

THE GARDEN PATCH



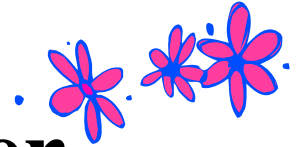
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Springtime on Kensington Corner



By Catherine New

In tax preparation season, white flutters down and dots the old cement patio - petals from two flowering pears by the garage. Yesterday's falling white actually was snow, falling under a vivid sun glowing through morning clouds. More "patio snow" will arrive in summer when the full-blown snowball bush poses an irresistible invitation for laughing summer snowball fights. Then at the end of summer, the snowberry bush will grace the fence with its white berries and simply noticing those "miniature snowballs" will have a cooling effect. Maybe the two previous families intentionally planted snowberry, snowball, and flowering pear for a snowy theme on the old cement patio. For a decade I've appreciated these plants for their luminescence at nighttime meals, conversation, lounging on the patio; only after ten years have I perceived this "snowy patio" pattern, and now I realize I unwittingly continued the theme with spring's earliest blooms - snowdrops, from neighborhood pass-along bulbs.

Snowdrops also line part of the sidewalk, and with overwintered white pansies help light the way for pre-dawn walkers and folks homeward bound from the bus stop after sunset. Before Easter, white violets and eggshell white tulips appeared while the snowdrops faded. Now white hyacinths emerge next to the city's new ramp at the corner, and I'm installing 'Easter Bonnet' white alyssum to take over for the pansies in hot weather. Early daisy foliage is flourishing and soon they'll add their radiance to the "footlights" around this corner. White gardening by the sidewalk helps light up the nighttime neighborhood, increases visibility for pedestrians, and even catches the eye and so slows down motorists rounding the corner - all in the spirit of the community council's goal for walkable neighborhoods.

Spring 2007 I'm contemplating a "big picture" perspective of the north sidewalk garden, a favored route for elderly neighbors, families with infants in strollers, children learning to rollerskate, and all manner of folk headed to Liberty Park. The white pansies, violets, and alyssum dapple the ground under the eggshell white tulips standing tall among four old park strip roses pruned during April Fools' season. The roses date back to the original family in this 1907 house - though how far back I don't know. June 1997, a field bindweed/wild morning glory/original world wide web draped an eight-by-ten foot canopy over these roses; and it was here among the park strip roses where I began and have had encouraging success in ten years of bindweed battles. Two of the rose bushes bloom peachy apricot pink echoed by the coral bells coming into blossom at the same time; another blooms creamy ivory yellow and helps light up the night. Both the coral and ivory roses are great for bouquets. The fourth rose hugs the curb and sprays dramatically out into the street to bloom red all over. In the 1997-1998 Master Gardener class, Larry Sagers taught me this sprawling red rose is likely

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Steve LeCheminant

I hope everyone who was at our meeting last month had an enjoyable time. I know I did. It was a lot of fun, and it was great to see some of our newest members there, those who have just taken the class, and also some long-time members that I haven't seen for a while.

As I said at the meeting, the Plant Exchange has been taking place since 1990. Seventeen years is a long time to keep a tradition going, but it is a good one that so many of us enjoy. I think some of us have more fun bringing plants to the plant exchange than taking them home. Anyway, I want to thank everyone for making it a great success again this year.

Speaking about years, I have recently been given some information on a past project, one that we have started again this year, namely the Tracy Aviary. In the years of 1997 and 1998, I counted at least 32 Master Gardner volunteers who worked at Tracy Aviary and I recognized many of the names on the list. It was interesting to read the material that was given to me. In the material was a page from *The Garden Patch* of March 1998. On that page was listed the projects for that year. There were six projects which included:

The State Fair Park - under the direction of Don and Bev Sudbury and Karl Hauptfleisch

Horticulture Therapy - a project working with people at the Veteran's Hospital

The Neighborhood House and Cottonwood Presbyterian Church - under the direction of Donna Vogel

Magna Veterans Memorial Garden - with Eva Daniels as the leader. This was not the Magna Elementary that we have now. If I remember right, it was located at 8400 West and 2700 South. I'm not sure, but I think the Lions Club took that over.

This is the Place State Park - led by Becky Hansen. The interesting thing about this project was if you worked there during the daytime, you had to wear clothing from the period of the pioneers, which was dresses and bonnets for the women and bib overalls and straw hats for the men.

Tracy Aviary - led by Shirley Winn. I already mentioned that there were at least 32 volunteers working on this project, including at least two past presidents of the organization, Dave Kempff and Gloria Erickson.

Union Middle School - led by Robert Shelton.

This year, by my count, we have 13 projects counting Wheeler Farm as three separate projects, which they are. That count does not include the Diagnostic Clinic, the Phone Help Line, or the state and county fairs and garden shows. As you can see, we have a need for a lot of help, so if you will please give some time to these projects this spring and summer it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks once again for all your help
and support!



Pay It Forward

By Maggie Shao

There was a book and movie from the year 2000 called "Pay It Forward". Trevor, the 12-year-old hero of "Pay It Forward," thinks of quite an idea. He describes it to his mother and teacher this way: "You see, I do something real good for three people. And then when they ask how they can pay it back, I say they have to pay it forward. To three more people. Each. So nine people get helped. Then those people have to do twenty-seven." He turned on the calculator, punched in a few numbers. "Then it sort of spreads out, see. To eighty-one. Then two hundred forty-three. Then seven hundred twenty-nine. Then two thousand, one hundred eighty-seven. See how big it gets?"

Although the book and movie became popular in 2000, I know many good folks who have paid it forward. I have been fortunate in my life that I have been the recipient of something good and I want to pay it forward. I joined Girl Scouts in 4th grade. My friend's mother was the volunteer troop leader, she took our troop under her wing. Two of the lessons I learned from her are self-reliance and appreciation of nature. We took a 3-day backpacking trip through Point Reyes National Seashore. Everything we needed we carried on our backs. We didn't have fancy backpacking stoves, so we actually carried charcoal briquettes to boil our water and cook our food, and we hiked from the Pacific Ocean inland to where you could see the shift in tectonic plates along the San Andreas Fault. We camped out underneath the stars and hiked along beautiful coastal hills. I continued to be very active in Girl Scouts through high school, with wonderful volunteer leaders and also volunteered as a program aide and day camp counselor. My first summer out of high school, my summer job was as the Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Advisor. I was in charge of 10 high school students who were training to be counselors. I spent the summer facilitating their certification in skills they would need including First Aid, Water Safety, and Lifesaving. A big thrill for me was taking my group of CITs on the same backpacking trip through Point Reyes that my Junior Girl Scout Leader took our troop when I was 12 years old. I'm pretty sure that some of my CITs whom I took on that trip have volunteered as leaders and taken other Girl Scouts on backpack trips where they learn something new about themselves.

Another story of volunteering that has positively affected my life is training to be a docent at the San Francisco Zoo. Docents were the volunteer staff who gave tours to the public and school groups and assisted with other education programs at the Zoo. It was a very similar training to the Master Gardener program, with 40 hours of classroom time and 40 volunteer hours to become a full-fledged Zoo Guide. I learned so much about animals and continued to learn about habitat loss and endangered species, and how the zoo was trying through education to preserve and conserve the diversity of animal and plant species through education. During docent training, the animal care specialists, veterinarian, and long-time experienced volunteer docents trained us. I paid back by volunteering for many years at the zoo - at summer day camps, school guide, and zoo hotline operator.

I think many of you came to the Master Gardener evening meeting when I showed slides of the two years I spent in Ghana as a Peace Corps volunteer. I worked as a tree seedling nursery manager to help the farmers plant Leucena, Cassia, cashew and mango trees. I know that the volunteers before me laid the foundation for me to continue helping. The biggest "Pay It Forward" story I have is applying and receiving a US Embassy grant for \$8,500 and building a concrete block three-room classroom. The villagers who have so little (their most valued possessions being the few goats or cows they owned) volunteered their time picking rocks and transporting water carried on their heads (no running water) to mold concrete bricks. This was after they had worked a full day in their fields that they would come to help build the school. You can imagine how difficult it could be, considering there were no motorized vehicles in our village, and they often would use my bicycle to transport cement one bag at a time a quarter of a mile from my house to the school site. I have to look, but I think we needed about 500 bags of cement to build the foundation and mold the blocks for our school. They wanted to make a better life for their children.

Master Gardeners are wonderful volunteers, and I think you are paying forward daily through the projects such as donating the harvest of fruits and vegetables, teaching students, teaching adults, giving information at fairs and shows. You are a positive influence and helping others through your volunteering. I appreciate your time, because I have experienced first hand the positive power of volunteers.

Now, to keep you up to date on upcoming volunteer activities and events:

June 8-9 is the State Master Gardener Annual Conference (Mini-College) that will be held this year at Thanksgiving Point. (Be prepared SLMGs – we'll be hosting the Annual Conference in 2008!)

In addition to the MG projects, the following projects/events need volunteers. Please call or e-mail the project leaders if you are interested in volunteering.

Date	Project	Leader	Contact Info
Sat. May 5 9am-3pm	MG Info Booth at Red Butte Garden Plant Sale 300 Wakara	Dorothy Lee	creekside55@yahoo.com
Sat. May 5 noon-2pm	Diagnostic Clinic at Cactus & Tropicals, 2735 S 2000 E, SLC	Diane Nielsen	nielnose@juno.com
Sat. May 19 8am-noon	Wheeler Farm Pumpkin Patch start-up	Golden Reeves	Greeves28@msn.com
Sat. May 19 8am-2pm	Conservation Garden Park Fair (JVWC) 8215 S 1300 W	Jennifer Knight	jknight@networld.com
Sat. June 2 Noon-2pm	Diagnostic Clinic at Cactus & Tropicals, 12252 S Draper Gate Dr (1325 E), Draper	Diane Nielsen	nielnose@juno.com
Mon. June 4 1-4pm	USU/MG Diagnostic Clinics at 2001 S. State S1007/8, SLC	Maggie Shao	maggies@ext.usu.edu
Sat. June 9 10am-2pm	People Helping People Garden Tour Capitol Hill (various homes) 14 MGs (Apprentices) please sign up by May 25!	Barbara Larsen	endlesspromos1@msn.com
Sat. Jun 23 8am-2pm	Conservation Garden Park Fair (JVWC) 8215 S 1300 W	Ethel Olson	eolson943@comcast.net

HUMMUS

(Diet for a Small Planet)

From our February General Meeting

1 can garbanzo beans	3/4 tsp. coriander seed
1/2 cup toasted sesame seeds	1/2 tsp. salt
2 cloves garlic, crushed	1/2 tsp. ground cumin
2 T. fresh lemon juice	1/4-1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

Drain beans, reserving juice. Puree all ingredients. Add reserved juice as needed. Let stand at room temperature at least 30 minutes. Serve with whatever 'scoops.'

A big thank you to the Master Garden who handed me this recipe at the Plant Exchange.

Tortilla Roll-ups

Submitted by Beverly Sudbury
From March General Meeting

2 Burrito size flour Tortillas
1 8 oz. pkg Philadelphia Cream Cheese
2 small cans chopped green chilies, med hot
2 tbs salsa
4 tbs chopped pickled garlic

Spread tortillas with cream cheese. Lightly drain green chilies and mix with salsa and pickled garlic. Spread on cream cheese. Firmly roll tortilla into a log and place in refrigerator to chill. Before serving, slice log into roll-ups about 1/4 inch thick. I garnished with chopped chives and paprika.

Cranberry Chutney

From the April General Meeting

1 bag fresh cranberries
3/4 cup sugar (actually Stevia was used)
1 Granny Smith apple, chopped (actually applesauce was used)
1/2 large red pepper, chopped
1/2 large red onion, chopped
1/3 cup apple juice
1-3 T. cilantro
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 small Seranno pepper, minced.

Pulse berries, apple, onion, and peppers in blender. Transfer to glass bowl. Add sweetener, cilantro, lime and apple juices. Chill and serve with pita crisps or tortilla chips as an appetizer or snack.

This recipe came from Dodexho. Thanks to the Master Gardener who not only brought this dish for the refreshment table, but also was prepared with the recipe that night!

REPORT ON PREPAREDNESS FAIR

by Val Chatwin

They called it "Joseph's Bazaar", with the idea of Joseph of Egypt, and the seven years of plenty, and to prepare for the seven years of famine. The whole building was decorated in Egyptian stuff, every room and space. There was a trio of huge paper mache camels, rented from Modern Display, and 10 foot tall Egyptian statues guarding the stage, from Hale Centre Theatre. More than a hundred Egyptian murals covered the walls with straw mats and cloth in between. There were hundreds of baskets of every description, lots filled with pragmites fronds. They looked good - one useful way of using the invasive weed. Then they had hundreds of costumes, simple things that really looked like that time period. When people would come for the next shift they would trade costumes, and they were cleverly tradable.

My Committee Leader got a group of 18 gardeners together to do survival gardening. We had a trailer with 3 raised bed gardens and different kinds of watering techniques, black plastic and leafy, grassy mulch and assorted gardening tools. We passed out vegetable planting schedule from Bland's and a paper about soil. We also had a seed identifying game. There was also a "what do you do with the harvest" canning table.

I was in charge of getting a Master Gardener booth. Maggie Shao put out an email for volunteers. Thanks to Drue Sommerville, Kerry Morton, Jane Osborn, Teri Wojcik, Emily Taylor, Sue Squires, and Wendy Olson for responding and putting in their time to help. (Drue good-naturedly even got into a Egyptian costume.) We needed that many volunteers. We were busy all day.

I had picked up the MG booth stuff from the office. It made our booth look good. Maggie Wolf recently made a new poster about gardening. It was at the plant exchange and is very concise and has a lot of information about vegetable gardening on it. It will be used a lot.

We tried to keep count of contacts and ended up with 407 people talked to about gardening. That's a lot. It meant 4 times that many came through the booth. I took over my Golden's 'Glacier' tomato plant with ripe tomatoes on it, a rosemary herb plant, some of the plants from the exchange, a couple of my fair winning ribbons books, and a dozen odd eggs, which always get lots of attention, especially from kids. Our Master Gardeners were wonderful, approaching people if they looked at all interested and answering questions knowledgeably. Many people told me after that they were really impressed with them. This booth gave credence and professionalism to the affair. Thanks again for everyone's help!

I am getting reports from some of those who came on the hobby greenhouse tour in early March that some of the 'Cold Set' tomatoes I gave away have set fruit. Some even have ripe tomatoes already. In mid-February I gave some plants to another friend who has a greenhouse that he runs all year, and he was picking ripe tomatoes in early March two weeks ahead of me. His greenhouse was getting over 90 degrees and he lost all of the new blossoms. So needless to say the 'Glacier' tomatoes still are the earliest. I have all of the tomatoes planted in the garden and a lot of them are 4 to 6 inches out of the top of the water walls. This is the 20th of April, so I am off to a good start with my garden.

The peas are about 5 inches high. The carrots are up. The spinach, beets, and six varieties of lettuce are up also. I seeded peppers before I seeded the regular tomatoes, so they are in the garden in water walls at this time. I have waited other years to plant the peppers after the tomatoes were up and had a long wait for them to produce. With freezing nights I am covering the tender plants when frost is expected. I use old blankets instead of plastic, because I have had plants freeze under the plastic covers.

On the mow strip to the west of the house I had taken out the grass and have ornamental grasses and day lilies planted. I stopped the planting at my fence line. The neighbor's plot next to it was always full of weeds, so this spring I extended the drip system on to their driveway, cleaned out the weeds, and continued planting the grasses and daylilies. I needed mulch to cover it with so I volunteered to trim their globe willow tree and by running the trimmings through the chipper shredder I had enough material to finish the job. Sneaky on my part, but it works.

I set some tomatoes out to harden off when the weather was warm and found them sunburned. So I put an old swing set over them and then used shade cloth to cover it over. That really worked well. After they had been out for a few days I was able to remove the shade cloth and the plants were ok. I have a lot of flowers still in the basement



By Wm. Golden Reeves

and when the weather moderates I can use the same system to get them hardened off. I have had the swing set around for a few years and this is the best use I have found for it.

With some grass clippings from the lawn mixed with leaves and wood chippings from the spring trimmings, I have the compost pile cooking. I put a thermometer in the pile and found it had heated up to 160 degrees. That is as hot as I have ever got one of my piles. I pulled it apart to add some air and then piled it up again and it kept right on cooking.

I bought a poinsettia the first of December - a real large one for the dining room table. It has only dropped a few leaves and is still growing and looking great. Probably better looking than when we brought it in to the house. We are wondering how long it will last. We got it as a decoration for Christmas to use instead of a Christmas tree, but it has remained on the dining room table all of this time. My wife wants to know how much longer I intend to leave it there; I will put it on the back patio when the danger of frost is over.

Over the years I have had a Christmas cactus in the southwest bedroom, and it has been covered with blossoms twice a year. My wife wanted to put up blinds in that room so they would look the same from the outside as the other rooms in the house. So this year only half of the plant bloomed because there was not enough light. The other Christmas Cactus plant a little ways from the window only had a very few blossoms on it. So direct sun light is the best for them maybe next year I can sneak the blinds up so I can get a full bloom again.

Those first tomatoes of the season sure taste good. You haven't had any yet? What can I say? Make better plans next year.

CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE

Peggy Call would like to thank the new class for their FANTASTIC support of Christmas Box House. Their help has been incredible. Thank you so much!

I always thought a yard was three feet, then I started mowing the lawn.
---C. E. Cowman

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 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.

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.

NEW CHICKS

By Val Chatwin

The seed exchange was crowded and there were oodles of plants, more than last year. I got lots and won a Chuck-o-Rama dinner too. Thanks, Tracy. I put my new treasures out on my kitchen counter. The next morning I was sorting through them and a piece of bark mulch started crawling across. Ugh, it was a revolting black slug. I don't have them here.

The starlings tried to build a nest in the grill again, twice. This grill is out on the deck, right by the dining room slider and has a top cover. I notice some twigs on the deck and it dawned on me that it was nest-building materials, not blown-in stuff. So I lifted the lid, and the inside was stuffed with Chinese Elm twigs, dried iris leaves, etc. I feel sorry for their babies with all that coarse stuff. They get up into it from underneath somehow. My husband, Ray, cleaned it out - not a pleasant job. I left the top up for a few days.

Ray is a 'pick up and put things away, and close the door' type, so he closed the lid. I noticed, but thinking the birds had surely picked another spot by now, and that they probably would even have a first egg laid (after all it is getting late in the season) I left it closed. One day I realized that there sure was a lot of bird poo on the grill ledge that hadn't been there before. I lifted the lid and there was a twiggy nest, twice as big as before, filling the inside again. He loved cleaning it out again. Now we are leaving it open.

I attended the Advanced Master Gardener class on grasses. Larry Sagers is the extra mile teacher. He gave us the method of identifying grasses like Sherm Brough gave us for identifying wildflowers. It is really neat. This class is really fascinating. I dropped by IFA to get some 20-0-0 and some 16-16-8, after listening to the teacher about fertilizers. The chicks were in. I asked the clerk if you could put a new chick under a broody hen and have her think she had hatched it? They didn't think so.

Goldy, the Buff Orpington and Sady the Banty Seebright hens were broody. They have stopped laying, sit in the nest all day, ruffle their feathers, and growl at anyone who comes near. The other hens just ignore it and crowd Goldy over when they get in to lay. Sady is little. She moves to the other nest and growls at me.

I stood by the chicks awhile and cogitated. You really need to get new hens every couple of years because as they age they lay less often (though larger eggs), and eventually stop. It used to be I would have lost most to dog attacks by now and I would have to get new chicks, but now they die of old age.

It takes 19 days to make chicks, but I wanted Aracuna hens with the blue egg. Really my flock is big

enough. Nineteen chickens is a lot. They are crowded on the roost at night. In winter it is good to be wing to wing but it summer its hard to fit. Then I pondered about the starter mash. You need fine feed for the new chicks and so I have always bought 50# of starting mash. Fifty pounds lasts longer than you need. You just keep putting it in their feed pan, but it takes awhile to get used up. And it is more expensive. I wondered if the hen would be able to show the chick how to eat the cracked corn. At the store they are on Starting Mash.

Well, I decided to try it and bought two Aracuna pullets. They had one week olds and two week olds. I got one week olds so they would still be small enough to fool the hen. When I got home Goldy was on the nest, as usual. Sady had given up. I took the eggs out from under her and put in the chicks. They disappeared under the gold feathers, it was cold and she was nice and warm. One poked her head out from under the wing and Goldy looked down in amazement and gently pecked at it.

We didn't dare leave them out during the cold night. We put them in the living room in a box. The next morning they were still alive and well. Goldy had kept them warm all night. I put food and water in the box. Now these chicks already knew what food and water is, but she showed them how to eat it anyway. About 9 a.m. I put them out on the grass. It was sunny but 40 degrees. Goldy squatted down, and they got under those protecting feathers. When it warmed up a bit they started moving around the yard. They had never seen grass or ground before. She would find some morsel and show them that it was edible. Hens do this by picking up the crumb, tasting it, then spitting it out and clucking to the chick who comes over. They examine it together and the chick eats it. They roamed the yard slowly all day. When evening came we figured she had proved her mothering ability and put them in the pen.

A rooster came up to get acquainted, and she flew at him. The hens have cautiously gotten used to them. Chickens don't integrate with new ones, but she will make the others accept them.

We put a box on the ground in the coop for them to sleep in. The ground is dangerous at night - snakes, rats, skunks. Also chickens don't see well at night at all. They get up on the roost as young as they possibly can. She has kept them safe since she got them. They are still on the ground.

She is loving being a mother, and even though they were orphans for a week, they love her mothering and run to her at every strange thing. It is still cold, so they need her warmth. They have already been over to the back neighbors through an unseen spot in the fence that had to be blocked up. That drove her crazy. They've also been out on the public sidewalk along 10400 South. It makes her frantic when they get out onto the lawn and garden through the chain link. I think this week we will have the great day when they get too big to walk through the chain link and both of us will be able to relax.

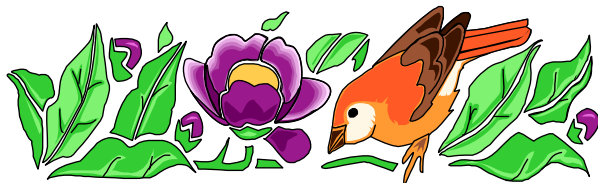
On the last bath I lost four of them at this age. So far, the experiment is working.



Wheeler Farm Herb Garden

By LaWana Kosel

It is snowing so we will not get at work at the farm today. Please come and join on Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. We had a fantastic night last week. Thanks everyone for all the work. We are getting the garden all cleaned out and ready to plant lots of great herbs. If you have any suggestions to add to our list of medicinal herbs, plants that were used for dye, or culinary herbs please let me know. We especially need some plants and will make pretty additions to the perennial garden as well as being useful to the people. I would like to have all the plants labeled and some notes about how the plants were used then and even now. Come and help us create!



Pioneer Park Farmer's Market

By Karen Crook

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help at the Farmer's Market this year. If you didn't get a chance to sign up you haven't missed out on the fun. We are participating in Live Green at Library Square on May 12 in addition to our regular days at Farmer's Market which will be June 16, 30, July 14, 28, August 11, 25 and September 8. The hours for Live Green are from 10-6:00 and Pioneer Park is from 9-1:00. I usually have 2 hour shifts so just let me know what fits your schedule.

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Wheeler Farm Vegetable Garden

By Karyn Douglas

The Wheeler Farm Vegetable Garden project is well under way. We have amended the soil with some Salt Lake County Equestrian Center manure, tilled the soil with the help of Howard Andrews, and installed half of the drip system with the leadership of Golden Reeves.

This year we are starting to plant early with some cool weather vegetables. Mill Creek Gardens donated lettuce sprouts, swiss chard sprouts, onions, cabbage sprouts, carrot seeds, beet seeds, spinach seeds, potatoes, radish seeds, and peas for us to plant. With the help of Jenny Rogers, Matt Deollos, Brad Rich and Bob Moss from the 2007 Master Gardener Class we have planted all but the beets. The Garden is really looking good!

May 15th we will need some help with planting the warm weather vegetables. 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.

Karyn Douglas

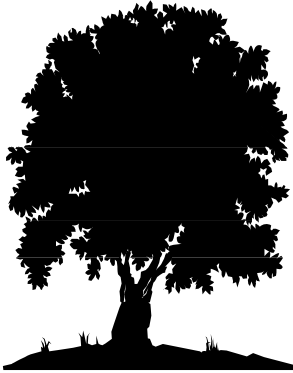
Do We Have Your E-Mail Address Right?

If there is anybody who has not been receiving the weekly e-mail updates and would like to, please sent Amy Hargreaves-Judzis an e-mail so we will have your address with a note saying you want the updates sent to you. When we do send the list out, there are about ten or so that come back undelivered. We don't know if this is because of address changes or if we have typed them in wrong. So please just let us know. Thanks!

Amy Hargreaves-Judzis -

slc-info@utahmastergardeners.org

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!

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hardy root stock enduring vigorously after the demise of a more fragile rose originally grafted to it. In early July, its fountain of red blossoms arches five feet high and out over the asphalt, narrowing the intersection, earning its fond nickname "traffic calming rose." Although the city discourages thorny plants in the park strip, these four old roses guide pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk and cross at the corner.

A bit further east along the sidewalk, the forsythia exclaimed SPRING in Saint Patrick's season. An earthbound yellow sun now anchoring the colorful exhibition of frothy chartreuse flowers on the street tree maple, those white flowering pears snowing petals onto the sidewalk and the deep raspberry pink of a street tree crabapple in the background contribute to the announcement. I'm capturing these images in my mind's eye and now in a farewell bouquet of words as I prepare for a household move and say my good-byes to ten years of Master Gardener learning in this garden at Kensington Corner.

State Fairpark

By Trudy Guest

Come and get some volunteer hours at the Utah State Fairpark garden on Thursdays @ 5:00 p.m.

Starting Thursday, May 3rd @ 5:00 we will be preparing the beds for the veggie gardens and planting a few seeds.

Do We Have Your Name and Address Right?

Every now and then we find out we've been sending *The Garden Patch* to a wrong or slightly inaccurate address or that we've been spelling a name incorrectly. If this is the case for you, please let us know. It's easy for us to correct it if we have the right information.

gardenpatch2@juno.com

PLEASE NOTE

Occasionally we find tools left at the projects. Be sure to label your tools before you bring them with you, so if they get forgotten or misplaced, we will be able to get them back to you.

Spring is a great time of year to pick the daily salad from the very earliest crops. Consider these ingredients: parsley, traveling onions, thyme, chives, garlic chives, swiss chard, new growth of kale, asparagus, arugula, lovage, early lettuce. All of these make a lovely base for many spring salads. Take a walk through the yard with a bowl in hand. You may be able to put off going to the grocery store for another day or two.

-- Eva Daniels

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

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*.

The Fresh from the Heart program has scheduled workshops at selected emergency food pantries, where we will teach container vegetable gardening to pantry clients this spring. If you haven't already signed up and wanted to participate, contact Jennie Gibson or JoDeane Condrat before May 10.

Pots Needed. We need three and five gallon plastic pots to use at the Fresh from the Heart container gardening classes which will be held in May and early June. If you have some sitting around that you could contribute, please bring them to the May meeting. You could also drop them by the office by about the middle of May. At this time we do not need the one gallon pots.

Additions to Membership List

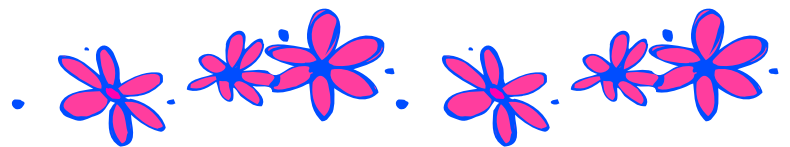


Vivia Baldwin
277-7907

Miriam Coons
553-9351

Angie Pinna
619-1144

David and Melissa Radcliffe
583-3584



There are going to be some opportunities to work with young students at Hidden Hollow during the month of May. As the dates are not certain, an e-mail will be sent announcing times as soon as they are known. If you are interested in helping, please contact Charlene Homan at mhcharlene@yahoo.com.

Hidden Hollow is located at 1165 E. Wilmington Ave (2190 South). Park in the lot between Wild Oats and Petco. The park is northeast of Petco.

PROJECTS

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MASTER GARDENER LOGO SHIRTS AND BAGS FOR SALE

You can see the various styles of shirts and their prices on the web at www.utahmastergardeners.org/logoShirts2005.pdf

Also for sale are SLGMA logo canvas bags in four different colors for \$12.00. You can order from Barbara at endlesspromos1@msn.com

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

Thursday, May 17
Come to our general meeting at The
42nd Street Nursery
4221 South 700 East
7:00 p.m.

**State Master Gardener Annual
Conference (Mini-College)**
Open to all Master Gardeners and Students
Thanksgiving Point
June 8-9
more information to come

Thursday, June 21
Support Group
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, etc.

July 19 - Summer Picnic
Murray Park
Iris Exchange

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gardenPatchTOC.html](http://www.slmg.org/gardenPatchTOC.html)

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and
“Garden Talk”
Bulletin Board
On the SLMG Web Site

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bulletin board, where there are topics for
General Discussion, Swaps, For Sale, For
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to drop your trusty WebWench an e-mail
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Thursday, May 17
Come to our
general meeting at
The 42nd Street Nursery

Come visit the nursery that supplies all the flowers for Murray Park and learn where they get their start and what it takes to run a nursery. You may want to bring a folding chair for yourself.

4221 South 700 East (east side of street)

Look for the balloons.

Please park on the side streets, as there is very little parking at the nursery. It should be just a short walk.