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President's Message

Claudia Hambacker, GCII President



This fall has been a busy time, but all work and no play will make a President dull and grouchy.

Well, my fall has not been without some play. I was able to attend the Clearwater Fall District meeting. What a wonderful time! There was a sale table; no, make that about three tables long. It was full of goodies. Books, baskets, vases, crafts, just anything you could imagine, but when the meeting ended everything was gone. Lu Eckhardt made a beautiful center piece out of concrete! Nez Perce hosted a great day

with super food. Did you know that the Nez Perce Garden Club was founded in 1928? My husband and I took one day and explored the Clearwater area. After a snowy adventure over the mountain (I have no clue what mountain) we ended up in Elk City. Our objective was to see a western red cedar Greg had read about. OMG was it something, 177 feet high, 18.5 feet across and 3,000 years old. Was it worth the trip? You bet ya!



Nampa Garden Club is a regular participant in the Canyon County Festival of Trees. What a beautiful and unique tree it was. I know there is an article elsewhere in the newsletter so I am not going to spoil it for you. They now have people from Ohio, Richmond Virginia, and other far flung places raving about their project, thanks to Facebook.

Also, Chinden Gardeners must be congratulated for their hard work and dedication on the Pollinator Garden located behind the Garden City. This garden was posted on the National Garden Club Facebook site recently. The entire club has supported their four season award winning Library Garden and the Pollinator Garden. Club members have put in huge Pollinator Event to support garden is complete, it will be deners to maintain the area. dedication to this project.



many hours of hard physical work and held a port Bee City in 2016 and 2017. Once the the continued responsibility of Chinden Gar-Judy Snow was recognized by GCII for her

Open Positions:

Please consider volunteering.

STATE SECRETARY

STATE CHAIRMAN:

Pacific Region Gardens Project

In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.”

Albert Camus, "Return to Tipasa"



Tech Savvy



Did you ever think we would or could say that Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was technologically savvy? Over the last five months much has happened because of technology and we will continue to see more. All of the changes have focused on making communications, membership opportunities and education more accessible for our members and easier to access by way of the internet.

The sound system and video used for the Fall Board Meeting was a big hit. Members who attended could finally hear the speakers and see the presentations clearly. Tom Martin did a great job in choosing our A/V equipment.

Thanks to Lisa Artiga's choice of Zoom we held our first total Zoom Retreat on January 15, 2018 beginning at 10:00am. There were (2) practice sessions for District Directors and Member Club Presidents on January 5, 2018. The first was scheduled for 10:00am and the second was to be held at 7:00pm on the same day. An invitation to participate in the meeting(s) was sent out to all District Directors and Member Club Presidents earlier that week. There were some initial glitches but that seems to be resolved. We will continue to work on assisting those having difficulty in accessing these meetings. Most libraries have internet access and perhaps within a locale, members can gather at one person's house where the internet may be more easily accessed. Zoom can also be accessed by dialing in on your phone.

Our Webmaster, Allen Deitz, has been very busy working on our website. He has been trying to find a suitable calendar that will scroll for current and future events and work on computers, tablets, and androids and smart phones. This is a tall order but he continues his search. A database for members, chairmen and officers is complete. These databases will be sent to all members of the Board of Directors, as well as Chairmen in the near future. They are produced in excel and should be easily downloaded into your contact lists. If you choose not to download them into your contact lists, they can still be printed. Only pertinent information, club, office, name, email and phone numbers will be available. If placed on to your computer the security of the information will be your responsibility. Now that we have a completed database, our Newsletter will now be sent in a "blast form". All members should receive it in one email. It will no longer be the responsibility of Member Club Presidents to send it out to their members. The NGC newsletter KIT and the Pacific Region WACONIHA will be sent out the same way. Please read YOUR newsletters.

I have given the membership and Office Depot cards to Karen Martin, our GCII Membership Chairman. A new fillable Membership form has been posted onto the website under forms. As a reminder, if you are using a fillable PDF you will probably need to bring down a free Adobe app. to your system. The one that is currently on the website can be used for new members and for our May Club Membership Renewal. There will be a complete instruction form in the Procedure Manual by May.

An Events Form has also been developed. If there is an upcoming event, any member can go into the Form area and complete this simple form and the information will automatically be placed on the Web for others to see. Events can include a plant sale, a special lecture at the local college, the local holiday tree festival, celebration of your club's birthday, education such as upcoming Judges Flower Show School or anything that can be related to gardens and garden clubs. It is important that the word gets out. People within your community do look at our the website. If they see something interesting they just might attend.

Z Idaho is 479 miles long and 305 miles wide.
O The geographic center is in Custer County, on the Yankee Fork River, southwest of Challis.
O *3,642 square miles of land in Idaho.
M Now, cost, time, and distance are all minimized and weather is never a problem as we enter the age of technology.

Internet Meetings

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"Hibiscus indoors for the winter" Jeanette Cuddy, HVGC

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The menu at the top of the opening page will soon be made more user friendly too. The Executive Board recently held a Zoom finance meeting. A budget report will now be done at least four times each year. A format for this report is being developed it may be able to be standardized for District and Club use. The goal is to keep it simple and easily understood.

Organizational Insurance is still being investigated. All forms have been sent in except the finance information. Some estimates of costs are available and they are within the range expected. Once everything becomes more concrete the Board will be informed.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will see information about the "President's Guide". This is a first in a series of guides that will be developed for officers. Education for our current officers and preparation of those who would like to become officers is vitally important. The guides will be sent to our entire Board in early 2018.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT IS TO HOST NEW GARDEN EVENT "A COMMUNITY OF GARDENERS"



I hope that membership in your Garden Club is providing you with life-long friendships, but also introducing you to new gardening topics and challenges. Our minds need to be stimulated and we should be willing to share our knowledge with our youth and our community. Interested and enthusiastic members will attract new members.

On Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Edwards Greenhouse in Boise, The Southwest District will be hosting an event for education and membership from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Hopefully clubs in the Southwest District have already received information from their Club President about the event. I personally invite everyone to attend, regardless of where you live. The primary reason for this event is to build interest in garden clubs and promote membership through education. The term "Learning Tables" has been used to describe the format, and that somewhat describes the event. I have asked various garden club members and local people to share information on gardening topics. The event will have tables set up in the greenhouse. People can come to table(s) with the topics that interest them, and ask questions. They might see a short demonstration, this will depend on the particular topic and how the educator has chosen to explain his/her topic. If the event is successful, we'll have a template for additional events within the State, if there is interest.

I am excited for the opportunity to reach the local gardening community and get them interested in learning. We hope to attract new members to join a local Garden Club and be active, contributing members. We need to nurture new members and help them grow in knowledge. We also need their new ideas and suggestions to make our clubs stronger. In January, I will be sending out more information on this event, and raffle items that have been secured. Everyone might be interested in purchasing a ticket for a raffle item; you need not be present to win.

Winter is setting in, now is the time to look forward. Use this time to read books, consider new things for your garden, review what worked and did not during the last year, and present ideas to your Club President for speakers, projects and possible field trips to stretch our minds and learn new things.

Karen Martin - Membership Chair

New Resource for GCII Member Clubs and Officers

The GCII Board is committed to supporting the education of all members. Garden Club presidents have the honor and responsibility of leading club members and engaging them in the best possible experience to foster the love of gardening in a positive meeting environment.

To this end, GCII is pleased to offer the **Garden Club President's Guide for Effective Meetings**. It is a comprehensive guide developed especially for garden club presidents but will be useful for anyone leading a meeting. This guide was a collaborative effort that highlights the best practices in effective leadership with a focus on meetings.

Within this guide you will find information on the Order of Business, sample agenda, tips for planning and leading effective meetings, program ideas, a suggested narrative as you lead a meeting and much more. Please use it, give us feedback and be sure to share other effective strategies that we may include in the next edition. Send comments or feedback to gci.lisaa@gmail.com or gci.claudiah@gmail.com.

- Lisa Artiga, GCII 1st VP

GCII CLUBS

Clearwater District

Garden Club for All Seasons
Hill & Valley Garden Club
Moscow Garden Club
Nezperce Garden Club
Valley Garden Club

Southeast District

For The Love of Growing (proposed)
Idaho Falls Garden Club
Roberts Town & Country Garden Club

Southwest District

ADA Gardeners
By Trowel and Error
Chinden Gardeners
Golden Garden Club
Long Valley Garden Club
Merry Tillers Garden Club
Nampa Garden Club
Owyee Garden Club
Payette Valley Gardeners

New Garden Club to be Recognized by GCII

There is to be a soon to be new garden club within the GCII's soon to be new garden club. They are working hard and hope to have all of their information in to become an official club by January or February. They have had one meeting and have the next four planned. Their official name is ***For the Love of Growing***. They cover a large area, Shoshone to Buhl. Louisa Cone suggested that, at this time, they be in the Southeast District. If GCII is fortunate to have more clubs in the area, maybe we will be able to reactivate our Magic Valley District.

The organizers want to be closely associated with both the community college and the local extension agent in their area for support. They have been approached to develop a Youth Garden Club that would focus on programming for the Youth Master Gardener. They already have a group of youth that may be interested in the development of the club. They have been provided with information about the Scholarship program and through their contacts at the college they will inform the horticultural department and the financial aid department about the scholarship program and have been directed to the website for the rules and application.

The do have a Facebook site ***For The Love of Growing*** and will link it to the GCII website.

They were also made aware of the upcoming Flower Show School to be held in April, the Annual Convention in June and will need information about the Southeast District spring meeting.

They have been working with Meghan Shepard on their bylaws and want to become members of GTEP.

This club will be the first to utilize the **Garden Club President's Guide for Effective Meetings** and provide the state officers with valuable feedback.

They also want to make a trip to the Idaho Botanical Gardens (IBG) and make a visit to a local club. It has been suggested that they consider membership in IBG and plan to have a meeting there and could possibly visit Nampa Garden Club and be come acquainted with more information about the Annual Convention.

WINTER IN THE CLEARWATER DISTRICT

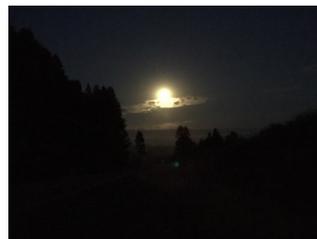
Join the District as we check out life and pictures in the Clearwater region. With so many microclimates within the state of Idaho, from one end of a county to another may demonstrate a multitude of growing variations and sentiments as well. Lorraine Smith was charged to investigate this central region of Idaho through writings and photos. Please enjoy the exploration of this beautiful region of plant and animal life and how the people adjust to the varied climate.



*Battle Ridge
Leann Wickes, VGC*



*Battle Ridge Awakens,
Leann Wickes, VGC*



January Blue Moon, Jeanette Cuddy , HVGC



*An Icy Afternoon,
Kathy Cassin, HVGC*



My favorite winter activity:

Arnetta Guion: Looking through seed catalogues, presently I have been sorting through my collection of old photographs. So many times pictures of friends and family are not identified by date, and name. It's time to do that pleasant task on these long winter nights.

Mary Sellitti: Soaking in our hot tub while the snowflakes are falling.

Lorraine Smith: Shoveling snow....believe it or not. I enjoy doing it and in return it gives me exercise. I like to bake and put together puzzles. My husband is employed during the summer, winter is the time he does maintenance on all the lawn-mowing equipment. Worst winter-2016-2017: over two feet of snow on roofs with backed up ice dams; one building pancaked plus a patio roof fell due to the snow weight.

What is my greatest pleasure or brings joy about the winter?

Arnetta: Having a good excuse to stay home and be indoors. Thinking creative thoughts.

Mary: Making my hot butter rum to share with visiting friends and neighbors.

Lorraine: When I walk in the snow, it is so peaceful and quiet and everything is covered in white. My camera always goes with me as I am constantly looking for that perfect snow scene with blue sky and anything red. My husband likes cooking and making/baking new recipes, making wild meat jerky, enjoys creating Christmas wreathes and building things.



*Aftermath, Leann Wickes,
Battle Ridge , VGC*

*Cedar Ridge Rd Kendrick
Kathy Cassin, HVGC*



My least favorite part of winter or worst experience:

Arnetta Guion: The risk of falling on ice.

Mary: Unable to get out of our driveway (4 wheel drive, peddle to the metal and hope a passing car doesn't stop before I hit the plowed pavement)

Lorraine: When the power goes out due to heavy snow or trees falling on the lines—sometimes the power is out for days. My husband said the older he gets the more he doesn't like the snow. He uses the tractor for the long driveway, snowblower, roof rake, and snow shovel. Some days the storm drops snow so fast, he feels he can't make any headway.

What makes Winter on the Clearwater unique?

Arnetta: To see the river covered with snow, and when the ice breaks up.

Mary: Beauty of fresh fallen snow; silence and no foot-prints in the snow.

Sharon Dibble: The landscape frosted with snow for weeks on end!!!

In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.

I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.

And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.



*Serenity, Parsley Lane,
Kendrick, , Kathy Cassin, HVGC*

On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.

Though days are short, my vision's clear.

And through the snow, the buds appear.

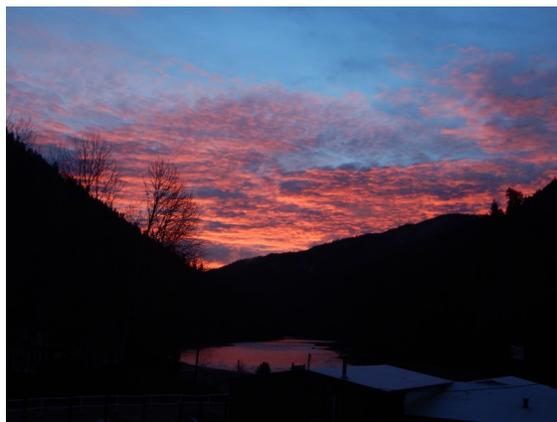


In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."

~ Cynthia Adams



Breakfast is served!
Arnetta Guion, VGC



Syringa January Sunrise, Lorraine Smith, VGC



*Cavendish Hgwy, Overlooking
Clearwater Valley,
Kathy Cassin, HVGC*



"I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure in the landscape - the loneliness of it - the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it - the whole story doesn't show." ~ Andrew Wyeth

WINTER STORIES FROM THE CLEARWATER

Arnetta: My story would have to be about the Chinese Pheasant who I have been feeding on the old stump in my back yard. It all started when I noticed him strutting around out in the back near the border of the field. He would pass by each morning on his business, I remembered my husband got some cracked grains or "scratch" and so began scattering a handful of this on an old cut off stump at ground level. It was not long before he discovered this treat. When it started to snow, I would go out every morning and sweep off the stump, scatter some grains and come back in the house. He sometimes would see me and run back to the safety of his hedgerow.

I got the bright idea of "announcing" the meal for him, and rang a bell as I went out. (He would scoot away) returning inside I watched to see what he would do. Well it was not long before he figured out the ring of the bell with the treat and would sneak back to have his fill. This might be within 5 minutes. It does not happen every day and sometimes he has to compete with crows or mourning doves, but he definitely is at the top of the pecking order. I just hope I have not interfered with the law of nature, and am careful not to get him too dependent. But he does provide quite a drama from our window.



17 inches for Christmas, Syringa-
Lorraine Smith, VGC



Toll Road Kooskia
Debbie Needham, VGC



Thistle in winter
Kathy Cassin, HVGC



Middlefork of the Clearwater in
Syringa - Lorraine Smith

Mary: The snow was so heavy in the winter of 2016, we were trapped for 3 weeks before we could get out. There was \$12,000 in snow damage destroying all our gutters, water damage from bursting pipes and a huge ice mass falling smack in the middle of our air compressor destroying it.

Mary: My most pleasant memories traveling with our sons to cut down our Christmas tree, to continue to do the same adventure while living in Idaho. This year's beauty was 15' tall. Took me 5 days to decorate it; 1 day to take it down. Every year I say, "No More" huge trees. Well! We'll see about 2018's tree???????



Snow Beard and Dr. Seuss
Hat before Christmas
Jean Carroll, VGC



Mary Selletti, VGC



Thank you Clearwater District for dropping your spare change and dollar bills into the slot of the hand-made Penny Pines box during your monthly club meetings. Your 2016-2017 contributions totaled \$340 and that amount purchased 5 plantations which benefited the Nezperce/Clearwater National Forest. Each contribution of \$68 goes to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement and/or trees indigenous to a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe. The Forest Service does the planting, using your donation together with Federal funds and will provide to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects and disease given other forested areas. Penny Pines is a very meaningful and practical conservation project. NGC and the US Forest Service have formed a partnership to sustain reforestation and forest education programs. More than 80 National Forests benefit as NGC and US Forest Service team up for the environment. As chairman, I encourage all GCII clubs to design your own Penny Pines box and take it to your meetings and collect money to help our forests. You can also go to NGC website for Ongoing Projects, click on Penny Pines...learn more and download a printable Penny Pines Donation Form. A \$68 donation may be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization, or theme.

Lorraine Smith Chairman: GCII Penny Pines



*Syringa December
Lorraine Smith, VGC*



*Living on Clear Creek
Mary Selletti, VGC*

Leann Wicks, VGC: My favorite winter activities are Snowshoeing, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing (My favorite and did it when I was home this winter.) What I enjoy the most is the hoar frost sparkling like diamonds with a clear blue sky in the background. The slick roads are the least favorite, although I've done it for many years. Some of my favorite memories are hiking through the woods searching for Christmas trees and while snowmobiling, coming around a corner and seeing wildlife way in the backcountry. (Battle Ridge, Koskia

WINTER STORIES (Continued)

Lorraine: Since we live in the country, we always have deer and elk in the yard. One night something woke me and I quietly moved a mini blind aside and counted 40 elk right outside the window. There was a full moon that night which let me watch the elk munch on the trees and bushes and walk over everything I had meticulously planted. Needless to say, that next spring we added a 9 foot fence all around our 5 acres.

Other Comments

Lu Eckhardt, VGC: Winter on the Clearwater is my favorite time of the year. The beauty is incredible but it's the quiet that takes my breath away. Sitting at the window watching it snow at night...watching the flakes in the tranquil quiet, warm drink brings tears to my eyes. The world goes away, life slows down, dreams come true. I love winter on the Clearwater.

Marcie Gerhardt, VGC: Favorite winter activity is skiing, sledding, skijoring dogs and horses, steelhead fishing, running. (Middle Fork of the Clearwater)

Jo Ann Holloway: Even though I live in Arizona now, Clearwater was the most beautiful place I have ever lived. The winters were the most beautiful. (Middle Fork of the Clearwater and long-time member of VGC)

Lynn Churchill, VGC: My favorite winter activity is walking in the snow. My joy is seeing the trees covered with layers of ice made by fog plus freezing weather. My least favorite activity is losing control of my car when I hit an icy spot. Another of my favorite winter hobbies is decorating Ukrainian Easter eggs. I also enjoy the holiday parties. (Kamiah)

Sharon Dibble, VGC: My favorite time is sitting by the fire and watching it SNOW!!!! My greatest pleasure comes from family and grandchildren visiting and enjoying snow; tobogganing, skiing, snow ball fights!!!! The least favorite part are those icy steps and abrupt landings!! (Kamiah)



*Positive Winter Attitude and
Mr. Magoo agrees.
Cherlyn Pankey, President VGC*



*Icy Frost
Lynn Churchill, VGC*



*Fish Mouth on the
Potlatch River
Kathy Cassin, HVGC*



*Spring Flooding in February
on the Potlatch
Kathy Cassin HVGC*

If I missed anyone's picture submissions or comments I apologize. I think things will go more smoothly with the next issue. Christmas came and went, deadlines were changed. Articles came in and changing formatting was difficult but probably more time consuming. I have a folder for the next issue already established so I can drop articles in as they are received. You can see there were activities that have passed, but I still wanted to include them. Feedback, criticism, and general comments on the newsletter would be most appreciated.

I thoroughly enjoyed putting this together, and special thanks to all those who helped; especially, Claudia, Lisa, Jamie, Linda, Molly, Lorraine, and Becky. All those that submitted something to make this newsletter informative and exciting. Becky you can breathe a sigh of relief.

Regards,
Kathy Cassin katschlot@gmail.com 717-371-7494



Lessons in a Garden about God, Prayer

by Dani Grigg

I never would have predicted this as a kid, but it turns out I love to garden.

I found this out when I bought my first home seven years ago. We moved in, and there was a garden plot, and it was spring. It was inevitable. I stated planting things.

And it was a miracle -----they grew! So did the weeds, and I couldn't tell them apart, but I did my best. That summer and fall, I ate tomatoes from my own backyard. They tasted like sunshine.

I still haven't gotten over the miracle of gardens. You plant something small in the dirt, you water it and you wait. Before your eyes, shoots and leaves start to appear. Then flowers. Then fruit. Every day the fruit gets bigger, and then you eat it and it's delicious. And you grew it! It feels like magic.

So my kids have grown up appreciating the magic of a garden. We keep an eye out for new blossoms or marble-sized pumpkins or reddening strawberries and shout for everyone to come and see when we spot them. My kids have tomatoes but still feel some of my joy when I find the tiny green balls bursting from the yellow flowers.

The downside is they also feel some of my grief when any of my little miracle meet an unhappy end

This summer my heart dropped when I noticed a dozen shiny brown dots clinging to the bottom of a zucchini leaf. Squash bug eggs, I guessed, and a quick image search on my phone confirmed my fear. I mournfully scraped off those eggs and the many others I found but within days all my zucchini and pumpkin plants were crawling with foul creatures.

I'd experienced squash bugs once before, and it was devastating. Lush, beautiful plants had turned rotten and dead under my desperate watch. For days I picked the bugs off one by one-----or two by two, really, because they were always coupled up, aggressively multiplying, the jerks. I dropped them in a bucket of soapy water, knowing they'd drown. It was gruesome work, but I couldn't lose my previous-

ly thriving plants.

My dismay shouts each time another bug or egg clustered my two boys, and they worried with me and pointed out bugs for me to snatch.

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Things were not looking good, and it was almost time to leave on vacation. I told my older son, who's 6, we needed to say a prayer. He asked God to watch over our Garden and keep it safe from the squash bugs while we were gone.

After he was done, I gently mentioned it was possible the plants would still die. "No it's not, we prayed!" he countered incredulously. It was a hard moment. I loved his faith, but I also knew God takes care of us in ways that aren't always as simple as granting our requests. I wanted to help him broaden his understanding of faith and prayer and God a little bit so his world view wouldn't be turned down if our plants didn't survive.

I started out wrong.

"Well, sometimes things don't work out how we work out how we think they should work out," I said, "God made us this world, and it's a world with squash bugs, and sometimes the squash bugs win and that's just how it goes."

"So God is MEAN??" he asked.

Nope, nope, nope. I tried again. "No...He loves us and wants us to learn a lot while we're on earth. Maybe He wants us to learn about squash bugs so we can be better gardeners," I ventured. "And maybe He'll help us to feel happy even if our plants die." (

"Oh," he said, deflated.

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That day we ran into a friend who told us about some powder she puts on infested squash plants. It felt like an answer to our prayer.

We coated the plants and left on vacation. When we got back, the plants were still alive, but so were the bugs.

We kept picking the bugs off and I coated the plants one more time.

A few weeks later, one and half zucchini plants had turned to dust but half of one lived on. It gave us six beautiful zucchinis.

I'm thinking maybe we experienced the best of both worlds. We learned an important lesson but also felt the joy and magic of watching our garden grow.

Dani Grigg is a Boise freelance writer, wife, and happy mother of two young sons.

NEW! Bee City USA Spring Lectures

Come learn about why our essential pollinators are struggling to survive and how you can help them. Afraid of bee or wasp stings? Let's talk. Concerned about the amount of and mix of pesticides being used not only on food crops but all around us? Get some answers. What trees, shrubs, flowers will support pollinators? Just in time for spring planting, we've got you covered. Don't miss out – put these dates on your calendar today!

January 11: Why Pollinators Need our Help – Understanding the Issues - Judy Snow, Chairman. Bee City USA- Garden City Committee

February 15: Beyond Honey Bees – An Introduction to Native (Gentle!) Bees – Debbie Courson Smith, Advanced Master Gardener, Co-Host 94.9 The River

March 8: Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides in our Urban Landscapes – Aimee Code, Pesticide Program Director, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

April 12: Planting for Pollinators in our Yards and Communities – Ann DeBolt, Botanist, Idaho Botanical Garden

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Managing Editor of the GEM NEWSLETTER

I was born in Louisville, Kentucky, moved to Syracuse, NY in 6 th grade in December, and then to Columbia, MD during April of my first year in college.

I am the oldest of 7 children. I had one son to my first husband 30 years ago. Zachary is now married and has a son, Toby, who was a year old in September. I never get to see them often enough because they live in Lancaster, PA. Zachary is a massage therapist part-time and stay at home dad. His wife Sara is a registered nurse and works for Pennsylvania State Hospital in Hershey, PA. Yes, the street lights look like Hershey kisses.

In high school I was on the newspaper staff and also layout editor for the yearbook staff. At Bellarmine College in Louisville I was co-editor for the yearbook for the two years I was there. I quit school for awhile and went for dental assisting in Baltimore. Worked doing that for three years and then went to the University of Kentucky to finish my bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene.

I worked in private practice for three years, taught dental assisting for 10 years at the vocational school in Lancaster, PA where I had moved after graduating from UK. My Master's Degree is in Training and Development and continued to teach dental hygiene for 25 years. Retiring in 2015, after reuniting with my childhood friend and high school sweetheart, we decided to move to the Inland Northwest. Patrick and I have known each other since being in diapers. Our dads were in each other's wedding and our parents played cards together. Yes, a storybook romance.

He was at UK for one year while I was at Bellarmine in Louisville, got drafted for Vietnam, and he ended up in Alaska as a commercial diver and worked on the Marine Highway system. We had gone separate ways for some 40 years.

My organizational experience includes President of the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association and also Membership Chairman and Journal Editor for 4 years.

I am excited to now live in Idaho, had the chance to become an Idaho Master Gardner, and now to be able to work with the GCII and the GEM. I am also Secretary for the Hill & Valley Garden Club. My dad gave me his love of gardening .

Garden Design in Winter

By Iris Mayes, Extension Educator, U of Idaho

January 15, 2018

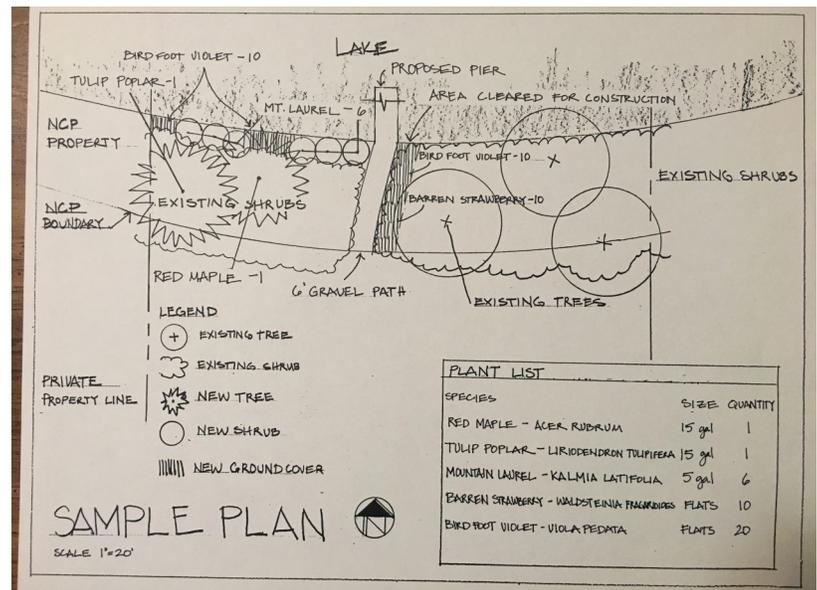


Winter is a good time to reflect on your landscaping and garden and how you might like to change it. If you haven't engaged in an overall design of your garden or property in the past, there are several systematic steps you can take to do this. The first step is determining what you want. What are your goals for your outdoor space? For example, some people like to eat outside as much of the year as possible, in which case, you will want to consider some features that can make you more comfortable. This could be an outdoor kitchen and dining area with a fire pit or heaters. Or maybe it's a patio near your kitchen door.

If you have kids who want to practice soccer or other sports, a well-maintained lawn area is needed. Most people want a garden that is as low maintenance as possible. This can be balanced with other goals such as having a beautiful garden. Native plants can offer a lot for a low-maintenance garden. Once established, they do not require as much watering as non-native ornamentals and can survive your local climate better. Looking at landscape pictures online can give you creative ideas and inspiration. Gardening in pots or containers can provide the satisfaction of gardening without as much area to care for.

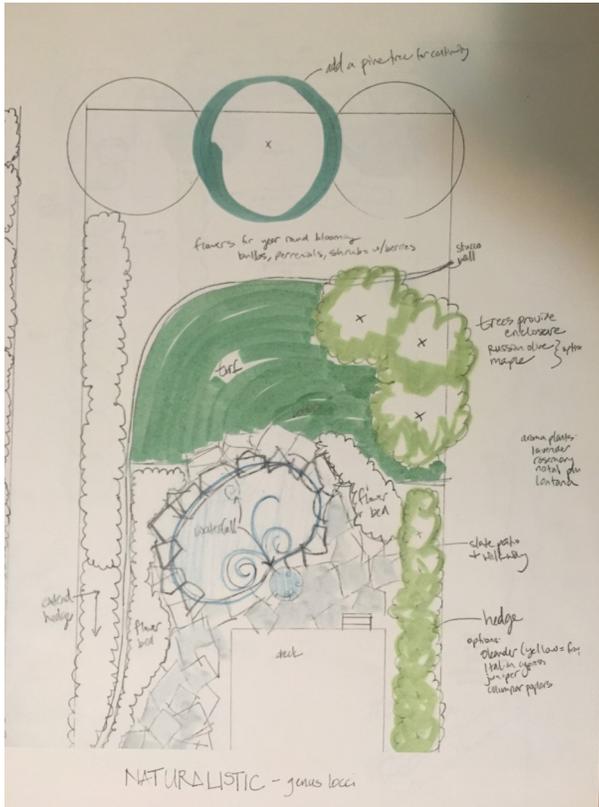
Other questions to consider, do you want to grow more food? Do you want to have something blooming every month of the growing season? Do you want to have a cutting garden? Do you have a view to frame or highlight and a spot from which to enjoy the view? Are there any architectural features you would like to add such as fences, overhead structures, a gazebo, gateways or a shed?

Once you have considered what you want out of your garden and landscaping, you will want to make a drawing from a birds-eye view, like a map, of what you have. I like to start with an aerial photo and trace the property boundary, house, any other structures and existing landscape features onto a new piece of paper (trace paper over an aerial photo or white office paper can work too). Figure out what scale you are drawing so that you know how much area you have. One inch to 10 feet or 20 feet is good for most urban lots. Larger properties will need a smaller scale to fit on one sheet of paper. If you want to work on a bigger piece of paper, there are many sizes of paper at art supply or craft stores. You can also pace off the length of your property and use the scaling system to measure and draw onto paper what you have.



Make several photocopies of your base inventory so you can try out different ideas. Using colored pencils can help you color code what you have such as vegetation you want to keep from that which you want to remove.

The next step is creating a landscape plan. On one of your copies draw a bubble or circle in the places where you want to make a change and label it with the activity or feature that will go there. Consider the walkways you may need between places. Once you have the main features, you can use a larger scale for each individual area if you want to create a planting plan. You can photocopy your base plan at 200%, this would change 1"=20' to 1"=10'. At that scale you can figure out how big each plant or tree will be and draw a circle for each. A 40' tree would be a four-inch circle. For ground cover, you can draw masses and make an estimate.



Other design considerations include: color and alignment. Think of the color of plants in each season so that you have something beautiful or interesting year-round. Planting evergreens can provide nice contrast in winter months. If you want to have a vegetable garden, using a south-facing sunny spot is best. Consider how tall your new plantings will be in a few years and plan accordingly so that they do not shade your fruits and vegetables. If you like a very natural looking garden, you will want to consider drawing your plantings and features with curved lines.

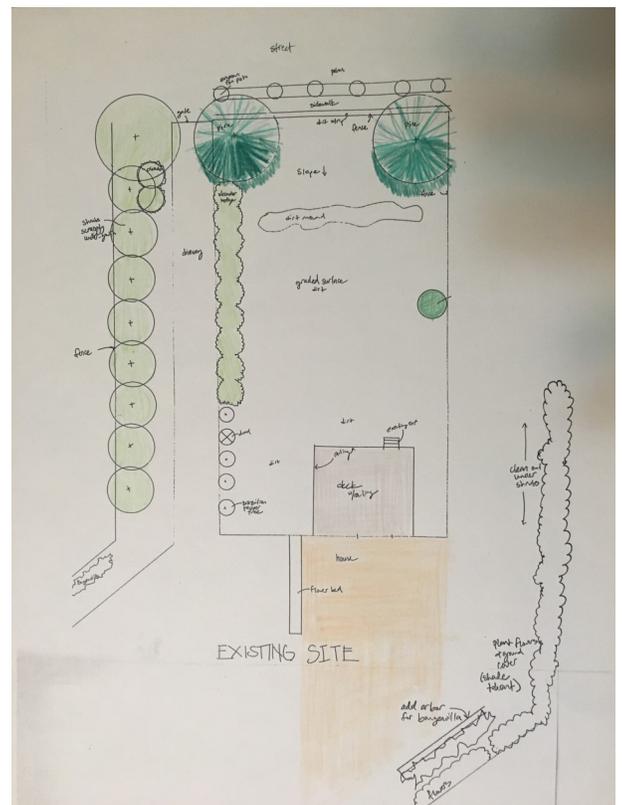
If you have trees, consulting a certified arborist is a very good idea. If you need to remove trees, a certified arborist can help with removal that does not damage surrounding trees. They may be able to give you advice you hadn't considered to preserve the long-term health of your trees.

If you have fruit trees, annual maintenance is advised. Pruning before the sap runs in the early spring can help your trees bear better and more fruit and resist diseases. Your local extension office should

be able to help you find pruning workshops so you can learn to prune your own trees.

The next two steps in your design endeavor are budgeting and phasing. You need to decide how much you want to spend and how fast you want to implement new design features. Will you be doing all the work yourself, hiring a teenager or engaging with a professional landscaping company?

If you are hiring a landscaper, consider getting a couple bids and seeing some of the previous work. They may want to take your landscape plan and re-draw it so their workers can efficiently implement.

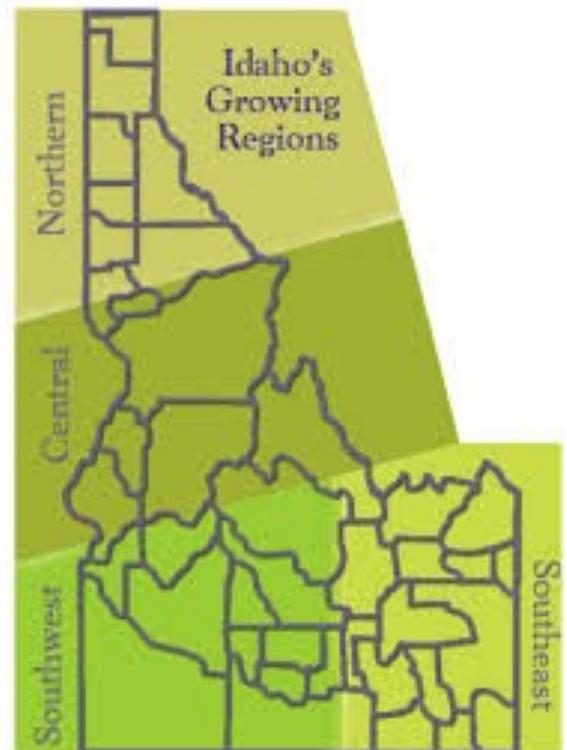


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If you like to travel in the summer, consider installing an irrigation system and testing it before you go. Drip irrigation is the most efficient and can save you money so you don't over water and can save you weeding time as the water goes just where the plant needs it and weeds are not getting watered

Have fun creating your landscape plan!

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NGC Flower Show Schools are coming to Boise beginning April 2018!

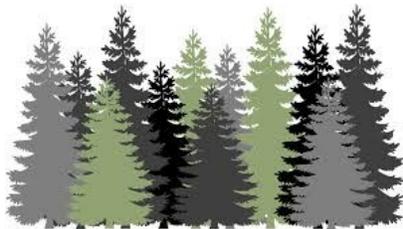
Are you interested in learning about excellence in horticulture, artistic floral design and flower shows? If your answer is YES, join us for a series of two-day courses sponsored by Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. and the Treasure Valley Flower Show Judges' Council. This program offers valuable information presented by instructors certified by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The series of two-day courses will take place in April and September, 2018; and January and May 2019. The classes are designed to stimulate interest and teach how to grow and cultivate plants, specific floral designs, train prospective judges and to encourage educational flower shows of high caliber. Members and non-members may take any, or all, of the classes in order to enrich their knowledge of horticulture, floral design and flower show procedure whether or not they intend to become a judge. The courses can be taken in any order after Course I. Students completing all four courses, and related requirements, are eligible for accreditation as Standard Flower Show judges with certification from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

We are proud to host two exceptional Instructors for Course 1: Dorothy Yard, NGC National Chairman of Flower Show Schools and Barbara May, author and past president of National Garden Clubs, Inc. We encourage you to join us on April 12-13, 2018 for Course 1. For information and to register, contact Pat Baker at patbaker@cablone.net or 208.870.1299.



Penny Pines



This is a project of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

These donations are used by the USDA Forest Service or State Forester to replant burnt or otherwise damaged trees in conjunction with federal funds. Seedlings are replacement and/or trees native to that particular area not necessarily of the pine variety. In order for your donation to be properly noted, please fill out the adjacent form.

In addition, each club has its own Penny Pines Box to collect loose change at the meetings.

Thank you for your participation in this wonderful program which helps

PLANT, PROTECT, and PROMOTE
the beauty of our country.

Per FS Agreement No. 15-MU-11132425-090 January 2015 Penny Pines Form

Mail check and copy of form to:

National Garden Clubs, Inc, National Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110-3406

Questions: headquarters@gardenclub.org

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Adjusted Newsletter Deadlines: If you are scheduled to cover a particular issue, please try to keep to the deadlines. Event dates should be covered within the particular issue. You may submit event dates an issue ahead for May, August, November, and February to be sure your event is covered.

Newsletter	Articles Due By	Publish by	Months Covered
Spring 2018	May 1, 2018	May 15, 2018	May, June, July
Summer 2018	July 15, 2018	August 1, 2018	August, September, October
Fall 2018	October 15, 2018	November 1, 2018	November, December, January
Winter 2019	January 15, 2019	February 1, 2019	February, March, April

NATIVE WILDFLOWER

TRILLIUM OVATUM

When I was growing up in Western Washington, we often spent time in the woods. Whether with family or school, it was always enjoyable to walk through the trees, often drizzling with rain, smelling musty and fresh at the same time. I remember the lesson of recognizing the Douglas fir tree by the 'mouse feet and tail' on the cones and the Trillium flowers because they grew in 3s: 3 white triangular shaped petals, 3 sepals and 3 leaves, all meeting in the center at the stem. We were allowed to pick up the cones and

even take them home, but lived in awe at the warning to never pick a Trillium. It was even against the law. This is still true in Washington and several other states, but only on public land.



According to the USDA plants database, there are 38 native species of Tril-

lium in North America. *T. ovatum* grows up and down the west coast and into Idaho, Canada, and several Rocky Mountain states. They have white flowers that turn to reddish purple as the flower ages. Growing as a perennial herb spreading by means of underground rhizomes, they prefer a rich forest floor and partial shade under such trees as grand fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, big leaf maple, red alder and Sitka spruce.

According to flowerinfo.org, the trillium flower has a long history of medicinal and culinary uses. Native Americans ate the cooked greens. Some tribes also used the roots or other parts medicinally to treat female reproductive issues, skin ulcers, stomach complaints, lung ailments and fevers. Perhaps because of these healing attributes, trilliums are given as a gift to represent healing. They also symbolize the joys of spring since this is when they bloom.

The first time I visited a particular forest near Kami-ah, it took my breath away. It was early spring.

It looked and smelled like the coastal Western Washington rain forests of my childhood: cedar trees, ferns, moss, mushrooms – a dense wet forest bursting with diversity. Interspersed with wild flowers and heavily decorated with 3 petal white Trillium. It was here that I first noticed how the petals turn a purplish-red as they age. This photo was taken in early May of 2017. After the local fires of 2015, the Trillium had burst into abundance under the remnants of burnt trees.

By July, a fleshy pale green fruit forms with yellow-green seeds inside. Eventually, the sticky seeds fall out where they attract ants that carry them back to their nest and germinate next spring. The following year it will send up a single leaf. It may take up to six years for it to first flower. Many sources say it is a very sensitive plant, and that picking either the leaves or flower may kill the plant. For this reason, it is recommended that if gardeners would like to include them in wildflower gardens, they should purchase them from a reputable nursery that propagates their own plants rather than dig them from the woods. They transplant best in late summer and grow well in rich soil with plenty of leaf mold in partial shade.

Linda Morrison, Native Plants Co-Chairman

Trillium ovatum. According to Valley Garden Club member, Nan Vance, a native plant specialist, you can see in the photo the flower has already been pollinated and the carpel is beginning to develop. I caught it shortly before the petals dropped off.

First Snow of the Season, January 1, 2018



Jeri Nixon, VGC

RECYCLE FOR THE GOOD

Jeanne Ensley from HVGC came up with this novel idea to recycle a boot and an IDAHO license plate. She says the wrens love their new home.



Other ideas for recycling items can be found at:

Terra Cotta Fountain

<http://blog.gardenloversclub.com/diy/how-to-build-a-terra-cotta-fountain/>

Recycled Garden Ideas

<http://www.birdsandblooms.com/backyard-projects/recycled-garden-ideas/>

Garden Recycle Ideas

<https://www.pinterest.com/maryk77/garden-recycle-ideas/>

Frugal Gardening recycling ideas

<https://themicrogardener.com/frugal-gardening-5-thrifty-recycling-ideas/>

Gardening with recycled items

<https://www.designrulz.com/design/2015/01/diy-40-ideas-gardening-recycled-items/>

Recycle for a more sustainable garden

<https://www.growveg.com/guides/10-ways-to-recycle-for-a-more-sustainable-garden/>

A Horticulture Symposium “Rethinking Idaho Landscapes”

A presentation by the University of Idaho Extension along with the Idaho Botanical Gardens will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the BSU Special Events Center. Local and regional experts offer tips for productive, attractive year-round landscapes and recommendations for plants suited for Idaho’s climate and soils. Topics include Landscape Winter Interest, Spring is for Planting Idaho Seeds, Summer Perennials, and Creating and Caring for Stunning Fall Gardens. Master Gardeners and IBG members receive a \$10 discount.—\$40.00, non-members \$50.00 includes a box lunch. To register by phone (208) 343-8649 (9:00—5:00) or online at www.idahobotanicalgarden.org Click on Education, go to Adult Education, then Rethinking Idaho Landscapes. Code needed for free parking in Lincoln Garage sent by email or over the phone.

TIPS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

REGARDING SUBMISSIONS

Please send all pictures as JPEG’s. It is easier for me to work with the images. Any text that is sent should be put into a word document and removed from any text boxes. A fair amount of copy came in text boxes and made it difficult for me to cut and paste. This took significant time. Please eliminate the text boxes.

I am using the latest edition of Word (2016) and Publisher in Office 365. Therefore any older editions of Word will work as well. The font is Times New Roman 12 for the most part, but I can easily change the font and size.

Thanks so much. Please use GEM Newsletter in the subject line so I can easily find the submissions in my e-mail.

Also, please let your extension offices have my e-mail address in case they are planning any classes or events that they would like to post in our newsletter. Thanks.

-Kathy Cassin, katschlot@gmail.com



Latah County,
Kathy Cassin, HVGC

LOCAL GARDEN CLUB NEWS And EVENTS

MOSCOW GARDEN CLUB

Social Begins at 12:45 pm
Meetings Begin at 1:00 pm
Programs Begin at 2:00 pm

February 14, 2018, Latah County Fairgrounds
Program: Dr. Paul Warnick, Director of the UI Arboretum, Guest speaker

March 14, 2018, Latah County Fairgrounds
Start planning for the May 12 Plant Sale
Program: Dr. Doug Young, author of "Vegetables Are People, Too," a biweekly Saturday gardening article in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News

April 11, 2018, Latah County Fairgrounds
Program: Dr. David Bencoter and "The Lost Apples of Whitman County"

May 9, 2018, Latah County Fairgrounds
12:00 noon End-of-the Year Potluck
Last-minute for the Plant Sale on Saturday

NEZPERCE GARDEN CLUB

In late April or early May Nezperce Garden Club members will attend the Nezperce City Annual Arbor Day celebration. Also an informational table will

In April Nezperce Garden Club will also celebrate "Daffodil Days" as the community of Nezperce is abloom with the spring flower and weekly will publicize the virtues and facts of a "true survivor," known as a symbol of Spring and rebirth.

February 11, 2018 Midway Foods

1:00 pm Bake Sale

Profits to be used for Scholarship

February 20, 2018 Community Center

2:00-4:00 pm High Tea and Crumpets

By invitation only.



NAMPA GARDEN CLUB

As summer drew to a close and fall was on the horizon the Nampa Garden Club turned its thoughts to Christmas. I know it sounds crazy but it was time to start working on decorations for the tree we were donating to the Nampa "Festival of Trees". This community fund raiser for Meals on Wheels has been an annual project for our club for many years. It takes several monthly craft meetings where all the members work on making the ornaments and several take items home to work on them as well.

Our theme this year was "Magical Winter Garden", and our entry description went like this:

The magic of Christmas is reflected in this garden themed tree nestled beside a gardener's dream potting bench. The tree is adorned with many hand crafted ornaments, frosted branches and sparkling poinsettias. You will find tucked in the branches whimsical owls and snow capped bird houses. The watering can topper has cascading ice crystals flowing through the tree.

I hope the picture shows you just how beautiful the tree turned out. The potting bench was built by John Frederickson and donated by his mother Diane who is a member of our club. I have to confess that I coveted the bench and since it was in my garage for several weeks I thought about using the "possession is nine points of the law" adage but then I had to let it go.

We received a First Place ribbon, the "Mayors Award" and raised \$2,500 at auction.

I want to personally thank our planning committee and all the members for their hard work and gift of time to this project. We had so much fun making the ornaments and the ones not used were given away at our club Christmas party.

Club President—Charlene Hammons

LOCAL GARDEN CLUB NEWS And EVENTS (con't)

NAMPA TO HOST SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU VISIT OUR Southwest District GCII Facebook Page for Updates, Events, and Tips. It is getting more and more interesting each day.



2018 GCII STATE CONVENTION

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. (GCII) 2018 State Convention will be held June 10-12, 2018, is in the works!!! Our Convention will be held in Nampa this year and the City of Nampa is excited that we chose their City for our Convention. Attending our Convention as guest is our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves. We are very excited to have her as our honored guest and hoping you all come and show her what Idaho is all about.

Linda Halstead will be sending out a letter to **all the Club members in February to let you know** what will be going on at the Convention. **Registration will follow in the March Newsletter and via email also.** Everyone on the Committee are very excited about the Convention! Come one!!!! Come all!!!!

TROWEL & ERROR GARDEN CLUB

Trowel & Error Garden Club has been very quiet for a change this quarter. We have been sitting in on the Rain Garden committee which is expecting to break ground in Spring 2018 and start to get involved with the community to plant native plants.

We are working on building our membership to our club and in the schools education of horticulture.

HILL and VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

As the song goes “**Spring is in the Air**”. We have had some glorious days of sunshine but Punxsutawney Phil said winter is not over. So we will have more snow and rain until we can begin our spring planting. But it’s not too early to start planning, whether it is a vegetable or flower garden or maybe planting a few trees. As you get ready to plan please consider what plants will not only be bountiful and beautiful but will also attract our garden friends. No, I don’t mean deer, rabbits or moles. A key to a wonderful garden is including plants that attract honey bees, box bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators. Providing the correct food sources for pollinators will have a significant impact in our gardens. Another impact on our gardens is the pesticides used. Caution should be taken when determining the pesticides that have the minimal impact on plants and pollinators. A great resource is the University of Idaho-[WWW. UId.edu](http://www.UId.edu).

We also should look around our communities for areas that we can plant shrubs, trees and flowers to beautify our communities. A community garden can draw visitors to our beautiful rural communities. The H&VGC members’ goal this year is to **Beautify our Communities**. The club can help purchase plants, trees and shrubs but we need community support to identify great locations and help water during our hot summer months. Please engage in our community effort to make J-K a place that the city folks will come see what makes us special. We have planted some trees and shrubs in the past but watering and maintaining them has been a challenge. We are hoping the city councils and residents will join us in making a community that its residents, businesses and local governments will be proud to welcome visitors to our amazing wonders of **the Kendrick-Juliaetta and the 7 Ridges**.

Southeast District

Seasons greetings from Southeastern Idaho. Idaho Falls Garden Club and Roberts Town and Country Garden Club would like to wish all our garden club friends throughout the state a belated Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roberts Town and Country Garden Club has been busy trying to make our little town more presentable by getting two stones ordered and placed at the entrances off the interstate and highway 48. We were aided with this project from the city who provided the cement platforms for the stones. Once potato harvest was over we had one of the area farmers bring us top soil so we could plant shrubs around the stones.

Our city maintenance man sprayed around the stones to kill any grass and weeds. Then he placed the dirt so we could plant the shrubs.

We chose plants from our yards, LaVern's yard (our founder in whose honor the stones were placed), and purchased shrubs that would provide color during all four seasons. In the spring we will lay lawn fabric down with decorative stones to finish off our project.

Roberts Town & Country Garden Club hosted the southeast District meeting in October. The theme was pumpkins. Our dinner consisted of pumpkin soup, pumpkin chili, pumpkin cake and pumpkin punch. All members were encouraged to send in their favorite pumpkin recipes of which a cookbook was made and given to those who attended the meeting. We made flower arrangements with small pumpkins as the vase, grasses and weeds were harvested from nearby ditch banks as fillers, and purchased flowers gave each arrangement some color. Fun was had by all.

Our community has a Community Christmas Party of which our garden club participates. A dinner, program and Santa are all part of the evenings festivities. This helps to unify our town and the people who live here. be getting together and having a little fun.

Both our clubs will be meeting at Janice Zabriski's home for a Christmas party on December 16th.



Lasagna will be served with members bringing salads and gifts for a gift exchange. We are excited to be getting together and having a little fun.

- Molly Graeber

STATE WINTER RETREAT MEETING

- ◆ First Zoom meeting with 21 people in and out of the meeting either by computer or phone access
- ◆ Governance
 - GTEP paperwork completed for IRS
 - Policy and Procedures Manual, committee formed to review, standardize the forms and procedures
 - Two amendments are to come before the convention
 - Reactivate Bylaws and Procedures Committee
- ◆ Annual Meeting Report from Linda Halstead
- ◆ Communications
 - Review of online forms
 - Kathy Cassin reported on changes to the News letter you will begin to see with this issue
- ◆ Education
 - Presidential Guide (article in newsletter)
 - Flower Show School—40 participants are needed to participate (article in newsletter)
 - March Flower Show discussed, volunteers needed
- ◆ Membership
 - Each club encouraged to develop a club brochure
 - One person = One membership
 - Membership form is online
 - Associate Membership form developed
 - New club to receive \$100.00 start-up money

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| Saturday, 3rd | 11:00 am- 1:00 pm | For the Love of Growing
Onsen Farm Tour, Buhl ID
http://www.onsenfarm.com/
Contact Debbie Burke: 208-969-0981 |
| Wednesday, 7th | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | For the Love of Growing Meeting (FLOG)
Dekker's Machine Shop, Jerome, ID
Contact Debbie Burke: 208-969-0981 |
| Sunday, 11th | 1:00 pm | Bake Sale Nezperce Garden Club |
| Wednesday, 14th | | Dr. Paul Warnick, UI Arboretum
Moscow Garden Club Meeting |
| Thursday, 15th | | "Beyond Honey Bees– An Introduction to Native Bees"
For more info: pollenteer@gmail.com Judy Snow
Bee City, ID |
| Tuesday, 20th | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | High Tea and Crumpets by invitation
Nezperce Garden Club |
| Thursday, 22nd | 7:00 PM | Winter Wildlands Lecture Series: CuMo Mines & Boise's
Watershed (How to get involved)
Idaho Fish & Game Trophy Room, Boise, ID
For more info Contact Rich Rusnak (208-384-1023) |
| Saturday, 24th | 9:00 am—3:30 pm | A Horticulure Symposium
Rethinking Idaho Landscapes
BSU Special Events Center
(see Notice on page 12) |
| Tuesday, 27th | 11:30 am- 2:00pm | Potluck and Holiday Gift Exchange
Hill & Valley Garden Club Meeting |

MARCH

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| Thursday, 8th | | "Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides in our Urban
Landscapes"
For more info: pollenteer@gmail.com Judy Snow
Bee City, ID |
| Saturday, 10th | 10 am - 2:00 pm | "A Community of Gardners"
Edward's Greenhouse, Boise, ID |
| Wednesday, 14th | | Dr. Doug Young "Vegetables Are People, Too"
Moscow Garden Club Meeting |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (con't)

MARCH

Wednesday, 14th 6:30 - 8:30 pm For the Love of Growing Meeting (FLOG)
Fairview Veterinary Center, Buhl, ID
Contact Debbie Burke: 208-969-0981

Thursday 15th 8:30 AM /Registration Clearwater District Spring Meeting
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Kooskia Community Center, Valley Garden Club
\$10.00 Registration—Lunch RSVP March 7th

BIRDS and BLOOMS

Guest Speakers: Roger and Janice Inghram

Friday - Sunday 23rd-25th Fri & Sat 10 am - 8 pm Boise Flower & Garden Show
Sun 11 am - 5 pm Boise Centre
Admission charge Adults \$8.00, Youth \$3.00 (12-17yrs)
Discount Coupons Available February 23rd
<http://www.gardenshowboise.com/location>

Monday, 26th 9:00 AM/Registration Southwest District Spring Meeting
9:30 am - ? Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene
Meridian, ID
\$18.00 Registration—Lunch
Earlybird registration \$15.00 RSVP March 15th
“WELCOMING POLLINATORS to the GARDEN”

Tuesday, 27th 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Making Creative Arrangements Each member brings 3
items to create an arrangement.
Hill & Valley Garden Club Meeting

APRIL

Wednesday, 11th Dr. Davis Bencoter “The Lost Apples of Whitman
County” Moscow Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, 12th “Planting for Pollinators in our Yards and Communities”
For more info: pollenteer@gmail.com Judy Snow
Bee City, ID

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th **COURSE I NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL**
Best Western Vista Inn, Boise, ID
Optional Exam
(See article on page 9 for contact information)

Saturday, 14th

Wednesday, 24th 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Hill & Valley Garden Club Meeting

