

# THE GARDEN PATCH



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## FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR

By Val Chatwin

Well, the County Fair is over. It was really fun. As this was my first time there as one of the Agricultural supervisors it was very informative and scary at times. Jay Fullmer is the other supervisor. Keith Pedersen has done it for years but quit last year. He brings more than a hundred entries to the fair so fills up an entire area, the 'over 21 entries' area, and no one has challenged him for years. He is an amazing gardener, in my opinion probably the best in the State. He grows nearly everything on the fair book list and it is bigger and better than anyone else's. He also decorates. This year he had field corn that 'volunteered' at his property, meaning he probably tilled it in and some of the kernels grew. The mistake corn was about 7 foot tall and filled with cobs and there was a lot of it.

The Master Gardeners were wonderful. I sent out an email plea for volunteers to come on Wednesday at 7:30 am to help and seven volunteered! They arrived, I told them what to do and it was time for people to bring their stuff in. It was startling to see these huge pumpkins being wheeled in on any kind of conveyance; one older couple had a baby stroller with squashes too big to fit on it. A couple of sisters and their kids had the biggest wheelbarrow I have ever seen completely full of vegetables. They sorted through it and spent an hour doing entry paperwork. The Master Gardeners were on the ball and were efficient help. The judges, Larry Sagers and Wade Bitner, both from Tooele County, loved having a capable, pretty, clerk at their side. The fair people were really impressed and I was thankful! It made it possible to get it all judged, ribboned and labeled by 11 a.m., when the fair opened. Then they gave us lunch.

John Kalasky, a Master Gardener and volunteer was there. I had heard his bragging about his wonderful produce so I said, "Where is your stuff?" He stammered. I knew he lived in Riverton; the Fair is in South Jordan, so I said, "Go and get as much as you can get. You've got till 9:30". He was back at 9:35 with tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, lemon cucumbers and peppers. We quickly started filling out the paper work and put them out. There were other late ones too. The judges were already there and judging. I don't know exactly how he did but I do know he got a sweepstakes on the two eggplants and blues and reds on the others. He was so tickled. He kept saying, "I could have beaten that entry if I had had time to prepare".

And that is exactly why lots of people don't enter. They don't really realize exactly when it is and what you have to do. I would love to see the Master Gardener section become so big that they have to give us more room.

Next year the Fair Book will be on the Internet. If you entered something, they will send you a card to remind you. They will send one if you don't have the internet. I will have fair books at our General meetings, so people can look ahead, and try to remind you in *The Garden Patch* exactly when to enter certain things. State Fair date Aug. 17 through 20.

When you plant your Food Bank row, put in a couple of odd things, like celery [which I absolutely love from the garden] or yellow tomatoes and plan on bringing them over.

The flowers were dominated by Mark Hurst, who got Exhibitor of the Year. Howard Anderson got sweepstakes on his gladiolas and firsts on his pears. Flowers are easier to enter in. They have two flower shows and you can enter houseplants, just the flower or arrangements. I entered 14 in the Friday show. As I was leaving my house I had everything ready, with the little glass vases all in a divided box. I picked it up and it collapsed! Water, flowers all over the carpet at the top of the stairs, fortunately no broken vases. It was nearly time so I picked them up as good as I could, put them in a big reliable plastic tub (aren't we lucky to have plastic now?) and sped over. One entrance is 100 yards away from where you put them in and no waiting, I could see the clear path, but since it is the exit, the guy wouldn't let me in. So I drove all the way around to the entrance and of course had to wait in a long line. I was late but they helped me fill out the paper work as I put the flowers back together. Flowers are fun. They put a note telling you what was wrong on each one, I am leaning a lot.

We also entered the chickens. A friend came over and told us which to bring. The Sedgwick, the Seebright rooster, (not Sady the hen - her tail doesn't stick up enough), Jacko and Tina, the tiny Japanese rooster and hen. We didn't have bands, but our friend had some. Sedgwick was disqualified for being too large. Hmmm. Tina got a blue and Jacko and a red 2nd. When they came home I was afraid the other chickens would not let them integrate but they jump down on the ground, ran around flapping their wings in joy and Tiny started scratching in some soft dirt. Wire cages are not normal. Jacko did his

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# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Traci Dahle

Hi Everyone,

Well we had another wonderful picnic this year. We had at best guess, 82 people come counting the tickets that were passed out. Ron Jones and his wife did a wonderful job on the boneless spareribs and potatoes. We had a great group show up early to help set up: Cathy Miller, Steve Le Cheminant, Trudy and Wayne Guest, Faythe and Kevin Adams, Val and Ray Chatwin. Sorry if I forgot anyone. Thanks to everyone who stayed to clean up. That went so fast I didn't get all the names in my head so I better not put them down in case I forget someone.

Mayor Peter Carroon came by with his wife and children. We made Amy Carroon an honorary Master Gardener. We hope she can enjoy our meetings and our wonderful newsletter which we will be mailing to her.

Ken and I went to Vernal this month to visit a sick friend. Talk about the petunia city! They had some other flowers but there were planters of petunias all over the city that were just beautiful. I understand there is one guy they get them all from, and I think he plants them in the pots also. We went to the dinosaur museum. It's fun to see how plants were a part of life long before us. They had a lot of fossils with plant formations in them. We went around the USU Extension building to see how their gardens were (I get curious to see how USU does around the state). I know they are mostly into agriculture but I have to check it out.

When we were in Duschene we were parked by a pond eating lunch and we saw dragonflies over the pond. Of course I had my net and we caught two of them. Maggie Shao's class on bugs and bug collecting has now got me with the "BUG" (pardon the pun.) I took the class in July and now I am getting quite a collection (at least I think so.) Ken laughs at me because we will be sitting outside at night and I'm catching moths. I'm waiting for the book I ordered about bugs and butterflies to come, but I think I have a hummingbird moth drying right now along with a dragonfly my grandson caught in Ferron, Utah. He sure likes to help his grandma out. I hope I can help him out with a project for school or another badge on top of his eagle scout.

We went on the Kennecott Tailings Tour. That was very interesting. I had no idea how big the pond was - 20 miles around and about 8 miles long. They have done a wonderful job up there. There are wild animals running around and eagles flying. It was great to see. I wish everyone could have come. It's the last time they will let people in the area because they don't want vehicles running over the vegetation to keep the dust down. Since Alex "from KCC" had told

us that he would do this 1 ½ years ago, he went ahead and did the tour even though they have discontinued them. Thanks to Eva Daniels who got me hooked up with him almost two years ago for doing a talk after I was elected president. Alex was our tour guide and has worked on this project for years. His excitement while driving the van was delightful.

I went to Karen Crook's and Cindy Deverall's yard tours. Cindy has changed her back yard since I was last there. She has taken a lot more grass out and has a cottage garden down in the back. Karen's back yard is on the Mick Riley Golf course. She has some beautiful big trees in the back yard that they left when they built their home. The back yard drops quite a bit so they brought some big rocks and put a sunken patio out in the back, it was fun to see. If you need any advice on shade gardening, Karen's your person.

We went on the house tours at Mark Hurst's, Steve Le Cheminant's, and Robyn Chubak's. I have been to all their yards at one time or another but not really had a lot of time to wander around, and Ken had only seen Robyn's so he wanted to go (or I made him go, who knows.) They were very interesting. Mark is the Dahlia King. They were just gorgeous! He had some nice hibiscus that were fun to see. Robyn Chubak's yard is an edible yard. You could probably eat anything out of his yard, and he is so fun to listen to. He has done a lot of construction since we have been there; it looked great. Steve has a well-maintained yard with lots of flowers and well put together. He has done a great job.

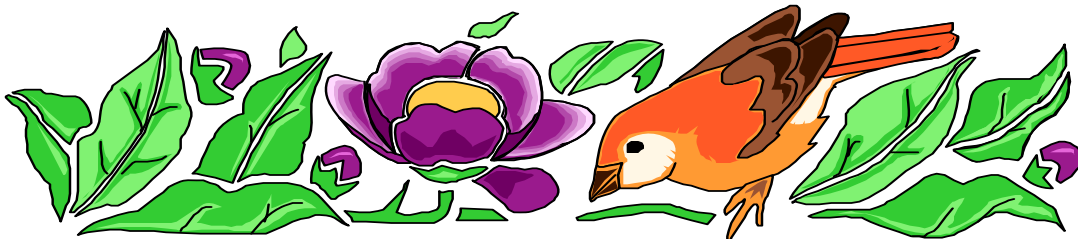
Thanks to everyone for letting us come to your homes this year. It's fun to see what other people have done in their yards.

Well, what a great summer it has been. I can feel coolness in the air. I'm sure everyone else likes it, even the plants but I do like 90 and above. Looks like it's almost time for Arizona real soon, but not until after the State Fair.

Speaking of the State Fair I hope you all are helping with the booth. We still need a lot of spots filled. We needed everyone's names in by August 30<sup>th</sup> but if you still want to help we are using other names so you can just fill those spots and we will get you the passes to get in. If you volunteer more than one time we will pay for your parking after the first time. Just save your ticket stubs so you can turn them in for reimbursement. We feel if you go one time, you can at least enjoy the fair. If you go more than once you have done your time and with the price of gas and expecting you to pay to park it's gets a little expensive. We hope this will help you out and hope it will encourage you to volunteer more than once. I hope to see you there.

New Class members, remember the summer is over, but it's not to late. You have a month and a half to get your hours in. If you need any help or direction please let me know. I will be glad to help you if needed.

-- Traci Dahle smoki1@smartfella.com





### By Maggie Shao, USU Extension Horticulture Agent

As many of you have probably heard, a new invasive insect, the Japanese beetle, was discovered in Orem, UT in July 2006. In response to the expected public demand for this potentially destructive pest, Diane Alston and Erin Hodgson, USU Extension Entomologists, created a new fact sheet addressing some of the main concerns about biology and control options. I will send out the fact sheet to the Master Gardener distribution list. The Japanese beetle discovered in July was brought into USU by a Utah County Master Gardener. What a great asset to have knowledgeable Master Gardeners on the lookout! UDAF, USU Extension and other agencies are on the alert by trapping to monitor and manage the beetles, to hopefully prevent a potentially serious outbreak.

The summer is rapidly coming to an end and I am coming up to my first anniversary with USU Extension. This is my first season with the county fairs. Bart Anderson, Val Chatwin, and Karl Hauptfleisch helped me judge at the Tooele County. There were a great group of Master Gardener volunteers at the Salt Lake County Fair who entered, tagged and clerked for the judges as well as those who staffed the booth that was set up by Mark Hurst and Stephen LeCheminant. I appreciate all of the Master Gardeners who have helped out so far, but we still have the State Fair coming up. I hope you have signed up to help either with the clerking duties for the judging or staffing the booth to answer questions. Did you know if I add together the questions and contacts from the phone line, walk-ins to the office, plant problem diagnostic clinics, Farmer's Market booth, and various projects, Master Gardeners serve over a thousand people a month during the summer!

Thanks to the SLMGA Board for setting up the annual picnic at Murray Park. I was fortunate in that I got to eat Ron Jones' excellent Dutch oven cooking twice that week. I know Mayor Corroon and his wife Amy and family enjoyed themselves especially with all the homemade goodies. I also went to the WOW camp thank you party on August 23. The counselors and Utah Federation of Youth staff were so pleased and thrilled with all the Master Gardeners who volunteered. Laurie Browne, WOW coordinator said you were the best teachers and worked so well with this diverse group of kids.

Something new for recruitment for the 2007 class. I am holding five 90 minute orientations about the Master Gardener training. In order to apply for 2007, all interested must come to one of these orientations to receive an application. The dates are August 30 (2pm & 6pm), September 8 (2pm), and September 20 (2pm & 6pm). So if you want to refer anyone, let them know about the orientations and RSVP to reserve a space at 469-3170.

A reminder, the deadline for reporting hours to our office is October 31, 2006 but we are happy to receive reports at any time between now and the deadline. Remember, it is your responsibility to report the following; date, # of hours, type of activ-

ity, project, # of contacts (adult or youth), and description. This helps me summarize all the great work you do to both the county and state, and show the significance and value of the Master Gardener program.

The Pacific Northwest garden tour has been postponed until the spring. Several of you have told me of your interest, so hopefully we can get enough folks interested so we can move forward with the trip. Let me know if you are interested. Here is a project that may interest some of you. I am consulting and partnering with the Salt Lake County Prison to teach horticulture to the inmates, as well as putting 2 acres next to the prison into vegetable production. This is part of the Sheriff's prison rehabilitation work program, to give some training and incentive to inmates in the hopes that they will have job skills and training to find employment after they are released. This fall, compost will be tilled in, and a cover crop will be sown for the winter to be tilled in the following spring.

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little 'let's have sex dance' around all the big hens. Pete, the dominant Polish rooster, just ignored him, which was good. He has had some long fights with the Co Co, the Cochran rooster. I hope that stops. They were so glad to get home.

The Summer Party had so much delicious food I couldn't sample it all. Tracy, and the board did a terrific job as usual. I won dinner to Benihanas, that will be a treat. We also won a trip to Wendover which we traded for some fertilizer. That is what everyone should do at the end, have a giant trade. Ron and Nancy Jones really treated us to wonderful Dutch Over food. We need to move the date back a week so it isn't during the fair.

Maggie Shao asked for some judges at the Tooele County Fair. Four of us went out, Bart Anderson, Carl Gabriellsson, Maggie, and I. It was fun to see someone else's fair. Best of Show was won by Wade Bitner's blackberries. We found out when they unfolded the cards. I got to see the Larry Miller race track as well as several museums out by the fairground. We went to Cindy Deverall's acre in the very middle of Murray for the garden tour. They knocked the old house down and built a new, huge beautiful one. The perennials were gorgeous. Her prunes would have won a blue ribbon at the fair. On the same night we saw Karen Crook's beautiful place which borders a golf course. They have a gate into it. They have ancient trees which provide lots of shade. She said the flowers were ruined in the hail we had about a week later. The hail got the vegetable garden at Wheeler also and did lots of damage at Bev Sudbury's place. That's summer weather in Utah for you!

# DAHLIA DIARY IX

## TIME TO REVIEW

With growers now taking a breather, and basking in the magnificent, dazzling display of dahlias at their peak, it seemed a good time to share an article written in 1837. See if you can spot any changes when comparing advice from 169 years ago with current techniques.

## HOW TO GROW DAHLIAS

By T. Bridgeman

Nothing is more simple than the cultivation of Dahlia roots. In March or April, they will, if properly kept through the winter, being to sprout around the old stems, and tubers. To forward these sprouts in growth, the roots should be either buried in light earth, on the top of a moderate hotbed, or else potted, and then set in a warm room, or green house, and watered. As soon as the shoots have grown to the length of two or three inches, the roots may be divided in such a manner as to have a good strong shoot attached to a piece of the tuber, or old stem; each odd these will, if properly managed, make a plant.

In order to obtain an extra number of plants from any choice varieties, cuttings are frequently taken from the shoots, when about three inches in length, which are planted in nursery pots, and cultivated in hotbeds; these require to be shaded from the sun, by mats, for the first fortnight, after which they may be gradually inured to the air, and treated as plants raised in the ordinary way

Those who may commence cultivating at an early season, should put the plants thus separated into small pots, and keep them in a growing state until about the middle of May, at which time they may be turned out of the pots with the balls of earth entire, and planted in the open borders, from three to four feet from each other. Let the ground be well-pulverized, and enriched with good old manure, before the plants are set out. If the top soil be shallow, and sub-soil inferior, it would be beneficial to the plants, if holes be dug to the depth of from a foot to eighteen inches, and replenished with good rich compost, consisting of two-thirds fresh loam, and on-third of well-rotted manure.

Many cultivators have found late planting to suit better than early, and myself had more perfect flowers last year, from plants set out about the middle

of June, than those planted in May; this is easily accounted for. In July and August the weather was remarkably hot, which brought the forwardest plants into bud at an early season, and in consequence of a continuation of hot dry weather, such buds failed to produce perfect flowers; whereas those plants which were set out late, kept growing through the hot weather, and produced their buds just in time to receive all the benefit of the autumnal rains.

From consideration of these facts, I think early in June the safest time to set out Dahlia plants; and if those persons who have no convenience of forcing their roots, set them out in May, in ground prepared as before directed, they will generally succeed very well, provided they take care to cover them in case of a cold change of weather. The roots may be thus cultivated entire, as is frequently done; but if it be desired to have them parted, this business can be easily accomplished without disturbing the roots, and the offsets may be planted in the ground separately, or potted.

After the plants have grown about two or three feet high, it will be necessary to provide for their preservation through the varied changes of the season, or a sudden gust of wind may destroy the expectations of a year. The branches of the Dahlia are extremely brittle, and, therefore, a good stout pole, or neat stake, should be driven down near each roots, of a suitable height, so that the branches as they progress in growth, may be tied thereto at every joint, which may be done with shreds of matting or twine.

If the poles be in readiness, they are much more easily fixed at the time of planting the Dahlias than afterwards; but it may be done at any time after the ground has been softened by rain, provided it be not delayed too long, so as to subject the plants to risk.

Sometimes a few forward buds of the Dahlias will exhibit their premature beauties to the beams of a July and August sun; but this lustre is quickly dimmed. The latter end of September, sometimes all October, and part of November, witness the Dahlia in all its glory; and dwarf plants, cultivated in pots, will sometimes blossom at Christmas.

- An extract from "The Young Gardener's Assistant"

## NEXT MONTH:

## DIGGING, DIVIDING, AND STORING

Well I won't be spending time in the dog house; the ivy I cut down is starting to come back. I hope it will cover the area before the winter weather comes along. It was such a tangle and a great place for the snails to hide. After cleaning it out there were a lot of weed seeds that wanted to take over, so I have been keeping a watch for them and catching them as they sprout.

The tomato crop has been great this year. A lot of the neighbors have been happy to get their share. With the growth I had after fertilizing the garden I now have the second crop setting quite well. My only problem this year is I planted too many plants too close together and have had problems picking them. The smell of rotting tomatoes is not a pleasant garden smell, I had to crawl through the tomato patch to find and discard the rotten ones, and I got a BIG COMPLAINT from the wife on that one.

I have had a number of compost piles cooking this season. As they cook out I have been piling them into one of the bins which is now overflowing. It is still warm and cooking. I had some dead branches in the rose hedge that were unsightly and needed to be removed. That provided the carbon material and with overmatured plants from the garden and grass clippings, I was able to get another pile cooking.

I have had a rhubarb plant in the garden for years and haven't used much of it. This year we have made a lot of pies and given a lot away. I have it planted in what my father-in-law calls a pill box. I have taken some busted up concrete and made a ring around it that is about a foot high. This keeps the rhubarb off the ground and close together, and it helps to bleach the stalks red. If they get too much sun they turn green and give it a strong taste and the pie filling needs food coloring to make it look appetizing.

Some of my daylilies did not bloom this year, and some the flowers were very small compared to other years.



## By Wm. Golden Reeves

In checking the encyclopedia on plants, I learned that Hemerocallis needs to be moved and divided about every 3 to 4 years. Some of my plants have been in for a long time. I have been removing them, improving the soil, and replanting them. Needless to say I am filling all of the gallon pots with extra plants and I still have a lot I removed last year still in pots.

The grapevines that are growing in my containers on the back patio are really growing fast. Now I am trying to decide what to do with them. The ones I planted in the garden are doing well also. I am replacing some vines that grew all vines and very little fruit. The Canadis grape I have growing has a great crop on it. Now if I can beat the birds and the wasps to them I will try to make some good raisins. They are great eating right off the vine also.

The corn I planted the first of July is starting to tassel out and it looks like I will get a crop from it. Last year I planted corn on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and the frost took it down before it had a chance to even tassel out. This is the third planting of corn and it was really good. Only one problem I found with the older ears - there was a little black beetle-like bug and some maggot-looking worms in some of the kernels. I guess I need to find out what they were and how to control them.

It is State Fair time again and with the hot weather we have been having a lot of the fruit and flowers have matured about 3 to 4 weeks early. Look for something to enter and go for the BLUE RIBBONS. See you at the fair!



Master Gardeners who tried to grow native plants from seed distributed by Dr. Ty Harrison at the meeting last fall please let Charlene Homan know if you were successful. Golden Reeves has two inch Pinyon pines growing. This fall would be a good time to try to establish your plants at Hidden Hollow. If there are plants ready, I will plan a planting day.

Charlene Homan mhcharlene@yahoo.com

Please note that October 15 is the deadline for handing in hours to be counted for awards for 2006. It takes time to get things processed and awards printed and made. Any hours you put in after that time are still important, but will count toward the following year's awards.



## MURRAY PARK

Summer is coming to an end and so are the number of days to volunteer. We will still be working at Murray Park on Tuesday mornings through September. Now that the days aren't as hot and the sun comes up later, we will start at 7:30 am. Questions? Call Becky Hansen

## 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.

## GENERAL MEETING LOCATIONS

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

**September 21** - In the classroom  
**October 19** - at the Columbus Center  
2530 South 500 East

## Master Gardeners, please help with the projects

*Christmas Box House* - Tuesday evenings

*Diagnostic Clinics* - Mondays 1-4 p.m.

*Hidden Hollow* - information coming

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

*Wheeler Farm* - 4 different garden areas.

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

House Gardens: Wednesdays 6 p.m.

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

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

*Pioneer Park Farmers Market* - Saturdays

*State Fairpark* - Wednesday evenings

*Utah AIDS Foundation* -

Tuesdays 5:30 to dusk

*Magna Elementary* - Fridays

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

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

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

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

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



## *Candidates List*

Here is our roster of Candidates so far:

President:	Steve LeCheminant
Vice President:	Dave Kempff Marcia Sherry
Secretary:	Lisa Chin
Historian:	Jeff Asay Karen Crook
Treasurer:	Teresa Rivera

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?

If you want to run for office or know someone that wants to run please contact Jeff Asay [jef-frey.asay@comcast.net](mailto:jef-frey.asay@comcast.net) or Cindy Deveral [cddeveral@msn.com](mailto:cddeveral@msn.com) or Teresa Rivera [teresa@sisna.com](mailto:teresa@sisna.com)

We will be publishing profiles of all candidates in the next few months. Elections will be held at the October General meeting.

## GILGAL GARDEN

*749 East 500 South - Gilgal is located on the north side of the street behind the wrought iron fence.*

We finally found someone to put in a new clock and trench in some new lines for the back of the garden. We put our thorny bushes on the new back wall to help deter kids from jumping over the fence. The drip system is installed and on now so we don't have to water by hand. We also put a drip line in the front of the wall. We planted over 40 castor beans this year to hide the ugly wall, but with no water, we barely kept about 10 and they didn't grow real tall. Better luck next year.

Mark Hurst's hibiscuses are happy now. It took almost three months.

We are deadheading and weeding, just keeping up on normal gardening. We did clean up. The first set of irises that we put in, (they were the leftovers from the picnic three years ago) were already needing to be separated. If you didn't make it to the picnic this year I have three bags, of them at my house. Barbara Watkins who had a wonderful assortment in her yard, brought a bunch 3 years ago, so there is a great selection. They are no longer tagged, but you can be sure they are nice ones. If you want any call me. We will take the rest to the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy during their garden fair in September to give away like we did last year when Wheeler Farm separated theirs.

We are working every Tuesday night starting at 3:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. If you need hours, please come. Once you have learned what to do you can work at your own convenience. Some people like to work in the cool morning hours or after work in the evenings. The gates are always open during the daylight hours. We hope to see you there.

Thanks to everyone who helps, I really appreciate it.

If you have any question contact:

Bev Sudbury [beverlysudury@yahoo.com](mailto:beverlysudury@yahoo.com) or

Traci Dahle [smoki1@smartfella.com](mailto:smoki1@smartfella.com)

## *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!

## UTAH AIDS FOUNDATION

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

## UTAH STATE FAIR- PARK

There will be no more work parties until after the Fair. Please come Wednesday, September 20th starting at 5 p.m. to get volunteer hours.

### Sign Up to Volunteer at the State Fair

### Get Your Produce and Flowers Ready to Enter

Contact Steve LeCheminant at [redacted] to volunteer at the State Fair. This is always an interesting event. People come from all over the state. We will reimburse your parking after the

Be sure to enter your produce and flowers. You can access a State Fair book at [www.utahstatefair.com](http://www.utahstatefair.com). Let's get a little healthy competition between the Master Gardeners and between the different projects.

## 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. Her e-mail address is [endlesspromos1@msn.com](mailto:endlesspromos1@msn.com) (If you have questions call Barbara or Traci [smoki1@smartfella.com](mailto:smoki1@smartfella.com))

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Mark your calendar!

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

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

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

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

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

## FRESH FROM THE HEART

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

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

Contact Jennie Gibson [gib-songg@earthlink.net](mailto:gib-songg@earthlink.net), or JoDeane Condrat

## August Afternoon in Liberty Wells\*

*Blue blue blue,  
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides washed blue around  
white tree trunks;  
Quaking yellow-green leaves rattled in the breeze.*

*Above, locust street trees feather-edged blue sky  
and  
Shaded the right turn lane where vehicles rounded  
the corner,  
Windows up for air conditioning or  
Windows down broadcasting music.  
Drivers and passengers attended to  
Cell phones, fast-food-and-drink, seat-belt-less  
children; and  
Rolled on through the intersection's hot black as-  
phalt.*

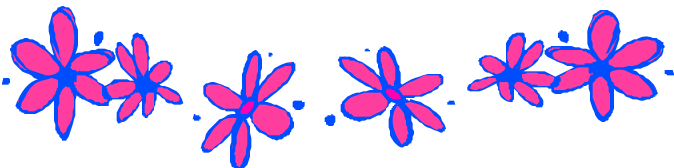
*The motors faded.  
Birdsong resumed.  
I turned my back to the intersection,  
Settled on a crude wooden bench cornered under  
aspen, locust, blue sky.  
Tablet on knee and pen in hand,  
Mesmerized by rattling leaves flickering light and  
shadow,  
I daydreamed the city street corner away, gazing  
at  
White trunks stretching up from  
Blue blue blue.*

---Catherine New

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Passalong note: Master Gardener classmate Shirley Winn passed along a start of ceratostigma plumbaginoides, when I volunteered with her at a SLMGA Tracy Aviary entrance landscaping project several years back.

\*Liberty Wells refers to the area of Salt Lake City area embraced by Liberty Wells Community Council: 900-2100 South, State-700 East.



# Spotlight

## On Maretta Wight

Maretta Wight grew up in Murray. She attended BYU, where she met her husband, Rob. They've been married 15 years, live in West Jordan and have three kids, ages 13-4. You might say Maretta is a Master Mom. She enrolled in SLMG classes while pregnant with her youngest child and later took the newborn along to the advanced program.

Maretta loves the outdoors and sports, especially playing softball. An avid photographer and computer techie, publishing is her speciality. She's also involved with community service, on an overwhelming quest for good nutrition after seeing what children are served at middle school.

In keeping with a healthy diet she concentrates on planting what the family will eat. Although limited with a small yard, Maretta maximizes the space with grow boxes. Along with the usual vegetables, she tests new varieties like a green zebra tomato. Another crop was inspired when Maretta helped troubled youths with a project to paint gourds for use as birdhouses. A bonus was the surprise of seeing how gorgeous the blossoms were as they flowered on the vine.

Maretta is best known for her dedication to the Plant Lab, which includes visiting different schools to teach 4th graders about soils and assisting them with their crops. Busy with other undertakings, Maretta looks forward to the day when she can do her own gardening justice – and really consider herself a "Master" Gardener. Good luck with that. Who doesn't still feel like an apprentice?

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## FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

### PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

## MAGNA ELEMENTARY

There are some personal Thank You's I'd like to send out. We have had more volunteer turnout in the last month (July/Aug.) than we had all of last year!! I'd like to thank: Karyn Douglas, Maryann Nauahi, Laura Kleman, Carol Johnson, Carmen Kaminski, Traci Dahle, and Maggie Shao!! Traci not only comes to visit (twice now) the project, or to bring our project sign (that we've never had displayed) but she comes and stays for 2-3 hours and gets down & dirty with the rest of us! Maggie Shao made a recent visit last week and has been instrumental in her recommendations for saving the trees that have been in distress (hope we caught it in time). All of the other volunteers I've mentioned were very generous with their time once they got the chance to get to the project. Last month, we had about five extra people there. We all took a different raised bed and knocked out most of the weeds in one afternoon!! Carol Johnson spent most of a week or more out there weeding and helping to resolve the watering problems that have plagued us all year.

This project certainly would not be what it is today if it wasn't for my newfound friend and partner-in-crime, Mark Hurst. His willingness to share knowledge about the things that bring him the most joy (Dahlias being one of them) has definitely given me more expertise and enjoyment on subjects I knew nothing about before! Mark has always been the one who keeps "trying" to solve the watering problems we have by inviting Emily from the "Slow- the- Flow" program out to our project. Last but certainly not least I would love to thank Kelly Thomas, the teacher who has so bravely took over this project from Inger Russell. Her patience and dedication to the garden and the kids set a fine example for us all! She has some really great ideas for the coming years, now we just need to get the rest of the faculty excited again about a great space that is definitely being underappreciated and underused!!

"Thanks" again to all the people mentioned above and to the ones we hope to see out there with us in the future!! You are the reason we have a renewed interest in this project!

Sincerely, Peg Sudbury-Crowley (project manager, Magna Elementary)

### NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

### TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST

#### HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

### WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE

THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN  
BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

## 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

236 South 300 East

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Virginia Sargeant -

## Fresh From the Heart

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## Hidden Hollow

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Charlene Homan - or mhcharlene@yahoo.com.

## Magna Elementary

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Peg Sudbury-Crowley - crowbaby@xmission.com  
Mark Hurst -

## Murray Park

5000-5300 South State

Becky Hansen - hansenpollei@mstar2.net

## Pioneer Park Farmer's Market

400 South 300 West

Karen Crook - garykarencrook@comcast.net

## Utah State Fair Park

200 North 1000 West

Cathy Miller - millercb2@aol.com

## Utah Aids Foundation

1408 South 1100 East

Kay Packard -  
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Amy Hargreaves Judzis - cliz@juno.com

## Wheeler Farm

6300 South 900 East  
Wheeler Farm Vegetable Garden  
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Wheeler Farm Pumpkin Patch  
Wheeler Farm Home Garden

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Marlene Johnson - marlene32936@yahoo.com

## 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

## FARMER'S MARKET at PIONEER PARK

Pioneer Park's Farmer's Market has been a success this year thanks to all the kind Master Gardeners that have donated their time, energy, and expertise in helping members of our community with their gardening questions.

Our volunteer spots are full for the year but if you would still like to help or need the hours for graduation there is always room for one more. Contact Karen Crook at e-mail garykarencrook@comcast.net.



# Calendar

## General Meeting

Thursday, September 21

*Joy Bossi*

In the Classroom

She will tell about her recent trip to the Rodes Shalom Bible Garden in Pittsburgh.

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.

# Bulletin Board



“Swap and Shop”

and

“Garden Talk”

Bulletin Board

On the SLMG Web Site

You can now connect to the "Garden Talk" bulletin board, where there are topics for General Discussion, Swaps, For Sale, For Free, and whatever else tickles your fancy. If you have any questions, feel free to drop your trusty WebWench an e-mail at: [webwench@slmg.org](mailto:webwench@slmg.org)

You can access the Web Bulletin Board at <http://www.slmg.org>

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## REPORTING YOUR HOURS

Inside the April newsletter was a form to use for handing in your volunteer hours this year. You can also download a copy of the form from [www.slmg.org/hours](http://www.slmg.org/hours) to print out and send in. Either mail or fax the form to:

Sarah Peterson  
USU Extension  
2001 South State #S1200  
Salt Lake City, UT 84190-2350

Fax: 468-3174

Please get your hours in by October 1st to be sure they are counted toward the December Awards.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT

Ace Hardware	Hires Big H
Benihana's	Mimi's Cafe
Best Western Landmark	Modern Display
Cactus and Tropicals	Morelia Restaurant
Chuck A-Rama	Red Butte Cafe
Concrete Gardens	Rose Shop
Costco	Stateline Nugget Casinos
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Harmon's Grocery Store	Wasatch Shadows
Hillside Floral	Zion's National Park

## SUPPORTED US THIS PAST YEAR