



President's Message

Our Earth, Our Future—Renew and Protect It

Cascade and enjoyed meeting with GCII members while taking in the autumn beauty of western Idaho. At the Clearwater District meeting in Grangeville we found ourselves among members who showed up in creative costumes as insects or plants. See page 6 for photos.

We have much to look forward to in 2013. Nominated for GCII 2013-2015 state officers are: President – Karen Mallon; 1st Vice President - Janet Peterson; 2nd Vice President - Lorraine Smith; Treasurer – Maxine Smolowitz; and Secretary – Joyce Parr. Their bios are on page 8. Additional nominations may still be made to Edith Cole, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, phone 509-843-1010. Please step up and meet new challenges. Support our upcoming officers.

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.

Once more At the Fall Board Meeting I announced a contest for our garden clubs to grow their membership. The club which has added the most new members by May 1, 2013 will receive recognition and a prize at the Moscow GCII State Convention. Start recruiting!

The GCII Board recommends to the general membership that the GCII state scholarship be renamed the 'Dotty Hurd Memorial Scholarship'. This recommendation also passed at all three Fall District Meetings. Your club presidents will ask for your vote on this matter. Votes will be tallied at our June 2013 state convention in Moscow.

Our Blue Book Membership pages listing GCII member names, addresses, phone numbers and emails by club are available for sale at \$5.00. They will be available for pickup at our June 2013 state convention. Contact Treasurer Maxine Smolowitz, phone 208-523-0373, with your order.

Please get your applications in for awards to Maxine Smolowitz by Dec. 1st. The exception is for "Plantings for Public and Special Places" which has an April 1, 2013 deadline. Remember that 'Garden Club Person of the Year' is awarded \$50 in addition to statewide recognition, and the 'GCII Civic Development' award project receives \$200.

This past week we were notified by the CHC Foundation that GCII has been awarded a grant of \$3,595 for the purchase of specimen trees and shrubs to continue development of the Idaho Falls Japanese Friendship Garden. The SE District is very proud to be a part of this beautiful project.

Mark your calendars now for some very exciting events on our side of the country! April 22-24 are the 2013 Pacific Region Convention dates in Santa Rosa, CA. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. 84th Annual Convention in Seattle, WA will be held May 24-26. Our incoming National President, Linda Nelson, from Oregon will be installed. There has not been a National Convention on the west side of the country in 20 years. We are excited about that and want to show our support. These spectacular events are not that far from Idaho. If you have not attended a Region or National Garden Clubs Convention – GO!! You will not regret taking advantage of these great opportunities to experience these special and enjoyable events. More details are available on the links to Region and National from GCII's website www.gcii.org.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season and I hope to see you at your Spring District Meetings,

Robyn

Report of the Southwest District Director—October 15, 2012

The Southwest District fall semi-annual meeting was hosted by Golden Garden Club at Fuddrucker's Restaurant on October 15. A program was presented by Leslie Blackburn, M.S. Education, and faculty member of the College of Western Idaho. Members voted whether to have one or two meetings each year. 77% voted for two meetings a year: the last Monday in March and the last Monday in September.

The Southwest District has nine active clubs each with different goals and activities. All clubs participated in making this year's annual GCII convention an enjoyable and successful event.

ADA GARDENERS cleaned the one mile of Eagle Road. It also held a tomato tasting and pot luck dinner and participated at the Western Idaho Fair.

GOLDEN GARDEN CLUB maintained flower beds around the gazebo at Valley View Retirement home, a low water flower bed at the Boise zoo, an Herb garden on the Western Idaho Fairgrounds, toured a garden near Eagle, and provided a Senior Flower Power program for residents at Valley View Retirement.

IDAHO HORTICULTURE SOCIETY planted 100 berry-type bushes for the birds at the Idaho Bird Observatory. It installed new plant markers at the Condor exhibit on the Birds of Prey campus and had a potluck dinner.

OWYHEE GARDENERS worked with the Canyon County fair and Owyhee county horticulture personnel. They presented \$2.00 awards to children who entered veggies, fruit and flowers at the fair and awards to other departments. They maintained a butterfly garden. They worked with local FFA helping to raise funds for two teams to attend the FFA National Convention. In Marsing, they worked on a new mini-park adding a bench and flowers. In a Beautify Homedale project, they added 'Welcome to Homedale' banners for 2/3 of the town. Other activities include maintaining the local fairgrounds; hosting a tomato salsa tasting event; working with the community weed department to eradicate puncture vine using nematodes (a test project). Owyhee Gardeners had two bake sales (one raising \$400) and they also worked with young school age children on Farm Day to initiate activities to plant cabbage in the spring.

PAYETTE VALLEY GARDENERS did several garden tours during the summer, maintained the Rose Garden in Payette City Park and had a progressive dinner outdoors. They do not meet during the summer.

MERRY TILLERS GARDEN CLUB volunteered at the Salvation Army helping children select gifts and had a program on square foot gardening. They also toured the Birds of Prey campus, had a potluck salad lunch at a park and hosted a healthy home and garden program.

NAMPA GARDEN CLUB had a field trip to Swain River Walk, participated in the Canyon County Festival of Trees. They meet every month and had an Ice Cream Social.

LONG VALLEY GARDENERS donated a memorial tree at the Cascade Library in honor of a deceased member. They emphasized Kitchen Gardens with programs on composting, vermicular, leaves; took garden tours; ran the Valley County Fair flower show; and worked to beautify New Meadows, McCall, Donnelly, Cascade, Garden Valley and the golf course using hanging baskets, barrels, flower containers and blower beds. They also helped McCall with 'America in Bloom' a project in which McCall won in their category and size of town.

EARLY MORNING GARDENERS hosted the spring SW District meeting and had programs on unusual spring bulbs and Big Horned Sheep. They took a trip to Andress in Ontario and Williams Fruit Orchard. They also helped with the Canyon County fair (two members were superintendents of two programs) and set fruit for the Parma Research Station (washed grapes, peaches and nectarines for 1000 people). The club supports the Canyon county Animal Shelter, Light House Rescue Mission, Nampa Festival of Trees, Idaho Public Television, Idaho botanical Garden and the Moscow Arboretum.

Inez Thomason, Southwest District Director



Holiday Wishes from Nampa Garden Club Members

Report of the Clearwater District Director—October 15, 2012

The year has just begun for most of the clubs in the Clearwater District so I do not have anything to report as far as the Garden Clubs. We did just finish the 4th Flower Show School sponsored by the Clearwater District the end of September. We had 22 attend the school with 8 students testing. Billie Fitch was the instructor for Flower Show Procedure and the Horticulture portion of the school and Fran Wittgartner was the instructor for the Design portion of the school. We studied Hosta, Chrysanthemums, Collections & Displays in Horticulture and Table Designs and Small Designs for the Design portion.

Also, the judges of the Lewis-Clark Judges Council just finished our judging schedule for the year. We started the end of April traveling to Asotin, WA and just finished the last show in October at the Chrysanthemum Show in Lewiston. In between these dates the judges have traveled to Walla Walla, WA, Boise, Cottonwood, Moscow, Orofino, Pomeroy, WA, Lewiston & Nezperce.

Clearwater District will host the GCII State Convention June 19, 20, 21, 2013 in Moscow. We hope to see you all for "Tapestry on the Palouse". We will have our Fall District Meeting on October 18th in Grangeville hosted by the Nezperce Garden Club.

Jodene Caldwell, Clearwater District Director

Report of the Southeast District Director—October 15, 2012

Members of Southeast District are working to find a recipient for their yearly scholarship. A representative from each club volunteered to create new applications and send them out to each school in Southeast Idaho. The committee will follow up the mailing and visiting each school by contacting the Human Resource Officer to encourage students to apply for the scholarship. The 2013 scholarship of \$500 will be given to a deserving student who plans on majoring in the Horticulture Field and attending an Idaho College. Each club will donate money as well as the District.

Members of the SE District continue to work on the Japanese Friendship Garden located by the Snake River in downtown Idaho Falls. Many members have worked on the project for the past two years, cleaning, pruning, hauling dirt and gravel, weeding and whatever work is needed to improve and beautify the area.

The area has taken on the gentle look of a special space to meditate, set quietly, read a book or just take in the beauty of the garden. Many shade plants, paths, water features, water plants and a two wooden decks have created a special area. Those visiting the city have been surprised at its beauty. One of the large decks has been the site of several receptions and three weddings this summer. The Japanese Friendship Garden has also become a destination for many brides to have their pictures taken.

The stone garden benches purchased by Garden Talk Garden Club and Southeast District members have been installed. Recently the steering committee was the recipient of an annual award given for Community Service by the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce. All of the work, over 4000 volunteer hours, many plants and materials have come from people in the city or from grant money.

The winter project for the garden is to raise \$10,000 to build a Japanese Tea House. This would allow for a small meeting area in the garden.

Near the Japanese Garden is the location of the SE District's Blue Star Memorial. Garden Talk members continue to keep the Memorial looking good with its red, white and blue flowers. For Fall, white mums were planted and bark mulch placed around the plants for winter.

Constance Blyth, Southeast Idaho District Director



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Randy and Louisa Cone

Thank you from the Family of Dotty Hurd



All of the family wishes to thank the many gardeners who gave us such tremendous support during our difficult time. It is and was very comforting to realize the respect and thoughtfulness that exists in our organizations. Through contributions from friends and family, a sculptured five foot rock bench on two pedestals will be placed in the Idaho Botanical Garden engraved " From the family and friends of DOTTY MCBRIDE HURD, 1943-2012 For the Memories". Of course with a sculpture of a frog underneath.

2014 Pacific Region Convention

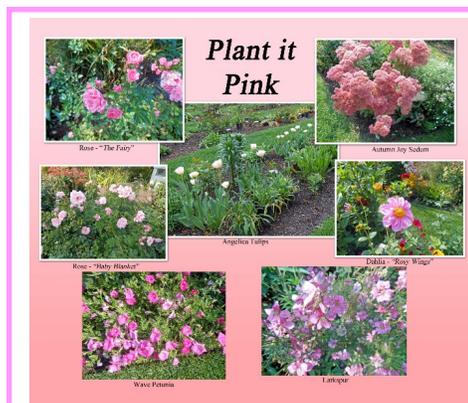


Idaho will host the 2014 Pacific Region Convention at the five-star *Coeur d'Alene Resort* on July 1-3, 2014. As the Convention host, GCII will need every club to take on a project or chairmanship for it to be successful. A list of committees needed was handed out at the GCII Fall Board meeting and all GCII garden clubs will be asked to participate. *Please discuss this at your next Garden Club Meeting.*

The Coeur d'Alene Resort is a world class resort and hotel located on beautiful Coeur d'Alene Lake. Why not make plans now to take a vacation, in conjunction with the convention, in 2014? Reduced room rates start on June 30th, 2014 at \$157 including taxes. (Normal rates begin at \$269.) Besides the usual convention meetings, we are planning some unique special events including a sightseeing boat tour on Coeur d'Alene Lake (compliments of Elmer Hurd) with an Idaho Potato Bar lunch. We also hope to have a tour of Duane Hagadone's (resort owner) private garden.

Please call Chairman, Sandy Ford, at 208-853-6575 (leave a message if not there), or email her at sandraford@cableone.net with your ideas to make this a successful convention. You can also call GCII President, Robyn McCarthy.

Submitted by Sandy Ford, Pacific Region Director



Sandy Ford is the winner of the Plant It Pink Photo contest for 2012. Her photo collage was chosen by members attending the State Fall Board meeting in Cascade by secret ballot out of eleven entries. Congratulations, Sandy! you are the winner of \$10. A hearty thank you to all contestants for 'Planting it Pink'!



Robyn McCarthy, President GCII

Blue Star Memorial Report



I am so pleased to tell you that we have ordered a Blue Star Memorial Marker on August 11, 2012. Hill and Valley Garden Club, Clearwater District and Zion Lutheran Church of Juliaette, Idaho have made the purchase. Plans are to have the by-way marker dedication November 10, 2012. The Southeast District dedicated a by-way marker in Idaho Falls in 2006, the Clearwater District dedicated a memorial by-way marker in Kooskia in 2010, and the Southwest District dedicated one at the Boise Airport in 2011.

Presently, Idaho has 8 Blue Star Highway Memorial Markers and now 6 Blue Star By-way Memorial Markers. I encourage you to add a Blue Star Memorial Marker in your community. This National Garden Clubs program has been active since 1945 to the present, a fitting tribute always and especially now. It is a lasting legacy for those that have served, those that are serving and those that will serve in the future.

Louisa Cone, Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman



Boise State University Idaho Bird Observatory Planting

On October 12, 2012, The Idaho Horticulture Society planted 100 Choke Cherry, Bitter Cherry, Blue Elderberry and Service Berry at the Idaho Bird Observatory. The main research site is located on Lucky Peak, the Southernmost peak on the Boise Ridge. Many of the natural plants around the Observatory's camp were destroyed during the initial camp construction. In September, 2011,



one-hundred of the same plants had been planted by IHS members, and there was about a 30% survival rate. (The September 2011 planting won a National Garden Club award of \$150 for Plantings for Public and Special Places 2011.) This second planting in October hopefully will result in the same, or better success. IHS also received a Grant from Montana-Dakota Utilities (Intermountain Gas) in December, 2011, for \$2,400 to install signage on interpretative pathways throughout the Bird Observatory area. The signs are targeted to be installed in the Spring of 2013.

Pictured in the October work crew (L-R) are IHS members John Beckwith (Project Chairman), Pat Baker, Kathleen Romito, Caroline Morris, Terri Klug, Sandy Ford, Russ Ford and Elmer Hurd.

The Observatory is open to the public from July 15th to October 31st, and a 4-wheel drive vehicle is a must. To learn more, visit their website: www.idahobirdobservatory.org

Sandy Ford, Idaho Horticulture Society

Hill and Valley Garden Club Publishes a Book of Poetry

Hill and Valley members are proud of their booklet, *Poetry for the Gardener*. Members of the club wrote the poetry and did the illustrations. The book, with 65 pages of poetry and gardening tips, makes a perfect Christmas gift. For \$10 plus \$2 shipping it can be yours. Contact: Sharon Harris, President Hill and Valley Garden Club, 1255 Cedar Ridge Road, Kendrick, ID 83537, telephone: 208-289-4622, email: sugie@dishmail.net

Arboretum Committee Report



The new Butterfly Garden in the University of Idaho Arboretum was substantially completed this fall. The major component of that completion was the installation of the engraved (4500 lbs +) rock which identifies the site and recognizes the substantial donor support that was required to get the garden planted. Moscow Garden club is proud to be one of those sponsors.

Joyce Parr, Chairman Arboretum Committee

GCII Website Report - WWW.GCII.ORG



Our Website continues to be a popular source of news, advice and information for our Members and visitors alike. So far this year (January to late October) it has had over 2200 unique visitors who have made over 3500 visits and browsed over 10,000 pages. In addition it has appeared on over 35,000 search pages, a remarkable number for a site of this type.

This year our Website won **First Place in the Pacific Region** and was also awarded a **Certificate of Commendation by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.** Remember it is your contributions and continued support that make the site possible and by sharing your individual Club news and activities with all GCII members it continues to provide a central point of contact for all our members. If you have not yet visited the site then please do so and be sure to visit the "Fundraising" page to see the wonderful gifts and new items of clothing we have on offer. If you are already one of our regular visitors then please DO tell your family and friends ;o)

Phil Martin, Webmaster

Clearwater District 'Garden Ghouls' Meeting October 18, 2012



Club Presidents receive awards from District Director Jodene Caldwell. (L-R): Helen Wootton, Lorraine Smith and LeeAnn McMaster.



LeeAnn McMaster receives a GCII cap from GCII President Robyn McCarthy for most club awards.



Lorraine Smith announces Mardi Gras theme for Spring CW District Meeting.



Sharon Harris gives Hill & Valley Club report.



Darlene Norden is a Garden Ghoul insect!

Southwest District 'Growing Gardeners' Meeting September 24



SW District Director Inez Thomason



A 'Growing Gardeners' cake was enjoyed by all.



SW District Members enjoy getting together and renewing friendships.

Southeast District 'Going Wild with Flowers' Meeting September 15



SE District Director Constance Blyth



SE District Members pose for a photograph.

The Role of the Parliamentarian

The parliamentarian is a consultant who advises the president and other officers, committees, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure. During the meeting the work of the parliamentarian is limited to giving advice to the chair and, when requested, to any other member. It is also the duty of the parliamentarian, as inconspicuously as possible to call the attention of the chair to any error in the proceedings that may affect the rights of any member or may otherwise do harm. In advising the chair, the parliamentarian should NOT wait until asked for advice – that may be too late. An experienced parliamentarian will often see the problem developing and be able to head it off with a few words to the chair.

The parliamentarian should be assigned a seat next to the chair so as to be convenient for consultation in a low voice, but the chair should try to avoid checking with the parliamentarian too often or too obviously. After getting the advice from the parliamentarian, the chair has the duty to make the final ruling.

The parliamentarian has the same duty as the presiding officer – to maintain position of impartiality, not to make motions and not to participate in DEBATE or VOTE on any questions except in the case of a ballot vote. In any case, the parliamentarian does not cast a deciding vote if his/her vote would affect the result. If a member feels that he cannot properly forgo these rights in order to serve, he/she should not accept that position. Unlike the presiding officer, the parliamentarian cannot temporarily relinquish his position in order to exercise such rights on a particular motion.

Louisa Cone, GCII Parliamentarian

From Roberts Rules of Order, 11th Edition, pages 466-467



Ikenobo Floral Art

Learn the ancient art of Japanese flower arranging with Pat Kuffler, assistant professor of Ikebana, 2nd grade in Ikenobo Floral Art. Pat lives in Arizona and has been actively involved in Ikebana for 35 years. She will present a demonstration on April 13, 2013, at Boise in the morning followed by a hands-on workshop in the afternoon. The workshop will feature Isshu-iki (one material) Shoka, a classic Ikebana arrangement in the Ikenobo School. \$20 demonstration only 9am-12:30pm or \$60 demonstration and workshop combination 9am-5pm. The container, kenzan and all material will be provided for the workshop. Sponsored by Treasure Valley Judges Council and Idaho Horticulture Society. For more information contact patbaker@idhort.com or call 208.870.1299. Space is limited.



Submitted by Pat Baker, Idaho Horticulture Society



IHS Fall Flower Show



In this picture from the HIS Fall Flower Show , L-R are Student Judge Janet Petersen, Judges Pat Baker and Sandy Ford, Student Judge Inez Thomason, and clerk Anita Gonzalez

Submitted by Russell Ford, Idaho Horticulture Society



Wishing you the joy of the Christmas Season,

Jerry and Robyn McCarthy

NOMINATED STATE GCII OFFICERS FOR 2013—2015



Karen Mallon, President My husband and I have been married 36 years and everywhere James' construction career has landed us, new lessons in gardening have expanded my interest in plants. While in Arizona, I worked as a small nursery manager in Sun City. Gardening is my joy and my refuge. Before joining Golden Garden Club and becoming its current president, I was privileged to be a member of Grubby Knuckles Garden Club.

My primary goal for GCII is to make our clubs aware of the resources available through state and national by use of creative communication. Our garden clubs, including their members, are what comprise the state organization. The officers and other leadership for state should work jointly with our member clubs to determine what GCII can do to assist in club plans and development.



Janet Petersen, 1st Vice President I was born in Kansas on a farm. I grew up loving the land and the great outdoors. I moved to Idaho in 1969 and have lived here since. I worked as a Certified Ophthalmic Technician retiring in 2000. I then joined the Merry Tillers Garden Club. As a member of the Merry Tillers, I have served on the Program Committee. I also served as Vice President and President. I was the Corresponding Secretary for the Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc. . I am a Student Flower Show Judge. I thank you for the privilege of running for the Garden Clubs of Idaho Vice President.



Lorraine Smith, 2nd Vice President My name is Lorraine Smith and I live in Syringa along the beautiful Middle fork of the Clearwater River. I have lived near this river all but 8 years of my life. I joined Valley Garden Club in 2002 and am currently the club President. For Clearwater District, I hold the office of 1st Vice Director and Treasurer. I am married, a mother of two and a grandmother of four. In my spare time, I tend my vegetable and flower gardens, pick wild blackberries, make pies for a local restaurant, dabble at photography and create flower designs.



Maxine Smolowitz, Treasurer BS, MS, MBA, Certified Cash Manager, 30+ years working in the corporate financial world. My last career position was managing the company's cash. I have real estate investments requiring loan applications and cash management skills.

For a number of years, I served as treasurer of a ski club in California that owned its own lodge. I have been the IGCI/GCII Treasurer and tax advisor for the past 3+ years. I also spend the winter months volunteering with the AARP Tax-Aide program in Idaho Falls.

I began gardening in California in the 70's and find southeast Idaho to be quite a challenge after California. I have been a member of Garden Talk Garden Club for 8 years and held the office of treasurer of Garden Talk Garden Club as well as the Office of Treasurer for the SE District.



Joyce Parr, Secretary RE: Secretary. My opponents for the election would probably tell you that when I was in High School, I got a C in typing and not much better in shorthand and I vowed: "When I grow up I will NEVER be a secretary!" I would like to think I've improved a little since then. Although being Secretary for 4 GC organizations doesn't leave much time for actual gardening, the people you rub elbows with is priceless.

RE: gardening. I have no resistance to plants with variegated leaves but if you find anything with a pink bloom in my garden, somebody probably gave it to me. Problem with gardening is that you have to do it in the summer. Don't ask me if I would rather weed or go to the lake. Maybe in my next life I will be a gardener.

RE: social life. That would be our grandkids. (No matter how dearly I love them, I DO NOT let them drive my '67 Camaro!) As dedicated grandparents, you'll find us cheering them on at whatever sporting event is in season. We still hide Easter eggs, carve pumpkins, and go on treasure hunts (even the ones in college!). You're never too old to have fun...

**NOMINATIONS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL JUNE 2013. INTERESTED IN RUNNING? CONTACT:
EDITH COLE, NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PHONE: 509-843-1010**

Presenters and Speakers at the GCII Fall Board Meeting, October 2012, Cascade



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Sandy Ford



Guest Speaker Hans Borbonus



Jan Morrison



Marge Cojerean and Jan Morrison in the Marion Kerby Memorial Garden, Cascade

Want details? Then read the Board Minutes on our GCII web site! WWW.GCII.ORG

Smokey Bear--Woodsy Owl Chairman Report



We begin another year with Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. We had a great poster contest last year with many submissions. Let's go bigger this year! At this time the local Club and District Chairmen should be visiting the schools to promote the event. Be active--get involved! Assist the teachers with the rules set forth by the Forest Service, come prepared with the official forms and the helpful hints for a perfect poster. If you do not have the forms please contact me 208-765-5890 or go to the Forest Service website: www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation. All the necessary forms and special hints can be found at this site.



One change to the process --I will need the total number of posters submitted for consideration. In the past only the local winning posters have been sent in. This does not change, however local Chairman please take note and report the total number of posters. The Forest Service would like to have an idea as to how many children actually participate in this competition not just the total winning posters. Example: 7 schools participating at 100 posters per school equals 700 posters submitted. You would report to me the total of 700 posters entered in contest. I am hoping to send a report to the National Forest Service that exceeds last years' totals. I hope Idaho has a National winner and would like to see Idaho have the most participation.

The deadline to have posters sent to me is January 20, 2013. Thank you to all those supporting and encouraging this project. Let's have a National winner this year!

Joyce DiGiovanni Smokey Bear/ Woodsey Owl Chairman

Flower Show School



Fran Wittgartner - Instructor

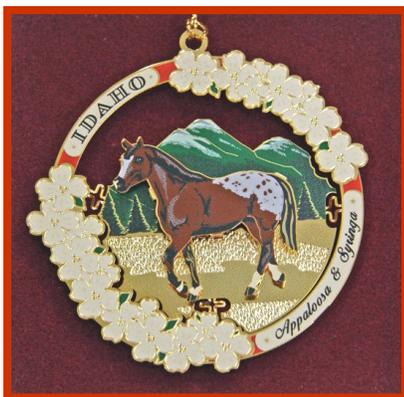
Clearwater District hosted the NGC Flower Show School which wrapped up Course IV in the series in Moscow in September. GCII generously supported the school with up to \$1000 for each course where expenses were not met. The Clearwater District was committed to covering all remaining expenses.

The Lewis-Clark Judges Council was credited with the successful execution of the school, and was complimented by the invited NGC instructors on the outstanding Horticultural exhibits and exemplary Design exhibits.

Twenty-two (22) attended Course IV with eight students testing (two were from out-of-state). Students successfully completing all testing requirements are now awaiting the next step: writing a Flower Show Schedule. The last step in meeting accreditation will be the final comprehensive exam. These courses are not easy and we do congratulate all the students who stuck with it.

Joyce Parr, Clearwater District FSS Chairman

The Appaloosa and our GCII Ornament



Our newest fund-raiser ornament featuring Idaho's State Appaloosa Horse makes a wonderful gift for any occasion (think Christmas!). Cost is \$20 each, paid on receipt. Ornaments are available from Louisa Cone, Ornament Chairman, at 208-459-2209.

Want to learn more about the Appaloosa? The Appaloosa Museum in Moscow includes an exhibit area; a theater; a hands-on Kid's Area; a library & archive featuring books, magazines, and videos. Exhibits themes range from the early evidence of spotted horses in art and literature, to the relationship between the Appaloosa and the Nez Perce Indians. Detailed information is at www.appaloosamuseum.org. You can purchase our GCII ornament at the Museum also!

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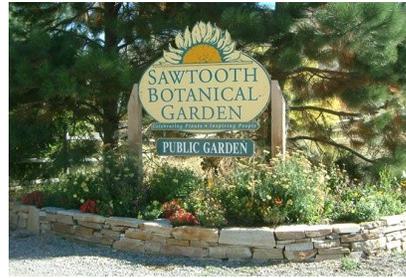
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Botanical Gardens

Spread geographically across the state of Idaho are three botanical gardens, in northern Idaho on the University of Idaho campus, in south central Idaho is the Sawtooth Botanical Garden located in Ketchum and in southwestern Idaho is the Idaho Botanical Garden in the capitol city.

For this issue, the Sawtooth Botanical Garden is the featured garden. The Sawtooth Botanical Garden is a public non-profit 501 (c)(3). It was founded in 1994 by a small local group of passionate gardeners and environmentalists. An individual membership is \$35.00.

The Mission – The Sawtooth Botanical Garden is a community resource showcasing native and cultivated plants that flourish at high altitude. The Garden connects people to the region's unique beauty and fosters environmental stewardship through education, events, displays and plant collections.

The Goal – The goal of the garden is to establish a place to build community through the understanding and exploration of both native and cultivated plants. Understanding the unique ecology of this region and exploring the wonders of gardening provided a multitude of opportunities to Celebrate Plants and Inspire People.

Although just five acres, the garden incorporates a variety of gardens including: Sage-Steppe, Alpine, Riparian Habitat, Xeriscape, Perennial and Community gardens. The best know garden is The Garden of Infinite Compassion designed by Martin Mosko, a prominent landscape architect and ordained Buddhist Monk from Boulder, Colorado. The garden was created in September, 2005 to honor the Dalai Lama's visit to address the community in honor of the victims of 911 with a "Healing Address". The central feature in this garden is the Prayer Wheel.

For more information about the Idaho botanical gardens visit:

www.sbgarden.org www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/arboretum/ and
www.idahobotanicalgarden.org

Vicki Murphy, Chairman Botanical Gardens

Announcements and Upcoming Events

2012

- **GCII Awards** due December 1

2013

- **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters** due January 20
- **Clearwater District Meeting**
March 14, TBD
- **SW District Meeting**
March 25, TBD
- **SE District Meeting**
April 13, Idaho Falls
- **Pacific Region Convention**
April 22-24, Santa Rosa, CA
- **NGC Convention**
May 24-26, Seattle, WA
- **GCII Convention**
June 19-21, Moscow

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FALL - Author Unknown

I love fall! Fall is exciting.

It's apples and cider.

It's an airborne spider.

It's pumpkins in bins.

It's burrs on dog's chins.

It's wind blowing leaves.

It's chilly red knees.

It's nuts on the ground.

It's a crisp dry sound.



It's green leaves turning
And the smell of them burning.

It's clouds in the sky.

It's fall. That's why...

I love fall.



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