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Exercise Your Whimsy

By Jo Turpin

I have always been a little leery of those people who appear to be 'crusaders' of one sort or another. That is, until I became one myself. It all started with an iron railing. My neighbor was doing some remodeling and had placed several pieces of decorative wrought iron railing into a pile he was building for the landfill. A little light went on. Aha, I could turn that railing upright and use it as a trellis for my clematis! And so I did.

I have always thought that gardeners were some of the most imaginative people you could ever meet, and earth friendly too. What a wonderful combination! And what a perfect opportunity to rescue items bound for the landfill and to give them a new life in a garden. Some of the ideas I have come across include:

- * Buying large mirrors at yard sales and mounting them on fences and walls to make small yards and gardens appear larger.
- * Using old gates to create ornamental 'doors' in hedges
- * Taking a huge long tree trunk and sawing it into large slabs for a pathway
- * Fastening various sized window frames on the side of a shed with ivy and Purple Leaf Wintercreeper growing around the frames
- * Sawing old tree trunks into various heights (12"-18" or more) and using them as stands for pots, containers and statuary, or as an impromptu garden seat
- * Using ornamental fencing to create a fence, or animal barrier, around a garden area
- * Placing old garden implements like ploughs and water pumps in a garden as décor. Old wagon wheels work well too!
- * Using old, leaky galvanized tubs, washtubs and large buckets as containers
- * Rescuing used brick from construction sites for building walls, wishing wells, edging, and pathways or as a way to shade plant roots from the heat
- * Utilizing leftover wood from building projects for making birdhouses, building cold frames, raised beds, and any number of good things



- * Using a wood or iron railing for a great trellis, plant support in the garden or as support for netting, row covers, and even raspberries
- * Putting old bed frames (especially child sized) to work. They may be the perfect flower bed and can add a new dimension to any garden nook or be a focal point in the garden

Nearly anything can become a container; my great grandmother kept all of her old tea kettles and planted hens and chicks in them and placed them around the garden. Whatever it is, think twice before you throw it out. If a gardener can't find a new use for an old item then it truly is a candidate for the landfill. Use your imagination, give your whimsy a workout, save a tea kettle, and have some fun too.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Stephen LeCheminant

Hello, Hello!

This article is going to be short and sweet. Well, at least short. It's hard to believe that five months of 2007 have come and gone. The month of May has really flown by so much so I almost forgot about the newsletter. If not for Jenny reminding me, it probably wouldn't have gotten done.

Once again I want to thank everyone who came out to our last meeting at the 42nd Street Nursery. It's a relatively small nursery, but it was a very enjoyable evening and very interesting to see and hear how a nursery works. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that we never know about. Thanks again to Cheri for lining that up for us.

I'm writing this article while I am sitting on the patio in my backyard enjoying the cooler temperatures and watching the robins and sparrows landing in my yard feasting on worms from my freshly dug flower beds and taking a drink from the whiskey barrel fountain. One is even enjoying the bird bath. As I am sitting here enjoying all of this, I wonder how much of gardening is nature doing her thing and just letting us play in the dirt and taking credit for all of her wonders. It's like starting seeds. We place a few seeds in the soil or some other medium, maybe provide a little heat, and nature does her thing. The seed sprouts and we are as proud as a new parent.

Anyway, it's just a thought. It is a good time of year to be out enjoying gardening. Also, it's a good time to be working at one of the projects as well.

I hope to see you at our meeting in June and shortly after that on July 19th at our Summer Social.

*A perfect summer day
is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken.*

- James Dent



By Maggie Shao, Extension Horticulturist

I wanted to share with you the progress of one of the new projects this year. The Jail Horticulture program at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Adult Detention Center is going strong. On May 21, we held a nice ceremony on the 2-acre garden plot for the first 10 graduates of the program. This horticulture program is based on the Master Gardener curriculum, where the students learn the same classroom material and apply it directly in the garden by laying drip irrigation, preparing the soil, planting seeds, weeding, harvesting. Special thanks to Master Gardener Apprentices Kathy Dennis, Blair Johnson, Drue Summerville, and Steven Finlinson who are the regulars – assisting in hands-on teaching in the vegetable garden.

The radishes at the jail garden are ready to harvest (the ones left over after the inmates have eaten their fill – I don't begrudge them since they don't get anything fresh from the cafeteria) and the 110 rows of bubble irrigation tape (one of the last big projects for Sherm Fox, who also taught and helped us out before he retired) provide water to the carrots, beets, beans, corn, potatoes, squash, melons, pumpkins that have been planted. About 2 weeks ago, over 600 tomato plants and 350 pepper plants were planted! WOW! These seedlings were grown at the Cache County Jail greenhouse that has also started a horticulture program. John Kalasky had some extra heirloom seedlings he donated to the jail garden. The produce from this garden will be sold at the Farmers Market, and proceeds will go back into the program for buying seeds and other inputs for continuing the program. So if you are visiting the Farmers Market at Pioneer Park, stop by the SL County Metro Jail table and buy your veggies. We are growing the veggies organically so I'm so pleased with this program.

A year ago it was just an idea, and now for it to be growing and the graduates so proud of their accomplishments and with a certificate to show their achievement and success is very exciting. One of the great benefits for participants is the mental and physical therapy of working with the soil and seeing things grow. Many of the inmates are also working on their high school diploma, and this certificate can be counted as 2 credits towards their diploma.

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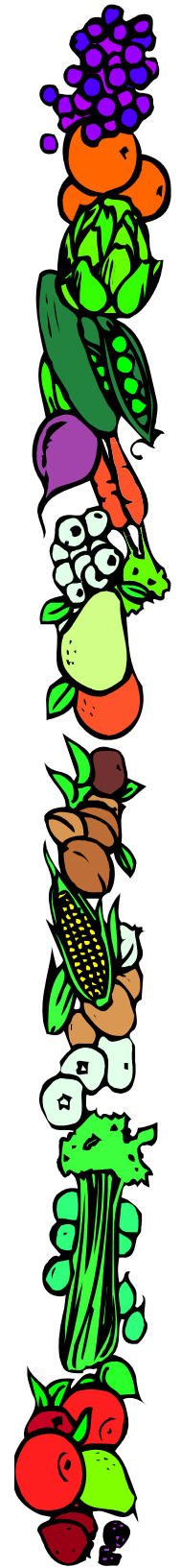
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I'd really like to recruit some volunteers to help Lisa Chin with the Wheeler Farm Veggie Garden Day Camp sessions. This will be 10 weeks, every Tuesday at 10 a.m. You can help 50 city kids every week learn about the wonders of plants and how veggies grow. We need gardeners for the future and what a great opportunity to cultivate them. The dates for the Wheeler Veggie Day Camps are: June 12, 19, 25; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14. Please contact Lisa Chin at something_clever@msn.com

Also the Annual Master Gardener Conference (mini-college) will be held June 8-9 in Utah County. For the schedule and registration, thanks to Amy Hargreaves who has put information on the web at <http://www.utahmastergardener.org/index.html>.

There are lots of open spots in June for volunteers. I know Peg Crowley could use help out at Magna Elementary. Remember the information about volunteer projects and dates can be found on our Salt Lake County Extension website: <http://extension.usu.edu/saltlake> and click on Master Gardener Volunteers to get to the MG webpage. There is the **salt lake mg calendar** link on the right hand side and will take you to an on line calendar with many of the events for the summer.

I've included a brief listing of some events for June and the summer.



Date	Project	Leader	Contact Info
1 st and 3 rd Mondays each month 5:30-7:30pm	Tracy Aviary – Evening volunteer opportunity in addition to Sunday mornings at Tracy Aviary	Matthew Utley	MathewU@TracyAviary.org
Sat. June 2 Noon-2pm	Diagnostic Clinic at Cactus & Tropicals, 12252 S Draper Gate Dr (1325 E), Draper	Diane Nielsen	nielnose@juno.com
Sat. June 2 9am	University of Utah Arboretum Tour with Julie Myers & Ann Scott	Julie Myers	jscott63@comcast.net
Mon. June 4 1-4pm	First USU/MG Diagnostic Clinic of the season at 2001 S. State S1007/8, SLC, every Monday through August	Maggie Shao	maggies@ext.usu.edu
Tue. June 5 10am-noon	Orientation for Wheeler Farm Day Camp Veggie Garden Teachers	Lisa Chin	something_clever@msn.com
Sat. June 16	Farmers Market MG Booth Pioneer Park	Karen Crook	
Sat. Jun 23 8am-2pm	Conservation Garden Park Fair (JVWC) 8215 S 1300 W	Ethel Olson	eolson943@comcast.net
Sat. June 30	Farmers Market MG Booth Pioneer Park	Karen Crook	

THRILLED, HAPPY AND PLEASED

By Val Chatwin

The County Fair Book is on the web this year. They are not sending it to past enterers as they used to. They will send one but you have to request it. On the web go to Salt Lake County Fair 2007. I still have room for some people to help on Wed. morning from 7 to noon. Email me valray@netutah.net.

The meeting at the 42nd Street Nursery was really interesting and fun. They have four greenhouses behind an innocent looking resident. It used to be horse corrals right in the middle of Salt Lake City. Now she gets patented geraniums that are absolutely gorgeous and many other annuals and vegetables to sell. Go there! Karen Crook has bought her annuals there for years. They supply Murray Park and several other large accounts. I bought more tomatoes and peppers. She gave us each a tomato plant with an unusual variety name. I can't wait to see how it turns out.

Our two new chicks, Sadie and Sophie, are teenagers and feathered out. They are both going to look like pheasants. They've been small enough that they just walk through the chain link fence. Their poor mother, Goldy, would walk along the inside and call them back. At first they stayed fairly close on the grass strip between the fence and the garden and of course if it was cold they would go in and snuggle up. But as they've gotten older they've have started ranging further and further away. At the fence she warns them of the dangers out there but being typical teenagers they wouldn't listen.

Our daughter's family live in Washington, in the Columbia River gorge area, where it rains all the time. Our grandson Luke is living with us here while working. His goal became to find where Sadie and Sophie were getting out and stop it. Their pen has two gates and we knew it was through the one we sold to UDOT (who is going to widen 10400 South sometime in the future. It won't be for awhile. Last summer I only planted a few dispensable things on their land; this year I have it covered with pumpkins and corn. I don't think they will get to us before September.) Luke's got bricks along the bottom, feed bags on the sides, net everywhere, and every other open space filled with dried sunflower stalks. He even had the loppers in a hole that is half way up the fence, and they would still get out. They were not flying over either. He'd come home from work and the first thing he would ask is, "Well, did the chicks get out today?"

I'd admit they had so he would go out there and examine it some more and add some more barriers. Then they got so they could get out but couldn't get back in. So that meant a human had to go out often and get them back

in. At first it was chase down and trap. They were very hard to catch. Then they discovered that green grass is nice but cracked corn is much more filling, and when a human wasn't around for hours they'd get hungry and couldn't get into the feed. That made it easier; they wanted to get it. But they didn't know that there is only one opening and it has to be opened by the human and they'd run the other way. Finally I sweet-talked them into coming toward me and the gate magically opened three inches. Then it got so that any human could go out and they would go to the gate and get in. Then the big day came! May 15! When Sadie was too big and couldn't get out! Two days later Sophie couldn't get out. Goldy was so happy, and Luke doesn't need to check the chicken pen first thing when he got home from work.

Now let me tell you what the landscaping problems are in Washington state where my daughter and family live, beside lots and lots of moles. Moss has to be power washed off stuff and the enormous blackberry bramble had to be reduced with a caterpillar blade. Their property is on a stream and pond where salmon come to spawn and there are a lot of critters. She is the gardener, like me. She planted two trees the right distance apart for a future hammock. One morning she went out and during the night one tree had completely disappeared. What in the world could have happened to it? There is a beaver community in the pond. Utah gardening sounds better now, doesn't it?

Does anything ever happen to you that you have dreamed about for years and then when it happens you are absolutely thrilled, and can't believe it has finally happened? Kind of like Christmas coming or the baby finally arriving, but longer? Well that happened to me this month.

The first indication was when our dear neighbor mentioned that they were going to cut down the Siberian Elm tree. Well, I didn't get too excited. People make plans and it can take years for them to come to fruition.. Then one day the lovely husband drove up in a contraption.

He is in construction and drives home strange machines every once in a while. He parked a Bobcat on a trailer out in the street for a week right to the left of our mail box, so the mailman had to get out and walk the mail to our mailbox. (Our mailman is the most patient man.)

This contraption was a platform with a bucket on a long arm used to lift people up to work on wires or poles. He had his brother there too and he got in the bucket with a chain saw and actually started sawing the branches off that awful tree. The bucket could be maneuvered anywhere with the controls in the bucket. It was amazing. I was thrilled.

When the weather got so hot the second week of May I took off the water walls from the tomatoes plants. I had a hard time getting them in to the wire cages; they had grown a foot and a half out of the tops of the water walls. I have been able to set tomatoes on most of the plants with lots of blossom on them. I also found about a dozen ripe tomatoes on some of the early plants, so that was a bonus. The shelling peas have lots of pods and blossoms showing, the edible peas are just starting to bloom. So it will not be long until they are ready to start harvesting.

The spinach was ready to start cutting but with the hail storm and the leaf miners I was only able to get a bag full to eat the rest of a five gallon bucket full went into the compost pile. I was at home when the hail storm hit and it didn't look like it was doing any damage. The lettuce was ok but the tomato plants spinach and beats took the most damage. The tomato plants quickly got over the damage and I have been able to get a lot of fruit set on them all ready.

After taking my chipper shredder in for some repairs, I was told that there were no parts available for it, other than spark plugs and air filters. It only lasted a short time and then it died on the job. I have had it about 18 years and I have put a lot of material through it. Other than my lawn mower that is the second most used power equipment I have, so I need to look for another one.

That is not the only death in the family this spring. Our dog Muggsy died. He spent a lot of time watching me work in the garden and very seldom came on to the garden. I told my wife no more dogs. I guess I got overruled. We have a new puppy running the yard. Willey is his name. He is a miniature schnauzer and loves it outdoors. He likes to chew in the lawn and dig it up, but the plant he likes the best is the bleeding heart. It was beautiful until he found he could jump up and grab the stems with the blossoms on them and strip them from the plant. Now he is trying to eat the stems. I hope they are not poisonous.

For the past few years I have had some yellowing leaves in one of my apple trees, this year it has spread to all of my trees. We had a plant disease identification class at the Salt Lake Peace Garden and I found out the trees had a virus. There is nothing I can do for them. Where did it come from? About 16 years ago we had an apple tasting class at Mark Red's place on Vine Street, and he showed us how he grafted his apple trees. The following year I went on a pruning demonstration at his orchard and he let me save some scion wood. He had over 80 varieties of apples. Now I find out that all of his apple trees have the same problem. I can teach the grafting class but I cannot share the scion wood from my trees anymore. I don't know how it will affect the production of the trees; only time will tell.

On to a happier note, the broccoli has really been producing great with large heads. I plant 'Premium Crop' broccoli. The side shoots after the main head has been taken off are smaller but just as good and they will stay in production for a long time. The cauliflower will soon be ready to harvest also. I planted potatoes for the first time in



By Wm. Golden Reeves

many years and they are doing well. I had a spot I haven't planted tomatoes in for a long time so decided to give them a try.

I made pots from news paper and planted my squash and cucumbers in them to germinate. I placed them on the seeding mat in the basement and moved them out in to the sun before they got their first true leaves. That has worked very well this year. I found out that on squash, cucumbers, melons, and other similar plants if a root gets damaged in transplanting it will not replace the damaged root. Thus transplanting can stunt the growth of the plant. So I have learned a few things by taking the Advanced Master Gardener class this year. Knowledge is great if you have a use for it.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- Doug Larson

HELP WANTED

I am looking for a Master Gardener who would like to have the monthly assignment of copying and mailing *The Garden Patch*. It would involve being available for about 3 to 4 hours in the daytime on a weekday a few days before the end of each month. I would deliver the newsletter master and the labels to you. You would take them to Kinko's on State Street in Sandy, run the copies, fold, tape, and label them and take them with the completed mailing permit to the Sandy post office. You would pay for the copying and postage, but would of course be reimbursed by SLMGA. You would need to have it done and to the Post Office before 4 p.m. on a weekday.

This would be a nice job for a couple or just one person. As it does not involved getting your hands dirty, you would still need to do other volunteer projects if you are still working on your first 40 hours.

Contact Jenny at gardenpatch2@juno.com if you are interested.

Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinic, Cactus & Tropicals, Saturday June 2, noon to 2pm

12252 S Draper Gate Dr (1325 E), Draper

Project Leader: Diane Nielsen, Email:

nielnose@juno.com

This is an offsite location of our popular plant problem diagnostic clinic. Diane welcomes any assistance from MGs and MG Apprentices who can help diagnosis plant problems, as well as provide information and resources on gardening.

People Helping People Garden Tour, Saturday June 9, 10am to 2pm.

Various garden locations near the Capitol and Federal Heights, Salt Lake City

Project Leader: Barbara Larsen, Email:

endlesspromos1@msn.com

We need 14 MGs or MG Apprentices who will be stationed at each of the gardens on the tour. The shift is from 10am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Primary responsibility will be to answer horticulture questions from those touring the garden. There may be an opportunity to preview the garden, so you can study up on the plants at their assigned garden. Please contact Barbara by May 25th to sign up. For more information about People Helping People Garden Tour go to: <http://www.mentors4women.org/>

Pioneer Park Farmer's Market

By Karen Crook

Many thanks to all the great volunteers who helped at our booth at Live Green on Library Square. We spoke with about 150 people and had a great time despite the wind. It was a great start to the season. Also, thanks to everyone who has signed up to help at Pioneer Park Farmer's Market.

garykarencrook@comcast.net or

CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE

By Peggy Call

There is not enough thanks to give to Barbara Braeden, Julie Bryant, and Cindy Gandy for their dependable and invaluable help at Christmas Box House.

They have been consistent, dependable, and have really learned the system. They are confident and have phenomenal skills working with children. They can just take over when needed, and each of them have done exactly that in the past month. Barbara, Julie and Cindy, I am so grateful, I cannot thank you enough.

Tracy Aviary, 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of the month, 5:30-7:30pm

589 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City

Project Leader: Matthew Utey, Email:

MatthewU@TracyAviary.org

In addition to Sundays, Matthew will also have a volunteer group on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Conservation Garden Park Fair, Saturday June 23, 8am to 2pm.

8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan

Project Leader: Ethel Olson, Email: eolson943@comcast.net

Theme for this garden fair is Landscaping. Jordan Valley Water Conservancy Demonstration Garden Fairs brings together vendors, gardening experts, classes, music and food for those interested in learning about water wise gardening. MGs will staff an information booth to answer questions, teach from an educational display, and provide information and resources on gardening.

Salt Lake County Fair Horticulture Contest, Wednesday August 15, 7am to noon.

10800 South 2200 West, South Jordan

Project Leader: Val Chatwin, Email: valray@netutah.net

Phone: 254-3357

Val needs volunteers to accept entries for the county fair horticulture contests. You will be taking down names, tagging cherry tomatoes to giant pumpkin entries, as well as helping attach ribbons to the winning entries. Lunch and parking will be provided.

Wheeler Farm Herb Garden

By LaWana Kosel

You need to come and see the Wheeler Farm Herb Garden! We have new herbs planted and new perennials on the way to plant. We are going to identify all the herbs and then make some nice descriptions of the herbs and how they are used. These pages will be laminated and placed in a book by the house where people can read and learn about them. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with creating the signs on the computer I would be grateful for your input. Once we have everything in place we will divide up the list and have anyone who is interested research each herb to get the information on them.

We have had some great participation at the garden and have been able to get a lot done. Any one else interested please contact me at lawanak_01@msn.com or just come and join us on Wednesday evening at 6:00p.m.

Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT

ON
Robert Sudbury



Most any chapter of Robert Sudbury's life would make a great book. One could be about the enduring love story that began with a set of circumstances leading Robert to be at a friend's house when a girl dropped off some paperwork. After one look at her, Robert decided, "I was sure she was someone I could get along with." Five weeks later they were married. The couple embarked on a thirty-year journey, much of it spent sailing. Their travel has included many an adventure from California to Mexico and the South Pacific. As skipper and cook on a charter boat, they supplemented their income by selling crafts and dabbling in other occupations.

The legal field is one of the Sudbury's many professions - Robert is a paralegal and his wife is an attorney. While in Samoa they opened a law office with no idea of the impact they'd have on the community. Taking the side of whistleblowers against a powerful corporation, they entered into litigation involving big money. Robert is proud, deservedly so, of seeing the sweatshop shut down and the owner convicted of slavery.

Following the example of his parents, Robert has grown a garden whenever ashore for any length of time. He tells how his early years of gardening were a whole different world from now. Working along with his parents, he weeded,

"Reluctantly." At that time Don and Bev weren't indulging in their magnificent flower gardens - they were more concerned with practical needs - like growing food.

Naturally, when the younger Sudburys moved back to the valley a few years ago Robert became a second-generation Master Gardener. Now Robert lays claim to a small vegetable garden. The relative size comes into question as he starts rolling off the crops. "Beans, corn, peppers, squash, pumpkins, and lots of onions and garlic." He ends, saying, "The usual." He moves on to talk of the yard, an experiment in waterwise gardening and native plants. Finally discussion turns to the larger portion of land where gardening begins in earnest.

Robert could inspire a how-to book for successful ventures. "I'm helping my mom and wife with their online business," he says. As commercial growers their website offers choices of daylilies from a collection of 400 cultivars.

Slowing down isn't in Robert's constitution. This summer he will again open a law office in partnership with his wife. After devoting some hours to an unfinished matter he's to receive a Bachelor's degree this term. And even his spare time is spent working - at a golf course - where he sheepishly concedes he can play free."

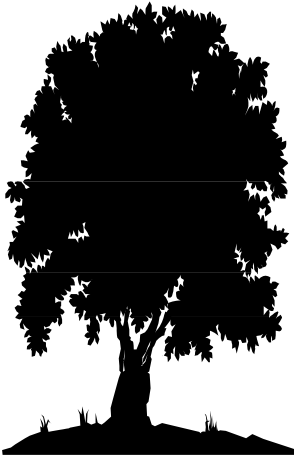


Bright gold as the sun at the dawn
A dandelion's glory's soon gone
Parasols in the breeze
Cover miles with great ease
Drifting down to take root in your lawn.

Don't know why they call dandelions weeds
When they're just what a little kid needs
To hold under a chin
And bring a big grin
Or to huff and puff parachute seeds.

--- Amy Hargreaves-Judzis





MURRAY PARK

Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the park office or call Becky Hansen for information. Remember that even if you didn't sign up and would like to come - you are always welcome!

COOKING WITH EVA DANIELS

Spring Greens: In many rural areas of the world, wild greens are an important source of vitamins and minerals. As we have traveled, we had very nice wild greens in several Mediterranean countries. Of course the greens we had in Europe are not the same as those we have here.

Pig Weed is an exception. We had pig weed cooked like young spinach every year in northern Idaho when I was young, and we still have one meal each spring if I get out soon enough to harvest the young plant leaves.

Harvest young tender pig weed leaves. Wash in several waters. They are usually very clean in the early spring - no bugs yet. Drain well. Saute in olive oil and garlic. Season to taste with salt and pepper. The flavor is so delicate nothing else is needed except a squeeze of fresh lemon.

Green Bean Chile: This is a north Idaho recipe. Make your usual chili recipe except use green beans (fresh, frozen, whatever) instead of dried beans. It is amazing how well the green beans pick up the wonderful flavor of the chili seasonings. The advantage of green beans over the dried beans is lower in calories and carbohydrates and very filling. There's another advantage, but it slips my mind right now . . .

Please Add
to Your
Membership
List:

Chris Farnell



Spring Garden Pasta

By Amy Hargreaves-Judzis

Carrots - sliced into 1/3 inch disks
Onion - sliced into 1/2 x 1 inch pieces
Green Garlic - finely diced
Chicken Breasts (one per person) - sliced into bite size pieces
Asparagus - cut in one inch pieces
Jar(s) of Alfredo sauce
Peas

There are no measurements on this so that it can be adjusted for the number of people you want to serve and personal taste. I prefer it with lots of veggies.

In a large sauce pan in olive oil sauté the sliced carrots. As the carrots cook, slice the onions then add them to the pan with the carrots. Finely dice the white and tender green parts of the green garlic then add to pan. Slice and add chicken breasts, stirring well. Cut up the asparagus and add it to the pan when the chicken has turned white. Stir all together for a minute or two then add Alfredo sauce. When Alfredo sauce is bubbling and the asparagus starts to turn tender, add the peas and cook for a couple more minutes. Add a grinding of fresh pepper.

Optional: Add peeled and deveined shrimp at the same time as the asparagus. If you do, decrease amount of chicken correspondingly. Or just use shrimp and skip the chicken. Cook until the shrimp is just opaque, then add the peas.

Serve over a multi-colored, robust, pasta like fusilli, rotelli or cellentani.

TRACY AVIARY

You can get volunteer hours at Tracy Aviary, 589 East 1300 South every Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:50 - 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Matthew Utley at

MatthewU@TracyAviary.org

See also www.tracyaviary.org

Utah AIDS Foundation

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. until sun-
down.

1408 South 1100 East

Fresh From the Heart

By Jenny Gibson and JoDeane Condrat

Wanted: Fresh, quality, home grown produce. Share the bounty of the harvest. If you grow your own, we want to encourage you to plant a little extra for sharing with the emergency food pantries this year. The pantry locations will be published in upcoming issues of *The Garden Patch*.

Please note that the food pantry list is basically the same as last year. However, some of the times may have changed, so call before you go in. We will try to have corrections in next month's issue. Also, the Indian Walk-In Center no longer accepts produce.

Count your volunteer hours spent harvesting and driving to and from the donation site. Thank you!!!

Donate Your Produce to Any of the Following:

SL CAP
4937 S. Commerce (300 West)
Murray
281-4937
T-Sat - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
261 South 900 East
322-5869
M-Thu - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crossroads Urban Center
347 South 400 East
364-7765
M-F - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Utah Aids Foundation
1408 South 1100 East
487-2323
Call for appointment

SL CAP Northwest
1300 West 300 North
359-8741
M-F - 8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Kearns First Baptist Church
4445 West 5175 South
968-1471
M, W-F - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SL CAP Redwood
3060 South Lester (1585 West)
972-6661
M-F - 8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Westvale Presbyterian Church
3610 South 4400 West
968-7992
Call for appointment

Granger Community Church
2600 West 3800 South
968-3301
M - 5:50 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SL CAP Magna
3041 South 8560 West
250-6414
M-F - 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SL CAP South County
8446 South Harrison (340 West)
255-3516
M-F - 8:30 a.m.-Noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Baptist Concern Center
1235 California (1330 South)
972-5708
M, W, Thu - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lifecare Services
1025 South 700 West
978-2452
Call for appointment

Utah Food Bank
1025 South 700 West
908-8660
M-F - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thanks for your support!

NOTES FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Hi everyone! Well, it's been another two months since my last article. We are finally back from Arizona. We had to leave behind our garden of two big 'Celebrity' tomato plants (my favorite) and two bell pepper plants (one disappeared, I think due to a hungry rabbit). I dug up one of the tomatoes trying to get it home to replant. I found that doesn't work; it was wilted by the time we got home. But the tomatoes are still ripening as I type, so we get a good one every two or three days.

Golden gave his old board a planter that he built out of old tires and painted desert scenes on them. I took mine down to Arizona and always put a tomato plant in it -- just for Golden. Anyway they were all starting to ripen real well when we left. I picked a half a strainer bowlful.

Ken and I took a two week Arizona Master Gardener class for 4 hours for two Saturdays. It was on desert landscaping and maintenance. We have been in Arizona for over 13 years but there is always something new to learn. It was funny because the first four hours I was bored because it was basic landscaping. Ken kept looking at me saying, "You already do that." (But it was great for Ken to learn) The next four hours was very interesting -- about desert plants. You have to keep in mind that we get up to 120 degrees sometimes during the summer. Something to keep in mind about Xeriscape plants here in our own area was that most plants will take in all the water that you give them and they can adapt to that, but instead of wasting the water you should only put on them what is suggested after they are established..

We cleaned out our pond after losing one fish this year because our pump stopped while we were gone and there was no air going into the pond. Luckily my turtle Angie is doing well and we are going to get her a boyfriend this week.

I caught what looks like a Two-Tailed Swallowtail Butterfly last week. It has about a 4 to 5 inch wing span, yellow black stripes with blue on the edges for the wings and rust brown on the bottom of the wing. I did catch a White-Lined Sphinx moth two months ago in Arizona. I think I already have one but the tail on my other is very dark and this one is very striped. It was feeding on my humming bird feeder at night so I was hoping it was a Humming Bird Moth. Well maybe next time. This past year I also caught a Gossamer Hairstreak Butterfly. They are very small and the best color is on the underneath. Interestingly enough when I was trying to find the names of moths I found the name of what I had thought was a butterfly and could never find the name, but I found out it was a Hag moth -- black and clear wings. I'll try to bring my box to the next meeting.

I finally got to Gilgal last week. The new class is doing a great job at showing up. What a difference a week makes. One week we were baking and the next it was cold. Welcome to Utah. Enough rambling for now. I hope to keep in touch. We are going to the Oregon coast for the whole month of July. Don't panic. I will still try to get the fundraising done before I leave with Barbara Larson and Teresa Rivera who helped last year I think we can stay on top of it.

Happy Gardening,
Traci Rich Dahle

Wheeler Farm Day Camp

Wheeler Farm has a day camp for kids during the summer, and this year we have been invited to share some gardening knowledge with the kids, ages 5 to 12 years old. We will be sharing a short lesson and then helping the kids to plant an herb or flower to take home and care for. Our MG class will be held at the Wheeler Farm Vegetable and Pumpkin gardens on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. (June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 31; August 7, 14)

An orientation for teachers will be held Tuesday, June 5th at 10 a.m. at the Wheeler Farm Vegetable Garden. If you are interested in volunteering to teach at one or all of these classes this summer, please contact Lisa Chin at something_clever@msn.com

Wheeler Farm Vegetable Garden

By Karyn Douglas

Bob Moss and I will be at the garden just about every Tuesday morning. Once the plants are growing, we will need help with weeding each week, and of course help with harvesting as well.

If you would like to volunteer with us please e-mail me at karyndouglas@yahoo.com. I will keep you informed of the times and jobs we have going on at the Veggie Garden.

Thrilled, Happy, and Pleased,

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This horrible tree planted itself beside their garage, too close to the foundation I thought. There were two trunks, with hundreds of branches, which created thousands of twigs, which fell in abundance all over my lawn and rock garden, which created millions of seeds that grew all over our whole place. There were so many seeds that we would sweep them out of the garage in piles and pick them up with a dustpan.

When I was doing spring clean up under the apricot tree, which is in the lawn, and under the grape vine hedge I pulled up at least thirty little trees. There were thirty more in the perennial bed and there was even one in a crack in the deck railing and a few in the garden. When the forsythia bloomed and then leafed out I noticed how full and green it was, more than usual. Oh no! It was three elm trees, taller than the bush that I had missed last year, thriving in it. I actually thought about saving them for the County Fair's new item in Floriculture, the longest weed. I wonder if the floriculturist judge would consider that a weed. I think Siberian Elms are weeds. It is about my third most troublesome weed. Only purslane and quack grass are worse.

And that is why this is such a momentous event for me, with the mother tree gone maybe my weeding chores will be cut in half. Two days he worked on delimiting it. The brother loaded those already seed laden branches on a trailer and took them away several times. I was thrilled. He notched one 20 ft. trunk to make it fall where they wanted it to, and they had a rope around it to guide it, but it still fell crooked and creamed their lilac.

It's been a couple of weeks and the two 10 foot tall trunks are still there. They are completely bare but not dead. It will sprout again. So I sure hope to see him out there cutting the rest down-- soon.

I am going to have a bounteous apricot crop so watch for the 'free apricot' notice on the web if you want some apricots this year.

**Check out the USU Extension
Web Site**

<http://extension.usu.edu/saltlake>

Follow the Master Gardener links

VOLUNTEER HOURS: WHAT COUNTS?

General Guidelines

1. Time worked on any Master Gardener-approved project. Please communicate with the project coordinator before and after working on the project, to learn which tasks have current priority and to report what you have accomplished.
2. Travel time to and from Master Gardener projects, speaking engagements, and board meetings.
3. Time spent fulfilling association assignments such as project coordinator, special committees, etc.
4. Time spent fulfilling an elected position on the executive board, including meeting time.
5. Reasonable time spent in preparation for a speaking assignment, as well as the time spent fulfilling the assignment.
6. Time spent in preparing a news article or doing other chores that help with publishing or distributing The Garden Patch and the Utah Master Gardener website.
7. If you donate volunteer hours to a community project other than a Board-approved Master Gardener project, the hours are subject to approval by the USU Extension Agent serving as the County Master Gardener coordinator.
8. If you volunteer at Master Gardener projects in another county, you should report your hours to that county's USU Extension Master Gardener coordinator. If that county does not have a Master Gardener program, or if the project has been scheduled as a multi-county cooperative effort, report your hours to your home county. If in doubt, please ask your USU Extension Master Gardener coordinator. **NO DOUBLE COUNTING OF HOURS.**
9. No time is counted for work in your own yard or a neighbor's yard.

Apprentice Master Gardeners

Non-certified students must complete 40 hours on SLMGA approved projects. Volunteer service hours must be in at least three different board-approved projects, one of which should include at least 10 hours. A majority of these first 40 hours **MUST** involve actual hands-on gardening: getting your fingers dirty. Exceptions are to be cleared through the USU Extension Master Gardener coordinator.

**When you have met your graduation
requirement of 40 hours, don't quit!
There is much more to learn and
work to accomplish!**

PROJECTS

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GILGAL GARDEN

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped at Gilgal this last month. You are great!! An invitation to any of you who would have time to join with us doing weeding, transplanting, trimming, etc. to get ready to plant a few seeds and annuals next month. We are using almost all of the garden tools you may want to bring. TUESDAYS FROM 3:00 TO 6:00. Love to all, Bev

Garden Tour Sign-ups

Many of you Master Gardeners have beautiful, inspirational, or just plain interesting gardens, be they vegetable, flower, fruit or flowering trees, containers, water features, or whimsical gardens. Maybe you stumbled upon an unusual way to display your favorite plants or share a framed view. We would love to see it. What better way to spend an evening, afternoon, or morning than to share you garden with your fellow Master Gardeners.

If you are willing to invite us to visit your garden sometime during the next few months, please contact Marcia Sherry at msherry114@aol.com.

If you have any questions or know of a Master Gardener who is shy about signing up, please let us know. Thanks!!!

Calendar

State Master Gardener Annual Conference (Mini-College)

Open to all Master Gardeners and Students
Thanksgiving Point
June 8-9

Thursday, June 21

Support Group

7:00 p.m. in the Classroom

Share with your fellow Master Gardeners what cylinders, stakes, tripods, poles, wires, and cords work best in your yard as plant supports. Bring samples, pictures, and ideas on staking plants.

July 19 - Summer Picnic
Murray Park
Iris Exchange

To see the latest issue of The Garden Patch online, plus past issues, go to:
<http://www.slmg.org/gardenPatchTOC.html>

THE GARDEN PATCH
is ON THE WEB at
www.slmg.org

Bulletin Board



“Swap and Shop”
and

“Garden Talk”
Bulletin Board

On the SLMG Web Site

You can now connect to the "Garden Talk" bulletin board, where there are topics for General Discussion, Swaps, For Sale, For Free, and whatever else tickles your fancy. If you have any questions, feel free to drop your trusty WebWench an e-mail at: webwench@slmg.org

You can access the Web Bulletin Board at www.utahmastergardeners.org/forum/index.php

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Annual Daylily Show and Plant Sale

**Saturday, June 30th
12:00 - 4:00**

Sugar House Garden Center

Hundreds of named cultivars will be on display and for sale, most for only \$5. Visit www.utahdaylily.org to learn how to submit an entry. Prizes for all youth entries.

MG Home Garden Tour

**Saturday, June 30th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Come see a terraced garden
on the Bonneville Glen.

Enjoy coffee and a morning stroll in the
garden and bird watching in the Glen
at

951 Diestel Road

Find Diestel Road from 1500 East and
Michigan Avenue or from 900 South
just east of Guardsman Way

State Arboretum of Utah Tour on the University of Utah Campus

Tour led by Master Gardeners Julie Myers and Ann Scott
**Saturday, June 2
9:00 am - 11:30 am**

Meet at the Utah Museum of Natural History
1390 E. Presidents Circle, University of Utah Campus

Directions:

Go north on 1300 East to 200 South, and turn right (East).

Proceed East for one block to University Street.

Turn right onto University Street, then turn left into Presidents Circle.

The Museum is the first building on the south corner of Presidents Circle,
on the west edge of the University of Utah campus.

Metered parking on the circle. Free on Saturday.

<http://www.umnh.utah.edu/museum/PlanVisit/streetMap.html>