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WHAT ELSE ABOUT GRASS?

By Val Chatwin

I loved ALL ABOUT GRASS...I wonder who wrote it originally? However, I love our soft, not sticky, good looking lawns. I think xeriscape is wonderful but it take weeding, tending, and money too. Here is my version of the 'rest of the story'. Read ALL ABOUT GRASS in the June 2006 issue of *The Garden Patch*, page 12 then continue on with this after the last line.

ST. CATHERINE: Well, actually Father, St. Francis didn't tell you the other side of it.

GOD: What do you mean?

ST. CATHERINE: Well, you know when you and your Son go out for a round of golf, you love to walk over that smooth, green, moist faraway and you have fun zapping any Red Root or white top that has managed to sneak in. The suburbanites are the same.

GOD: Oh, You're right, and zapping is fun too. I do love my golf. Do you know I actually got beat last week? It is really hard not to help the ball along a little, but we agreed not to do that this game.

ST. CATHERINE: And when you go to the park with your family to watch the fireworks, you want to sit on nice, smooth, soft lawn on a quilt.

GOD: [Chuckle] John really does a good job on those fireworks, doesn't he?

ST. CATHERINE: And some of the suburbanites are Master Gardeners and instead of paying someone to haul it away they actually have learned to mix it together and turn it into mulch and use it to cover their flower beds. Their flowers are really amazing.

GOD: Thanks.

ST. CATHERINE : You should see what Ann Scott has done with all those flowers in her gorgeous yard.

GOD: She really works hard on it and really does a good job. The clematis is beautiful.

ST. CATHERINE: And you know that the minute a little piece of soil is left bare, those weeds that came after Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden, cover it immediately. It's hard to have a baseball game on a patch of weeds. It was clever how you made grass look dead during the winter and then green right up as soon as warmer weather comes.

GOD: Thanks. You're right. I guess they have been using their ingenuity and aren't so dumb. I sure wish they would learn to all love each other, do more gardening, and less warring.



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Traci Dahle

We had another great meeting at Wasatch Community Gardens. Sorry there wasn't any parking and we had to walk a little, but none of us are afraid of a little exercise now and then. The strawbale greenhouse was very interesting. The gardens are all done by people who don't have their own place to garden so they rent a spot for a small amount of money and are supplied with the water to use. The rest of the garden is done by a youth group; they give what they don't use to the shelters. They survive on donations alone and do a great job.

Ken and I went to the Mini-College in Logan on June 2-3. They sure did a great job up there. Dinner was really good and the classes were interesting. Ken took the classes with me, not knowing what to expect, and was quite surprised that he enjoyed them. I was glad to see some of our SLC Master Gardeners there. Even some of the new class went. We made a weekend of it and took our motorhome and parked in Garland at a Camper World and golfed on Sunday.

I went on the tour of the Conference Building Center roof given by Sherm Brough.

We had about 18 people there. It was very interesting. Sherm does a good job and is a very good guide. We had fun because we got to go where other people can't usually go all the time because of Sherm's special pass. Maybe it's just because Sherm is special.

Well, I won't hammer on you as much this month. I was happy to see some of the Blue Badge people at our projects. I think I made some people guilty for not coming out (and very well should have). The Tuesday after the newsletter came out we had two different old members come to Gilgal. Then when I went to the State Fair Park there was one new member and one old member there. That same night we went to Wheeler Farm to help Marlene and the new member followed me to get more hours. There was one old member, so that made four. The next week there were only four at Gilgal, all older members, two at the Fair park on Wednesday, two older members at the UAF garden. We did a planting of petunias at Wheeler Farm and had a good turn out - six older members. Unfortunately it's the same member that I see all the time. We still need a variety of you helping out.

Ron Jones said he has some faithful members he calls when he needs to harvest the vegetables. They have taken quite a bit of earlier season crops to the food banks already. Way to go, Ron! It looks great out there.

The Fresh From the Heart group have been busy teaching classes to less fortunate families how to grow vegetables in containers with kids and planting almost 400 containers with them. They are doing great and deserve a big Thank You.

I can't make it to all the projects all the time but wish I could. I felt a little better this month. Kudos to those who are helping. I know it's hard when you have your own life and your own garden to deal with. Ken and I are headed for Oregon, Victoria Island in Canada, and then coming home to spend the Fourth of July in Star Valley, Wyoming. I will give a brief summary on what we discovered during our travels.

Take care and be safe. I hope to see you before our next meeting. It will be in the classroom, our usual meeting place, with Alan Roe, the USU 'bug guy' on Spider Identification.
Traci Dahle smoki1@smartfella.com

I have been trying to put a quote in every month about the greatness of volunteer work. Here is another one:

Volunteers are what make or break our communities. From the candy strippers, boy scouts, girl scouts, different church organizations, civic organizations, food pantries, elderly care groups, neighbors and friends etc, but I would like to see Master Gardeners on that list of a lot of people, (not the question of what does a Master Gardener does).

So let's make our community!!!!

-- "Quote By Me"



Do you want to tour Hidden Hollow? A virtual tour is available at

people.wetminstercollege.edu/faculty/tharris/hiddenhollow/Ty/index.html A list of species represented in the six plant communities can be obtained from Charlene Homan mhcharlene@yahoo.com

Since last Fall, Master Gardeners have provided advice concerning planting, weed control, and maintenance of the park. Al Winkelman has taken a special interest in improving the amphitheater area. He has removed many of the weeds, thereby giving the desired plants a better chance to establish themselves. His mulching around the shrubs will hopefully keep the weeds from returning.

Wendy Fisher of Utah Openlands, which holds the conservation easement on Hidden Hollow, will be conducting management meetings to coordinate efforts of all the various groups that make the park a wonderful community asset. Next month issue of *The Garden Patch* will inform you of plans for the Hollow and how Master Gardeners may aid in implementing them. Please pass along any comments and/or suggestions for the area to Charlene.



Hindsight: More than Bending over to Pull Weeds

By Maggie Wolf, USU Ext. Asst. Prof., Horticulture

Last summer, I sent a squash plant up to the plant pathology laboratory in Logan to find out why it suddenly died, as had several other squash, tomato, cucumbers, and other plants in my garden. Turns out my garden soil is riddled with *Verticillium*, a fungal pathogen that causes wilt in many plant species. Now I know why my Quinalt strawberries are not doing so well - they too have been infected. Of course, I had already planted the berries before I learned about the *verticillium* - if only I had known!

Hindsight is that extra sense gardeners develop with years of experience and learning. It gives us plenty of reasons to warn others of what NOT to do and what NOT to plant. But when someone asks you for gardening advice, you can't just rattle off a list of "don'ts". BMP's (Best Management Practices), as recommended in Extension publications, are what you, as a Master Gardener representing USU Extension, must advise to the general public. These are recommendations that work well in most situations, although there may be special cases when other techniques could work better.

Variables within gardening are so numerous that it's impossible to know exactly the right way to grow a plant with 100% success. The best we can do is give "best chance" recommendations. Generally, this includes recommendations to:

- 1) have the soil tested at the USU Analytical Lab before doing any planting
- 2) choose hardy, disease-resistant varieties from a reputable plant dealer
- 3) identify any plant problem before attempting a cure
- 4) apply preventive and cultural pest controls before chemical pesticides

Which BMP did I ignore? The recommendation for disease-resistant varieties! So now my hindsight is a little sharper, but instead of recommending NOT to plant Quinalt strawberries, I WILL recommend planting disease-resistant varieties!

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.

Hi! From Maggie Shao

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. One goal I have this summer is to make it to all the Master Gardener projects and get a better idea of the projects and the folks who volunteer at those projects.

I spent last Saturday morning at Pioneer Park at the Farmer's Market. We had a great group of volunteers. I'd say we had over 60 people stop and ask questions. I also went to one of the WOW (Wonderful Outdoor World) camps, a great opportunity for inner-city kids to camp in a city park, and sleep in a tent, and learn about the outdoors. REI representatives taught recycling, National Guard brought their portable climbing wall, and Master Gardeners taught lessons on healthy fruits and vegetables and planted their own herbs to take home.

I also went to a *Fresh From the Heart* session at the Baptist Concern Food Pantry with about 50 families participating. I've visited Wheeler Farm vegetable garden and will come back when there are volunteers working in the garden. Diagnostic clinics are always open for Master Gardeners to come and practice their diagnostic skills and learn from other Master Gardeners. I hope to see you all throughout the summer at your projects.

Three of our Master Gardeners went to an Open House at the Tracy Aviary on June 22 to see if there could be some cooperation and possible projects between the Aviary and SLMGA. If you are still interested in possibly volunteering at Tracy Aviary, drop me a note or call.

I'll be teaching an insect collecting class on July 18 and 20. More details in the Garden Patch. It is appropriate that we will have Alan Roe, coming down from Logan that night to speak on hobo spiders and other insects.

I just got a postcard announcing yet another Farmer's Market at the Pioneer Craft House at 500 East and 3300 South on Tuesday evenings, 4-7:30 p.m. from July 11 through September. For more information, go to www.pioneercrafthouse.org. I'm off to Chicago and I'll be back in the office July 6.

2006 SLMGA Phone List Additions

**Susan Clement
Denise Ward**

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

This is election year for the SLMGA. Below are job descriptions of some of the offices that are up for election. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Jeff Asay at Jeffrey.asay@comcast.net

President

1. Keep current on association activities, act as an Association representative as needed, attend and conduct board meeting and vote on executive board issues.
2. Keep in contact with board members to make sure they are doing their jobs.
3. Support the board and project managers with their jobs.
4. Make sure someone is assigned to cook for the summer party and the awards dinner.
5. Support the Extension horticulture agent as much as possible; work with him/her on graduation party, awards, booklets, and signing certificates.
6. Assist the agent at the Awards dinner announcing and passing out the awards. On the year that there is a new president coming in, both outgoing and incoming presidents assist with the awards.
7. Ensure that the SLMGA treasurer's books are audited by the end of March each year.
8. Publish in *The Garden Patch* in March each year the Bylaws article on Misrepresentation of Association.
9. Along with the Association secretary, keep all the past records of the SLMGA and pass them on to the next president.
10. Solidify with Extension agent as to how volunteer hours can be accumulated.

Other Helpful Hints:

1. Type agenda and e-mail in advance, if possible, to let your board know what is to be discussed. This can be delegated to the secretary.
2. Have the plant exchange at the April meeting. May is a little too late for a lot of the Master Gardeners who have started plants early.
3. Check with Sherrie (at the front desk) to make sure SLMGA is signed up for the board meeting room and the general meeting room. The night of the general meeting, call Security and let them know you will be there so the doors can be left unlocked.

Vice-President

1. Assist President as needed
2. Help with set-up and information tables at the Home & Garden Show
3. Help with set-up and information tables at the State Fairpark in September
4. Work with other members regarding special projects
5. Help new members get their volunteer time.

Secretary

1. Compile and prepare agenda for each board meeting if so directed by president.
2. Take minutes at the board meeting. Transcribe the minutes, then distribute to all board members, class representatives, horticultural agents, etc. preferably prior to delivery of *The Garden Patch*.
3. Keep official documents in order for the association.
4. Create and send board correspondence (i.e. thank you letters, invitations, announcements, etc.) as directed by the board and/or president.
5. Attend board meetings and vote on board issues.
6. Support the president and the board where needed.

Treasurer

1. Collect and deposit monies from membership dues; keep and reconcile balance on SLMGA checking account.
2. Prepare a membership list and keep it current.
3. Pay bills accrued by the board and/or members approved by the board.
4. Prepare monthly report of finances for presentation at board meetings.
5. Prepare a balanced bank statement at year end for reconciliation and review by auditors (members of SLMGA) which is conducted at the end of March each year.
6. Accept and review bids for necessary purchases.
7. Attend board meetings; support the board and vote on board issues.
8. Prepare a yearly itemized budget as specified in the bylaws.

Historian

1. Document SLMGA's history, maintain historical files and scrapbook.
2. Attend board meetings and vote on board issues.
3. Support the president and the board where needed.

The following positions are not voted on by the general membership but appointed by the President. If you are interested in one of them, please let us know.

Program Coordinator

1. Schedule a room at the county building for monthly board meeting and monthly general meeting
2. Schedule a speaker or field trip for each monthly general meeting.
3. Schedule the bowery at Murray Park for the annual summer bar-b-que.
4. Schedule the barn at Wheeler Farm for the annual awards banquet.
5. Organize field trips and/or tours, i.e. Stansbury Island, Albion Basin, Garden tours etc.
6. Coordinate between the board and USU extension agents
7. Provide information about upcoming events to the editor of *The Garden Patch* newsletter and to the web site co-ordinator.
8. Provide a

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Hopefully the cold weather is over. During the last part of May and into June there was a threat of frost, and I was able to cover everything except the five foot high tomato plants. They showed a little frost damages that set them back a little. With the hot weather returning, things are growing fast again. The corn shot up at least a foot in two days and the squash put on a lot of growth.

My garden is really producing; the shelling peas are almost through production and the sugar pod peas are just in the middle of their harvest cycle. The cauliflower is about gone, the broccoli has made a good run, and now the house finches are devouring the small heads that try to set. The 'graffiti' [purple] cauliflower was really great this year, but the wife wants white next year. She hasn't seen the 'cheddar' [orange] cauliflower yet. It is a great color but produces a little later than the 'graffiti.' We have picked a head of the 'Early Copenhagen' cabbage; it was nice, solid, and sweet. We made coleslaw out of it with a new recipe that wasn't very good. It ruined the cabbage, and we ended up throwing it out. We will stick to our old recipe. Fortunately there is a lot more in the garden.

I did not get enough snail bait down, and I lost some of the plants in the containers. The wife insisted on buying more plants to fill them up again. With all the plants I had given away, I hated to spend money on plants. Oh well, she is happy now. The 'silver falls' dicandra I planted two years ago is still growing great in the hanging containers. It has a tendency to root at each segment, so I laid some through a pot covered it with soil and in a few weeks I was able to cut it from the mother plant and overwintered it in the basement. I have planted a large leaf basil in one of the planters I made out of car tires. I put it the location where I had taken out a peach tree, and it is enjoying being there.

I replanted the pumpkin patch at Wheeler Farm. There was an 85% germination marked on the seed packet, and so I had to replant in the spaces that didn't germinate. I was weeding the middle of June and found all of the plants were up and doing well with one exception - the over-watered zone on the south and the west side of the garden. There we have a moat that is full of water most of the time. I have turned the water off the west side with a valve just for that purpose. The ducks are enjoying the water and don't seem to mind me weeding the high ground.

I thinned out the apples on the 'Granny Smith' tree. I hated to do it but there were spots that were over-bearing. I ended up with ¾ of a five gallon bucket full. I will send them through the shredder and add them to the compost pile. The pile I have been cooking this spring had about cooked out, so I added it to one of my bins and started a new pile. When you have too much green debris in the pile, it has a tendency to stink like cow manure. I had a lot of tree limbs to run through the chipper and with the lawn clippings I am off to another good start.

The tomato plants have reached the top of the large 5 foot cages. They are covered with blossoms, and fruit is setting quite well although I haven't had a chance to hand set a lot of the blossoms lately. The green beans



By Wm. Golden Reeves

are growing great. The yellow zucchini squash has been setting fruit with female blossoms but no male blossoms yet to fertilize them. I have tried setting female to female so I will let you know if that works out or not.

Out of 35 pine nuts that were planted last fall, I have 6 plants growing. I will need to let them grow a little more before putting them into individual containers. I also planted some acorns I had gathered at the Jordan River Temple. The acorns I planted about 1 ½ inches deep in the pots have grown. I was told by Trudy that I should have nestled them in the ground and let some of the acorn show on top of the ground. Now the acorn laid on the soil are growing also. It is fun to experiment in growing plants from seeds. Now what am I going to do with all of these oak trees?



Want to Get Involved?

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calendar of events for the monthly general meetings.

Volunteer Coordinator

1. Coordinate volunteer sign-ups for all SLMGA projects. Have sign-up sheets prepared for each project at the January general meeting.
2. Fill requests for speakers at various functions (church groups, etc.)
3. Coordinate volunteer sign-up for the Home and Garden shows, preferably three people at a time. Work with vice president to ensure that brochures and Master Gardener information are on table and that cash box and other necessary items are available.
4. Coordinate volunteer sign-up for the County Fair as above (item 3).
5. Coordinate volunteer sign-up for the State Fair as above (item 3).
6. Coordinate sign-up for any other project(s) approved by the board as a SLMGA project.

MURRAY PARK

Summer is in full bloom in Murray Park; the evidence is in the new rose garden. Within the next month the labels will be installed with the names of all the roses. It will be worth a walk around. The cacti bed is still full of blooms - the yuccas, cholla, and prickly pear all contributing to the show. The Master Gardener volunteers have been wonderful - working among the thorns and stickers with very few yells of pain! Most of the work for the next month or two will be weeding, but weeding is fun when the company is good and the company is delightful when the Master Gardeners are present. Join us on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. ??? Contact Becky Hansen

GENERAL MEETING LOCATIONS

Please note that, as usual, we will have a variety of locations for our general meetings in the next few months.

July 20 - In the classroom

August 17 - Murray Park

September 21 - In the classroom

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRIP

Join northern Utah Master Gardeners for a trip to the Pacific Northwest this September. Using Portland, Oregon as a base, we'll tour local botanical gardens, commercial nurseries, the Willamette Valley, Oregon coast and specialty nurseries. Leaving on September 17 and returning September 23, the tour will cost in the neighborhood of \$850, which includes transportation, lodging, dinners, and admittance to gardens.

Notify Maggie Shao at 468-3178 if you are interested. This trip is under the direction of USU Extension agents from Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, and Weber counties.

KENNECOTT BUS TOUR

Our Kennecott Bus Tour is scheduled for Thursday, August 24 from 6:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. We need to get a count of how many we will have going in case we need another bus. Family member are welcome to come. We will be seeing the work they have done on their tailings ponds, based on the talk we had by Alex in January 2005.

Total time will be 2 to 2 1/2 hours. You will need to bring your own drinking water and wear enclosed shoes (no sandals, flip flops, etc.) They will furnish safety glasses. If you are interested, please contact Traci A.S.A.P. smokil@smartfella.com We need a final count by August 1.

Master Gardeners, please help with the projects

Christmas Box House - Tuesday evenings

Diagnostic Clinics - Mondays 1-4 p.m.

Hidden Hollow - information coming

Murray Park - Tuesday mornings 8:30 a.m.

Wheeler Farm - 4 different garden areas.

Herb Garden: Fridays 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

House Gardens: Wednesdays 6 p.m.

Check with project managers (page 10) for times and days for other areas

Gilgal Garden - Tuesdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pioneer Park Farmers Market - Saturdays

State Fairpark - Wednesday evenings

Utah AIDS Foundation -

Wednesdays 5:30 to dusk

Magna Elementary - Fridays

Many of these projects can be done at times other than specified once you've talked to the project manager. Plus, there are a variety of other volunteer hours opportunities (see Fundraising page 8 for example). Check *The Garden Patch* each month for those miscellaneous opportunities.

Remember that you can count reasonable travel time to and from the project.

If you are working on your first 40 hours: Don't procrastinate and don't get discouraged! It is great fun, a lot of work, and an excellent learning experience. The first 40 hours are the hardest!

Your efforts are greatly appreciated—by the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association, by the USU Extension Service, and by the general public whose lives are enriched by the beautiful gardens and gardening knowledge you help to make available.

Please use the form enclosed with the April newsletter (also available online at www.slmg.org/hours) to report your hours.

DAHLIA DIARY VII

WATERING, WEEDING, AND WAYLAYING INSECTS

“It’s a guy thing,” Mark Hurst noted. “You just don’t see many women growing them.” Eva Jensen took this as a challenge. Except that Mark furnished the tubers, and she drafted her husband for digging and putting in the pipes for future stakes. Once the wondrous shoots actually appeared, she gladly took over their care.

Hopefully, those encouraged by instructions in the Dahlia Diary are also having success. Others may find the following tips be useful for other plants besides dahlias. Keep in mind that a healthy garden with strong plants is the best defense against insects and other problems.

WATERING

By this time, the first of July, Dahlias dahlia plants are tall enough to need one inch of water per week. It’s best applied to the soil by soaker hose, drip tape, etc. This helps conserve water by reducing evaporation and getting the moisture to the roots where it is needed. Overhead watering is not as efficient and may damage the blooms.

It’s best to water early in the day with a good soaking, rather than in small doses. The exception is on low humidity days. When the temperature hits over 90° dahlias will love a light misting. This should not be done late in the day to prevent mildew, say after 4:00 p.m.

WEEDING

As the plant grows, some of the roots are enlarging to become the tubers that we will save in the fall for next year’s crop. Remember when weeding that some tubers may be close to the plant, some directly underneath, and others extend as much as 18 inches. Feeder roots can reach out even farther. These can be very close to the soil surface and easily damaged. Pull weeds by hand. If you must use a metal tool, be very careful and stay as shallow as possible.

When tending the plants – or just looking them over – it’s a good idea to carry jute, twine or whatever you use so it’s handy if you see any branch that needs to be tied.

WAYLAYING INSECTS

Plants are now not as vulnerable to slug and snail damage as when they were young shoots. However, continue to protect them as best you can. Remove those lower leaves that are touching or near the soil to improve circulation around plants. Earwigs, spider mites, aphids, and thrips are the most common pests in the dahlia garden. The first step when problems arise is to identify the insect. When infestation does occur it’s best to try organic methods, using chemicals in the mildest formula and least amount, only as a last resort.

- Earwigs are active at night. They are very fond of dahlia blooms and leave holes in the petals. These pests can be trapped at in a loosely-rolled, wet newspaper or in short sec-

tions of garden hose and disposed of in the morning.

- Spider mites flourish in heat and on stressed plants. The symptom of infestation is bottom leaves that are stippled yellow or a faded bronze. Almost invisible to the eye, they may be confirmed by holding white paper under a suspected leaf and tapping the stem, causing them to tumble out and move about as colored flecks. Wash off the plant, keeping in mind the colonies live only on the undersides of leaves. Adding insecticidal soap will make this procedure more effective. Sometimes horticultural oil may be necessary to destroy all stages of spider mites, including eggs. Keeping this difficult problem under control requires spraying every 7-10 days.

- Other pests that respond to insecticidal soap are thrips. These are microscopic, but easily recognized by damage to infected plants. They leave small fecal pellets underneath the leaves as they feed. Leaves fail to open, are discolored, stick together and may have stippled puckering.

- Aphids are be easily eliminated by washing, rubbing away or the use of beneficial insects. As suspected vectors for viruses that infect dahlias, they are best not ignored.

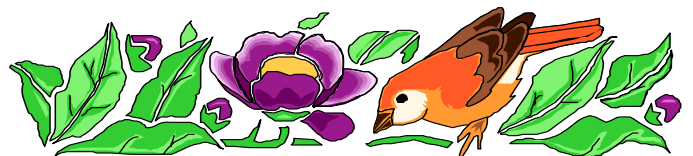
Several virus diseases can affect dahlia plants. The ADS sponsors a research project at Washington State University, hoping to learn more about dealing with infections. Sadly, the symptoms can be similar to those of a plant stressed by other causes, like lack of nutrients, heat and wind, or over and under watering.

Keep in mind: When in doubt, throw it out. Do not add any part of unhealthy dahlias to your compost pile. Further information or helpful advice is available at the Extension Office Master Gardener Diagnostic Clinic. Mondays 1:00-4:00 pm, June through August.

UTAH STATE FAIRPARK

Just a reminder that Wednesday is our work day at the Utah State FairPark, beginning around 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Cathy Miller.

Every Master Gardener is invited to come to our annual State Fair Park clean-up Wednesday, August 30 from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m. This is our chance to do last minute fixing up before the State Fair.



GILGAL GARDEN

749 East 500 South
North side of the street behind the wrought iron
fence

Gilgal is a very unique place. It started back in 1945 when a man named Thomas Child started his unique rock work in his backyard. After Child's death in 1963 the family kept it up until the house was sold; the new owners had a hard time keeping it up. They were going to sell the place. That's when Friends of Gilgal Garden or 'FOGG' was formed. They got donations to buy the park and turned it over to Salt Lake City in the year 2000. The city parks department will only mow the lawns and maintain existing water.

When the Master Gardeners got involved we had such an overgrown mess, I didn't know how we were going to clean it up. But through out the last four years there has been such a incredible transformation. We started with "overgrown areas," where the homeless had huts you wouldn't have known were there. We found drug leftovers, and vandalism was done more back then. It was actually scary to be there alone.

With Master Gardeners help, we have taken all the vines and overgrowth down, tilled in new mulch, planted flowers, etc. It is basically a great beautification project. Now we can work alone and there are visitors constantly. Families, church groups, school classes, photographers and just individuals who wander through. Some had been there years ago and some didn't know it existed.

If you have never been to Gilgal, you need to see what a wonderful job the Master Gardeners have done throughout the years. It's something to be very proud of, and I just want to thank everyone who has ever worked there. On our big projects and our regular workdays we couldn't have done it without your hard work. Come visit Bev and myself on Tuesday night. We will give you a tour. If you go by on your own time, there is a written walking tour guide just after you enter the park. The gates are open daily during daylight hours, so go take a look. We even have a mascot pet cat from one of the neighbors that loves to come and visit.

We work every Tuesday night starting at 3:00 and ending at 6:00 p.m. It is shady there during this time, so it is a pleasant place to work. If anyone wants to get hours, please come. Once you have learned what to do, you can work at you own convenience. Some people like to work in the cool morning hours, others can't come until later. The gates are always open during the daylight hours. We hope to see you there.

Thanks to everyone who helps. I really appreciate it. If you have any question contact:

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Traci Dahle smoki1@smartfella.com

UTAH AIDS FOUNDATION

Utah AIDS Foundation garden work parties will be held every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until sundown. Come when you can during that time slot. The gardens are located at 1408 South 1100 East. It is a cement building marked UAF located on the west side of the street. Please bring tools and drinking water.

Wheeler Farm Herb Garden
Come work with us on Friday mornings
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

WHEELER FARM VEGGIE GARDEN

By Ron Jones, Project Manager

Just a quick note to update the progress at the Wheeler Farm veggie garden. After a successful planting season, we are now entering the harvesting season. We planted the following vegetables this year: peas, onions, garlic, carrots, beets, spinach, Swiss chard, radishes, turnips, kohlrabi, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, red potatoes, russet potatoes, several varieties of peppers, cucumbers, 9 varieties of tomatoes, summer squash, spaghetti squash, banana squash, pumpkins, beans and artichokes. In addition we planted two rows of dahlias to add some color to the garden. We have been tutored by Mark Hurst on how to grow dahlias.

After a difficult spring of alternating hot and cold weather, the garden is looking pretty good. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing problems with the County and their watering of the lawns with 360 degree sprinklers. This affects about a third of the garden and keeps the soil much too wet to suit most of the plants. All attempts to have them adjust their sprinklers have fallen on deaf ears. I guess it's time to visit the County administration building and ask for help.

So far we have harvested radishes, spinach, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, beet greens, peas, Swiss chard, and a few peppers. This has all been taken to the Fresh From the Heart food pantries. They are always pleased to get the fresh produce.

I have had a great group of Master Gardeners and new students working with me on this project. There have been 12 workers whom I can always depend on when I need help. Due to the water problem, we have not been able to establish a definite day and time to work at the garden.

Our goals this year for this project have been as follows: 1) Have fun and meet new friends, 2) Have a show place garden we can be proud of, 3) Create a learning environment, 4) Provide an opportunity to talk to the public, 5) Provide quality produce to the "Fresh from the Heart" food pantries, 6) Provide an opportunity to meet volunteer service requirements, 7) Show Wheeler Farm the Salt Lake Master Gardner Association is a professional organization.

It's been a great experience so far due to all the great help we have had.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Mark your calendar!

Saturday, July 15 - Albion Basin Wild Flower identification field trip. See article below.

Tuesday and Thursday, July 18 and 20 - Collecting and Mounting Insects Class taught by Maggie Shao. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. \$35.00 Call (801) 468-3178 for information or to sign up.

Thursday, July 20 - General meeting 7:00 pm: Alan Roe, the USU 'bug guy' will teach a class on Spider Identification.

Friday, July 21 - GARDEN TOUR:
*Howard Andrews (gladiolas): 10 am to dark
3643 South 2200 West.*

Saturday, July 29 - GARDEN TOUR:
*Ann Scott : 1749 Ft. Douglas Circle
(195 North)
Julie Myers: 951 Diestel Road (1730 East)
9:00 a.m. to noon*

Wednesday, August 9 - GARDEN TOUR:
*Cindy Deverall: 1075 E. Vine Street, Murray
Karen Crook: 622 Lincoln Place, Murray
5 - 8 pm*

Wednesday - Saturday August 16 - 19 Salt Lake County Fair: Time to utilize the information learned from Etsuko Freeman, enter your flowers and take home the ribbons. Also another opportunity for volunteer hours if you help at the SLMGA booth. Contact Steve LeCheminant if you are interested.

Thursday, August 17 - General Meeting/ Annual Picnic/BBQ and Iris Exchange at Murray Park Pavilion #5 (same place as always). 5:00 - 9:30 pm. Bring your surplus iris, lilies, bulbs, etc. to pass on to other Master Gardeners. There is a possibility that we will have a flower arrangement contest. More info next month.

Thursday, August 24 - Kennecott Bus Tour. See information on page 6. Sign up soon to confirm your spot on the bus.

Saturday, August 26 - GARDEN TOUR
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(This is a time change from past issues)

*Robin Chubak (edible landscape) - 5266 Hunter
Drive (3325 South)*

*Steve LeCheminant - 5330 West Garden Green Circle
(4065 South) Mark Hurst (Dahlias) - 5539 Elaine
Avenue (3930 South)*

Wednesday, August 30 - State Fairpark Clean-up
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday through Sunday, September 7 - 17 Utah State Fair Another opportunity to utilize the information learned from Etsuko Freeman, enter your flowers and take home more ribbons. Also another opportunity for volunteer hours.

Thursday, September 21 - General Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the classroom. **Joy Bossi**, Master Gardener and host of the radio show "Joy in the Garden" (Saturdays from 9 to noon on am570)

Thursday, October 19 - General Meeting at the Columbus Center 2530 South 500 East. **Election Night and Successes and Failures.** Share this year's gardening successes and failures.

Thursday, November 16 - Maggie Shao will share her knowledge on trees.

Thursday, December 14 - Annual Graduation and Awards dinner in the Barn at Wheeler Farm. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

ALBION BASIN WILDFLOWER TOUR

Fellow Master Gardener Sherm Brough will once again give a class on identifying wildflowers. Join us and learn how to use a Dichotomous Key written by Sherm that will quickly help you identify that five-petaled pink flower with 10 stamens and lobed leaves in a basal arrangement - or whatever flowers you find up there.

Meet in the parking lot of Albion Basin at 8:15 a.m. This is at the end of the main road through Alta ski resort. You'll be on time if you exit I-215 at the Ski Areas by 7:45 a.m. Head south on Wasatch Blvd. past Big Cottonwood Canyon. Go up Little Cottonwood Canyon (State Highway 210).

Bring a hat, sunscreen, drinking water, etc. Our guide will be Sherm Brough, a Master Gardener who is a retired Botany professor and the author of several books on Utah native plant life.

Spotlight

On Cheryl Staley

For someone making major changes, Cheryl Staley is certainly well-grounded. It could be something to do with her pioneer stock. She grew up in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, treasuring memories like learning to ski at the age of four. She later migrated to Cache Valley where she worked in real estate for twenty years. Recently, she struck out on her own and making a move here seemed logical. As a realtor most of her transactions were based in Salt Lake. Also, her perfectly wonderful son lived in Sandy.

Cheryl is a cheerful person with portable dreams. She brought along her two spoiled-rotten kitty cats. But instead of pining away for Jackson, she discovered Alta, where she can ski in the winter and hike in the summer. Her family history search had fallen by the wayside - until someone found her. A stranger recognized Cheryl from a photo - taken in the 1800's. The lady in the picture had an eerie resemblance to Cheryl. After comparing family trees, Cheryl indeed found they were related, with the lady in question her Great-great Grandmother Lowe.

Naturally Cheryl wanted to be more like her grandmothers who knew everything about gardening. While in Logan she became a Master Gardener and grew her first-ever tomato plants. She hasn't bought a home yet and has put planting on hold. But her expertise has made her the neighborhood go-to person for advice on bugs and lawn care. One man no longer sprays continually for codling moth but waits for their emergence. Cheryl acts as the ambassador for good spiders and bugs. She's also death on using too much fertilizer. "We overdo," Cheryl says, "and create more problems than we resolve."

Although her gardening is now limited, lucky for us it didn't stop Cheryl from transferring her Master Gardener membership from Logan to Salt Lake.

FRESH FROM THE HEART

Find the donation center most convenient for you from the chart on page 11 and share your harvest of good quality, fresh produce. Be sure to count the time you spend harvesting, driving, and delivering the produce.

Also, any Master Gardener who wants to help harvest produce at the Wheeler Farm vegetable garden for the pantries can contact Ron Jones.

Contact Jennie Gibson: gibsongg@earthlink.net, or JoDeane Condrat.

WASATCH GARDEN and WHAT NOT

by Val Chatwin

Our general meeting to Wasatch Gardens was really fun and informative. They have 4 gardens around the city in which people can rent a [about] 4ft by 25 ft. piece of ground for \$40 a year. They furnish all the water. At this site they have an artesian well! I talked to a lady who was there weeding with her three girls; they were on the waiting list a year before they got their row. It already had 10 ft. of strawberries and red rhubarb from the last people. She got lots of strawberries this year, much to their delight. The rest was planted in pole beans, chard, carrots, peppers and tomatoes, [nearly every plot had tomatoes and some had a complete salsa garden.

They have a building that everyone was fascinated with. It started as a frame covered in chicken wire and filled with straw bales, then two coats of plaster on the inside and outside. Solar powered fans are in the roofs, which go on automatically when it gets too hot inside. It was filled with young plants. They said they had been able to keep a salad garden alive all winter with no other heat. The architect of the greenhouse lives in a straw bale house himself. Half the area was garden plots for kids. There are lots of reseeding herbs and perennials there.

A low black wrought iron fence with open gates surrounds it. The iron work includes metal flowers and is very nice. The garden is on a busy street where there is lots of foot traffic but don't have much stolen. I asked them, "Who got the peaches on the peach tree?" They said, "Anyone who happens to get them when they are ripe."

Everyone was busy trying to identify the many unusual herbs and other plants. Borage was in several places. (It reseeds.) Horseradish really is beautiful. Faythe, and Kevin Adams and I were wondering what a blue flowered perennial was that had taken over a part of the fence. It turned out to be comfrey.

I was a volunteer at the Avenues tour a few weeks ago. They didn't have enough people so I switched between two houses. Owners love to talk to a Master Gardener about all their precious flowers, vines, trees and unusual things. They really had a lot of people going around. One lady catalogued her plants in a book, had pictures and names - common and other, by bloom times. It was very organized. I've started a loose-leaf with plastic sleeves to keep all my new plant tags in. Good tip from Mary Nichols in May's GP.

While the Master Gardeners were at the Mini-College in Logan, we were cruising Alaska. In Ketchikan they have 320 days of rain a year. They have a milder climate too. We walked through a rain forest in the rain wearing ponchos they gave us. We saw slugs twice the size of our here. We also saw salmon hatcheries, a grizzly and a black bear, and lots of eagles.

When we disembarked we wanted to drive all the way home. 13 hours later I staggered out of the car in our driveway at 11pm. My Sweetie had driven all the way, at the speed limit. I was tired but I had to see if the chickens were okay. (Our daughter and her husband had been tending them.) I felt each back, in the dark, on the roost, while they growled and complained. All there and lots of food and water. Halleluia! The next day I was surprised what can happen in the garden when you don't see it for 10 days. Good trip, but I am glad to be home.

SALT LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK

Location	Agency	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Murray	SL CAP Murray 281-4937 4994 S Commerce (300 W) Murray	Closed	11am-2pm 3pm-6pm	11am-2pm 3pm-6pm	11am-2pm 3pm-6pm	11am-2pm 3pm-6pm	11am-2pm 3pm-6pm
Downtown East	St Paul's Episcopal 322-5869 261 S 900 E, SLC UT	10am-1pm	10am-1pm	10am-1pm	10am-1pm		
	Crossroads Urban Center 364-7765 347 S 400 E., SLC UT	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	
SE SLC	Utah AIDS Foundation 487-2323 1408 S 1100 E, SLC UT	Call for appointment					
Rose Park	SL CAP Northwest 359-8741 1300 W 300 N, SLC UT	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	
Kearns WVC	Kearns First Baptist 968-1471	11am-3pm		11am-3pm	11am-3pm	11am-3pm	
	SL CAP Redwood 972-6661 3060 S Lester(1585 W) SLC UT	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	
	Westvale Presbyterian 968-7992 3610 S 4400 W, SLC	Call for appointment					
	Granger Community Church 968-3301 2600 W 3800 S WVC	5:30pm-7pm					10am-1pm
Magna	SL CAP Magna 250-6414 3041 S 8560 W Magna	8:30am-1pm 2pm-5pm	8:30am-1pm 2pm-5pm	8:30am-1pm 2pm-5pm	8:30am-1pm 2pm-5pm	8:30am-1pm 2pm-5pm	
Midvale	SL CAP South County 255-3516 8446 S Harrison(340	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	8:30am-noon 1pm-5pm	
SW SLC	Baptist Concern Center 972-5708 1235 W California(1330 S) SLC UT	1pm-4pm		1pm-4pm	1pm-4pm		
	Lifecare Services 978-2452	Call for appointment					
	Indian Walk-In Center 486-4877 120 W 1300 S, SLC UT	8:30am-4:30pm	8:30am-4:30pm	8:30am-4:30pm	8:30am-3pm	8:30am-4:30pm	
	Utah Food Bank 908-8660 1025 S 700 W, SLC UT	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	



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FARMER'S MARKET at PIONEER PARK

The Farmer's Market at Pioneer Park got off to a great start thanks to beautiful weather and wonderful volunteers. Thanks to them and all who have committed to help in the future. We spoke with over 50 people with gardening questions and interest in our program. We still have opportunities available so contact Karen Crook @ garykarencrook@comcast.net to sign up.

LEARN WHILE YOU GET HOURS: HELP AT WEEKLY DIAGNOSTIC CLINICS

Our weekly diagnostic clinics are being held at the Extension Office. These clinics will run through August and are a great service to the community. Folks bring in their plants or questions for some helpful advice from our Master Gardeners. Maggie Shao invites all who are interested in volunteering and learning at the same time to come on Mondays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. There isn't a formal sign-up schedule; just drop in. It will usually be held in the classroom. Use your expertise, plus learn from our Extension Agent.

Calendar

Thursday, July 20
Spider Identification

Learn the facts for your own safety and
 for the good of your garden.

In the Classroom

Thursday, August 17
 Our annual

Party in the Park
Murray Park

Pavilion #5
5400 South State
 more on this in next month's issue

Thursday, September 21
Joy Bossi
 In the Classroom

THE GARDEN PATCH
is ON THE WEB at a
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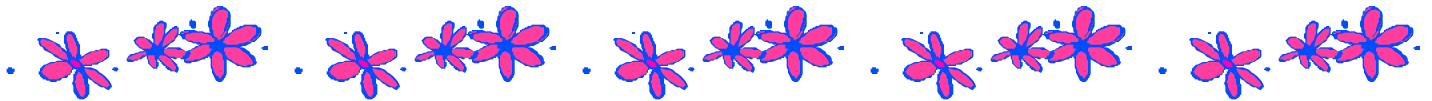


“Swap and Shop”
 and
 “Garden Talk”
 Bulletin Board
 On the SLMG Web Site

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 or go to www.slmg.org and click the link

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REPORTING YOUR HOURS

Inside the April newsletter was a form to use for handing in your volunteer hours this year.

You can also download a copy of the form from www.slmg.org/hours

to print out and send in. Sometime in the near future, we hope to have an online form you can fill in and e-mail. We'll let you know when that becomes available.

Meanwhile, either mail or fax the form to:

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MASTER GARDENER SHIRTS AND BAGS FOR SALE

Master Gardener logo shirts are currently for sale. You can see the various styles of shirts and their prices on the web at <http://www.utahmastergardeners.org/logoShirts2005.pdf>

Also for sale are SLMA logo canvas bags in four different colors. They will be handy to carry your books to Master Gardener booths when you volunteer and to carry tools when you go to volunteer project locations. They are \$12.00. Order from Barbara at endlesspromos1@msn.com (If you have questions call Barbara or Traci at smoki1@smartfella.com)