

THE GARDEN PATCH



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Asparagus

By Jenny Allgrunn

Many of us grew up thinking that asparagus was something that you harvested from the wild, usually finding it on a riverbank. Although this is often the case, the truth is that asparagus grows just fine in the home garden without the abundance of water that a flowing brook provides.

It does take some space, as the roots need to be planted at least 12-18 inches apart and it takes several plants to harvest a meal, so you need to plant quite a few and know that it may take a few days' harvest for several servings.

It also takes some patience. The first year roots are planted, tiny little stalks pop out which become pretty little ferns. After three years, the stalks will be large enough to harvest. If you plant from seed, add an additional year before harvesting.

If you can spare the space, the wait is worth it. Fresh garden asparagus is so much tastier than what you can buy at the market. As long as the plant receives reasonable water throughout the growing season, plants can live up to 20 years.

By the third year, stalks that are 1/4 inch in diameter or larger can be harvested. This is the easy part. Just snap the stalk off at the base with your fingers. No special tool needed. Pick them when they are tall. They grow rapidly, especially after a rain, so check every day for new stalks. Sometimes a stalk will grow an inch or so longer during the course of a day, so if it looks just right, pick it then. By evening it might have started ferning out (although it is still edible with some ferning). Likewise, if a stalk needs just a little more length, check on it in the evening. It maybe be just right. Two weeks after harvesting the first stalk on the plant, let the new stalks go to fern.

The fourth year, extend the harvest time to 4 weeks. If you still have thick stalks coming up after that, go ahead and harvest them. I usually stop when the stalks are the diameter of a pencil.

Once the ferns form, let them stay until

they turn brown. The green ferns make a nice feathery background for other plants in the garden throughout the summer and are manufacturing food for the roots.

When I planted my first asparagus plants 26 years ago, I didn't know anything about gardening — thus no soil preparation, etc. etc.) I am still harvesting from the 50% that survived my ignorance. I planted Mary Washington, which was a great variety but did produce both male and female plants. The male plants are sturdier and seem to produce thicker stalks; the female plants make little red berries (see illustration) that the birds love. Because of that, I have asparagus plants now growing under the aspen trees in my front yard, as well as in several other locations in the back yard. Since the ferns are so pretty, I just let them grow. Hey, it's free food and the birds did all the work.

I just put in some new plants, Jersey Giant, which are all male. They have been planted correctly in a trench with lots of organic matter. As the stalks grown, I will fill in the trench.

If you are an asparagus lover, don't be discouraged by tales of "difficult to grow". If it worked in my clay soil in my pre-Master Gardener days, it can't be all that hard.

Asparagus is also a great thing to share. I have neighbors whose faces light up when I show up at their door with a handful.

Thanks to Ann Wright, long-time SL Master Gardener and Trisha Schelble, our current *Garden Patch* recipe editor, for some great asparagus recipes. The first recipe calls for tomatillos, which you can grow easily in your garden, but won't be ready to harvest until the end of the summer. They are available

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Traci Dahle

Hi everyone,

I hope most of you made it to the annual plant swap. We all had a great time. Thanks to everyone who brought plants. There was a nice variety to share with everyone. We had some fun giveaways. I hope you all enjoy them. If you can't use them, please give them to someone who can. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up! You are all wonderful!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To all our wonderful volunteers: we need to track what effect our efforts have on the public. If you give a talk, write down what you talked about and how many people you talked to. When you turn in your hours, put that information with them. Like I said in my last month's letter, it's a lot easier if you do it as soon as you are done so it's fresher in your thoughts.

I would appreciate it if EVERYONE WOULD WEAR THEIR BLUE BADGES AT OUR MEETINGS. If you are a new student, please where the badge you received from Maggie. We are supposed to wear them at all of our events or at anything we participate in, when you are representing our group. Your badge represents your accomplishments and can be worn with pride. I will try to have name tags for guests and spouses so we can get to know their names also. I almost decided to give away the one night free stay at Zion's Park, at the plant swap to only the people who had on their blue badge just so people will start wearing them. Luckily I didn't for Mike Cullis' sake. He won and wouldn't have if I had stuck to it. (Ann would have killed him if she would have found out later. Have fun, guys) Without a blue badge next time you might not have been so lucky.

Thanks for everyone's hard work! See you soon!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Coordinating a garden tour or other event? Interested in telling the community about your garden project? Perhaps you'd like to invite people to visit and enjoy the results of all that hard work...

The Master Gardeners now have a Public Relations Volunteer Team to lend you a helping hand. We'll work with local newspapers and other community calendars to spread the word and invite the general public. We'll even help you write the information. If interested, please contact us!

Email: news@utahmastergardeners.org
Or, call Kit Mueller:

Asparagus, continued from

Asparagus and Tomatillo Salad

1 pound asparagus

DRESSING:

3 T olive oil (I've found that a small drizzle is PLENTY)
4 large tomatillos, husks removed, cored and finely diced
1 small Roma-type tomato, cored and finely diced

¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
lemon wedges
salt and pepper.

Cook asparagus in boiling water until barely tender. Drain and immerse in ice water. When cool, drain and arrange equal portion of asparagus on 4 salad plates.

Spoon ¼ of the dressing in a band over each plate of asparagus. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and garnish with lemon wedges. Garnish with a lemon wedge. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Makes 4 servings.

Creamy Fettuccine with Asparagus

¼ c pine nuts
2 bunches of asparagus (trimmed, halved lengthwise and cut crosswise in thirds)
¾ lb. fettuccine
3 T grainy mustard
2 T snipped fresh dill
4 oz creamy goat cheese*

In a small skillet over medium heat, toast pine nuts stirring often until golden, 2-3 minutes. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook ¾ lb. fettuccine (or other thin-stranded pasta) until al dente, according to package instructions, adding asparagus during the last five minutes of cooking. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water, drain. Return pasta, asparagus and reserved pasta water to the pot. Toss with goat cheese, mustard, dill and toasted pine nuts. Season with salt and ground pepper.

*Any soft, white cheese such as shredded mozzarella or pepperjack, can be substituted.

*Don't you just love
asparagus season!*



THE FANTASY, THE PLAN, THE LABOR, AND THE HARVEST

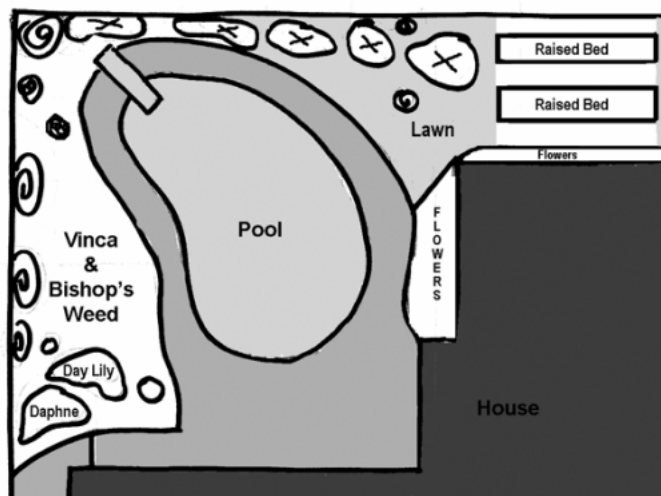
by Amy Hargreaves Judzis

2. The Plan

April: I've been plotting it all out on graph paper, but haven't yet broken ground. I've planted seeds in the greenhouse, which have sprouted. The seeds I planted in my plastic pots outside at the end of February are showing their true leaves. I didn't really expect them to as the seeds were three years old, but the spinach, radishes, carrots and peas, and even some of the lettuce and leeks have come up. I have a good stand of garlic in an earth box, but for some reason only four shallots out of two dozen planted are showing tall green leaves.

The current state of the backyard is shown in this picture. The five big ovoids with X's in them are the poplar stumps. It's amazing what a difference the trees' demise made. The part that is labeled "Lawn" is now actually green, and it's growing all over, not just in dumps and straggles. The flower bed right against the side of the house is coming along nicely — daylilies and columbine are burgeoning and the two miniature roses are looking healthy. Even my Gerber daisy has come back for the third year.

To the left of the pool, perennials the vinca and bishop's weed haven't strangled are growing — except for the irises; ChainsawBob's lawnmower trimming terminated their existence last summer. I hate the thought of sacrificing the spring bulbs to a tiller, but sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do. I'm still trying to find someone whose tiller will fit through the back gate and who is willing to take the job in fits and starts, helping me dig up some of the surviving perennials as the tilling progresses. I want to keep the daphne, purple coneflower, yarrow, mahonia, poppies, rose bushes, rose of sharon and the world's biggest daylily



(yes, it's a ditch daylily, but I like it.)

That bed I want to do as a flower and herb bed, with some gooseberry bushes along the fence. A friend gave me some fresh asparagus from her garden last week, so I'm fantasizing about putting in some of that too, but will leave it for another year along with some rhubarb.

The two raised beds behind the house are still in my imagination. I've got ChainsawBob pretty much talked into them, even though they won't be cheap. I started out telling him I wanted them 18 inches high and boxed in with redwood or cedar so the boards wouldn't rot. We're down to 8 to 10 inches high in untreated lumber, which is actually what I wanted, but I figure if I bid high to start with, I'm more apt to end up where I want to be with a husband who's relieved instead of outaged. I really do need raised beds back there, because it's solid poplar roots underneath, and it's where I plan to put the vegetables.

Now all I need is to find that amenable fellow with a tiller and a truck to haul the materials for the raised beds.

Next month: The Labor

Thursday, May 19th
Meet at 7:00 pm
Mitchell's Nursery
1220 E. 7800 S.

It's time for our annual visit to a local nursery to see the NEW-EST plants for 2005. This is the place to find the flower you read about in that article sometime last December.... Come see the new or unusual or your favorite old-fashioned flower.

Eli has agreed to be our host for an evening of fun and flowers. Come and join us and bring a friend, the more the merrier. I hope to take home a new flower or two. This will be a great opportunity to learn and share our love of flowers.

SLMGA Phone List Update

Please add these to your 2005 SLMGA phone list:

Celeste Coker
 Arlene Johansen
 Carol Johnson
 Dean MacIntosh
 Edy Miller
 Allen Sacharov
 Judy Terrio

Corrections:
 Vincie Burk Giles
 Marcia Sherry

I am looking forward to the month of May when we can finally be though with the cold and frosty nights and the tender crops and annual flowers can be planted. I have a lot of my garden already planted and doing quite well. This being the last week in April, my peas, carrots, radishes, spinach, beets, tomatoes, garlic, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are growing great. The broccoli plants are beginning to set heads; some of the tomato plants have set fruit; and the radishes will soon be ready to eat. Spring gardening is a challenge at times and this year has been no exception.

The grafting class at Bart's went well this year. There were about 12 in attendance. It was cold and threatened to rain, but it held off and as the day went on, it got better. At home I have put 15 grafts on the 'Mutsu' apple tree and will try to change some of the lower limbs into 5 other variety of apples. That will make eight varieties on the same tree. I have tagged them and will need to paint them later if they take. I still need to work on my nephew's apple tree. He had a certified neighbor with tools (OH BOY)help him prune a tree with two trunks. They left the one that was growing the best. Unfortunately it turned out to be the root stock; they had taken out the grafted trunk. They couldn't figure out why they haven't had any blossoms or fruit yet.

The large honey locust tree in my front lawn needed some trimming and my wife did not want me to do the work. I contacted a certified arborist and had it taken care of. After three appointments to do the job and a lot of excuses why they hadn't



By Wm. Golden Reeves

come, they finally showed up and trimmed the tree. Needless to say, the wife was not impressed with what was done, but it did cost me \$175.00 to have it trimmed and the limbs left on the lawn. I wanted to chip the branches myself to add to my compost pile. I was able to get three full wheelbarrows of chip-pings.

Are you planting onions this year? Last year I bought a 25 pound bag of onions at Ream's for \$3.75 . I spread the onions out on the patio and let them dry, then rebagged them to stored in the garage for the winter. We have just finished using them and only lost a few. When you use onion sets, you end up with a two year old onion that wants to send up a seed shaft. Considering the cost of the seeds, the space taken up in the garden, and the water to grow them, I think I will buy another bag at Ream's this fall.

I have just planted summer squash and cucumbers in pots in the base-ments. I am hoping I can have them ready to put in the garden by the second week of May. They will need water walls for the first few weeks, or as long as the weather stays cold. By doing this I can extend the season by about three to four weeks and have early squash. When buying these starts in the store if they have more than one set of true leaves pass them up. Plant your own seeds and you will have better plants.

With the plant swap over with I now have more room in the greenhouse to move plants from the basement out into it. I have started a lot of seeds for my neighbor and just put them in flats so they need to be moved. I have started seeds for the State Fair Park and should have them ready by the last week in May.

The gardening season has begun!!!!

SOUTH SALT LAKE PROJECT MAN- AGER NEEDED

We are still looking for a project manager to help us with South Salt Lake City planning. In the past, South Salt Lake has let us use the Columbus Center for our Mini College, Master Gardener classes and meetings. We agreed to help them with their outside work. (Last fall we planted 75 trees for them.) They also want us to have a Master Gardener booth at some of their events.

What we are looking for is someone to work directly with them and get the volunteers when needed. It is not a real big job, and it would be nice for them to have a contact person. If you are interested, please call Traci or Maggie so we can make the arrangements. Thanks !

UTAH STATE FAIR- PARK

This year the Utah State Fair is celebrating their 150th year. The administration staff has asked us for ideas to incorporate some recognition of this anniversary into the garden surrounding the administration building. If you have some creative ideas, please contact Cathy Miller by email

millercb2@aol.com

Thanks for your support of the State Fairpark garden!

MURRAY PARK

We are off to a wonderful start this spring. So far, the weather has been

good and we have accomplished much. Anyone wishing to join us can meet

Tuesdays at 8:00 am at Murray Park Office. For more information Call Becky Hansen

Please accept our apologies for the photo from the March Home and Garden Show. It looked good on paper, but didn't copy well. You can see it in a better format on our web site at:

<http://utahmastergardeners.usu.edu/counties/slc/gallery/HandGShow2005.htm>

Thanks to Lisa Sims for her photograph!

VOLUNTEER AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ARE ADVERTISED ELSEWHERE AS HAVING A \$5 CHARGE. THAT IS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MASTER GARDENERS GET IN FREE.

Wednesday, May 11 5-7 p.m. Help Kay, Mike and Jeff with **perennial plant division** at *UAF* garden at 1408 South 1100 East. Copies of *Perennial Plants for the Wasatch Front* available for purchase at \$1.50. If it is stormy weather on May 11, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, May 18.

Saturday, June 4 — 9-10 a.m. **Weed Identification and Control.** Learn the most common weeds found in Utah lawns and gardens, and the best way to control them. Demonstration of organic and chemical control mixing and applications. All participants will be given the USU Extension publication "Landscape and Garden Weed Control" as well as a set of weed images. Held at **Wheeler Farm**, 6351 South 900 East, Salt Lake City. Register with USU Extension office, 801-468-3179

Mondays, June 6 – Sept 29 - Plant Diagnostic Clinics - every Monday (except July 4). Bring in a plant or pest specimen for identification and/or recommendations. Daytime session: 1- 4 p.m., USU Extension Training Room. Evening sessions: 5-7 p.m., Red Butte Garden Visitors Center. Check with Maggie on helping at these and getting volunteer hours.

June 21, Tues, 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. **Spring Flowering Perennials and Shrubs Pruning Demonstration.** Murray Park Horticulturist Becky Hansen will demonstrate and discuss pruning of spring-blooming plants. We will put our new learning into practice immediately following the demonstration. Bring hand pruners, shears, or other favorite tools. Meet at the **Murray Park** administration building. We would appreciate knowing how many to expect; please register by calling the USU Extension office at 801-468-3171.

Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Herb Gardening: the Aromatics.** Salt Lake Master Gardener Trudy Guest will discuss and demonstrate herb gardening at the **Wheeler Farm** herb garden, just west of the historic farmhouse, 6351 South 900 East, Salt Lake City. Come learn about growing herbs to use in scent-sational potpourris and aromatherapy. Pre-register through the USU Extension office, 801-468-3171. \$5 charge. Master Gardeners free.



Spotlight

On CHARLENE HOMAN



Charlene Homan grew up in an agriculture part of California where farming is a family tradition. The love of the land was instilled in her at a young age, mostly by following her grandfather around as he gardened. She learned to respect the earth by watching wildflowers planted between rows as a substitute for weed killers and watching legumes being tilled under for green fertilizer.

She extended her boundaries in a college class, growing seaweed and other marine species in an algal berrarium. As a newlywed and renter, she couldn't resist planting, even in a temporary home. The landowner shook his head at Charlene's efforts. The land, a former orchard, had been repeatedly oiled to keep the dirt under the trees weed free. This made the ground like asphalt. Undaunted, she cleared patches large enough for trees and flowers. The yard flourished, especially the rose cuttings taken from her parents' and grandparents' homes.

The Homans moved to Utah 20 years ago. Their well-established yard didn't require much care and freed Charlene to be a substitute teacher as well as concentrate on her two kids, scouting, and PTA. Now that the children are grown, she can accompany her husband on business trips. Her volunteer efforts have shifted to helping novice gardeners and assisting the experts. She's currently a Red Butte trainee, has devoted countless hours to Plant Lab, and is delivering *Garden Utah*, the USU extension publication to nurseries.

Charlene's yard is in transition, too. She doesn't grow vegetables because of too much shade. She's taken out junipers, and the large trees on the corner lot don't offer much privacy. Plans are underway for a landscape that will provide seclusion for entertaining or just plain relaxing. Other things never change. Charlene lives by organic gardening. Some people talk to plants. She listens. "A plant plagued with insects is trying to tell you it doesn't belong there," Charlene says. "Move it and put in something different."

A major part of her yard rejuvenation is to add roses - not new hybrid varieties, but traditional, heritage roses. She'll plant them using some old trusty tools, the ones that belonged to her grandfather. Still following in his footsteps, Charlene muses, "I think of him whenever I use them."

GILGAL GARDENS TALK BY HORTENSE CHILD SMITH

For those of us who missed the Gilgal special tour, Traci sent this report.

Hortense Child Smith first wanted to thank all the Master Gardeners for all their hard work. She said they have done wonders in the gardens through out the years.

Hortense said Thomas Child (the builder of the garden) would write his thoughts down in longhand, and she would type them up for him. Her first home, when she married his son, was actually right in the present site of the garden.

The yard was originally a scaffolding yard. Thomas was a mason by trade. He learned from his father at an early age. Thomas was one of the best masonry contractors in the intermountain west.

She said he was a unusual man with a wonderful desire for learning. He loved to read and had a huge library. Thomas was a Mormon bishop for 19 years, serving at the church just behind the gardens.

She feels that the garden was designed by a brilliant man with a lot of artistic sense. He knew exactly where he wanted to put all the stones way in advance of doing so.

Before his widow died, she made the new owners promise not to sell the garden. They owned and kept it up the best they could for over 30 years. When they finally decided to sell it, Hortense couldn't believe all the wonderful people who 'came out of the woodwork' and made sure the garden wouldn't get destroyed.

Hortense said his first love was his family; his second was his love of art and self expression. He also loved his trade, and had great respect for the working man. Hortense hopes people read all the wonderful readings carved into the stone work in the park. All the sculptures were done with fire. His son-in-law was a welder by trade and used a oxygen and acetylene torch on a lot of the sculptures. The rocks were brought in by a winch and a old truck. One of the rocks which was on the truck tipped out onto the highway; it took days to get the rock out of the road.

What you see today at Gilgal is not an effort towards perfection in sculpturing, in landscaping, or even in form or color. It is the expression of the thoughts that come from within. Thomas Child was original in thinking. Hortense mentioned that Thomas Child's love of work is like the work of Beverly Sudbury and how you can see how much she loves what she is doing. Thomas always said "if you really want to understand yourself and get down to the things that are inside of you, you want to express your feeling with your hands."

Bev, Traci and Dave planted an almond tree where Thomas Childs planted one years ago. People asked Thomas, "What makes you think you can plant a almond tree in this climate?" Well he planted it anyway. It did grow; and then it died the same year that Thomas did. (Hortense brought pictures to show how it looked before.) He was probably like a lot of us Master Gardeners. When someone tells us we can't do it a certain way, we try it any way either to prove them wrong or to just prove to ourselves that we can.

SLMGA WEB SITE

The Utah Master Gardener web site is an ongoing, 12 month a year, project—and yes, it is a project you can earn volunteer hours for. To be viable, a web site must be constantly changing and evolving, and it can only do that with the help of many contributors. If you have any information, photos, drawings, etc. you think your fellow Master Gardeners would be interested in, please e-mail them to Amy Hargreaves Judzis, your friendly WebWench, at: slc-info@utahmastergardeners.org. Feel free to call, 583-7560, or e-mail me to get more information or pitch any ideas as well. I would really like to start a plant or pest of the month feature, so if you would like to submit your chosen species of fauna, flora or other, please do.

<http://utahmastergardeners.usu.edu/home/homeMain.htm>
or

<http://www.utahmastergardeners.org>

Wheeler Farm Herb Garden

Thanks to everyone that helped divide the ornamental grass and tidy up the large flower bed on April 16th. It looks great!

For those of you who need hours or signed up for the herb garden, we are currently working on Thursday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:30 a.m. starting May 5th. Right now, the gardens need weekly weeding, some deadheading, and edging. If you can't make it thursdays, anytime you can help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call Trudy.

PIONEER PARK FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Farmers Market starts in June. If anyone is interested in earning easy volunteer hours, please contact Karen Shurtz

GARDEN TALKS

We have people calling and asking for volunteers to give talks for their groups. If you are interested or willing to do that, give me a call. (Volunteer Coordinator, Stephen LeCheminant)

STATE FAIRPARK

Hi Master Gardeners!

Isn't this spring rain great? Last Wednesday's session on ponds was rained out and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4.

On 13 April, we drained the pond. Three goldfish survived the winter, along with several mosquito fish. The main structure for the "waterfall" was built and the next step is to add the rubber liner and rocks. We will reshape the existing edge so that the rocks will better hide the liner. We will also divide the aquatic plants.

Here are the plans for upcoming sessions ([weather and soil conditions permitting](#)) held on Wednesdays beginning at 5:00 p.m.:

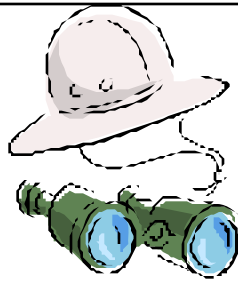
27 April--Complete renewal pruning and deadheading.

4 May--Complete pond remodeling, divide aquatic plants; plan the layout of the annual beds

11 May--Prep the annual beds; plant seeds/seedlings

We will also be planting a new tree sometime soon--more on that later. Keep up the rain dances--they are working!

Cathy Miller, Utah Fair Park Project Coordinator.



Let's Go On a Safari

Kevin and Faythe are going on a road trip May 28th to Watusi Country (Zebra Gardens in Elwood Utah, 68 miles north of Salt Lake) we plan on seeing Purple Pumas, Baboon Bottoms, Elaina Lopes, have a Yak Attack and a little Serengeti Spaghetti with some Tiger Honey. We think you will find Anaconda Love and Jackal Cackle Emu Zing (just to name a few).

Zebra Gardens is the home of Brad and Kathie Kaspersek near Tremonton. Brad is an avid Iris hybridizer, and has developed some of the most beautiful iris in Utah. Check out their Web site Zebrairis.com.

Meet us at the County Complex (21st South & State). We are leaving at 09:00 am. Admission is free, bring anyone who wants to see thousands of Irises in bloom. Pack a lunch, it is about an hour drive and you may want to stay at the garden for a couple of hours or join us for lunch at the Idyll Isle restaurant in Brigham City afterwards.

Contact Faythe or Kevin if you would like to come so we can keep you informed. Mother Nature may change our weekend - if the flowers peak earlier or later but generally Memorial day weekend is when they are in their prime. We hope to see you there.



WHEELER FARM FUN

We will be working on the **Wheeler Farm pumpkin patch** at 8:00 am on May 14th.

Come see how to install a drip irrigation system, plant pumpkins, and set up a low maintenance high yield garden in only a few hours. See you there!

Golden Reeves

Saturday, May 14—9-10 a.m. **Wheeler Farm Herb Garden Orientation.** Come find out what is planned for the year. Wheeler Farm is a great place to get some hours in. Trudy Guest is the project manager for the Herb Garden.



HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need help in getting those pesky weeds and a little grass out of the flower beds around **the house at Wheeler Farm.** We will not be transplanting flowers until we know if the porches and the soffit and fascia are going to be done this summer. It is not hard work, just spring clean up.

We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. until the days get a little longer and warmer. Hope to see you there. This is a fun project with great working conditions. Wheeler Farm is located at 6351 South 900 East. Contact Marlene if you have questions.

Volunteers are needed for the Compost Bin Sale on May 7th. There are two locations we need help at: Gardner Village at 1100 West 7800 South, and Trolley Square at 602 East 500 South. The times at each location are from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you want to work different hours, call me and we can work it out. There will be people from the county landfill at both locations the whole time. They want us to help collect money and to answer questions about composting. There will be literature to hand out as well.

This is a One-Day Sale! For those who are interested in buying a bin but are unable to be at the sale, you can reserve one by calling the landfill at 975-2375. You will have to pre-pay before they will hold one for you.

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Christmas Box House	Peggy Call - pcall@xmission.com Virginia Sargeant -
Fresh From the Heart	Jennie Gibson - gibsongg@earthlink.net JoDene Condrat - condrata@xmission.com
Gilgal Garden	Bev Sudbury - beverlysudbury@yahoo.com Traci Dahle - smoki1@smartfella.com
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Murray Park	Becky Hansen - hansenpollei@mstar2.net
Pioneer Park Farmer's Market	Karen Shurtz
Utah State Fair Park	Cathy Miller - millercb2@aol.com
Utah Aids Foundation	Kay Packard Mike & Ann Cullis - annandmikecullis@comcast.net
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Wheeler Fam Vegetable Garden	Howard Andrews
Wheeler Fam Herb Garden	Trudy Guest - trudyg1@msn.com
Wheeler Fam Pumpkin Patch	Golden Reeves - greeves28@msn.com
Wheeler Fam Home Garden	Marlene Johnson - marlene32936@yahoo.com

GILGAL GARDEN

We had our first work party April 9th. We ended up with 7 Master Gardeners and 25 people from the public. It was one of those cold and rainy Saturday mornings. Ken and Traci took a propane fireplace and a propane heater, hot chocolate, coffee, and breakfast bars to keep people happy. Beverly Sudbury did a demonstration on how to divide perennials. Hortense Child Smith (daughter-in-law of Thomas Child) gave an interesting talk on the garden and on Thomas Child, the builder of the garden. She also did a short tour and blessed our almond tree after Dave Kempff planted it.

The garden was wonderful this spring with poppies, tulips, and daffodils, and it is only going to get better. We hope you will all come down to work, visit us, or at least take a look at the garden.

We have been weeding and planting. We will be picking out some new plants on May 2nd and hope to be planting them on May 3rd so if anyone wants to come and help, please do so. We also are working on a new rock walkway for the gardeners to use while the new garden is filling in.

We work at Gilgal on Tuesday nights starting around 3:00 until 6:00 or 7:00 depending on the night and the weather. Hope to see you there. Feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Bev Sudbury beverlysudbury@yahoo.com or

Traci Dahle smoki1@smartfella.com

Utah Aids Foundation

The Utah Aids Foundation work parties will be held every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to sunset (approximately 7 p.m.) unless it is stormy weather. Come when you can during that time.

The gardens are located at 1408 South 1100 East. Please bring gloves, tools, and drinking water.

A special thank you to everyone who has worked at the gardens over the past years!

Questions? Contact Mike and Ann Cullis or Kay Packard.

Calendar

General Meeting
Thursday, May 19

What's New in Plants
Mitchell's Nursery
7:00 p.m.
1220 East 7800 South
Sandy

Statewide Mini-College
May 20-21
www.utahmastergardeners.org/mg-mc.html

June General Meeting

Thursday, June 16

Dave Rice from **Earth Systems** will host our meeting at his place of business. He will teach us about bio systems and about ponds, fish, and greenhouses. He was one of our speakers at last years Mini College. We will also be fishing and cooking the fish along with hamburgers and hot dogs. **The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.** so we will have plenty of time to have fun and enjoy.
7230 South 900 East

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Bulletin Board

GOT A GORGEOUS YARD?

The SLMGA wants to have a series of garden tours featuring our own Master Gardeners.

These tours will be held throughout the rest of this years growing season. We want to go to 2 or 3 gardens per tour and have the tours grouped together in close geographic areas so we don't have to spend a lot of time traveling. The tours will occur at the times most suitable for the garden owners - early evenings, weekends, whatever works. We are looking for Master Gardeners willing to open up their gardens for the delight and enjoyment of other Master Gardeners. We want to see it all: greenhouses, flower beds, rock gardens, vegetable gardens, orchards, ponds, container gardens, house plants, whatever you have that might be interesting to the rest of us.

If you are willing to let others come to your garden please contact Faythe or Kevin Adams by email at: kadamsflk@hotmail.com, or flbean@hotmail.com



Don't forget

**Saturday, April 30
Choose from 2 great
tours:**



Stansbury Island Tour: Meet at the gate north of Exit 84 on I-80 by 8:30 a.m. If you want to ride with Maggie meet her no later than 8:00 a.m. at the Extension Office parking lot. The tour will end around 12:00 noon. We have invited Tooele and Davis counties to go on the tour with us. As a result of asking them, Gary Fawson has invited us to go to his home in Grantsville to eat lunch and have a tour of his yard. Bring your own lunch. He has quite a unique yard with some water features and, of all things, Russian Olive trees that he chose to work with instead of getting rid of. Come see how he has used them in his yard. His address is 187 Waterhole Way, Grantsville. He will be on the tour, but if you need any more information Contact Traci Dahle

Rock Garden Society Garden Tour and Diagnostic Clinic. Meet at 9657 South Poppy Lane (935 East) in Sandy at 9:00 a.m. There will be 5 gardens on the tour, ending at Bev Sudbury's (always a treat to see) where a Plant Diagnostic will be held for those interested.

Please mail, fax, e-mail or give your volunteer hours to:

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Please check back periodically with Bonnie to confirm that she has received your hours and has recorded them correctly. Remember that sometimes e-mails get lost in cyberspace, so always confirm that they were received.