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Pondering a Pond?

By Kortnee Phillips

As the temperatures drop and the leaves start to change colors, I think back over what I have accomplished in the garden this year and make plans for next year. The patio I intended to install didn't get underway, although I did manage to kill the grass in that area. The peach tree is not doing well, and I may have to remove it next year. On the positive side, my flower beds have finally filled in, and the grass has never looked greener.

One feature I have thought about adding for a few years now is a pond or fountain. The home improvement shows have made it look easy to add a water feature in the yard, but it seems most of the ponds I've seen in real life are an empty, overgrown mess. So before I add it to the list for next summer, I decided to do some research into why water gardens fail.

One of the things home improvement shows fail to mention is how much maintenance and care a water feature will require. It is more than just creating a hole in the ground, adding a liner, and letting nature take its course. It's a complex, self-contained ecosystem. The plant life draws nutrients such as nitrates and phosphates from the water, and nitrogen and carbon dioxide from the fish. They release oxygen into the water, which is beneficial to the fish. Surface plants also provide shelter for the fish and help keep the water temperatures cool. Fish also help keep insects from damaging the plant life. When either of the populations is out of balance the pond will suffer. Too many plants can lead to a buildup of dead plant material, or too many plants covering the surface can deplete oxygen, both of which will cause aquatic life to suffer and possibly even die. Algae is another concern in ponds. Small amounts of algae is normal, but if growth becomes excessive it can deplete the oxygen in the pond and kill fish. It can also crowd out other plant life.

So what if the pond is balanced and healthy? What will it require to keep it that way? Plan on spending 1-2 hours per week to maintain it. Depending on the size and type of pond, this may include inspecting the pump and filters, cleaning any pond debris, skimming algae, checking the water pH, feeding fish, transplanting, deadheading and trimming plants. In warmer weather, the water level may also require a top off daily.

I've decided that one day I will install a pond in my yard, but until I can finish my patio, nurse my peach tree back to health, and cross off a few other projects from my to do list, I just don't have the time to devote to a pond.

Winter is Planning Time!

It's Cold Outside! Now What Do I Do?

Come to our November General Meeting on Thursday, November 15 7:00 p.m. In the County Council Chambers. Enjoy sitting in those nice comfortable chairs while we talk about how to get a step up on next spring by getting our planting plans in place.



Get information on where to find some great web sites and ways to get your name on the mailing list to receive plant and seed catalogs. Bring your favorites to add to the list.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Stephen LeCheminant

I want to thank all of you who came to our meeting on October 18th. It was a great meeting. Esther Davis, the Compliance Coordinator at the Trans Jordan Landfill gave us tons of information on why we should recycle things like plastics, aluminum, newspaper, cardboard, and much more. It was very informative and enjoyable for all of us who were there. With the world population growing rapidly and expanding into places where we have not been before, our resources are in great jeopardy. Even a simple thing like recycling newspapers helps us a lot.

I once read a statement -- I don't know who it is from and it may not be verbatim -- but it went something like this. "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our posterity." It may not be exactly right, but it makes the point that we have only one world and we need to take care of it. We can talk about programs and government intervention, but it really starts with us as individuals. So whether we slow the flow, give a hoot don't pollute, or recycle, every little bit helps.

Hope to see all of you at our November meeting. It's cold outside...now what do we do?

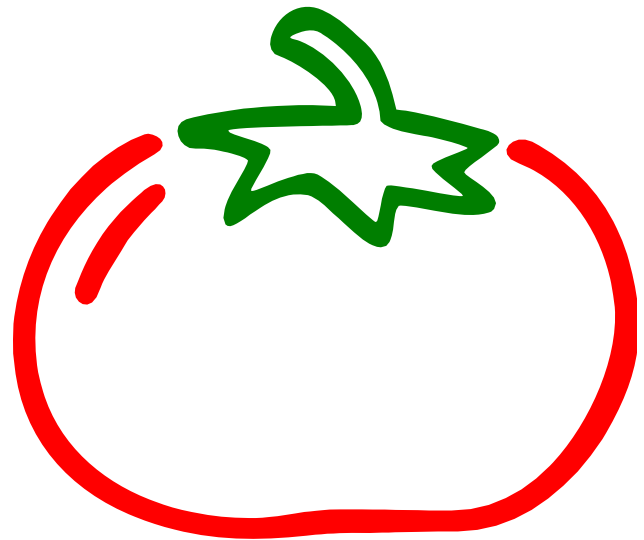
SLMGA Has a New Vice-President

We have a new vice-president on the SLMGA board. Marcia Sherry and her family have moved out of state. We want to thank Marcia for her service to SLMGA. She even volunteered at the State Fair just before leaving.

Sandy Burgess has been chosen to finish Marcia's term as vice-president. Thanks to Sandy and those other Master Gardeners who volunteered to fill this position.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Because of elections, we don't have access to the classroom where we usually meet. So for those months, enter the County Building through the big doors just north of our usual entrance. We will be meeting in the Council Chambers, which is a very nice room with padded stadium seating. Please **do not** bring food or drinks into this room.



Book Review:

The \$64 Tomato:

How One Man Nearly Lost Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden

by William Alexander

Reviewed by Lisa Chin

My vegetable garden has been put to bed, mostly, resting its sweet smelling soil and gathering strength for next spring when I will, hopefully, have gathered enough strength and dreams to plant again. In the meanwhile I now have time to cultivate my other hobbies; one of which is reading. In between reading gardening catalogs and quilt books, I love to read stories, whether they be fictional or not. Recently I came across a very funny non fiction story that I wanted to recommend to all the Master Gardeners. The author, William Alexander, tells about his dream to have a small *organic* garden and orchard, and the realities that hit once he begins to live his dream: weeds, too much water, not enough water, sod worms, deer, ground-hogs, wormy apples, bunnies and the best fresh fruits and vegetables that you can sink your teeth into. I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Alexander's story, because so much of it is also my story, and I think it just might be yours as well. There are several copies of the book available at the library, as well as in hardback and paperback in bookstores. Let me know what you think!

EXTENSION

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By Maggie Shao

Recently, I've been asked about the Advanced Master Gardener Training. I will be shortly sending out information for the Advanced Master Gardener Herbaceous Ornamentals training in 2008 with application and requirements for acceptance. To give you a brief history on that program, it was started a few years back when Larry Sagers was the Horticulture Extension Agent in Salt Lake County. Master Gardeners inherently love to learn, so to facilitate continued education an Advanced Master Gardener Training was initiated (with help from some notable volunteers including Bev and Don Sudbury) to foster more in-depth education and with expectations for Master Gardeners to continue their volunteer service. When Larry moved down to Utah County, and coordination of the Master Gardeners came under the supervision of Wade Bitner, there was a break for this training. In January 2004, Larry again started a four (4) year series of individual modules of the Advanced Master Gardener Training starting first with Woody Plants, Landscape Design & Maintenance, Fruits & Vegetables, and Herbaceous Ornamentals. This coming January 2008 will be the last of this 4 year series.

For the newly certified Master Gardeners who are interested in this training, they may take part in the Herbaceous Ornamentals module. However, it will be the last module offered in Salt Lake County. The formats of these modules have been a lecture format with some labs. In its place I will be starting a seminar training series – the name will be something along the lines of Master Gardener Graduate Seminars which will highlight interactive and intense training based in large part on the most frequently asked questions we receive in Salt Lake County. The format will be much more like graduate seminars, where learning is facilitated by active participation. Some of the activities will include more lab-based interactive classes (A side note: I'm very excited that we just received and installed a new LEICA EZ-4D microscope with capabilities of digital imaging and ease of viewing through a computer monitor. This microscope was provided by Utah State University Plant Pest Diagnostic Laboratory. This hopefully will facilitate plant diagnostics, where we in the office can take digital photos of pests and send the photos to Logan for identification). For example, I will train participants on how to use a microscope, and perhaps some of the digital imaging capabilities, which will train you to become better diagnosticians. Another example of an activity would be to

create your own insect collection. I know from experience that the best way to learn something is by teaching, so there will be an expectation for participants to do a class presentation.

These seminars will be shorter in overall length, approximately 6 to 8 weeks. In order to be accepted into these graduate seminar trainings you must be a current and active Master Gardener Volunteer, requirement of additional volunteer hours above the minimum, and each participant will create a resource binder/portfolio that will be evaluated at the end of the 6 or 8 week seminar. More information will be coming on that as I get the curriculum in place.

Because Salt Lake County has asked me to help with the education component of the Million Tree Program (<http://www.milliontrees.slco.org/>), the first graduate seminar will likely focus on tree care; how to properly plant a tree, properly prune a tree, tree anatomy and physiology. The individual classes within this seminar will include hands-on training on planting a tree, pruning, and producing a resource binder with leaf collection from 20 different species of trees, pressed with additional life history information on each sheet. And a natural seminar volunteer project evolving from this would be to educate the public, for example at a local nursery in small workshop setting on how to plant that one in a million tree.

I know those of you who attended October's General Meeting learned quite a bit from Esther Davis, the Compliance and Education Outreach Coordinator for the Trans Jordan Landfill. We learned so much about how we take our garbage for granted, and we can be much better at recycling and lessening the negative impact on our natural resources including air and water quality. We always say, "save a tree" when we try and cut down on paper copies when we should more accurately say "save our water" since paper production uses so much water, which we know in Utah is a precious resource. I will send out an email with the address to stop your junk mail. It's on my laptop and I don't have access right now but will post that very important address for those of us who don't want anymore junk mail. We've had a very productive and educational year. I'm looking forward to acknowledging everyone's hard work and dedication and of course the newly certified Master Gardeners at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Wheeler Farm on Thursday December 13.



Where did the summer go? Fall got here so fast and now the race starts to get the yard and garden ready for winter before the really cold weather arrives. I have a few tomato plants that are still in the garden but will soon take them out so I can till and prepare the walkways for the yard debris to fill them up again for the winter. I have been digging out of the walkways some great sheet compost. It is beginning to make a difference in the soil of the garden. The hard clay is now turning into a nice loamy soil after about 20 years of work.

I have harvested the apples here at my place and have sorted and boxed them so they are ready to be stored in the garage for the winter. The 'Granny Smith' apples were a lot larger this year. Some of them weighing 12 to 14 ounces. I had one 'Mutsu' apple that weight 26 ounces. It looks like my pruning in the spring along with the thinning really paid off. The 'Granny Smith' apples will take another month before they will be ready to eat, It takes about that much time for them to mellow out.

The carrot crop was a failure along with the green beans, green and hot peppers; I made the mistake of planting a winter squash that took over most of the garden. The name of the squash was 'Rambo'; it looks like a grey pumpkin but has heavy meat inside. I should have known what it would do just because of the name. So when I am eating the squash this winter I will try to remember and think carrots in stead of squash.

I have dug up the gladiolus plants and have them drying in the basement. I need to clean them up and get rid of the small corms and old part of the bulbs. Then dust them with *Captan* fungicide before storing them in peat moss. This has worked well for me other years. Most of the times you can just leave them in the ground during the winter but then the corms try to grow and you end up with a lot of small plants and no blossoms. Over the years I have had one clump that I have left in and this year I had 5 blossom shafts from it. The Amaryllise bulbs are drying in the greenhouse;



By Wm. Golden Reeves

after the leaves have turned brown and fallen off I will spray them before moving them in to the basement. I will start them in about January to see if they will bloom.

I still have a lot of work to do before the fall clean up is completed: cannas and potatoes to dig, spent flowers to put through the shredder, and then the leaves to haul in from Midvale, or from where ever I can find them to pack the garden walkways. I have planted next year's garlic using only the outer cloves. This helps to grow the largest bulbs to harvest next summer. With good compost fertilizer and lots of sun I should get another good harvest.

I have cut back the ice plants and repotted them to take in to the house to over winter. The bronze fountain grass has been cut back but needs to be divided into smaller pots as well. I found out that my Mexican feather grass will not survive the winter outside so that will need to come in the house as well. I have an infestation of white flies in the tomatoes so all of the plants will need to be treated before they can come in to the house. I am glad I have the greenhouse to put them in as I spray them.

Willey, our new puppy, is going to miss the garden that has been his gourmet feeding grounds and jungle this summer. He has eaten almost everything out there and most times he would not eat the rest of his food. Bugs, sticks, prunes, apples, peaches, grass, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, flowers of all sorts. and potatoes, he has eaten everything and now the winter is coming, the garden put away, and his outside food source will be gone. I am sure he will find some thing to chew on though, probably the firewood he has started to work on already.

There is an old saying: "We reap what we sow." If you did not plant it, you cannot enjoy the harvest. That is unless you pay others to plant and harvest for you. But what is the fun in that?

Did you enter flowers or produce in either the County or State Fairs?

If so, please let us know how you did. E-mail your results to gardenpatch2@juno.com We aren't trying to brag - we just want to encourage others to support these fairs by showing them positive results.
Thanks for your help.

GILGAL GARDEN

Gilgal Garden Crew!!!!!!!!!! One last "THANK YOU" for the great season. We have had 35 persons who worked at least 360 hours doing planting, deadheading, weeding, spreading mulch, and anything else that got in our way. I do so appreciate everything you did to make the project fun, interesting, and successful for Traci and me. We look forward to even more learning experiences next season. Love you all, Bev

Fresh From the Heart

On behalf of the Fresh From the Heart program and our FFH project managers, Thank You to all the generous Master Gardeners kind enough to share your harvest this year.

ADVANCED MG CLASS GARDEN TOUR REPORT: Spence Mortensen's Yard

By Val Chatwin

We visited Spence Mortensen's place for the Advanced Master Gardener class. Wow, he has 4 acres that he has been on for 20 years and has every kind of fruit, vegetable, and herb you can grow here. The 27 apple trees are in the front. The grape arbor, strawberry beds, raspberry and blackberry patches and vegetable gardens provided us with samples to taste.

The 'Red Delicious' had an insect that caused the apples to be marked. It was not on any of the other varieties. I have the same problem on my 'Red Delicious'. It needs dormant spray in the spring to stop it. Lots of my apples were marked and looked awful, but it fortunately doesn't affect the inside. Sorry, I tried to find out what the name was but couldn't by publication time.

In the back there are horse sheds where Spence boards horses. He has piles of manure and sawdust mulch. A lady was back there picking tomatoes and peppers. It was a neighbor whom he lets use his garden to grow some vegetables for her family. Of course she had a salsa garden. He also has deer that live in the oak brush even though he is surrounded by houses. They live there all the time and he has to protect his strawberries from them with net.

He also had thousands of every size and kind of dahlias and cannas. His place is amazing. Everyone has got to see it. His house was on the tour list in September but only a few people showed up. He needs to be on it again so everyone can get a chance to see his place. It is amazing!

SPOTLIGHT

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Doug Campbell



"I don't know what I do - but I'm busy all day - every day," says Doug Campbell. Those of us nodding in agreement don't have a loss of short-term memory to blame. As for Doug, he led rather an ordinary life until ten years ago when he became disabled. He'd graduated from Westminster in 1974, married, now has a son 21, and a 19-year old daughter.

A former stockbroker, Doug's favorite pastime was horseback riding and he'd been working a new horse for about a month. On the way back to the barn after a leisurely ride, all he did was reach up and take off his cowboy hat. Startled, the horse threw its head back, reared and bucked off the rider. Doug ended up in a coma for two months and underwent extensive rehab. He feels fortunate to be left with only two limitations. He can't walk quite right, and although he can easily recall events from years past - he can't remember what he did ten minutes ago. Doug had the foresight to enroll in the disability insurance his company offered and it provides his current income. Not one to live with regrets, he turns to talk about gardening. "I have a nice yard with native Utah plants - and zero grass," he says. "It takes some doing but once established it's fairly easy to maintain."

He chuckles about his waterwise education. His back yard is divided into upper and lower sections. With the first part completed he took out the grass on the next and bought all the plants needed for the landscape. In the meantime, an urgent project came up, taking him away for 16 hours a day. Only with the job finished did Doug remember the plants waiting in their pots. "I found out which were *really* drought-tolerant," he says. "The weaker ones didn't survive."

When asked about his favorite flower, Doug says, "It's almost a joke." He pauses, ready to defend his choice before naming the iris. He adds, "It's so easy to grow you can throw it over your shoulder and it's planted." He has around 50 varieties from standard purples to hybrid pink and yellow. In the spring he loves to walk around the neighborhood to see the colorful gardens. If he spots a spectacular iris he rings the doorbell to ask if he can come back later in the year for a start.

"I've never had anyone say no," Doug says. "That reminds me, it's time to find my list of addresses and go back for rhizomes." That should start him off on another busy day.

Putting the Raised Beds to Bed

By Amy Hargreaves-Judzis

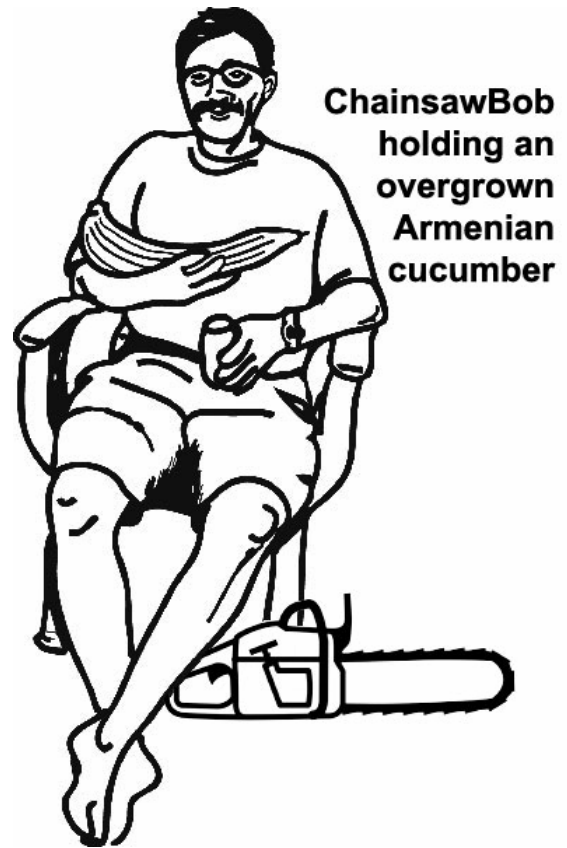
It was a good year for the raised beds. I made the discovery that tomato plants can, indeed, grow to more than seven feet tall in Utah. They set many, many tomatoes too late in the year, though, so I have boxes full of green tomatoes. I ended up with so many because every time from mid September on that it snowed or the temperatures were predicted to go below freezing, I covered the raised beds with frost blankets. I got to be pretty good at doing it solo. It kept them from freezing, but it didn't seem to help the fruit ripen. I don't like fried green tomatoes, so ChainsawBob is trying to convince me to pickle them. Anyone have a good recipe for pickled green tomatoes?

Bumper crops of Armenian cucumbers, patty pan squash, Turkish heirloom eggplants and bush beans filled my refrigerator and the neighbors' this summer, along with assorted herbs and peppers. The shallots were squashed by the cats laying on them -- I had not realized that cats have a passion for shallots until they demonstrated it. The leeks got lost in the beans, but most of them survived and will be harvested when I want to use them. They're not baseball bat size, but hopefully they will be tasty.

Lessons were learned. Since the boxes will be ready and waiting next year, I will plant them much earlier, with sugar snap peas on the trellis at the back and cool spring crops going in as soon as the weather starts to warm. Might try to find myself some Walls o' Water too. I won't try to compete with Golden for the earliest tomato, but it would be nice to have more setting on before the weather turns too hot.

Next year I will plant about half as many tomatoes. The plants grew so big this year that I couldn't get into them to reach all of the fruit and though the tops and sides of the plants looked great, the interior of the tomato jungle was not as pretty. I think that more space between fewer plants will yield more and larger tomatoes that will be easier to pick next year.

The Armenian cucumber plants, all two of them, tried to swallow the whole back bed. When I pulled out the plants, I discovered that there were cantaloupe vines hiding in them with about 20 small green fruits lurking amidst the vines. Darn, I wish they had been able to mature; I like cantaloupe. I did manage to get three 'Sugar Baby' watermelons before the Armenian cukes swamped their vine. The patty pan squash also grew like it was on steroids and got in the way of the gardener and some of the other plants. Next year I



ChainsawBob holding an overgrown Armenian cucumber

plan to put nylon trellis netting up on the back fence and plant the Armenian cucumbers in a grow box at the base of the fence. Hopefully that way they will stay two dimensional instead of staging an all out assault on the neighboring plants. The patty pans will also be in a grow box so I will have access all the way around them and the walkway between the two raised beds will be available for walking instead of being filled with squash vines.

The Turkish eggplant also outgrew all expectations. When I bought them, they were described as growing into "small" plants. Ha! Some of the leaves were over a foot long, and the plants topped four feet easily. I had thought they would be smaller than the peppers, so I put them in front. Oops. I still don't like to eat eggplant, but these look so cool I'm planning to plant them again, this time in the back row with the peppers in front.

Last spring, when ChainsawBob came home from a ten day trip to discover the frames for the raised beds in the back yard, he was not a happy camper. By this fall, the raised beds had been promoted from "Amy's folly" to "our garden."

Now it's time to put them to bed for the winter, to take up the soaker hoses, take down the trellis and cages. I will put heavy mulch over the surfaces of the beds, mounding it around the remaining leeks. As I roll up my soaker hoses for storage, you can bet I'm planning what I'm going to order from the seed catalogs as soon as they start arriving in the mail. It's so much more fun to garden when things actually grow.

RECYCLING AND COMPOST

By Val Cjhatwin

Our October General meeting was excellent. Esther Davis came from Trans Jordan Landfill, a place we often call "the dump in South Jordan." She was a good teacher, knew what she was talking about, and was ardent about it. I learned a lot. One thing -- I am saving the wrong stuff in my recycling bin. They can't recycle plastic grocery bags, seems like everyone has hundreds. (Note: Ace Disposal has said they will take type 1 and 2 plastic bags if they are tied up in a bag so they don't fly all over the place when the bin is dumped. Check with your recycler for details.) You can find the type number inside a triangle on most plastic products. If your recycler takes 3 or 4 or whatever, they will also take the numbers lower than that. If the product is mixed, they don't recycle any of it. So when you rinse out your plastic milk jug - and please do rinse these things - don't put the lid back on. It isn't recyclable. They don't take glass because they don't have a glass source.

She described how a recycling truck dumps its load, a giant magnet goes over the pile and collects all the metal. Then employees, working as fast as they can go through what is left and sort it. They do not recycle pizza boxes with leftover food stuck to them. It was also nice to hear that they don't have time to go through the paper stuff to steal names and addresses.

Now to the gardening part of this: She also told us about the wonderful black gold they produce out there from all the valley's trees and yards. To the green waste they collect from yards and lawn care companies (no junk stuff or old furniture like the rumors say) they add the sludge from the water treatments plants that can't be disposed of except by mixing it with chipped bark. Because of complaints from the new folks in the neighborhood about odor, they aren't going to make it anymore. They will use a different formula that takes longer to make, but it won't be quite the same.

THE END OF THE RAT STORY AND SOME HAPPIER STUFF

By Val Chatwin

Did you wonder what happened to the baby rats? Do we have the patter of 32 little feet running around a cage? Are they running around the yard? Now we *are* known for having odd pets. We had a black New Zealand Giant rabbit whose cage was our house and yard. He went to the bathroom on newspapers in the corner of the kitchen, which was the reason he had all that freedom. Unknown people would be sitting in the living room and he would come hopping in to investigate, and they were shocked. I loved that rabbit.

We've also had a raven that could fly but mostly walked around the outside of the house and yard and terrorized the neighborhood kids. He discovered what time the kids came home from school and he would be out front to run at them with outstretched wings. Not our kids (he knew them) but the neighbors.

But eight rats?? No, no. Besides they were still nursing, their eyes not open yet. I was looking out the bedroom window and saw this brown sinewy body slip into the chicken food pan, so I know the mother is still around. I put some DeCon out. Rats are smart. Cats usually don't get them and neither do traps, so I've had to resort to poison, which I don't like using. Now if this is the first you have heard of this problem, not having read the September issue of *The Garden Patch*, here's the background info. Our grandson found eight babies in the shed in a tray, and we finally came to the conclusion that they were rats and that they were about a week old. That night I left them on the table in the yard thinking, not very smartly, but hopefully, that they would die by morning. Next morning they were healthy and alive. It was summer. We needed to get to the fair, and we didn't want to do anything bordering on violence or cruelty to the rats. Our grandson and daughter were horrified when we offered them the dirty job. Still, we had to deal with the rats somehow.

Recently down at Gale Center, South Jordan's new wonderful, historical center*, where we are docents an 80 year-old man who has lived in South Jordan his whole life and is a docent too, was telling of his youth, and how they would sometimes have to drown kittens when there got to be too many on the farm. So, Ray and I (the other two cowards had left) got a clean bucket, put some clean water in it and did the deed. We buried them in the garden. One thing I am thankful for living in this modern age is that we can eat delicious meat but don't have to kill the animals.

I love fall, the sunlight is yellow. I've canned applesauce and all the tomatoes I will use. The banana squash is in the garage and making delicious eating. Our cookie jar is full of delicious pumpkin cookies. The chickens are out and loving the garden. They've been on the deck. (This is a no, no!) I've already stepped in some poo. Yuk! I try to keep them off it and after a few shoo's they kind of get the idea. They are so charming and cute. People would have them in the house if they could be litter trained. They get up in the morning and run out and dance and flap around the yard happily.

I like the seasonal changes here. I'm tired of the garden. I've eaten my tomato sandwich every noon for weeks, which I love and can only get in summer. But there are lots of other good things to eat. Food is at its best now and there is so much. How lucky we are!

* Everyone should come to see it, your kids and grandkids will love it and so will you. It is free, and in the old library at 10300 S. Beckstead Lane which is 1600 West. Open during business hours.

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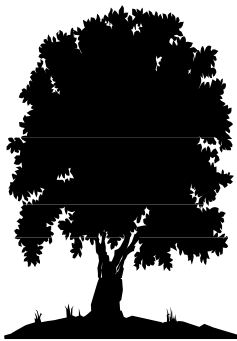
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The summer work at Murray Park went by fast - thanks to all the wonderful volunteers coming to help - Bonnie, Cheryl, Monique, Jo, Corinne, LeeAnne, Jennifer, Karen, Sue, Joan, Mary, Cindy, Pat, Gina, Britney, and Barbara.

It's been fun to meet the new Master Gardeners and again associate with the old (as in previously new - now experienced and seasoned.) Thanks for sharing your gardening knowledge expertise. Enjoy the winter season! I hope to see you all in the spring. -- Becky Hansen

Calendar



General Meeting

Nov. 15, 7:00 pm

**It's cold outside! Now
what do I do?**

(See page 1 for details)



Thursday,

December 13

Holiday dinner/Graduation

Will be held at the:

The Barn at Wheeler Farm

6300 South 900 East

Bulletin Board



Notice that the November meetings will be held at the Salt Lake County Government Complex, 2001 South State Street # N2200 North Building First Floor/Council Chambers

December - Wheeler Farm Barn

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When you are raking leaves, rake them onto a huge tarp or large piece of plastic and drag it to the garden to add organic matter to your soil. It is easier than trying to get the leaves in bags or cans.

Thanks to Val Chatwin for this idea!

