead up to any action are most valuable.

These meetings are the best opportunity for the leaders to connect with their members, a chance to update them of current activities and projects and instill enthusiasm for meeting these goals. The sharing that's achieved through these personal contacts are priceless.

- To address the minimum travel required, it is recommended that the State President and Vice President attend at least one district meeting (one in each district) per term. The President and Vice President could visit the away districts alternately, (President first year and the Vice the second year). The district could cover their housing and registration if they are able, otherwise the state should budget for the travel. These meetings strengthen the bond between the state and districts and reflect the importance of individual members/clubs to the organization.

These may be the President's only opportunities to connect with individuals who are unable attend state meetings.

OBJECTIVE 5:

Objective 5 was targeted to clarify the proxy voting procedure and find a means to communicate the process to our GCII Members. The committee reviewed state law, Robert's Rules, and the GCII By-Laws and formulated the recommendation to comply with those requirements.

- Recommendations:

A proxy vote is only to be used at the Annual Meeting (State convention).

Each club President will be notified in writing or electronically when a vote will be required. The Club President will go to the active members and obtain the individual votes in writing. The members may vote yes, no or abstain.

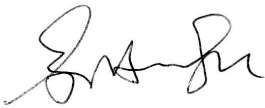
If the President goes to the State convention, the President will take the proxy votes to the convention. If the President does not go to the State convention the proxy votes are taken to convention by the Vice President. In the case where neither will be attending the State convention the proxy votes will be given to the District Director of their respective District. Any member attending the Annual Meeting shall vote in person.

At State convention, if a new motion comes to the floor, the Club President, Club Vice President or District Director has the authority to vote in the best interest of the their members and/or GCII

GCII officers may disseminate information for proxy vote to garden clubs by any of the following methods:

- e-mail
- regular mail
- Gem State Gardeners newsletter
- attending club meetings

Respectfully submitted,



Elmer Hurd, Committee Chairman

Floral Design Workshop



Learn the art of floral design from an award winning American Institute of Floral Design instructor and Treasure Valley Flower Show Judges. These classes are for novices that need to learn the basics of how to turn garden grown or store bought flowers into beautiful arrangements or intermediate and advanced designers interested in learning the newest design trends and techniques. **During these hands-on workshops each student will complete a floral design to take home.**

When — Saturday March 10, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM MST

Where — U of I Ada County Extension Office, 5880 Glenwood St., Boise, ID 83714

Contact — Pat Baker , Idaho Horticulture Society, pbakerboise@gmail.com, 208-870-1299

Novice Class 9am-noon **\$50**

Intermediate-Advanced Class 1-4pm **\$75**

Class fee includes instruction and all material to complete a take home design.

Space is limited due to small class size allowing for individualized instruction.

FIVE AMENDMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE AT THE GCII JUNE 2012 CONVENTION

(Each amendment will require a yes or no vote by the membership in order to modify the GCII Policies and Procedures 'Blue Book'. Club Presidents need to assemble proxy vote counts before the June 2012 GCII Convention.)

1. RENAME AND EXPAND THE GCII CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Discussion: See page 87 of the GCII 'Blue Book'. Award #10 'Civic Development' will be renamed 'Civic Improvement' and expense funds will be added as described below. The intent is to be more in consonant with our mission to promote civic beautification through community improvement projects.

GCII Civic Improvement Award

To recognize permanent improvement for the public benefit via the development of public gardens. The program may be continuous but must have an advanced degree of completion prior to making application.

Two awards are to be given each year if eligible applications are received. The award will be granted to cover material expenses up to \$200 each. Receipts must be submitted to document expenses along with a book of evidence including pictures to show progress of the project.

2. EXPAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GARDEN CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Discussion: See page 87 of the GCII 'Blue Book.' Award # 21C 'Garden Club Person of the Year' is increased in value and expanded to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of the recipient.

GCII Garden Club Person of the Year Award

To recognize exceptional accomplishments and leadership that further the advancement and appreciation of horticulture. Entrants will be judged with respect to accomplishment of the GCII mission and leadership demonstrated at the Club, District and/or State level.

One award of \$50 will be presented each year.

3. MODIFY AND EXPAND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Discussion: See page 60 of the GCII 'Blue Book.' The intent of this 'proxy statement' (which will be added at the bottom of the annual Membership Form for your approval) is to ensure that the club officer holding proxy can best convey the (yes/no) interests of the persons represented. In addition, the term 'proxy voting' is defined and elaborated upon for member information.

PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING (included in the GCII Membership Form):

Club payment of Membership dues to GCII for a Member and inclusion of a Member's name on the GCII Membership Form constitutes the giving of the Member's voting proxy at the Annual Meeting (State Convention) in the absence of the Member to the following designee: Member's Club President; if the Club President is absent from the Annual Meeting, to the Member's Club Vice President; if both the Club President and Vice President are absent, to the Member's District Director; if the District Director is absent from the Annual Meeting, to another Member so designated by the District Director.

In an election year, the voting proxy is given to a prior year officer as specified. In a non-election year, the voting proxy is given to a current officer (Club President, Club Vice President, District Director or designated Member.)

PROXY VOTING DEFINED

GCII Bylaws specify that "A Member may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Member."

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Voting by proxy occurs when an authorized person acts as the agent for the voting member who will not be present at a specific meeting. A proxy transfers authority to act for another. It gives the Proxy Holder the right to vote as he or she sees fit on any business that may be brought before the membership at a meeting.

GCII's Proxy Vote is only to be used at the GCII Annual Meeting (State Convention).

Club Presidents will be notified when a vote will be required. Each Club President will go to their active Club members and obtain each member's vote. The members may vote yes, no or abstain.

If the Club President is attending the State Convention, the Club President shall take the Proxy Votes to the State Convention. If the Club President does not go to the State Convention, the Proxy Votes shall be taken to the State Convention by the Club Vice President. In the case where neither will be attending the State Convention, the Proxy Votes shall be given to the District Director of their respective District. A member attending the State Convention shall vote in person.

At State Convention, if a new motion comes to the floor, the Proxy Holder (Club President, Club Vice President or District Director) has the authority to vote in the best interests of their members.

GCII has a general proxy as the GCII Bylaws have no defining voting instructions or limitations. A general Proxy Holder should be someone that can be trusted to act in one's behalf in a manner sensitive to the Member's interests. A general proxy can accommodate the many actions on the floor during an Annual Meeting that are new or modified and could not be published.

4. EXPAND DESCRIPTION OF PRESIDENT'S AND VICE PRESIDENT'S DUTIES

Discussion: See page 42 of the GCII 'Blue Book'. Travel requirements are delineated to establish minimum travel expectations for the GCII President and Vice President, and to establish payment of travel expenses to the extent funds are available. Travel for the GCII Vice President is added because it is important the Vice President be groomed, gain experience and develop relationships at the State, Regional and National level that are necessary for a successful term as GCII President.

Add under President's Duties:

Attendance at State/District Meetings:

Attendance at certain State/District functions as noted below is mandatory. Unless otherwise specified, GCII will pay for the President's expenses at these meetings to the extent that funds are available in the President's Travel Fund.

- Attend State Annual Meeting (Convention) every year. The Convention funds shall pay for the President's registration and housing.
- Attend the Fall Board Meeting every year. GCII pays for the President's expenses.
- Attend at least one District Meeting outside his/her home District during the President's term preferably during the first year of his/her term. The expenses (registration and one night's lodging) for the mandatory District Meetings shall be paid by the host District. GCII shall not incur any costs for attendance at home District Meetings.

Attendance at Pacific Region/NGC Meetings:

- The GCII President shall attend the Pacific Region Annual Convention and the NGC Annual Convention.

Add under Vice President's Duties:

Attendance at State/District Meetings:

Attendance at certain State/District functions as noted below is mandatory. Unless otherwise specified, GCII will pay for the Vice President's expenses at these meetings to the extent that funds are available in the Vice President's Travel Fund.

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- Attend State Annual Meeting (Convention) and attend the Fall Board Meeting every year.
- Attend at least one District Meeting outside his/her home District during the Vice President's term preferably during the second year of his/her term. The expenses (registration and one night's lodging) for the mandatory District Meetings shall be paid by the host District. GCII shall not incur any costs for attendance at home District Meetings.

Attendance at Pacific Region/NGC Meetings:

- The GCII Vice President shall attend the Pacific Region Annual Convention and the NGC Annual Convention in the second year of his/her term.

5. AMEND EXISTING DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESIDENTS DUTIES

Discussion: See page 42 of the GCII 'Blue Book'. This is an amendment to the current first paragraph under 'Elected Officer Duties' that removes the District Meeting attendance requirement phrase [in red] because attendance requirements are already delineated in item 4, above.

The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of GCII; shall appoint an Auditor, a Parliamentarian, an Historian, a Corresponding Secretary and the Past President Advisor; shall appoint Chairmen for all standing and special Committees including the Chairman of the Nominating Committee; [shall attend at least one District meeting of each District per year;] shall be an ex-officio Member of all Committees with the exception of the nominating committee; shall serve as editor-in-chief of "Gem State Gardeners" and shall appoint a managing editor of that official publication.

"Reaching Out, Let Us Count the Ways "

2011-2013 National Garden Clubs Pacific Region Director's Project

The goal is to reclaim the influence that Garden Clubs once held. Nowadays, few seem to realize the time and financial commitments or the variety of activities that garden clubs accomplish for their communities. By collecting this data, we can show the positive impact for future press releases, testimonies, and support.

Please record your activities, donations, and hours spent in these general areas for one year beginning July 2011. If you think an activity benefits your community through a garden club initiative, then record it. For example, getting plants ready for a plant sale to raise money for club projects, preparing education materials and programs, baking goodies for club meetings, planting a backyard for wildlife habitat, written or oral testimony to government entities to support decisions that protect our environment, working with our youth. This is for all of us.

Debbie Hinchey, Pacific Region Director 2011-2013

District	
Club	

ACTIVITY (Briefly describe your activity or project.)	Hours	Dollars	Other

Flower Show School — Course III

April 24, 25, 26, 2012



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CURRICULUM	INSTRUCTORS	REGISTRATION
<p>Tuesday, April 24, 2012</p> <p>8:00-8:20am Registration</p> <p>8:20 Announcements</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure</p> <p>9:30 Break</p> <p>9:45-11:45 Horticulture</p> <p>Noon-12:45pm Lunch</p> <p>12:45-1:45 Horticulture</p> <p>1:45 Break</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Practice Point Scoring</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45-5:45 Point Scoring Exam — Horticulture</p> <p>Wednesday, April 25, 2012</p> <p>8:00-8:20am Registration</p> <p>8:20 Announcements</p> <p>8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure</p> <p>9:30 Break</p> <p>9:45-11:45 Design</p> <p>Noon-12:45pm Lunch</p> <p>12:45-1:45 Design</p> <p>1:45 Break</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Practice Point Scoring</p> <p>3:30 Break</p> <p>3:45-5:45 Point Scoring Exam — Design</p> <p>Thursday, April 26, 2012 (optional)</p> <p>9am – Noon Exam</p>	<p>Flower Show Procedure: Marva Lee Peterschick</p> <p>Horticulture : Marva Lee Peterschick – flowering shrubs (lilac), succulents; Combination plantings</p> <p>Design: Lynn Fronk, NGC Creative Design</p> <p>GCII President Robyn McCarthy State Flower Show Chairman - Allen Deitz</p> <p>Local FSS Chairman - Joyce Parr (208) 883-3051 dj.parr@frontier.com</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">REQUIRED READING</p> <p><i>The National Gardener</i></p> <p><i>Handbook for Flower Show, 2007 Revised Edition</i></p> <p><i>Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement- Hannay</i></p> <p><i>Designing by Types- Osbourne</i></p> <p><i>Essence of Creativity – A Legacy - Thomas</i></p> <p><i>Table Settings for All Seasons – Woods & Smith</i></p> <p><i>Hortulana, Revised - Heber</i></p> <p><i>The Houseplant Expert - Hessayon</i></p> <p><i>Tree and Shrub Expert - Hessayon</i></p> <p><i>The New Flower Expert - Hessayon</i></p> <p><i>The Bulb Expert - Hessayon</i></p> <p><i>Plants and Their Respective Families</i></p> <p><i>Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows</i></p> <p><i>Guide to Exhibiting Fruits, Vegetable, & Nuts – Heber</i></p> <p><i>Units I, II Floral Design for Beginners - Wittgartner</i></p>	<hr/> <p>name</p> <hr/> <p>address</p> <hr/> <p>city,state,zip</p> <hr/> <p>e-mail/phone</p> <hr/> <p>Garden Club (if applicable)</p> <p>Please make check payable to CDGC and mail with completed form to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edith Cole 1012 Hwy 12 East Pomeroy WA 99347 (509) 843-1010</p> <p>Fees</p> <p>Registration – 2 days (inc. lunches) \$ 90.00</p> <p>Registration – One day (inc. lunch) [] Tuesday only [] Wednesday only \$50.00</p> <p>Taking course for credit?[] yes [] no</p> <p>If yes, add \$5.00 to your fees for the EXAM. \$ 5.00</p> <p>Please register before April 14, 2012.</p> <p><u>All classes, exams and lunch will be held at Quality Inn, Clarkston WA</u></p>

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SPRING HORTICULTURE SEMINARS

March 3, 2012

Boise Centre on the Grove
850 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho

featuring

Melinda Myers has written more than twenty gardening books including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*. She hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* segment which air on over 89 television and radio stations.

Sue Goetz, owner of Creative Gardener, says her motto "inspiring gardeners to create" defines all of her talks. Hands-on, how-to's, or simply for creative inspiration, her down to earth approach has been shared with audiences all over the Northwest.



AGENDA

8:15am Check-in and Late Registration

9:10am Welcome

9:15am Small Space Gardens
—Melinda Myers

10:30am Break

10:45am What an Idaho Garden Taught Me— Sue Goetz

11:45—1:15pm Lunch on Own and 'Ask the Experts'

1:15pm The Good, Bad, Ugly
—Melinda Myers

2:30pm Break

2:45pm Top Ten Multi-Purpose Herbs—Sue Goetz

Announcements and Upcoming Events

2012

- **Spring Horticulture Seminar** (IHS) March 3, Boise
- **Floral Design Workshop** (IHS) March 10, Boise
- **Clearwater District Meeting** March 15, Moscow
- **SW District Meeting** March 26, TBD
- **SE District Meeting** April 21, Idaho Falls
- **Flower Show School Course III** April 24, 25, 26, Clarkston, WA
- **NGC Convention** May 16 - 19, Buffalo, NY
- **GCII Convention** June 25 - 27, Boise
- **Pacific Region Convention** July 26 - 28, Anchorage, AK

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration is recommended

Register online at www.idhort.com or

Make checks payable to: IHS and mail to:
P.O. Box 140557, Boise, ID 83714

For more information:

Email pbakerboise@gmail.com or
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Please print:

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\$25 if registered online or postmarked before February 29

\$20 Master Gardener, Student, IHS member before Feb. 29

\$35 late registration on or after February 29 or at the door if space is available

Subscribe to **The National Gardener**



THE NATIONAL GARDENER IS THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE of National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is the voice of NGC and communicates with all garden club members. It contains ideas for horticulture, floral & landscape design, flower shows, conservation, and environmental projects. It is also a manual containing the latest about NGC Awards and Basic Flower Arranging, as well as information on NGC Schools—Flower Show School, Horticulture Study, Environmental Study, Gardening Study and Landscape Design. It contains interesting articles on gardening and the latest garden related products.

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WINTER FRIENDS

The gathered birds are making
Such a cacophonous sound.

Are they telling me
They now are onward bound?

Are they rounding up the young,
Reminding every single bird?
They are so loud I am quite sure
That every bird has heard.



The blackbirds, starlings, swallows
Are headed on their way.
It's time to fill the feeders now
For the little ones who stay.

For just a few small handouts,
They will keep me entertained
And chase away my doldrums,
When all I see is rain



We have a gentleman's agreement
They'll provide the fun and song,
My part, their food and water
The whole cold winter long.

Joyce Johnson, Poetry Corner
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