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THE DAHLIA DIARY III

To Propagate? Or Wait?

(First time readers need to know this is a continuation of step-by-step course on how to grow dahlias. If you are seriously interested, refer to Part I and II in the January and February 2006 issues.)

Propagation is a step that can be skipped over. Those busily starting other plants can read on to possibly learn something new. Others, chomping at the bit, might want to try their hand at the procedure.

Why not simply plant a tuber instead of bothering with propagation? One reason is that starting the season with a growing plant cuts down on failure. Tubers placed directly in the ground may not be viable. Or they may decay, although rot isn't much of a problem in Utah like it is in wetter climates. We're luckier than in England where exhibitors must grow most of their blooms from cuttings.

Commercial dahlia growers, in large scale operations, take thousands of cuttings to provide tubers or pot roots for future sales. Gardeners naturally have an eye for beauty and are drawn to the more magnificent, costly dahlias. For the home grower, taking cuttings on a small scale is the best way to save money while increasing stock of a favorite or new variety. For instance, a new dahlia was introduced last spring, in limited supply for \$25 a tuber, plus s/h. The grower's dream, Vassio Meggos 128 A IDL¹ was developed as a cutting from a sport of a Spartacus 127 A ID DR². Propagation by other growers has increased the quantity, making it available now for \$15 a tuber, plus s/h.

Propagation by Cuttings

If one hundred people take cuttings, they might use equally as many means or methods. One adaptation is through leaf cuttings taken from a section of plant stalk with leaves attached and nodes undeveloped. But let's first talk about cuttings taken from tubers, known as stem cuttings.

1. Begin the process 6-8 weeks before frost-free date. By the reckoning of the pioneers who learned from the Indians not to plant until the snow had melted from the Oquirrh, this is roughly the middle of March.

2. Prepare labels to identify varieties.
3. Use a container with drainage holes. Trays or flats with perforations in the bottom, like those with six compartments, work well. Pat in about 2" of moist potting medium.

4. Plant the tuber/tubers horizontally with the growth eye/eyes up. Cover with more potting mix, but leave the eyes exposed. Moisten, but not too much.

5. Place the trays in a warm, sunny place. Expose to 16 hours of light, which may be a combination of sun and artificial. Shoots will appear under less than perfect conditions. For those already set up, the ideal would be a greenhouse, on a propagation mat. Set bottom heat at 70° and air temp at 60°- 65°. Keep damp but not soaked.

6. The tuber will send out roots and the eyes will send up a shoot. Varieties vary greatly, with some appearing faster than others but in about 2-3 weeks the shoot should be ready. A good time to cut is when they reach 3" height with two pair of true leaves.

7. Prepare an 8-ounce containers for planting. Plastic cups or used yogurt containers with a drainage hole in the bottom work as well as purchased pots.

8. Add potting mix and compact.

9. Using a razor blade or Exacto knife, cut the shoot 1/8" from tuber with Remove the bottom pair of leaves, just above the bottom of the cutting. The roots will develop from these leaf nodes.

10. Dip stem in rooting hormone and insert in prepared pot. Cover with a plastic cup and place out of direct sunlight.

If all goes well, in a couple of weeks these plants can be transplanted to larger pots, hardened off and eventually moved to the garden.

¹ See classification guides, *The Garden Patch*, Feb. 2006, p. 5: Large, 8-10" diameter. Informal Decorative, Lavender.

² See classification guides, *The Garden Patch*, Feb. 2006, p. 5: Large, 8-10" diameter. Informal Decorative, Dark Red.

Next Month: Preparing and Planting

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Traci Dahle

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone who came to our February general meeting had a good time. I sure did. We had a lot of seeds to share with everyone, along with some wonderful homemade treats. I want to thank everyone who brought seeds and treats for this meeting. I thought about naming names, but I knew I would miss someone, so thanks to all.

We had sign-up sheets for the projects, so the blue badge people interested in helping could sign up that night. If you want to work on a project, or at least be informed of up-coming events at a project, please contact the project manager for information. We will have a list of all projects and project managers in upcoming newsletters.

Our new Master Gardener classes started in January, and the students were invited to attend our meetings. I hope we have more attendees next month. The snowstorm that day may have stopped some from coming. They seem to be a great bunch of people. Thanks to everyone who has made the effort to meet the new class and introduce yourself. (Remember anyone who wants to sit in on a class for an update, feel free to come. See schedule on back cover.) Anyone who wants to formally meet the new class, let me know. I still have a couple of dates open. I know I said this before, but if you see someone new in the meeting, please introduce yourself so they can feel welcome. If you go to the meetings and want to bring your spouse or a friend, please feel free to do so.

Remember to try to come to our meeting on time. I know there are always going to be traffic problems or something else. Ken stays at the door until 7:15. After that you need to call my cell 971-3035 so we can open the door for you. Last meeting I had someone call me the next day and say they tried to go to the north building through security as we have done in the past, and they couldn't get in. I called the security and they said they leave the north building unlocked at all time for people coming in late. It must have been just a unfortunate night and said it shouldn't happen again. So if someone isn't at the south building door to get in, either call my cell or go to the north building and through security.

Ken and I returned from Arizona to Salt Lake City for ten days for the board meeting and general meeting. I got my greenhouse straightened up so I could plant some seed trays. I hope they do well without a watchful eye. Don't forget the plant exchange is in April, so start planting your seedlings to give away.

My neighbors and I have eaten my second red tomato, and we have had about 15 yellow pear tomatoes. I have some wonderful neighbors down here. Jim and Irene live across the street. Jim is in an electric wheelchair and can speak only a couple of words because of a stroke many years ago. He drives his chair over to check on our tomatoes on a daily basis. One time Ken and I went on a day trip, and when we got home I saw my nice big almost ripe tomato sitting on my front porch with a big bite out of it. I just about died! I thought, "There is no way they would do that, not my tomato!" I have been waiting so patiently for it to ripen. Well, I ran to my plant (with them watching from their window, laughing) and my nice big tomato was still on the plant. Irene went and bought

another one just to play a trick on me. It worked.

I told them whoever came up with an idea like that, I'm going to kick their butt and Jim laughed and just said one of his words "well" and pointed at himself. (Of course he still got his ¼ of the tomato when it was ripe).

I hope to see you all next month, either at the Home and Garden Show, or at our monthly meeting. Take care and be safe. — Traci Dahle

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Philanthropy/charity is a concept that envelops all ideologies and acts of sharing. It is expressed by the VOLUNTARY giving of one's time, talent and treasure in the service of others. Philanthropy is an ideal. That to most people, means VOLUNTARILY living and implementing their faith.

-- from Thoughts and Quotes To Encourage a Process for Philanthropic Support—Philanthropic Fund Development

Hi From Dave Kempff

After the last few days of cold weather it feels good to be inside for a morning. This morning at our house in Draper it was 10 degrees. I have not done anything to the yard outside due to the wonderful snow that fell the last few weeks. This will truly help the ground water, as it has helped the plants and bushes that were planted last season.

Over the last few weeks we have had the tree trimming crew from Utah Power and Light on properties in the Holladay area. They have been really good in not taking off too much when I have been there. The other day they really took a lot off a tree on one property. They explained that they have to go back 14 feet along power lines for most trees. All though this sounds like a lot of tree limbs, if we all do our part on a regular basis then it will not be so bad. Some trees such as evergreens have to be taken back about 10 feet from power lines because they grow slower. I have been working the tree limb back over the years, and they said that most of the trees are fine.

I finally am getting most of my seed catalogues. My hands can't wait to get into the soil again.

I have been ordering my fertilizer for the season. The prices have gone up about 30 per cent, so don't be surprised when you go to buy some for your yard. If you have any left over from last season, and it has not gotten wet, you may be able to save yourself some money this year. I have had really good success with four applications during the growing seasons.

I hope to be able to get to the March meeting now that basketball is over in the high schools. It has been a very busy season. I hope all is well and that you all are fine. Until we meet again, have a good time with your seeds.

If you have not renewed, this will be the last issue of *The Garden Patch* you will receive.

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Horticulture as a Life Skill

By Maggie Wolf, USU Extension Horticulture Agent

I've watched enough evening news to know that people are shaped and influenced by their environments. Human beings may be the most adaptable species on earth, hence our 'superiority'. (If you're feeling proud about that, ponder the adaptability of cockroaches, dandelions, and Siberian elms – I hope that helps to re-humble-ize your attitude.) And although some city dwellers could probably live long and productive lives without ever growing a plant, it seems unnatural to me. Even city people crave a connection with plants, whether houseplants, cut flowers, salads, lawns, shade trees, or vegetable gardens. It seems obvious that horticulture is an important life skill. Why then, do so many people know so little about plants?

Our educational system isn't big on teaching life skills. And that's not really a bad thing. Teachers have only so many hours every day. Along with plenty of disciplinary distractions, testing requirements, and assemblies, they're cramming in as much basic knowledge as possible. So, horticulture, like cooking, cleaning, and balancing a checkbook, has become a home-taught (or not) life skill.

Youth learn faster than they will at any other time of life. In fact, they absorb much more than adults might admit or prefer. After school's out, they might learn how to put on makeup, or play softball, or fight. Or maybe they'll learn the words to the Spongebob Squarepants theme song. Or gang signals. Some (the lucky ones) might learn how to grow vegetables. But not by watching HGTV; someone's got to teach them.

So here's an invitation to any of you Master Gardeners who feel up to a challenge – consider starting an after-school 4-H gardening club. It could be a group of your kid's friends, or kids you never met before at a neighborhood center. It could be once a week, or even less often. An important, heavy commitment? Yes. But you're human, you'll adapt. And just think of the brain spaces you'll be filling with true skills, rather than cartoon theme songs.

If you're interested in making such a commitment, let me know. I'll arrange a meeting among us and Donna Carter and/or John Wesley, our 4-H Agents. maggiew@ext.usu.edu.

A part-time, temporary gardener position will be starting in mid-May at the Salt Lake County Government Building. Primary duties will be to tend the newly installed water-conserving demonstration garden located between the north and south buildings. Must be familiar with native and drought-tolerant species, drip irrigation, common weeds, and IPM best management practices. Perform or supervise basic landscape tasks such as pruning, weeding, watering, planting, deadheading, etc. Must be able to lift 50 lbs, bend over or kneel for extended times, and work in the heat. Contact Maggie Wolf, maggiew@ext.usu.edu, 468-3171 for more information

What's New from Extension

By Maggie Shao

February was full of activity. January was spent recovering from the holidays and getting focused on 2006 and now I feel the year is quickly accelerating with more events and activities. The Advanced Master Gardener Class has 23 students who are about halfway through this semester of Landscape History and Management. The students in the 2006 Master Gardener Training are also just about halfway through the course. I was glad to see several of them at the February Projects/Seed Exchange meeting. There are 38 students, and many of them signed up for the different projects at the meeting. Sixty people interested in Small Acreage attended the workshop in Riverton on the 4th. The most popular sessions were in the Landscape Track. Some of the folks from that workshop signed up for the Indoor Light Workshop on February 15. People came out to learn about germinating and starting seeds in spite of the heavy snowstorm. Thanks to all the Master Gardeners who volunteered helping cut PVC pipe and assembling the kits.

Several Master Gardeners have been helping Maggie Wolf prepare for the Native Plant Propagation Workshops in March and April. There are several evenings and one Saturday that these workshops will be offered, so you should be able to find a convenient time. I'm looking forward to helping out Maggie Wolf with those workshops. Other events to sign up for in March and April include a tree pruning workshop on Saturday March 4 and a grafting workshop on April 22.

Our sympathy goes out to Bart Anderson on the passing of his wife. Many Master Gardeners will remember Shirley with fondness as she supported Bart in his Master Gardener activities.

SPRING BULB SHOW AND COMPETITION

Sat.—Sun., April 8 - 9, 2006 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Red Butte Garden
COMPETITION ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON
SATURDAY, 8 a.m. -10 a.m.

COMPETITION JUDGING SAT., 10a.m.-12a.m.

Bring in your showy flowering bulbs for display and judging in this Spring competition. OPEN TO EVERYONE. Categories featuring narcissi (Daffodils) will include trumpet, large, small, and double cupped flowers, cyclamineus and split corona blooms. Other gorgeous spring bulbs on display will include hyacinths, tulips, and minor bulbs such as galanthus, crocus, muscari, iris reticulata, and more. Ribbons will be awarded to the top entries. Timed to coincide with the thousands of daffodils blooming in the Four Season Garden, this bulb show is sure to be a spectacular way to welcome spring. For more information on the competition and judging please visit www.redbuttegarden.org. Regular garden admission will be charged. Members are free.

Mantis Watch: January in the Garden

By Catherine New

Robins and cedar waxwings feasted on the beak-sized fruit of the flowering pears. Chickadees explored the budding forsythia and the butchered juniper on the utility pole. A flicker burst up from under the chronically chlorotic silver maple street tree, where above a hairy woodpecker investigated the maple's many scars and crevices. A flock of starlings swooped down to snack on crabapples in a neighboring street tree, and then promptly swooped away. January 31, 2006 offered a cotton sweater muddy afternoon that quieted into a grayed pink and blue sky behind a southwest sliver of new moon. I invested that afternoon in Mantis Watch preparation, AKA winter patio clean-up.

Bedraggled lambs ears and small achillea persisted in cracks in the old uneven cement patio on the east side of the house. I sheared them back hard and expect they'll be well leafed out to host the tiny praying mantis nymphs in May, as I've observed for several years. Snowdrops nodded in the corner of the raised brick bed against the tumble-down wooden garage. Near the snowdrops I planted last fall's white violas because spring 2005 I learned the quarter-inch long ["brow" to abdomen tip] tan nymphs were conveniently easy to observe on viola's white petals.

The vine-covered west face of the tumble-down wooden garage backs the snowdrops and violas' raised brick bed. A couple of years ago we added a climbing 'Cecile Bruner' rose to the long-intertwined late summer coral-blossomed trumpet vine and spring flowering honeysuckle vine. Honeysuckle and rose bloom together, a pink and peach cloud for Mother's Day. That last afternoon of January I disciplined the honeysuckle, trashing aphid-infested stems, and tied up the rose (pending April Fools Day pruning.) In the process I collected three sections of stem adorned by praying mantis oothecae; one was battered and likely hatched in 2005, while the other two looked viable.

One of the promising oothecae I'll reinstall in the network of garage vines and anticipate spring Mantis Watch on the sunny patio. I'll preserve the other promising ootheca outdoors until I decide where to install it. I've observed a pattern that mantises move west across the yard, so I'll probably install it on the east side to maximize observation opportunities and also increase the time these beneficial insects patrol our garden.

The battered third ootheca will make the rounds as a teaching aid at Liberty Wells Community Council and other Mantis Watch education settings. In Mantis Watch's few years I've met many folk, including long-time gardeners, who are delighted to learn to identify and protect praying mantis oothecae around their neighborhoods. An ootheca is a foamy-looking tan blob about the size of the first joint of my thumb, sometimes described as walnut-sized, adhered to a stem or hard surface. It's fairly easy to spot oothecae in the leafless late winter and spring garden; when you find one, preserve it in outdoor conditions, or refrigerate until outdoor installation in March or April. (Editor's note: It looks like it is made of lots of layers of paper. Besides being on stems, it could be attached to a wall or fence.)

BROODY HENS

By Val Chatwin

One of the Orpington buff [gold, their faces feathers are a darker gold and then it radiates lighter down the body, beautiful] hens is broody. She sits on the nest all day, ruffles her feather out, and growls at any hen that tries to use the nest. It has worked. Lately there has only been one egg a day in that nest. I gather the eggs every day so at night, when there is nothing to sit on, they will still spend the night there. That is the only breed of large hen I have ever had get broody.

The Banties, on the other hand, get broody all the time. As a matter of fact they usually lay a few eggs and then want to sit on them. One past Banty had her own hidden nest and had laid 13 eggs by the time we finally found it. The next spring she did it again, except in a different place, and when found there were 23 eggs. Her little tiny body could only cover about 5.

From the flock that was killed, I had a Black Silkie [tiny, feathers look like fur] that would lay a few eggs, sit for 3 weeks, then give up. She would be out with the other hens a while, then lay another few. She did this all summer. I would put her out in the cool grass occasionally to get her out of that blazing hot coup, outside the fence, so she couldn't get back into the nest. I decided to let her try hatching some. I would have loved some Silkie chicks. My Silkies have always been tamer and willing to let kids hold them, so they have been favorites. But the rooster was too big and old so her eggs were not fertile. However, there were some that were so I marked them with a magic marker. The chickens are in the pen in the summer and there are two nest there so the other hens are using the nests too. They take 19 days to hatch, [isn't that miraculous that in 19 days something like this can happen?] She faithfully kept them warm, and then the Orpington got broody. After competing with this much bigger hen for the nest, the Silkie gave up. About two days later the eggs started hatching. The Orpington had not been sitting that long so I think that confused her anyway she didn't quite know what to do with the chicks. The nest is high, so I would lift them down. They needed food and water. She would stay with them for a while, but pretty soon jump back up in the nest.

The Silkie hen was right there every time and would take over. I finally left them down with her and she became their Mom. She cuddled them under her tiny wings, showed them what to eat and drink, cawed and flew at the rooster or other hens when they got too close and slept with them on the ground at night. After a while the chicks got big. It was a funny sight - this little tiny hen trying to cover them with her wings when rain drops would fall or and calling them to eat something when they were twice her size.

One interesting thing happened. I wondered what would happen when you have different breeds mixing. The rooster was an Araucana the hen was an Orpington. The chick turned out to look exactly like the mother but she laid blue/green eggs like the Araucana.

With a steady snow falling outside, there is no better time than now to work on the newsletter article. This is the middle of February and I have already had the itch to start up the greenhouse. I did fill all the water bottles in the greenhouse while the sun was shining, and it was warm out there. I need to check out the heating and cooling systems before I can move the plants out of the basement. It looks like the last Saturday in February I will need to make the move. In watching the shadow from the house on the greenhouse windows, it finally cleared on the 12th of February. I am watching the north part of the yard that has been frozen and in the shade finally receive sun and show signs of thawing.

The weather has turned as cold as January weather so I have held back a little on starting some of my seeds too early. I do have a lot of tomatoes planted and waiting for them to form their true leaves so I can transplant them in to the cell packs or 4-inch pots. With the third planting of 'Snow Crown' Cauliflower I finally have a good crop started. Sometimes the seeds do not germinate very well, or there are different needs of the seeds to be able to get them to germinate properly. I have planted the peppers and hope to have them up in the next week.

The Grafting Class will be taught in April on the 22nd at 10:00 am at Bart Anderson's place. If you want to save scion wood do, it no later than the first week in March. I like to save it in the middle of February, then I know that it is dormant. With the cold weather this year I think by March it should still be ok. If you don't know what scion wood is contact Bart or myself, and we can let you know. We will have some scion wood at the grafting class for you to take home and try.

Here a report on the amaryllis I got at Macey's at a bargain price. Only one of them turned out as marked on the box. The orange one turned out to be a pink with white stripes, two shafts of 9 blossoms--absolutely gorgeous. The white double turned out to look like an Easter lily--very disappointing. The red one was great--two shafts with a total of 11 blossoms. I still have another bulb with a blossom shaft yet to bloom. Only one of the bulbs I held over through the summer has not showed signs of blooming. It is a very large bulb and is growing leaves but may need a little longer growing period.

I have transplanted the 'Stupice' and 'Glacier' tomatoes into a flat just randomly and need to start potting them up soon, but I will not do that until after I am through with my class on the 4th of March. The 'Glacier' tomatoes planted in October now have fruit on them a little smaller than a golf ball. Some of the plants are starting on their 4th bracket of blossoms. I need to get them into gallon containers very soon. I will take the bottom few leaves from the plants so I can grow more roots. As the stem is planted deeper in the soil, it is stimulated to grow more roots. The aphid problem I had early on with them seems to have cleared up. I see no signs of the critters (I am still crossing my fingers and hoping they will not come back.).

The seed catalogs are still coming, some duplicates and others one of a kind with all kinds of offers. If being a good gardener depends on how many seed catalogs or gar-

Golden's Garden

By Wm. Golden Reeves

dening offers you receive in the mail, I must be the world's best. I found Burpee seeds on sale at Walmart and was able to pick up some of the seeds I had not ordered. So I think I have all I need for this year's growing season. The rosemary cuttings are going to make it; three out of four cuttings have grown roots. The pelargonium (geranium) cuttings are rooting also; I have taken them out of the plastic bags and will see if they can survive. They do have some roots so hopefully they will make it.

I am looking forward to another growing season. The lessons I have leaned in the past I hope will serve me well this season. Or put another way, I hope to not make the same DUMB mistakes this year as I did last year. Hope to see the sun shining on all of us very soon!



Cleaning Out the Apples

By Eva Daniels

Did you put apples from your trees in winter storage, or do you have apples from the grocery store that are past their prime? EXCELLENT! Now is the time to make applesauce or apple butter.

Wash apples then cut the cores out. Put in a slow cooker with enough water to barely cover the bottom. Pile the apples in as tightly as possible. Cover and set to "high". Now wander away for three hours. The apples will be reduced by about half, and the skins will be tender. Whirl apples in blender. The skins disappear into the very smooth sauce. Taste and add your preferred sweetening (I use Splenda®). Cool and store in refrigerator or freezer.

To make apple butter, return sauce to slow cooker on medium high for about two hours. Set the cover at an angle to allow steam to escape and thicken the mixture. When it is thick enough to mound on a spoon, add spices to taste. I use all the "sweet spices" such as cloves, allspice, ginger, and cinnamon. The apples are now so concentrated, they shouldn't need much sweetening.

Cook on medium for another 15 to 20 minutes, which allows the flavors to develop. Pour into jars, cover, cool, and freeze. My crock pot will make about 2 1/2 pints of apple butter. I use Rome, Jonagold, and Gala apples. The Romes make a darker applesauce because of the pigment color in the skin, so I usually use those for the apple butter, but we do not object to the color. Best of all, I like the fact that all my apples are being put to good use.

Proposed Articles of Organization and By-Laws Changes

The Board is recommending the following changes to the By-Laws of the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association: Voting on these proposed changes will take place at the April meeting.

1. Articles of Organization. This is a formal recognition of our purpose. It contains language that will enable us to apply to become a not-for-profit organization.
2. By-Laws changes include rewording to clarify provision and added language to comply with not-for-profit requirements. There are a few substantive changes:
 - A. Article III changed to include "continuing education requirements" in the event such requirements are added by USU to the Master Gardener Program.
 - B. Article IV changes the procedure for election of officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the August meeting in even-numbered years. An election committee will be selected and will take steps to publicize the qualifications of the nominees, will ensure all members receive a ballot and will count the votes received. This will allow members to vote by mail-in ballot or in person. If these changes are approved, this procedure will be in place for the 2006 year elections.
 - C. Article VIII requires presentation of an annual budget and specifies how funds are to be distributed in case the Association is dissolved.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION AND BY-LAWS SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Articles of Organization of The Salt Lake Master Gardener Association

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Utah, do hereby certify:

First, The name of the Association shall be The Salt Lake Master Gardener Association.

Second, The place in the State of Utah where the principal office of the Association is to be located is c/o USU Cooperative Extension, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84190.

Third, The purpose of this organization is exclusively for horticultural education to supplement the effort of the Utah State University Extension Program and thereby provide education and information on horticulture to the residents of Salt Lake

County without the inclusion of any purpose or intention of carrying on any business, trade, evocation, or profession for profit. The USU Extension agent with horticulture responsibilities will advise and help direct the focus of the organization in keeping with the objectives of USU Extension. The educational purposes are to remain within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Fourth, The names and addresses of the persons who are the current trustees of the association are as follows:

Traci Rich Dahle, 1499 West Stern Drive,
Murray, Utah 84123

Catherine B. Miller, 8819 Blue Jay Lane,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Fifth, No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third thereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Sixth, Upon the dissolution of the association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names

See pages 7, 8, and 9 for
bylaws changes or go to
<http://www.slmg.org/Bylaws2006.pdf>

There is also a link from the
www.slmg.org page.

BYLAWS OF THE SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I Name and Location

The name of the organization shall be "The Salt Lake Master Gardener Association", (hereinafter "Association") and its location and chief place of business shall be in the State of Utah.

ARTICLE II Purposes

The purposes of the Association shall be exclusively for horticultural education (such educational purposes to be within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code) and to supplement the effort of the Utah State University Extension Program (USU Extension):

- A. To enhance and supplement USU Extension's Consumer Horticulture through teaching and research;
- B. To extend Master Gardeners' knowledge of and interests in horticulture and related activities;
- C. To disseminate to Salt Lake County citizens information on horticultural practices and techniques in accordance with standards approved by the Cooperative Extension Services of Utah State University without the inclusion of any purpose or intention of carrying on any business, trade, evocation, or profession for profit.
- D. And to provide opportunities for its members to meet and learn from others who have similar horticultural interests.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1 Classification. There shall be four classes of membership:

- A. Active members. Those persons who have successfully completed the Utah State University Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Training program (hereinafter "the Program"), and have satisfied the Program's service and continuing education requirements.
- B. Provisional members. Those persons who have successfully completed the Program but have not satisfied the Program's service and continuing education requirements.
- C. Associate members. Employees of USU Extension who help instruct, teach, or further the purposes of the Association. Honorary Membership. A one year, honorary membership may be bestowed by the Board (hereinafter "the Board") to any individual who has rendered outstanding contributions to the Program.

Section 2 Voting. Active Members are eligible to vote and shall be entitled to cast one vote at any election or on any subject at any regular, annual, or special meeting of the members and such votes may be cast in person or by written proxy limited to the meeting designated in the proxy.

Section 3 Dues. Annual dues for each class of membership shall be established each year by the Board at the October meeting and shall be payable on or before the first of each calendar year. Those whose dues are not paid by March 1st may be automatically dropped from membership in the Association. Membership will be reinstated upon receipt of annual dues.

Section 4 Eligibility. Active members are eligible for nomination and election as Officers.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1 Officers and Duties. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve without bond. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by parliamentary authority adopted by the Association, where that authority is not in conflict with these bylaws.

Section 2. Election of Officers.

- A. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership in October of even years.
- B. Nomination of candidates shall take place at the August meeting of the association. The secretary shall cause to be published in the August issue of the "Garden Patch" newsletter a notice of open nominations. Nomination of candidates for office shall be taken from the floor. Self-nomination is permissible.
- C. Any office for which there is only one (1) nominee shall by the President of the association be declared elected by acclamation and no election for that office will be necessary.
- D. At the close of nominations, an election committee comprised of three (3) members will be selected. The President shall appoint (1) member as chairperson, the other members (2) shall be elected from the floor. The election committee shall attempt to recruit candidates for those offices for which there is no nominee. If no nomination for an office is made the incumbent shall continue to serve at the discretion of the board.
- E. In the September issue of the "Garden Patch" newsletter, a short biographical sketch of each candidate shall be published.
- F. Balloting will be conducted by mail and in person at the October meeting. Ballots and instructions for completion and return will be attached to the September issue of the "Garden Patch". Ballots must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the October meeting. Ballots may also be cast in person during the first ½ hour of the October meeting. Verification and counting shall proceed immediately thereafter. The election committee chairperson shall announce results of the election at the meeting.
- G. No Officer or Salt Lake County Extension Horticulture Agent shall have Ex-Officio standing on the Election Committee.

Section 3 Term of Office. Officers shall serve for two years or until their successors are installed. The term of all officers shall begin on January 1 following the October meeting at which they are elected. Officers shall serve one (1) term in the same office. If the Election Committee is unable to find a candidate for an office, an incumbent may continue to serve with the Board's approval.

Section 4 Office-Holding Limitation. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 5 Vacancies. An officer who wishes to resign before the end of the term of office is to make a written request to the President. The request must be accepted by the Board. The Board shall appoint a member to fill any vacancies that may occur among the officers, subject to approval by the voting membership at the next meeting.

Section 6 Executive Committee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, Treasurer and Immediate Past President shall constitute the Association's Executive Committee and shall be responsible for its daily affairs. The Immediate Past President shall vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 7 USU Extension Agent. A Salt Lake County Extension Horticulture Agent shall sit on the Board and the Association's Executive Committee in the role of advisor and liaison between the Association and USU Extension. The Agent shall have no vote.

ARTICLE V Member Meetings

Section 1 Monthly Meetings. The Association shall meet the third Thursday of each month or such other date as determined by the Board.

Section 2 Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or a petition of not less than 25 percent of the voting membership. Special meetings shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board and within 45 days of the date called. Notice of any special meeting shall be mailed to the membership at least 30 days before the meeting, and shall include a statement of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being called.

Section 3 Quorum. Ten (10) percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI Board of Directors

Section 1 Duties. The Board shall consist of the Officers, the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, the immediate Past President and the Extension Advisor. The Board shall fix the date, time and place of meetings, determine the Association's Rules of Operations, recommend and approve member dues and operating budgets and perform such other duties as are listed in these bylaws or as are prescribed by the membership.

Section 2 Meetings. The Board will meet during the week preceding the Association's monthly meeting, or such other date as determined by the Board. Board meetings are open to Association members. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or may be called upon written request of not less than 25 percent of the Board.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1 Standing Committees. The Association's Standing Committees shall be Program Committee and Volunteer Coordinator Committee. The Program Committee shall plan and coordinate the educational and social activities of the Association in accordance with the purposes of the Association and the interests of the membership. The Volunteer Coordinator Committee shall organize the resources of the Association to meet the demand of educational and volunteer service projects.

Section 2 Auditing Committee. An Auditing Committee of three (3) members, none of whom are on the Board, shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board before the end of the fiscal year. The Auditing Committee shall examine the Treasurer's accounts of the fiscal year and submit a report in writing and signed by all members of the committee. The President shall have no ex-officio status on the Auditing Committee.

Section 3 Election Committee. An election committee shall be

selected subject to Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph D of these bylaws.

Section 4 Committee Members. The Standing Committees shall be filled at the discretion of the President.

Section 5 Special Committees. The President shall appoint all special committees as are deemed necessary by these bylaws, The Association, or the Board.

Section 6 Ex-Officio Status. Except as otherwise directed within these bylaws, the President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII Finances

Section 1 Funds. Funds may be solicited for the purposes previously approved by the Board. The Board shall approve only such purposes as are not in conflict with the stated purpose of the Association. Expenses for the accounting year shall not exceed funds available to pay them that year. The accounting year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2 Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of this Association the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of this Association, dispose of all of its assets exclusively for the purposes of this Association to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue law) as the Board shall determine.

Section 3 Recording of Financial Transactions. All contributions are to be deposited with the Treasurer; and the Treasurer shall record all contributions and disbursements from the Association.

Section 4 Budgets. The Treasurer shall, prior to the end of each accounting year, prepare an itemized statement of the proposed operating expenses and budget for all proposed receipts and disbursements for the following accounting year.

Section 5 Audit. An audit report of the finances of the Association shall be made annually by the audit committee at the end of each accounting year and at such time as any of the Board shall direct.

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE X Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XI Proxy Voting

Voting by proxy is permitted to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Utah, subject to such rules and restrictions,

if any, as may be imposed by the Board.

ARTICLE XII Legislative or Political Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XIII Operational Limitations

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Organization, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XII Misrepresentation of Association

Members are not permitted to use the Association's name, the title "Master Gardener" or any of the Association's member lists for monetary gain. At the direction of the Board, offending members will be notified of their violations in writing. Their membership may be revoked and dues may not be refunded. The Board will publish a statement annually in March reminding members that they are not to use the association name, the title of Master Gardener, or the membership list for commercial purposes or other monetary gain". USU Extension will notify those persons enrolled in the Master Gardener Program classes of the policy.

VAL'S PEAR CRISP

From the February General Meeting. When I bottle pears I peel them but then stuff them into the bottle so there is no room for added water and don't add sugar. If you use canned pears, drain them.

Chop pears but leave in largish pieces. Add:
 ¾ c. sugar [see how they taste, if they have syrup on them you might not need this much sugar]
 2 T. flour
 2 t. cinnamon
 1 t. nutmeg
 Put fruit in bottom of a 9 x 9 pan. Top with:
 ¾ c. flour (whole wheat gives it great color and texture)
 ½ c. margarine
 ¾ c. sugar
 1 c. oats
 Crumble all together and sprinkle on top of pears. Bake at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes or until top starts to brown.

Current SLMGA By-Laws Require That the Following Be Published in the newsletter every March as a reminder.

ARTICLE XII MISREPRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATION

*If anyone uses the association name or any of its member lists for monetary gain, they are guilty of misrepresentation of the association.

*At the direction of the executive board, the offender will be contacted through a letter informing them of the problem. Their membership can be revoked and the unused portion of their fees may not be refunded.

*The executive board will have the responsibility of publishing a statement each year in the month of March to the effect of *each member is not to use the association name, the title of Master Gardener, or the mailing list for commercial or other gain*. These rules will also be discussed by the county USU extension personnel in the first class of each session of the new Master Gardener class.

IT'S FAIR TIME??

Our speaker for the March general meeting, Etsuko Freeman, a Master Gardener and Utah State Fair Floriculture judge says to start planning your entries now. Time flies and we all need to plan for time to raise our flowers from seed or cuttings. Start dreaming of those September ribbons. For a copy of the 2005 Living Arts handbook call (801) 538-FAIR (3247). Hear her discuss preparing entries at our general meeting, Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom.

TOURS OF THE STATE ARBORETUM OF UTAH

Do you have a group that would like to tour the State Arboretum of Utah on the University of Utah campus? Master Gardeners Julie Myers and Ann Scott have identified and photographed 100 trees on campus and are planning to publish a tree guide with historical and educational information. The State Arboretum has many rare, unusual, and common trees planted as early as the 1930's and 1960's to present day. Beautiful beech and oak groves, linden, sequoia, ginkgo, hawthorne, magnolia, elm, and the rare Mongolian Oak and Chinese Cork Tree. Julie and Ann would like to notify Master Gardeners that they are available to take tours through the arboretum to groups of any type - school, scout, church, company, social, etc. An organized tour for Master Gardeners will be scheduled for late spring. "We would be delighted to hear from you." Please contact: Julie Myers at jscott63@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 4 - **Fruit Tree Pruning Class**
10 a.m. – noon in Murray (at a private home orchard). \$10. Hands-on workshop. Participants will receive the PNW 400 publication, "Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard". Register through the Extension Office and get the address of the orchard. 468-3179.

Thursday through Sunday March 9 - 12 is the **Home and Garden Show**. If you've signed up, be sure to show up! Otherwise, just go and enjoy!

Tuesday, March 14 - **Native Propagation Teacher/Assistant Review** Extension class room S1200 Begins at 5:30 pm.

Wednesday, March 15 – **Fruit Tree Pruning** - a free lunchtime lecture from 12 noon – 1 p.m. at the USU Extension Salt Lake County training room, 2001 S. State Street, Room S-1007/8.

Tuesday - Thursday March 21 - 23 and 28 - 30 **Native Plant Propagation Classes** taught in Extension classroom S1200 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Saturday, March 25 - **Native Plant Propagation Class** taught at Red Butte Gardens, contact Red Butte for time and classroom location.

Friday - Sunday, March 24 - 26 **Home & Landscaping Show** South Town Expo Center: We will not have a booth Just go and enjoy.

Saturday, April 22 - **Fruit Tree Grafting Class**. 10:00 a.m. at Bart Anderson's yard 5340 West 3500 South. Now is the time to cut scion wood for this project. If you don't have any, you can still do it. Golden and Bart will have extra. Questions: contact Golden at greeves28@msn.com

Spotlight

On Ann Wright

Ann Wright is widowed, and especially appreciates her son who's always available to help around the house. "He will do anything I ask," Ann says, "except for gardening." Although refusing to touch a plant, he's built her potting benches and storage sheds.

"I go to the nursery with a list and come home with something entirely different," she says. Ann loves ornamentals, including five different varieties of bamboo, some taller than the house. These she cuts down, using the stalks for fences and stakes.

Deciding her residential lot was too much work, Ann took out all the sod in front except for a grassy path. Plants and bulbs were dug out, red Southern Utah sand hauled in and variegated sandstone delivered before she added red yucca for drama. The focal point is now a dry stream simulated with black pebbles. But to Ann's dismay, allium, daffodils and other bulbs she considered removed have popped up like weeds in the river bed.

Ann limits her vegetable crop to tomatoes, tomatillos, and cucumbers. She has to grow her own cukes because no one sells the miniature ones she likes. This year she's looking forward to trying a new 6" pickle variety. "Which reminds me," Ann says. "I'm late on seeds. I should've ordered them by now." A Master Gardener since 1993 and not one to merely dabble at something, Ann graduated from advanced classes at Thanksgiving Point.

She's taken classes in fashion design as well. "I haven't used a commercial pattern for 20 years," she says of her exclusive line. These fashions aren't for sale. "My sewing is a selfish project." Not so. She's passed along her skills, starting when her daughter was four years old and wanted to make doll clothes. The girl inherited her mother's talent and it's been a fun activity for the pair ever since.

Whenever Ann takes a breather she reaches for her handiwork. "It's monotonous," she says of the 6"x 36" strips she knits to donate to the Humanitarian Center. But it's an act of kindness, considering she's making loose weave bandages to dress the tender skin of lepers.

As for other activities, Ann likes to read. "No trash." She likes mysteries and historical novels. Her current favorite is "The Cat Who..." a mystery series by Lillian Braun. "I don't exercise except when I work outside," Ann says. She'll get plenty this year. She plans a major re-landscaping, using mostly rock and turning the back yard into hills with boulders.

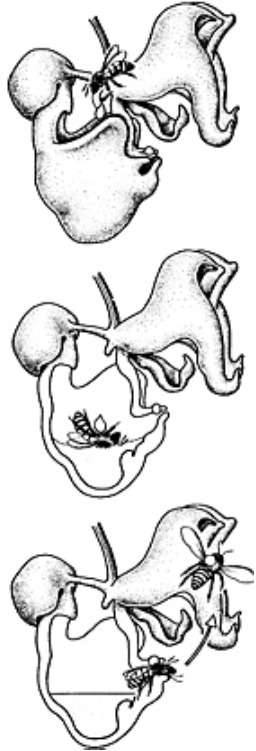
Nominating Committee

It's time to start thinking about someone (including yourself) who would be a great help on the Master Gardener Board for 2007-2008. Please keep your eyes and ears open for someone who would have the desire to work on the board in one way or another. If you want to run for office or know someone who wants to run please contact Jeff Asay jeffrey.asay@comcast.net or Cindy Deverall cddeverall@msn.com or Teresa Rivera teresa@sisna.com

Orchid Reproduction

by Amy Hargreaves Judzis

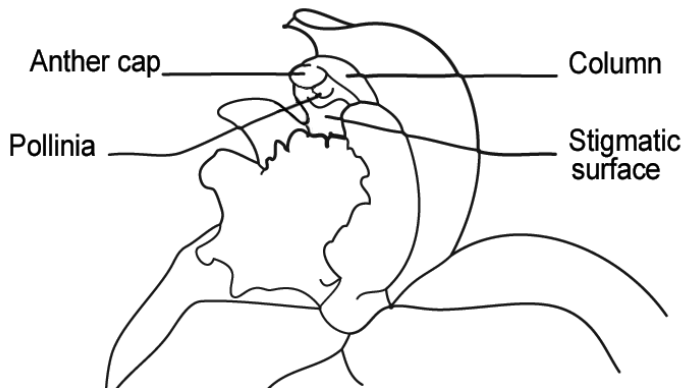
Orchids are the seductresses of the plant world. They spread their petals and waft their scent into the air to attract their chosen pollinators. The *Coryanthes* orchid attracts its special bee with the promise of food then, when the bee investigates, it uses a drop of nectar to knock the bee from its perch into the lip of the flower. As the bee wriggles out of the tender trap, it collects a pollinia on its back. The next time it visits a *Coryanthes*, the bee deposits the pollinia picked up from the first orchid and collects a new one on its exit. Some orchids tempt their pollinators in an even sneakier fashion. They will mimic the females of certain flies and when the lustful male of the species has his way with the lovely orchid, the pollen swap occurs. And thus are little orchids conceived.



Orchids are not only sneaky, seductive and kinda kinky, they are very specific in their choice of pollinator. For many orchids, only one species of insect will do. This can make it more than a little difficult for mere humans to get an orchid to pollinate. We need to resort to brute force.

Orchid flowers are bisexual — all flowers have both sexes represented. Unlike any other flowers, their parts are fused into a single structure called the column. The structure which contains the pollen, the pollinia, is located close to the tip of the column, under the anther cap. Below and behind the pollinia is the sticky stigmatic surface. When a pollinator with a pollinia on it's back brushes up against the stigmatic surface, the pollinia sticks to it and pollination occurs.

Orchid breeders must dissect the flower in order to pollinate an orchid. With extreme care they remove the pretty parts of the flower to expose the column, then tease off a pollinia (a toothpick is a frequent implement of choice for this task.) Once the breeder has collected the pollinia, he transfers it to the stigmatic surface of another orchid and will usually bag the fertilized flower to assure it remains untouched until the seed pod develops.



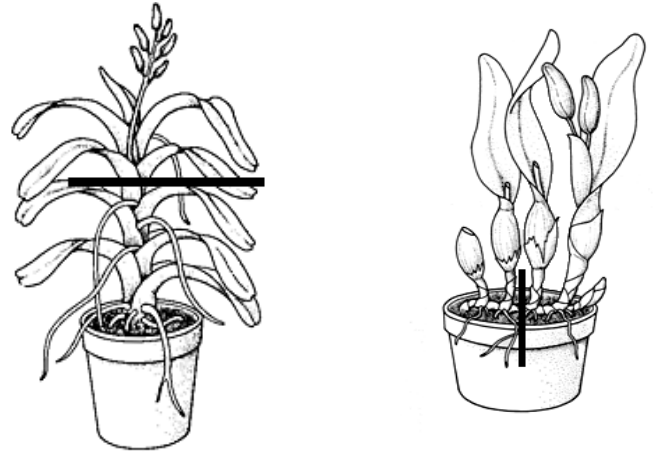
Orchid seeds are as small as dust particles and virtually impossible for the home enthusiast to grow. Many hybridizers will pollinate their orchid and, when the seed pod is fully mature, send it to a special lab for germination and growing on. For their efforts and money (it ain't cheap!) they will eventually get one or more test tubes back from the lab with their orchid seedlings growing in a clear gel medium. The hybridizer separates the entangled seedlings and spaces them out in petri dishes on a nutrient agar base to continue growing until they are large enough to be transplanted into their own pots. It takes almost forever depending upon the species.

Commercially most orchids are grown by meristem cloning, where cells from the growing tip of the plant are removed, broken down into individual cells and grown in a nutrient and hormone enriched liquid media. This also takes almost forever and must be done in sterile laboratory conditions.

Both of the above methods are easier than trying to grow an orchid at home like a tomato seedling, however. So what are our options as home gardeners?

Once you have that first orchid, depending upon the type of orchid, you have several options, all of them vegetative.

Like daylilies and dieffenbachias, orchids can be divided. Monopodial orchids, if they have a tall growth habit, can often be cut partway along the stem. When the orchid forms aerial roots along the stem, cut the stem below some healthy roots and grow the top as a new plant.



Sympodial orchids can be divided between the growth clumps. The younger bulbs at the front of the plant will grow with more vigor than the older back bulbs. Use a sterile blade and pot the divisions in clean pots and orchid media, and you should have good success.

My favorite method of propagating orchids, depends largely upon chance. Sometimes orchids will form keikis, the Hawaiian word for baby, along a flowering stem. Once the keiki has formed some roots, it can be removed from the parent plant and grown in its own pot. Why is it my favorite method? Because I think keikis are cute.



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**Seasonal Part-time MG Phone Assistant
Wanted**

Hours are Monday through Friday, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Season is from May through October. This paid position is through USU Cooperative Extension in Salt Lake County. Primary responsibility is answering horticulture related questions on the phone or from walk-in clients using information on from USU Extension Fact Sheets, USU Extension website, Master Gardener Manual, other state Extension websites, and horticulture library resources. Work under direction and in cooperation with Horticulture Agents. Desired qualifications: certified Master Gardener, willingness to learn, reliable, pleasant phone manner, computer skills including email and Internet browsing, comfortable working in office environment, also possible side projects to assist horticulture agents as needed. An informal interview will be conducted with the Horticulture Agents towards the end of March. Anyone interested in this position should contact Maggie Shao at 468-3178 no later than March 15, 2006

**Plant Diagnostic
Training**

Monday, April 17 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$10. Lunch provided. Limited to 20 Master Gardener participants.

Come review or learn the right approach to plant diagnostics. You don't need to know everything to make a good diagnosis and recommendation, but you do need to know how to gather key information and where to find the answers. This day-long event is a good way to warm up your diagnostic skills for the upcoming clinics, phone line, and site consultations. We'll practice hands-on diagnostics and resource searches. After this day of sleuthing, you'll be spotting plant problems all over the place! Register with Sarah Petersen, 468-3187.

Calendar

Thursday, March 16
Etsuko Freeman, Florticulture
Arrangement judge for the
State Fair will be our guest
speaker.

7:00 p.m. in the classroom

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE
BRING YOUR EXTRA PLANTS AND
TAKE HOME A FEW THAT YOU JUST
CAN'T
LIVE WITHOUT.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
OUR ANNUAL FIELD TRIP TO A
LOCAL NURSERY
WATCH THIS SPOT NEXT MONTH TO
FIND OUT WHERE.



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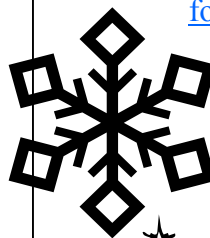
Bulletin Board



“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

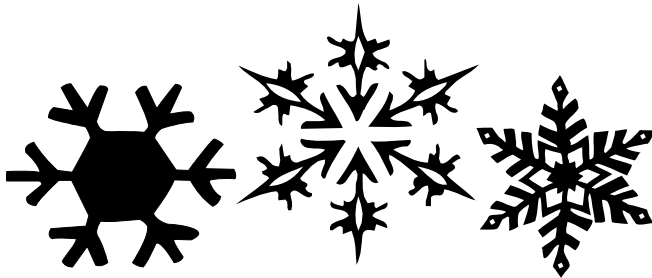
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MURRAY PARK

As I write this article for the newsletter, I'm looking outside to a frozen-cold, white landscape. Spring chores in the garden will have to wait until we have a thaw. The weathermen predict some warm temperatures followed by cold again. So, I'm not scheduling any work days in March. We will start Tuesday, April 7th at 9:00 am. More details will be printed next month. Questions? Becky Hansen at hansenpollei@mstarmetro.net



Master Gardener Teaching Schedule

Salt Lake County 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Classroom

3/1/06	House Plants	Donna Minch
3/3/06	Tree Fruit	Wade Bitner
3/10/06	Tree Pruning	Adrian Hinton
3/15/06	Small Fruit	Brent Black
3/17/06	Sustainable Gardening	Susan Finlayson
3/22/06	Pesticides	???
3/24/06	Diagnostics	Shawn Olsen/ Maggie Wolf
3/29/06	Design	Larry Sagers
3/31/06	Water Conservation	Kelly Kopp
4/5/06	Weeds	Steven Dewey
4/7/06	Vegetables	Dan Drost

Native Plant Propagation Classes

Tuesday, March 14, 5:30, Extension classroom, S1200, - Native Propagation Teacher/Assistant review (Tuesday March 21, Thursday March 23, Tuesday March 28, and Thursday March 30 Extension classroom, S1200, 6 - 9 pm. Also Saturday March 25-Native Plant Propagation Class, taught at: Red Butte Garden, (contact Red Butte for time and classroom location). Contact Andrea Berman for more information. andreab133@comcast.net

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 569-2737. Her e-mail address is endlesspromos1@msn.com (If you have questions contact Barbara or Traci smokil@smartfella.com)