

# THE GARDEN PATCH



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## FAIR REPORT



In an effort to encourage participation in the County and State fairs, we like to publish a list of our Master Gardener ribbon winners in Floriculture, Horticulture, and Agriculture. The fairs are an important place to promote education to the general public.

The following are SOME of the awards won by Master Gardeners this year. **If you have**

**some to add to the list, PLEASE send them to: [gardenpatch2@juno.com](mailto:gardenpatch2@juno.com)**  
**Thanks!**

**Cathy Miller:** State Fair 1st Place on delphiniums, sedum, African violet. 2nd Place on delphinium vase, hyacinth bean pod, 3rd Place on Sea Kale foliage. Rosette on African Violet.

**Mark Hurst:** Salt Lake County Fair Cut Flowers (probably mostly Dahlias but at least one lisianthus that got a sweepstakes.) First Place: 18 ribbons 2nd Place: 14 ribbons

High Blue: 7 ribbons Rosettes: 2 ribbons Mark also was awarded a Best of Show ribbon and 2 Exhibitor of the Year ribbons.

State Fair: First Place: 38 ribbons. 2nd Place: 23 ribbons. 3rd Place: 9 ribbons plus 6 Rosettes and 2 Trophy Best of Show.

**Traci Dahle:** State Fair 1st Place on asters, marigolds, and zinnias. 2nd Place on amaranthus, sunflowers, zinnias, and gladiolus. 3rd Place: amaranthus and marigolds.

**Gilgal Garden:** State Fair 1st Place: Amaranthus and Heliotrope 2nd Place: Canterbury Bells and Sunflowers.

**Val Chatwin:** Being the queen of Fair Exhibitors, Val had 111 entries in the County Fair and about that many in the State Fair. Both she and **Mark Hurst** won awards for most exhibits. In produce Val got a Sweepstakes on Anaheim peppers, Best of Show on canned pickled peppers and Borage. She garnered 21 high blues, 53 1st Place, 31 2nd place, and 2 3rd place in a variety of produce including lemon cucumbers, yellow and green tomatoes, purple kohlrabi, pumpkins, peaches, prunes, tomato jam, pears, almonds, gourds, apricots, marjoram, beets, corn, squash, tallest sunflower by 2 inches, lemon balm, coriander, chamomile, thyme, and anise. (We need to do a tour of her yard next year, folks!)

Her flowers won seven 1st Place ribbons, five 2nds and 2 thirds. She also got a 1st and 2nd on a hen and rooster.

At the State Fair her 20 Floriculture entries won her 1st Place: 6 ribbons. 2nd Place: 12 ribbons. 3rd Place 2 ribbons.

We'll report her State Fair vegetable entries next month, along with the rest of the winnings that get reported after this month's deadline.

We also saw entries of gladiolus and sunflowers from **Howard Andrews**, sunflowers, dahlias, and Bells of Ireland from **Kathy Young**, and dahlias from **Ron Jones**. There were probably more. Let us know what you got!



# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Traci Dahle

Hi Everyone,

I hope you made it to our General Meeting in September. Joy Bossi came and talked to us about a garden she went to see in Pittsburg about Biblical Gardens. It was very interesting to see some of the comparisons to Gilgal Garden, but I don't think we have the resources (money) and/or time to go to such efforts.

What a busy September with Labor Day and the State Fair. We went up to Gooseberry Reservoir with all of my and Ken's family. We had a great family visit with two new baby greatnieces only two months old. We rode our four wheelers and did some fishing. It was a fun annual family time.

I caught one more dragonfly and one more unidentified bug up there. I also have caught a White-lined Sphinx and a Utronia Underwing Moth on my patio. My grandson got me a Bald-Faced Hornet, Golden Reeves got me a real nice big Sphinx. I am still analyzing it but I think it is a Carolina Sphinx. Ken caught a Cutworm Moth. As we speak there is a moth and a grasshopper in my freezer I need to pin. As you can see this is an addicting hobby, even for the people around you. It's fun to show the people who catch things for me what they look like after I pin and dry them. They actually look better after you spread their wings and you can see the wonderful colors that you can't see when they are sitting on a plant or flying by. Then you get a glimpse of some color, but this way you see it up close and personal. I am going to have to get a Dragonfly book because the one I have only has two species in it and I have caught six different ones I need to identify.

We ran to Idaho Springs, Colorado, just out side of Denver, to go to our friends 50 wedding anniversary. They are the neighbors from Bullhead City AZ. We were telling them about my new passion and Irene said Jim loved collecting bugs before he had his stroke. So now I have a friend in Arizona who will enjoy what I collect during the winter down there.

The fair went, I thought, really well. We had plenty of people come and help Bart with the produce check in the day before the fair started. Then the next morning we had enough people to help with the judging and putting the ribbons on the entries.

During the ten days of the fair we pretty much had two people at the booth at all times. Once in a while someone had to sit alone but not for a full session. We had a great time. I personally enjoy visiting with the people, and we can't forget Bart and how entertaining he can be with the public. He seems to know everybody. Bart was glad to have us around and help him so he could go home early. It is a long day for one person to be there from 8:00 a.m. until 10 p.m. Our Master Gardeners try to relieve him by 6:00 p.m., so he can get things done at home or at least rest a little, if Bart rests at all.

Thanks to all of you so much for helping this year. We couldn't have done it without you. Steve did a great job in

getting volunteers and Trudy helped out with getting tickets to people and making the arrangements with the Fair organization to get tickets and parking passes. If you have your extra parking passes that you paid money for after your first time, get them to Cathy so we can reimburse you.

Pay attention to this newsletter and read the Bio's of the people who are running for the board. You can mail in your vote if you are not going to be at the October meeting. But I hope you will come to the meeting. Don't forget it is at the Columbus Center, not the County Building. Bring your favorite stories of your best and worst from the past year.

I have been trying to go to the orientations for the new upcoming Master Gardener classes. We have some great new people coming in. We had up to about 120 people go through the orientations. Now whether they send in their applications is another story. We should have enough people for the night class which is going to be great; now we will have more people volunteering.

I just want to clear some rumors up. Maggie Shao is introducing some new rules into the new Master Gardener classes about having to do at least 15 hours volunteer and 10 hours continuing education after they graduate. The continuing education also can be for coming to our general meetings when we have speakers but also if we are working with the public we need to stay updated on the new things that are happening and our brains need updating once in a while. Those who keep up on these hours will be considered an active Master Gardener.

I know this is going to have some heads spinning and I just want to inform you **this is not going to affect the people currently in our association.** You belong to the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association and as a group we do our monthly General Meeting, field trips, our newsletter -- things that most of you enjoy. We are not telling anyone that they can't come and enjoy when possible. I know there are some people who can't even make it to our meetings but enjoy *The Garden Patch* and being friends with fellow Master Gardeners. This makes up about 50 percent of our association. We all enjoy visiting with everyone as much as possible. Some people can't physically work or don't have the time right now or maybe they have done their fair share of volunteer work in the past and they want to relax and just socialize with other Master Gardeners.

What I'm trying to say is nothing is going to change within our current organization. We aren't telling anyone they can't come to any of our social events. I am hoping that this change with the new classes won't discourage anyone. I enjoy seeing everyone at our bigger events, and they say how much they enjoy coming. I don't want that to change. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. I hope I have cleared things up for you. I just hope to see you at one of our next meetings. You are all great!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

New Class members and fellow Master Gardeners, don't forget to get your hours turned in this month. I know a lot of you don't care if you turn in your hours one way or another. You just like to donate your time, but we need you to please turn them in. It helps us look good for the County and for USU. It helps justify why they have a building and why they let us use it for our meeting. We also need all the hours in for Wheeler Farm so we can get the building for our Christmas/

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By Maggie Shao, Extension Horticulturist

September has flown by. Salt Lake Master Gardeners should be proud of your efforts this past month. I know folks were busy working at the projects at Wheeler Farm, Gilgal, State FairPark, Christmas Box House, and Utah Aids Foundation. On Saturday, September 16, Master Gardeners were finishing up 10 days of staffing the State Fair Master Gardener booth, staffing a booth at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy Garden, and Karen Crook gave it her best at the Farmer's Market. Unfortunately only two people stopped by the booth when the rain and wind closed her down. As always, I appreciate all your volunteer efforts, leading your projects, answering the phone lines, etc. Please remember to send in all those hours to our office by October 31.

I was busy this month with a new approach to recruiting for the Master Gardener Volunteer Training here in Salt Lake County. We hosted a total of five orientations, and over a hundred people came to the orientations to learn about the program, expectations, Salt Lake projects, and our volunteer needs, and to walk through the application. Deadline for applications will be October 1st for the class starting in January 2007. It is likely we will have both an afternoon class and evening class. I think that the orientation helped folks understand the time commitment involved in becoming certified as a Master Gardener.

I just attended a meeting today with our Utah State Master Gardener coordinator and Master Gardener coordinators for Davis, Utah, and Tooele counties. We all agreed we want to strengthen the program and reaffirm our commitment to recruiting, training, supervising, and recognizing our valuable volunteers. We are trying to make things more consistent within the state as well as writing up the program goals and expectations. Part of those expectations are for Master Gardener volunteers to maintain an active status by requiring an annual volunteer hour requirement. This means after the initial 40 hours of class time and 40 hours of hands-on volunteer time to become a certified Master Gar-

deners, to remain an active Master Gardener, a total of 25 hours a year will be asked to maintain active status. Nationally, the average annual minimum requirement is about 30 hours. In Salt Lake County, those hours will include 15 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of CEUs (Continuing Education Units). For example attending a SLMGA General meeting on spider identification would count as one hour of CEUs.

For any certification to be meaningful, education and participation is vital to be relevant. In the Master Gardener orientations, I brought up the example of my Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification. It is valid for 2 years, and for the certification to remain valid, I have to recertify with more education. In horticulture, good gardening is an art but also a science, and things change. For example, Master Gardeners who are advising our clients on the phone, at the State Fair booth, at Diagnostic clinics need to know the best recommendations for efficient irrigation of lawns, new plant cultivars better adapted to our environment, pesticides that are no longer registered, among other current horticultural information. I will describe in greater detail in a letter that I will send out later this year along with a volunteer agreement form that I will ask you to read and sign. Please know that active status (volunteering a minimum of 25 hours a year) will give active Master Gardeners opportunities for taking Advanced Master Gardener training and other Master Gardener classes. If you choose to not volunteer, you would be considered as an inactive Master Gardener. This would not exclude you from joining the SLMGA and participating in SLMGA sponsored events.

Another topic we also discussed at today's meeting was the Advanced Master Gardener class. This is a 4 year program with 4 modules. We'll start the Fruit and Vegetable (with a little turf) module on Mondays, 1-3 p.m. starting January 7. This will be 10 weeks of class, with additional field trip labs. I'll announce the class at the end of October and begin accepting applications in November.

On the side, I was able to participate in some satisfying events including the Utah Chapter Tree Climbing Championships (I helped with the competition; I didn't climb. If you ever want to see how arborists work in trees – come to a climbing competition!!). I also attended the Restoring Aspen Conference in Logan where experts in the Intermountain West discussed the issues surrounding the decline of aspen forests in the West. Another highlight was visiting with a kindred spirit, Christy Bills, the curator of the insect collection at the Utah Museum of Natural History. She showed me some incredible insects and inspired me to build our collection at the Extension office. I'll be taking some time off in October. I'll be in Portland for a Qigong retreat on the Columbia River Gorge and then I'll be in San Francisco and Mendocino for a week later in October.

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Graduation Party. If you need any help or direction please let me know I will be glad to help you if needed.

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The last e-mail address if for when I am in Arizona during the winter but I do have the SL one forwarded down so it should work either way.

*“Volunteers are America’s silent strength. Those who give of themselves in a spirit of unselfish devotion to the needs of others are truly this nation’s most generous, unsung heroes.” ---William Arthur Ward*

## DAHLIA DAIRY X

Fall is here, and all the while we're enjoying our beautiful dahlia blooms we know that winter's cold and frozen ground is coming. We've watched the plant grow – developing branches, leaves, stems, buds – and ultimately that wonderful bloom. Hidden under the ground, where we can't see it, hard at work, the tuber is nourishing the greenery and flowers.

The tuber we put in the soil during the spring has sent up the shoot to make the new plant. From the opposite end, usually, but not always, roots are sent out to support what we refer to as the mother tuber. These roots will also form around the crown and on the tuber behind the sprout. As they elongate some will enlarge to become new tubers and also send out new feeder roots.

Many people will not want to spend the time, effort and commitment to dig up and store these tubers. That is fine. More can be easily obtained next spring for new plantings. Yes, those left in the ground in a protected area with mulch or some covering can return next year. But most likely, because of the multiple sprouts crowded together they'll produce inferior plants. They will also bloom too early, dooming them to frost.

Those who want to save money, keep some favorites and increase their stock can try the following process.

### SELECTION

Pick out only the cultivars you really like or that performed well. If it was not a good healthy plant above ground it most likely was not below ground either. Don't save it.

### TRIM

In Salt Lake County, frost is going to blacken and kill dahlia plants, most likely the same night or nights that it gets the tomatoes. Wait until after frost to cut away the plant, leaving only enough stalk for a comfortable handle, say 6"-12". The unsightly vegetation is of no use. Get rid of it. Do Not Compost! Dahlias are susceptible to virus and disease.

### HARDEN

Now be patient. Those tubers are like a new potato with thin skin and soft flesh. They need a couple of weeks to harden and mature somewhat. Also, in their quest to reproduce, they will begin the process of forming new eyes for next year's sprouts.

### REMOVAL

We always have some nice warm days between the **first** frost and before the ground freezes. That's when

you want to take out the tubers. **In the morning**, take a spade or shovel and dig as deep as you can about a foot away from the plant. Do this all the way around to sever the feeder roots and free the tuber clump from them. Now with a spading fork, or even better, two forks, go under the clump and lift it gently. Yes, gently. Once it is exposed to the air, carefully scrape away some soil. Now the hard part. Walk away from that dahlia and repeat the process with another one. The reason is that the neck holding the tuber to the crown is very fragile and easily broken. It needs a few hours of exposure to the air and light to harden.

### CLEANING

Place a screen on supports or on a wheelbarrow to hold the clump. Don't ever do this task on cement. It will suck vital moisture from the plant. Now gently spray away the soil. **Gently**, because a hard stream of water will break those fragile necks.

### DIVIDING

A sharp knife is the most essential tool but other favorites such as shears, scissors, cutters, cleavers and plastic tubing cutters can also be helpful.

With the clumps ready to divide, you'll determine none are the same. All are different sizes, shapes and even colors. Some tubers are close to the top and easy to divide, others are on the bottom and harder to separate.

The tuber must have an eye attached to be viable. Look for the eyes. These will be on or around the collar, just below the stem itself. Remove as much stem as you can. Wash again to remove dust left from the first washing that became disturbed during separation.

### STORING

Use a permanent marker to write directly on the tuber and identify it. Because storage methods have evolved more than any other phase probably more is written about this than any other stage of dahlia care. Also many different conditions need to be considered. Seventy years ago a root cellar was ideal for storing. Well, most of us don't have a root cellar and some don't even know what it is. One suggested method is to let tubers dry somewhat, wrapped in newspaper, without being exposed to the air. A day or two later, when they are almost dry but still damp, wrap the tubers as air tight as possible in two layers of plastic wrap and place in a container. Store in a dark place that is below 50 ° but above freezing.

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The corn I planted on the first of July is ready to pick. It is 'Honey Select,' a triple sweet corn and is the best corn I have planted and eaten so far. Last year I planted some on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and it froze in early October without the ears even being formed. 'Serendipity' is another great triple sweet corn but getting the seeds is a little harder.

My Italian Prune tree was loaded again, but with the hot summer we had, the prunes ripened during the time I was involved with the State Fair. The birds got more than their fair share this year. Next year I will try putting some reflectors in the tree to see if it will spook the birds away. I did dry two dryer loads of them and still have some to eat fresh. They really make you a regular fellow, but I try to eat them in moderation.

I planted my garlic a little early this year. I had the ground ready and the time to plant, so in they went. I put in two wheelbarrow loads of finished mulch and fertilizer and dug it in to the area. They will need that help to get a good start this fall and will be able to grow roots. When spring comes they will not look back. I have some Italian red garlic but I do not know the name. It will last until spring, and then it will want to start growing. The Idaho White has smaller cloves but will last over a year in the basement and will stay good. Garlic is one of the plants you plant in the fall and harvest in July, dry until September, then start using when it has its full flavor.

While working at the Fair I let my lawn grow without mowing. When the weather changed I was able to find the time to put a weed killer on. With the daytime temperatures changing I put on an Ortho Lawn Weed killer, MAX. I have been impressed with it so far and hope it will help in controlling the bindweed. I was able to mow the lawn after the rains stopped. I dropped the mower height one notch and took off a little height. Later I will drop the height again as I mow so I can get the lawn ready for winter. If you have short grass the possibilities of getting snow mold is greatly diminished. That is the grey rotted lawn you find when the snow has finally melted.

The pinion nuts I planted last fall have produced five trees, each about an inch and a half tall. Where I work I noticed a pinion tree growing on the property next to the block wall. I have been watching it and was excited to see some cones growing on a limb that hung over the wall. When the cones popped open I pulled one of them off and found pine

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This is a true labor of love and a tedious process, more for some than others. Before spring planting, Mark Hurst was asked to estimate how many tubers he had stored. He quickly came up with an exact number. 419. "It's been a long winter, okay?" He grinned sheepishly, vowing to be more selective in 2006.

*Thanks to Mark Hurst and Eva Jensen who have collaborated on this ten part series.*



## By Wm. Golden Reeves

nuts. They were a dull brown color, and I knew they were duds. In checking the base of the tree, I saw that it was planted where it did not get very much water. The tree is healthy but does not get enough water for the nuts to form.

I harvested my onions from Reams the other day. The cost for the seed, the water, harvesting, and bagging 25 pounds of them was \$3.99. I did grow some onions that Bart Anderson gave me, and they were good. By getting the onions from Ream's I save on garden space.

The melon tower was converted into a bean tower this year. I planted pole beans around and they grew to the top and then some, but with the heat they continually dropped blossoms. In mid August they finally started to produce a crop and have kept us in beans when the bush beans quit bearing.

The spaghetti squash has got powdery mildew, and I have been letting it grow anyway. I was able to harvest a bunch and put them in the basement to harden them off. If you will store the squash and pumpkins in an area that is warm - between 65 and 75 degrees - for about two weeks, they will store for a long time. The biggest mistake we make when storing them is to store them at too cold of a temperature. Two year ago I took a pumpkin from Wheeler Farm and stored it until spring, and gave it to some girls who helped us plant the pumpkin patch. They planted seeds and went home with a pumpkin. Talk about instant production. Wow! can you beat that?

I have found a good use for the small summer squash. Cut the squash into small pieces and fry them in butter until golden brown, then add eggs. Finish cooking and enjoy. My wife likes to add cheese and tomatoes but I will stick with just the squash and eggs. Oh, season to taste, by all means.

## Recipe from Eva Daniels

My friend Bernie gave me this recipe to use up green tomatoes:

### FAKE RASPBERRY JAM

6 Cups green tomatoes, chopped to a slush in food processor  
6 cups sugar  
1/4 cup lemon juice

Put all ingredients in saucepan. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 20 minutes. Add:

2 large packages of raspberry jello

Simmer for 2 minutes. Pour into jars. Can or freeze.

Yield: 4 pints

## NATIONAL MG CONFERENCE Celebrate Gardening in the Natural State! May 2-5, 2007 in Little Rock, Arkansas

Hold on! Before you mark the dates on your calendar, you might want to eyeball some of the pre- and post-conference tours that are previewed below. They're simply delicious! As a reminder, the Peabody Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center is headquarters for the 2007 IMGC (International Master Gardener Conference.) Be sure to mention the conference for special room rates! <http://www.peabodylittlerock.com>

Registration packages with schedules, itineraries, and prices are due out in October and you can bookmark <http://mg2007.uaex.edu> as the Official IMGC '07 website.

We're excited to share Arkansas best sites, sounds, and hospitality with you. The pre- and post-tours are just exceptional for this conference; here are a few to get you thinking!

### Overnight Trip to the Ozark Folk Center and Blanchard Caverns

Explore the Ozark Folk Center, a recreated 19th century pioneer village, complete with period buildings, gardens, music, and the dedicated craftspeople who are keeping this heritage alive. Its nationally acclaimed herb gardens are worth the trip alone! Spend the night onsite at Dry Creek Lodge (the OFC State Park facility) and enjoy an evening concert of folk music. After a hearty country breakfast in the morning, visit Blanchard Springs Caverns before returning to Little Rock for the conference opening.

<http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com>

<http://www.ozarkgetaways.com/index.html>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html>

### Overnight Trip West to Arkansas Wine Country and Mount Magazine State Park

Travel west through the Arkansas River Valley and visit scenic vineyards. Enjoy a guided tasting of award winning local wines at noted local wineries. Spend the night at the brand new (06) luxury lodge atop Mt. Magazine, the highest point between the Appalachians and the Rocky Mountains. An interpretive program of wildlife and plants of the area is planned. The next day we visit a UAEX Fruit Station at Clarksville on the return trip to Little Rock.

<http://www.mountmagazinestatepark.com/lodge-cabin-rest/lodge>

<http://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/wineries-micro-breweries>

<http://www.uark.edu/admin/aes/fruit.html>

### Day Trip South to Old Washington and Hope, Arkansas

From its establishment in 1824, Washington was the last stop on the trail from "Civilization" to Texas, which was still part of Mexico in those days! There are 45 period structures preserved and maintained along the same dusty streets that played host to the likes of Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, and James Bowie. James Bowie's famous knife was first crafted here and a blacksmith's shop has been recreated as part of the village restoration!

Enjoy lunch at the local tavern before returning to Little Rock via Hope, Arkansas, the home of world famous watermelons and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

<http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/park.asp?id=36>

<http://www.hopearkansas.net/>

### Overnight Trip Southwest to Hot Springs National Park and Garvan Gardens

Bubbling thermal springs have made this area a special destination for travelers since pre-Columbian times. Today, the city of Hot Springs is designated as a National Park. It was the first federally protected area in the nation's history. Stroll along Bathhouse Row downtown, browse shops and art galleries in Victorian buildings that are literally carved into the lush mountainsides. You spend the night in the grand old Arlington Hotel. This tour includes lunch at Arkansas' Botanical Garden, Garvan Woodland Gardens. This destination provides breathtaking landscape on a peninsula in Lake Hamilton and is the showplace and working lab for the Landscape division of the U of A's School of Architecture.

<http://www.nps.gov/hosp/>

<http://www.arlingtonhotel.com/>

<http://www.garvangardens.org/>

We hope to see you in Little Rock, May 2007!

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# BOARD ELECTIONS

Due to changes in our By-laws, which were approved by the General Membership this year, we cannot accept nominations from the floor or write in candidates. However, we now have the opportunity to cast an absentee ballot. SEE INFORMATION ON Pages 6, 7, 15,16.

Here are short bios of the candidates for this year:

## PRESIDENT

I'm **Stephen Le Cheminant**, alias lots of cement. You'll have to ask Bart Anderson about that. I have no idea why he calls me that - maybe because I'm so thick-headed. Who knows?

I've been in the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association for some time now. I think I took the class in 1996. I know Larry Sagers was still the county agent here in Salt Lake County, so it has been awhile. I've stayed in the Association because I like gardening. Really, I just like playing in the dirt, but I can do that in my own garden, my kids' gardens, or my sisters' or neighbors'. The real reason is I enjoy association with the members. We really do have great people in our Association and I have gained so much from being with you all whether it be in the classroom, the garden projects, or at one of the fairs or garden shows.

As of yet, I haven't been able to talk, bribe, or coerce someone else into taking this office, so unless someone comes forth soon, you're stuck with what you get. I will try to do my best.

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## VICE PRESIDENT

We didn't receive a bio from **David Kempff**, but most of you know him. He has served as President of the SLMGA, has his own landscaping business and is a big supporter of the Salt Lake Master Gardener program.

**Marcia Sherry**: I moved here from Cincinnati just over two years ago and have found an organization that has 'given to me' and has made me feel most welcome. I have held many leadership positions over the years from PTA president to Girl Scout leader for 20 years to Master Gardener board member and initial chairperson for Greater Cincinnati Master Gardener Association's signature project in Ohio/Kentucky, to name a few. Being an architect, I have had my own firm for nearly 20 years and still do which makes my time very flexible. Now, I feel it's time to start giving back to our group and having experience in leadership roles in the past, I feel I could be an asset to our MG group as vice president.

## TREASURER

**Teresa Rivera**: I was born in Iowa, raised in Utah, and have relatives from Hawaii., so I've had a chance to see beautiful farm fields of beans, corn, and tropical plants to just die for! My grandfather in Hawaii was a gardener, my grandfather in Iowa was a farmer and my mother and aunt are expert gardeners. They are the ones who gave me the bug to dig in the dirt. I signed up for the Master Gardener program as I wanted an opportunity to give back to the community doing something that I love. I have two grown children, one in college and the other pursuing a music career. My husband Frank loves the Master Gardener Program and looks forward to our meetings as much as I do! During the day, I spend my time helping insurance companies detect fraud and overpayments through a service my company offers. However, I look forward to the nights and weekends to play in our gardens! We recently purchased a home in Ephraim that we visit on the weekends. I hope to spend some of my free time serving as SLMGA Treasurer.

*While the Program Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator are appointed by the president, we are happy to have people volunteer for these positions. We also would like to have a Public Relations Liason again. Anyone interested?*

## HISTORIAN

Hi, I'm **Karen Crook** and am a candidate for Historian in this year's election. I am a graduate of the 2001 Master Gardener program and have been an active participant. Murray Park and more recently The Farmer's Market at Pioneer Park have been my pet projects where I have enjoyed meeting many wonderful Master Gardeners and have had the opportunity to learn from each of them.

On a personal note, Gary and I have been married for 33 years, we have a dog that doesn't know she's a dog named Ruby, and I work part-time for the American Red Cross. Hobbies include gardening, of course. I dabble in oil painting and have a fondness for digital photography. In a nutshell, I have a camera and am not afraid to use it, and would enjoy being Historian.

**Jeff Asay**, candidate for Historian, became a Master Gardener as a member of the evening class of 2002. His initial volunteer work included many hours teaching the "plant lab" and working at the Utah AIDS Foundation garden. This garden continues to be his favorite of the SLMG project gardens. Jeff's gardening passion is "surprising the neighbors". The surprises have included a 12 foot tall castor bean plant and some of Dick Hadfield's giant tobacco plants. He also has a large vegetable garden in Delta.

Jeff is a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, but currently spends most of his time as a senior union officer for the National Association of Letter Carriers. He is a registered parliamentarian. He has significant leadership experience including four years as chairman of the community council for Eisenhower Junior High School, two years as PTA president for Taylor Elementary, and five years as a union officer and arbitration advocate.

If elected, Jeff would like to help the Board expand the presence of the SLMGA in the county and encourage more members to participate in Association activities.

## SECRETARY

Hello, Fellow Master Gardeners. My name is **Lisa Chin** and I am running for Secretary in this year's MG elections. I am a 2003 Master Gardener graduate and have been actively involved since then in various projects. I have taught PlantLab, volunteered at the State and County Fairs, and worked at the State FairPark Garden. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with my fellow Master Gardeners, as I have made many friends, and I continue to learn something new at every meeting.

My husband, Gus, and I have one son and three daughters, ages 19, 16, 9, and 9. I also have two cats, Bubba and Keiko. I have a B.S. from the University of Utah in Journalism. I have been the editor for many newsletters, most recently "Loose Threads" for Quilter's Holladay. My hobbies include gardening, quilting, writing and drawing. I look forward to serving on the SLMG board if I am elected in October!

# GILGAL GARDEN

749 East 500 South

(North side of the street behind the wrought iron fence.)

The Gardens are being put to bed for the year. They have been looking so beautiful, even with our water problems. The castor beans finally grew tall enough to hide some of the back wall. I asked the Parks Department to drop me off some mulch to put in the flower beds. They said, "Do you want the good stuff?" and I said, "Of course I do." Well, we got big wood chips with pieces of garbage in it. I would hate to see what the bad stuff looks like. We decided to put it in anyway. It can't hurt; it just won't help as much as we would have liked.

We cleaned out most of the sunflowers and cut back some of the perennials that have already bloomed. I did take some of the flowers to the State Fair for competition. We got 2 blue ribbons and 2 red ribbons. Next year I hope I have time to do more than just one show. I hope our other projects will start entering so we can have some friendly competition among our different projects.

I took the bags of irises that we dug out of Gilgal last month to the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy. They got rid of all of them by giving them to the public. I hate to throw them away when we can help out our fellow gardeners in the county to beautify their yards. One thing about irises - they will survive a drought. You can see them out blooming around old foundations where they never get anything but rain water.

We want to thank everyone who has worked at Gilgal this past year. We don't know what we would do without all your help. If it was just one time or lots of times, every effort helps. Not listed in any special order a special thanks to Jim Davies, Bev Sudbury, Rob Sudbury, Blair Poelman, Cheri Schulzke, Gae-lyn Derr, Mary Ann Nauahi, Pat Miller, Virginia Sargent, Teresa Rivera, Nikki Boyer, Mark Hurst, Lisa Harris, Gordon Evans, Esther Davis, Joe Davies, Maggie Shao, Anita Krotz, Kristen Walsh, Angie Pinna, Marie Scouler, and Susan Croft. You have all been great and fun to work with.

We are done working for the year unless you get an e-mail or phone call if something comes up. If you are still trying to get last-minute hours in to graduate, please feel free to go and work at Gilgal. If it freezes, we can take out the annuals (not the snapdragons) and cut back the perennials.

I know I have told you all about our mascot, Leo the cat that hangs at the park but I need to tell you a funny story. Bev left one Tuesday and about a half hour later Rob, her son came pulling back in Bev's car. He said I'm just dropping the cat back off. Bev drove all the way home not knowing the cat was in her car. Then Rob opened up the back. He said I knew it was in here, but we couldn't see it in the back. After opening the side door to the back seat, Leo was found all curled up on Bev's Levi shirt. It apparently doesn't mind car rides, except it needs to stay in front looking out the window because it got car sick and threw up, luckily after it got out of the car. Her kids decided it was a sure sign she needs a cat to keep her company.

Thanks to everyone who helps, I really appreciate it. If you have any question contact:  
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Traci Dahle [smokil@smartfella.com](mailto:smokil@smartfella.com)

# UTAH AIDS FOUNDATION

Utah AIDS Foundation garden work parties will be held *every Tuesday* from 5:30 p.m. until sun-down. 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.

# UTAH STATE FAIRPARK

By Cathy Miller

Work continues at the garden on Wednesday evenings through October 4th. Weather permitting, we will have a final fall clean up in late October. Check the Weekly Updates e-mail for more information.

This completes three years for me as project manager of the State FairPark garden. Over this time, I have become familiar with a wide variety of perennials and grasses, learned how to grow dahlias, nasturtiums, corn, sunflowers and many other annuals. I have struggled with weed control and been rewarded with surprising results. I have practiced dividing bulbs, tubers, and perennials and been able to share the extras with many master gardeners, friends, and family. My own garden is defined in many ways by the bounty of the FairPark perennial garden.

I am looking forward to working on other projects in the coming years and will still designate one night per week as "my gardening night." I enjoy the company of all the master gardeners and "newbies", learning about their interests, getting ideas for new plants and cultural practices and finding myself wishing for a bigger garden so I can grow more. Master Gardener projects are, for me, the "bigger garden."

During this past year, we have asked for a volunteer to work with me to take over as Project Leader of the garden, but no one has stepped forward. It is highly likely that this garden will be turned back over to the FairPark staff if no one commits soon to taking on the leadership role. I know many long-standing Master Gardeners will be disappointed if this happens, but there are so many things to work on and it seems like there are fewer of us who love to dig in someone else's dirt.

## *Wheeler Farm Herb Garden*

The work day for the Wheeler Farm herb garden has been changed back to Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00.

In the next month, we will start harvesting the herbs and trimming back the flowers for drying.

Thanks for your help!

## The Power of a Seed

Mary Jo Neal Tedesco



I found this story that I would like to share with all of you in a wonderful book by Charles A. Lewis called Green Nature/ Human Nature.

“A twenty four year old veteran at the V.A. Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had stepped on a land mine in Vietnam and been totally paralyzed by the explosion. Therapists at the hospital were not

convinced that his paralysis was permanent, but the patient was in despair and had stopped trying to improve. Paul Mills tells the story in the V.F.W. Magazine:

One sunny day in spring, the horticultural therapist put a small glass jar half filled with peat moss beside the bed, and as the patient watched, planted five bean seeds. A few days later the seeds sprouted. Their roots were visible through the glass as they gradually extended to give life support to the tiny cotyledons working toward the earth's surface.

By the fifth day the growth process was accelerating. The therapist moved the 'miraculous' jar to the other side of the patient's bed where he could not see it, and instructed the nurses not to turn the patient as they had been doing. The next morning, the young veteran was lying on his other side, watching his bean seeds. Turning over had been his first voluntary movement since his accident.

From that day on he made steady progress and finally was discharged from the hospital. Though still in a wheelchair, he was able to function in society.”

## 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 for \$12.00. Order from Barbara. Her e-mail address is [endlesspromos1@msn.com](mailto:endlesspromos1@msn.com) (If you have questions contact Barbara or Traci at [smokil@smartfella.com](mailto:smokil@smartfella.com))

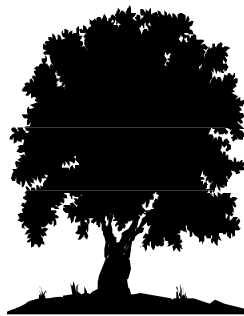
## FRESH FROM THE HEART

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. Questions - contact Jennie Gibson [gibsongg@earthlink.net](mailto:gibsongg@earthlink.net), or JoDeane Condrat.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRIP Moved to Spring

Join northern Utah Master Gardeners for a trip to the Pacific Northwest next Spring. Using Portland, Oregon as a base, we'll tour local botanical gardens, commercial nurseries, the Willamette Valley, Oregon coast and specialty nurseries. 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.



## MURRAY PARK

Time really does fly when you are having fun - summer went by so fast! It must be all the fun we had in the gardens! I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out in Murray Park this summer - truly many hands make light work. I especially want to thank Karen Crook, Joan Matthews, Jennifer Knight, Pat Miller, Judy Anderson, Nola Anderton, and Mary Ann Nauahi who came to help so many times. We also had several master gardeners come help at different times of the year and I want to thank everyone - it was a joy working and visiting with all of you. Thanks for a great summer and have a great dormant season - see you in the spring! Becky Hansen

# Spotlight

**Marcia Sherry**

What happens when a Zone 3-4 gardener moves to Park City? Born in Ohio, Marcia Sherry knows all about it. She spent most of her adult life in Cincinnati where the humidity equals the temperature. Before moving to Utah two years ago she was active in local garden clubs and elected president of some. She also certified as a Master Gardener in 2000.

Marcia is married and has two daughters, which explains all the time she spent in the Girl Scouts. Moving provided an outlet for another of her pursuits. She's a weaver and has entered her works at the Park City Art Festival. Her husband is a developer, and a job for him brought the family to Utah.

An architect, Marcia had to leave behind the firm she owned for 20 years. She designed residential and commercial properties, including a shopping center, church, and even a post office. No wonder she was up for the challenge of a fresh start. She has one regret about leaving Ohio. "I had just got the soil to where I wanted it," Marcia says. "But I love living up here in the mountains." Only a diligent gardener would even try to plant at that elevation. She found that castor beans top out at 18" instead of growing to six feet. The late start means vegetables are small and tomatoes don't ripen until mid-September. She's learned way too much about winter-kill. But the spring did bring a surprise bumper crop of beets, lettuce, squash and onions that had been buried under four feet of snow. She mostly credits any success to indoor gardening, such as growing starter plants. Using raised beds, her acorn squash and green beans have done well and the herb garden is going like gangbusters.

As for the yard, Marcia calls it "a work in progress." Ever the architect, her plan is finally all done. Starting with established grass, she added trees, and a few shrubs will go in this fall. The biggest project so far is also a concession. "We don't have fences in Ohio," Marcia says. She settled for a well-spaced log fence to keep an open feeling around the lot.

"It's hard when you move," Marcia says. Leaving dear plants behind, she entrusted them to old friends. Once here she looked up SLMG and found new friends. "They are wonderful people to work with. I feel like they're my group."

## WHEELER FARM CLEAN-UP OCT. 7

Come help us get Wheeler Farm ready for winter. This is a fun time to get together, put in a few hours Volunteer Time, and help us earn the use of the barn for our December Awards Dinner.

We will be starting at 9:00 a.m., after the chill is gone. The house gardens will have pansies to plant. We will be cleaning out the pumpkin patch and vegetable garden, plus finishing up at the Herb garden.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do NOT touch the Dahlias that day. It will still be too early to take them out.

We hope to see you there. It's a great way to get last minute hours in with plenty to do. We decided to do it a week early because of the pumpkin festival that will be on the 14th, which would make it hard to find parking.

### HOUSE GARDENS

We are getting 7 flats of pansies for Saturday, October 7. We could sure use some extra hands and spades. We will start planting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and work till we are through. Remember, many hands make light work.

## MAGNA ELEMENTARY

We inadvertently left Peg Crowley's name off last month's article on Magna Elementary. Please know that she is grateful to all who have helped this year.

## RON JONES LEAVING THE FARM FOR A WHILE

Ron Jones is leaving for a three year mission in New York. We want to thank him for all his hard work and dedication towards the SL Master Gardeners. It's very rare to get someone so dedicated. We are so sad to see them leave. We want to tell Ron and his wife so be safe and hope to see you soon.

This means we need someone to take Ron's place at Wheeler Farm. Maybe if there were three people who could work on it together, it wouldn't be such a big job. Surely there are a couple of people who have worked on the garden with Ron in the past two years who can take care of the garden. Please contact Traci if you can help out. It would be sad to lose the garden because of the many, many pounds of produce that were donated to the food banks.

## 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	



# PROJECTS

## Christmas Box House

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Wheeler Farm Pumpkin Patch  
Wheeler Farm Home Garden

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## CHRISTMAS BOX HOUSE

We need someone to help on Tuesday nights. You will be teaching children about plants, vegetables, fruits, roots - things like that - with games for them to learn. There is also a little garden that they put in with the kids. Please contact Peggy Call or Virginia Sargeant (see above) if you can help. There is a background check that you will need to pass to do this.

## FARMER'S MARKET at PIONEER PARK

A final thanks to all of you who helped with the Farmer's Market at Pioneer Park this year. It was great to be a part of a community resource and of course visit with old and new Master Gardener friends. We do have one more Saturday on October 14th and as always "the more the merrier" so come to help or just say hello and take advantage of the terrific produce and handmade crafts.



## Calendar

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

**Thursday, November 16**  
 Maggie Shao will share her  
 experiences with "A Tree Grows in  
 West Africa."

**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.

*Thursday, January 18, 2007 - Mandy  
 Self from Red Butte will talk on Water-  
 wise and Native Landscapes.*

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 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](mailto:webwench@slmg.org)

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 Web Bulletin Board at  
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**October 31  
is the deadline for handing  
in hours to be counted for  
awards for 2006.**

Any hours you put in after that time  
are still important, but will count to-  
ward the  
following year's awards.



Either mail or fax the form to:

Sarah Peterson, USU Extension  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84190-2350  
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Using the form as a guide, you  
may also email the information  
to: [SPeterson@slco.org](mailto:SPeterson@slco.org)

**PLEASE NOTE  
THE OCTOBER 19th GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS  
WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 105 OF  
THE COLUMBUS CENTER.  
2530 South 500 East**

(This is because the County building is being used for municipal elections.)

**Election Night and Successes and Failures.** Share this year's gardening successes and failures.

If you can't be there and want to vote, please mark the ballot enclosed with this newsletter and send it in. Voting is open to all certified Master Gardeners only.