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Confessions of Karen Crook

By Karen Crook

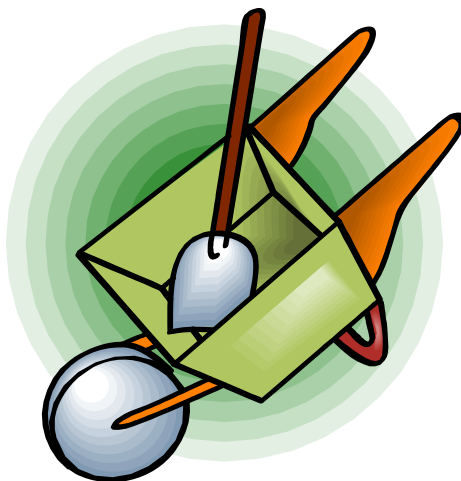
I was seduced!

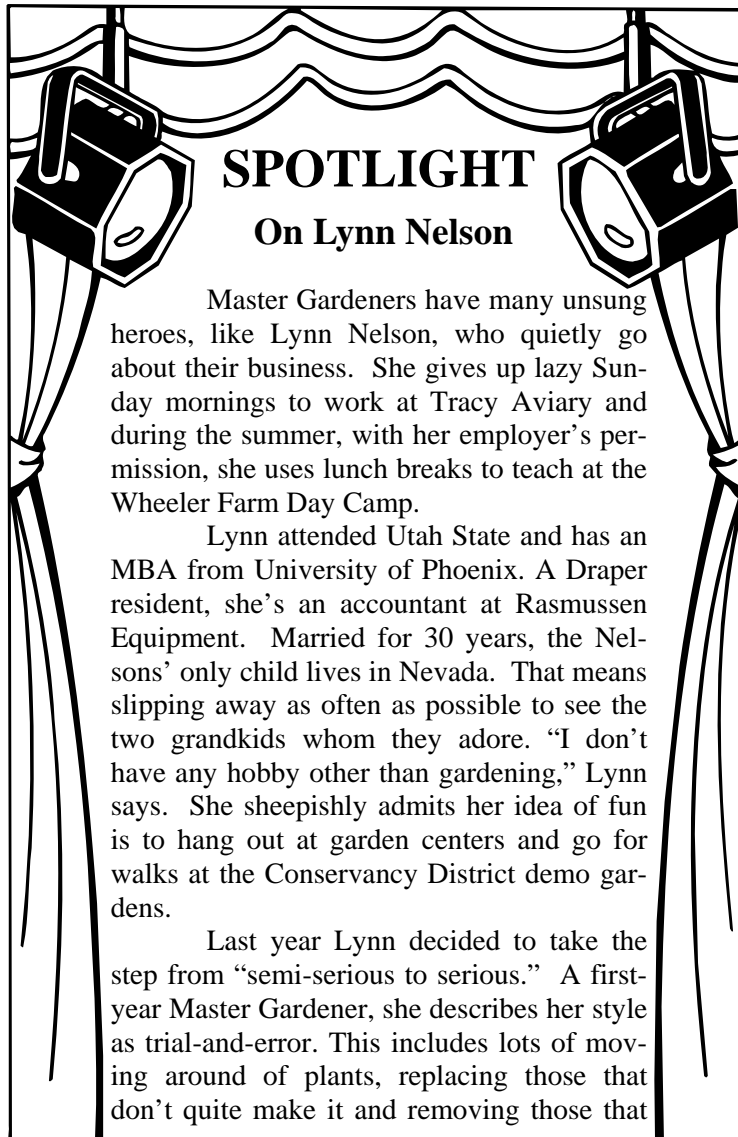
Ok, not in the traditional sense of the word. Maybe captivated would be a better way to put it. I was captivated by the Master Gardener classes that led me to the USU Master Gardener program and its affiliate, the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association. When I started the program I thought you took some classes, gained some gardening knowledge, volunteered a few hours, got a certificate and went on your merry, newly acquired green thumb way. What I didn't realize is the fun was just beginning.

On the third Thursday of each and every month I discovered you can join a group of like-minded individuals and continue your gardening education. You meet interesting people, make friends and have an opportunity to share your knowledge through many projects that benefit your community.

For those of you who are taking the classes now, I'm letting you know ahead of time that the certificate you are earning can lead to more than what you may have expected. Through the Master Gardener Association you can continue to learn and use your knowledge. It gives you a chance to enjoy the bounty of your labor whether it is a bushel of tomatoes inspired by one of Golden's classes that may be destined for the Food Bank or the smile on a child's face after you have taught him to plant his first seed. I hope you too will be captivated and continue to be a part of this great organization.

Karen is our Historian on the SLMGA board and our most recent Master Gardener of the Year. She also serves as Project Leader for the Farmer's Market Booth. She good-naturedly agreed to write up this article encouraging us all to get the most out of our Master Gardener experience.





have proved a disappointment. Lynn is currently concentrating on a xeriscape, especially grasses, which she finds fascinating.

Although Lynn's work at Tracy Aviary includes lots of cleanup, it's worth it to be able to design their gardens. At the Wheeler Day Camp she taught kids about the interaction of water and soil. She had them play a game where some children represented water. They tried to pass through those standing far apart to symbolized sandy soil, and through others snuggled together like clay.

An unplanned lesson on water management didn't go quite as well. When prodded about the rumor she averted a terrible tragedy, Lynn modestly says, "I kind'a did that." During class one of the boys wandered near a culvert. He slipped and fell into the stream - headfirst. Flooding had created a deep, thick muck underneath and his struggle to work his way out only made matters worse. Lynn grabbed the boy's legs and pulled him out of the mire. The only adult present, she not only saved his life, but prevented any other child being in jeopardy if he tried to help. We're proud of Lynn for giving that boy's family a wonderful, happy ending.

PURGE YOUR SPURGE! MYRTLE SPURGE PURGE / NATIVE PLANT EX- CHANGE

WHEN: Sat., April 26, 2008, 10:00 – 4:00 pm

WHERE: REI, 3285 E. 3300 S.

WHY: Myrtle spurge, also called donkey tail spurge is a non non-native, highly invasive garden plant that is rapid rapidly spreading in our foothills and canyons. In addition, it has recently been listed as a noxious weed in Salt Lake County. All plant parts contain a caustic white sap that can cause severe skin irritation. Help stop the spread by removing your spurge plants and substitute them with Utah native plants!

HOW:

- * Dig up and bag your myrtle spurge. Don't forget to wear protective clothing including long sleeves, gloves, and eye protection!

- * Remove at least 4" of the rooting clump.

- * Bring them to REI (address, date and time above) and exchange them for 1 of 3 plant mixes containing 5 Utah native plants plants.

- * Choose from 3 plant communities: Full sun/ buckwheat mix, full sun/ penstemon mix, and part shade/ columbine mix.

- * No limitations to the amount of myrtle spurge we will accept; bring as much as you can!

- *Plants available in 4" pots on a first come first serve basis.

Sponsored by Salt Lake County Weed Program, Salt Lake Conservation District, Utah Bureau of Land Management, Great Salt Lake RC&D, REI, and members of the Bonneville CWMA

Salt Lake County Weed Control Program
www.weeds.slco.org # 801-468-2861

REPLACEMENT BADGES

Have you lost your MG badge or had a problem with the clasp?

Maggie will be ordering replacement badges for anyone who needs one. The cost is \$6 and you have a choice of tradition or magnetic pin back. Please contact Maggie at 468-3178

Fax: (801) 468-3174

Email: maggie.shao@usu.edu

EXTENSION

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By Maggie Shao
Extension Horticulturist

Maggie is on her way to China for a few weeks. Have fun, Maggie!

Here is a nice comment from one of her recent emails:

March 7: *It looks like spring is trying to break through – one indicator is received 20 phone calls today regarding gardening today. Thank goodness for Karl Hauptfleisch who helps out so much with the phones. Starting in May, we will have volunteer sign-ups to answer the Master Gardener Helpline under the supervision of Karl to both assist as well as learn what residents of Salt Lake County are needing as far as horticulture assistance.*

We encourage everyone, new students and long time Master Gardeners, to check the Projects pages in this issue and volunteer at some of the projects. They are interesting, fun, a great place to make friends, and a great place to make a difference in your community!

Classes to Take at JWCD

Basic Water-wise Landscape Design

Saturday, April 12 10 to noon

Rich Laughlin, Laughlin Design Associates

Great water-wise landscape designs begin with innovative ideas grounded in waterwise landscaping principles and an excellent knowledge of the site. This class will provide in-depth instruction on how to begin transforming your own landscape into a water-wise oasis.

Simple Steps to A Water-wise Landscape

Thursday, April 24 6 to 8 p.m.

Kristofer Sagers, JV Water Conservancy District

Learn how to save water in the landscape without breaking the bank or your back. Some methods to be discussed are increasing sprinkler efficiency and how to begin retrofitting sections of your landscape. This is a great class for anyone needing a starting point for their conservation efforts.

Flowering Perennials for All Seasons

Saturday, May 3 10 to noon

Kathryn Brown, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

Be the envy of the neighborhood with a garden that is always in bloom. This class will preview many excellent flowering perennials for every season, as well as some long-blooming perennials that provide color for multiple seasons.

Fresh From the Heart

By Jennie Gibson

A special training meeting for those who would like to teach classes on container vegetable gardening this spring will be held on April 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the classroom at the USU extension. (Since this is dinner time, snacks will be provided.) More importantly, all of the curriculum and instructions for teaching the classes will be provided, making this an easy and fun project to do. You will work in teams of 3-4 people to teach a class. We expect to schedule several of the classes at food pantries for you to teach this year.

To attend the training session, please reply to Jennie Gibson at gibsongg@earthlink.net. Please give your name and contact information.

We encourage anyone starting tomato plants to donate some to be used at the classes. This project will help low income folks raise food for themselves.

We also encourage all Master Gardeners to grow extra fruits and vegetables to donate to your local food pantries. Information on the pantry locations around the valley will be included in future issues of *The Garden Patch*. As good Master Gardeners educating the public, let's also encourage our friends and neighbors to grow extra produce to donate. We can help bless many people by providing tasty nourishing food this year. Remember that all of the time you spend doing any of these related activities can be counted for volunteer hours in accordance with the rules Maggie has explained.

Plan to plant an extra row for Fresh From the Heart

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

Conservation Garden Park – Garden Fairs. Saturday May 17th and June 14th,
8am to 2pm.

Master Gardeners have a booth at the Garden Fairs providing information and resources, answering gardening questions at these popular garden fairs. Contact Barbara Larsen to volunteer by email at

Peggy Call and the *Christmas Box House* crew are looking for interesting seeds and tree seeds. If you have any, please consider donating them.

I retired the last day in February and have been real busy trying to get all of the work done I needed to do. With the weather so cold I have not planted any tomatoes in the garden at this time but I do have the drip system in and the clear plastic over the beds ready to start planting. With the cold weather coming this weekend I will hold off another few days.

One of the main problems has been Silly Willey, the dog, and how to fence the yard so my garden will survive him. We bought one of those electronic fences to install but when I found out how much time it was going to take to train Willey to the new fence, I took it back and put up some chain link fencing. Now he has his part of the yard to destroy and I can have my garden safe from his puppy antics.

I have had some ripe tomatoes from the 'Glacier' plants planted just before Thanksgiving. I have a lot ready to plant in the garden as soon as the weather permits. Then they will all be planted. I have cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower that needs to be hardened off a little before planting under Remay@ or row cover in the garden.

We went to St. George over the Easter weekend and the weather was great. It was nice to see the flowering trees in bloom and the willow trees starting to show a nice bright green color. In December our son was planting their back yard with palms and all kinds of plants. The

Learn Grafting First Hand from the Ex- perts!

Golden Reeves and Bart Anderson will be demonstrating in Bart's yard on Saturday April 12th at 10:00 am. 5340 West 3500 South. Give yourself plenty of drive time, as 3500 South is narrowed to one lane each way in some places for construction.

If you have any questions, contact Golden at greeves28@msn.com or Bart.



By Wm. Golden Reeves

rosemary plants, a mounding variety, did not make it and they are trying to get them replaced. There are a few other plants that look sick but are showing signs that they might grow. Their back yard looks like some of the resorts we have been to -- outdoor kitchen, swimming pool, fireplace, and many other things a family would like to have to entertain family and friends.

The hardwood cuttings I have taken are doing well; they have rooted and need to be put into larger pots so the roots will have room to grow. I have started coleus from seed and they are rapidly growing. The verbena has grown a lot after being in the greenhouse for a while. I planted my cannas in pots out in the greenhouse but Willey found out how much fun it was to dig them out of the pots and then chew on the pots. I had to fence the greenhouse door to keep him out of there.

I have worked a few days pruning and doing yard clean up for some other people. One apple tree was really overgrown and needed a lot of work. My first advice to the homeowner was to just do a one-cut prune, but she wanted the tree saved and brought back in to shape because it was an old tree on her father's lot. That was a real challenge. It will need some more work this summer to keep the water sprouts off and again next spring to finish the job.

Retirement is not what it is made up to be. Like most retired people, I am busier now than when I was working. But I do have time to take care of the little things that seem to never get done. Spring has come to St. George and I can't wait for it to come to the Salt Lake valley.

GERMAN-STYLE RED CABBAGE

1 onion chopped fine	1/2 cup currant or grape jelly
3 Tbsp fat	3/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 head red cabbage shredded fine	1 tart apple grated (Granny Smith is good)
1 tsp salt	1 cup water or stock
1/2 tsp pepper	2 Tbsp honey or brown sugar

Cook onion in fat until translucent using a deep pan or Dutch Oven. Add remaining ingredients and simmer until tender (about 45 minutes), stirring frequently to prevent burning. Keep pan covered during cooking.

Cook's note: I was simultaneously baking a pork roast, so put my covered pan of cabbage in the oven to bake without stirring. You might alternatively want to use your slow cooker after the onions are cooked in the fat.

--- Ethel Olson

Master Gardener Training Sessions Open to Certified Master Gardeners

If any of you certified Master Gardeners would like to audit a class or two from the following schedule, you are welcome to do so. Classes are 1-3:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Check with Maggie on location.

Tues. Apr. 1	Landscape Design	Maggie Shao USU Ext. Salt Lake County
Thurs. Apr. 3	Woody Plants	Dr. Mike Kuhns, USU Ext. Forestry Specialist
Tues. Apr. 8	Plant Pathology	Dr. Kent Evans USU Extension
Thurs. Apr. 10	Houseplants	Taun Beddes USU Ext. Cache County

Remember

Fresh From the Heart

Plan to grow a little extra to donate to the local food pantries.

Annual People Helping People Garden Tour

The 4th annual PHP Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th in the Avenues. We will need about 24 master gardeners to staff the gardens - 12 each for morning and afternoon shifts. They will receive a free ticket to the tour, an event T-shirt and lunch.

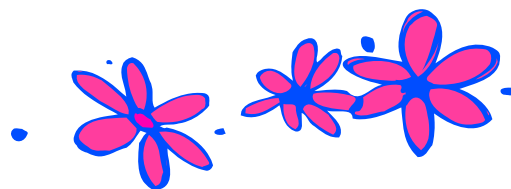
Contact Barbara Larsen if you are interested in doing volunteer hours at this event. Contact her at endlesspromos1@msn.com

You can also just enjoy the event without volunteering. Tickets will be \$10 this year. All proceeds support the Successful Employment Program, helping women earn a living wage.

Tracy Aviary Winter Volunteer Hours

You can get a head start on your volunteer hours for 2008 at Tracy Aviary. They are there every third Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. January through March, Liberty Park

Volunteers are working in the greenhouse germinating seeds and preparing for spring in the Aviary on the third Sunday of the month.



Needed: MGs to Teach Square Foot Gardening

The first one is about 120 N. 200 W. Human Services building.

The second is by Granger High 3510 W. Lancer Way. This one is for April 2 so please think fast and get back to me.

The next one is April 9 around 6800 S. 2200 W. They would like to plant edible gardens.

Then April 10 is in Kearns 4501 W 5215 S. They would like to learn about native plants to Utah.

So pleeeeeease call or email me as soon as you read this, don't wait until tomorrow, because tomorrow never comes.

Barbara Larsen

endlesspromos1@msn.com

SLMGA PROJECTS

Project Project Leader/Coordinator	Location	Activities	Time	# of Volunteers Needed Per Event
Channel 4 Garden Heidi Wayman Email: heidi.wayman@usu.edu	2175 W. 1700 S. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General garden maintenance • Pruning, weeding, planting, etc. 	Tuesdays 8:00 to 10:00 am April thru August	3 each Tuesday
Christmas Box House Peggy Call Email: pcall@xmission.com	3660 S. West Temple, SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching gardening to children at residential facility. • Tending garden at facility. 	Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30pm Year round	2 or 3 each Tuesday
Diagnostic Clinics Maggie Shao Phone: 468-3178 Email: maggie.shao@usu.edu	2001 S. State St. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping public walk-ins with plant questions or problems at our office. 	Mondays 1 to 4pm June thru August	Open
Fresh From The Heart I (<i>Growing and harvesting veggies from your own garden</i>)	Various food pantries around SL County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grow a row”: Setting aside part of your garden to grow and harvest high quality produce for a food bank. 	Flexible Growing Season	Open
Fresh From the Heart II (<i>Teaching container gardening</i>) JoDeane Condrat Email: condrata@comcast.net Jennie Gibson Email: gibsongg@earthlink.net	Various food pantries around SL County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching container gardening at food pantries. • Gathering donations. • Coordinating purchase of items for container gardens. 	Usually daytime May-June	4-6 per event
Garden Patch Newsletter Jenny Allgrunn Email: gardenpatch2@juno.com	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching and writing articles for the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association newsletter. 	Flexible Year round	Open

Project Project Leader/Coordinator	Location	Activities	Time	# of Volunteers Needed Per Event
Gilgal Garden Bev Sudbury Email: beverlysudbury@yahoo.com	749 E. 500 S. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Public garden that Salt Lake MGs have been working to restore it to its original unique condition. 	Tuesdays 3 to 6pm April thru September	4-6 each Tuesday
Murray Park Becky Hansen Email: hansenpollei@mstarmetro.net	5100 S Murray Park Lane Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning, weeding, planting, etc. 	Tuesdays 8 to 10 am April thru September	4-6 each Tuesday
Pioneer Park Farmers Market Karen Crook Email: garykarencrook@comcast.net Andrea Berman	300 W. 300 S. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public information on USU resources and general gardening information. • Providing some diagnostic and recommendations for plant problems. 	Saturdays 9am to 1pm June 14th and 28th July 12th and 26th Aug. 9th and 23rd Sept. 6th	4 per Saturday
Phone Help Line Maggie Shao Phone: 468-3178 Email: maggie.shao@usu.edu	2001 S. State St. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping public with plant questions on the telephone. 	M-F 9 to 5pm 2-3 hour shifts May thru Sept.	1 per shift
Public Relations & Community Talks Barbara Larsen Email: endlesspromos1@msn.com	Various locations thru SL County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries • Neighborhood & homeowner associations • Church groups • Relief societies, etc. 	As requested by community groups April thru August	1-2 per talk
Salt Lake Co. Jail Horticulture Maggie Shao Phone: 468-3178 Email: maggie.shao@usu.edu	3415 S. 900 W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands on veg. gardening with low risk inmates at the Adult Detention Center 	Mondays or Wednesdays or Fridays 9 to Noon May thru August	1-2 per shift

Project Project Leader/Coordinator	Location	Activities	Time	# of Volunteers Needed Per Event
Tracy Aviary Matthew Utley Email: MatthewU@TracyAviary.org	589 E. 1300 S. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with enhancing grounds and bird habitats Help plan and create a demo garden of native plants that attract birds 	Sundays 9 to Noon And Mondays 7 to 9 pm May thru September	Minimum of 2 More always welcome
Utah Aids Foundation Kay Packard Email: kaypackard@comcast.net Jeff Asay Email: jeffrey.asay@comcast.net	1408 S. 1100 E. SLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting, weeding, and general maintenance. 	Wednesday 5:30 to 7pm May thru Sept.	2-4 each Wednesday
WHEELER FARM GARDENS				
Veggie Bob Moss Email: rmoss34@comcast.net Dorothy Lee Email: creekside55@yahoo.com	6351 S. 900 E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On June 17, 1886 Sariah H. Pixton & Henry J. Wheeler married and made their home on this 75 acre farm. In 1969 SLCo. purchased Wheeler Historic Farm. It was placed on both the Utah State and National register of Historic Places in 1976. MGs work several gardens in the 120-year-old historic farm offering a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers. 	Tuesdays 7 to 9am	2-4 each Tuesday
Pumpkin Golden Reeves	6351 S. 900 E.		As needed	As needed
Herb LaWana Kosel Email: lawanak_01@msn.com	6351 S. 900 E.		Wednesdays 6 to 8pm	2-3 each Wednesday
Home Sandy Burgess Email: sandyleeb46@msn.com Ofc. phone: 324-5132 Email sandy.burgess@questar.com	6351 S. 900 E.		Wednesday 6 to 8pm	2-3 each Wednesday



DEATH AND DYING

By Val Chatwin

Well, I found Tina's body. The Japanese blue-ribbon winning bandy. She was missing since January. It was on the north side of the south fence where the snow piles up and stays until the very last.

The chickens eat snow or frost for water if it is below freezing. I don't even keep the water pan out when it is below freezing. Occasionally, I'll take out some warm water, but they don't run over to it like they are dying of thirst. This is an interesting sight on a 50 degree day. The snow bank will be very aged, with large ice crystals on the edges, and they will stand by it and eat them off rather than get a drink out of the pan. It's like they are enjoying a snow cone. The trick here is to be alert enough to watch that last snow bank and not let them go waterless for a couple of days. I leave food and water out all the time. If it runs out, they are at the glass slider looking in at me.

Tina's body was by the cherry tree and the wings were spread out, which is very unusual, they keep their wings around them especially when it is freezing. We wonder if she was flying over to the deck and got picked up by a gust of wind and slammed into the cherry tree. Most all that was left was feathers and bones, it is interesting that bugs that eat carrion are active this early. There was also a dead robin out there.

We also lost Clara Bell, one of the Rhode Island Reds hens. She got sick and just sat around, then she couldn't fly up to the roost. When I decided she wasn't going to get better and needed to be taken out of her misery, I tried to get help on chopping off her head off from my three roommates who live here. All agreed it needed to be done. (I wish I knew an quick easy way to kill stuff. I hate using D-con and have them waste away for days. For mice a quick snap of the trap is great. But rats are smarter and rarely get caught in a trap. Once I tried the sticky traps. That was awful! The poor mouse got stuck to it and struggled and got more stuck for hours. Finally I took it out and banged it against something to kill it.)

Our older grandson wouldn't. My long time sweetheart, Ray, wouldn't. Our daughter finally said she would help me. We got the axe and a brick to lay her head on. I hate to kill them too. I want to be able to just hold them securely and looking away and someone else to give them one strong whack. I didn't think our daughter could do it in one whack. I needed a strong man's arms, especially one that had done it before. He fussed about it but finally came and did the deed.

It's amazing how little they get sick, especially when I put leftovers out that I think would poison us once in a while. Clara Bell was so sick that she liked it when I picked her up and she made no effort to escape. She was down to about half her normal weight. We buried her under the pear tree. She was a lovely, calm hen, her feathers gorgeous light brown.

I buried Tiny beside her. The tree will shade them and they won't get walked on.

One thing I am very thankful for is that I get to eat meat and don't have to kill the animal to have it.

We actually still have too many chickens -- 19. These have really gotten along well together.

It's spring. Most animals and birds are born in the spring. The starlings have tried to build a nest in the grill. I have to keep the lid up. The roosters are randy, we are getting eggs, and both Goldies are broody already.

Val's View: ADVANCED MG CLASS/Bulbs

By Val Chatwin

Our last class was this week. We have to do a project and attend some labs. It has been wonderful. Thanks to Larry Sagers for his interesting lessons and cute sense of humor.

We had a class on bulbs.

My first daffodils started blooming March 25. Daffodils are good because they are hardy and keep coming back year after year with little care. When winter gloom is finally ending, they are a welcome sight to say the least.

At Indian Hills Middle School, where Ray and I teach night school Boy Scout merit badge classes, they put in a 30 ft. flower bed and planted about eight rows of daffodils. This bed gets the direct afternoon sun, so its hot. It was gorgeous the first year. I was surprised how well the kids stayed off the dirt. The 2nd year they really looked good too.

Daffodils leaves need to stay on until they wither to give strength to the bulb, which is a bad thing because they look ugly. Here I let the drying leaves stay but have something else in the bed so you don't notice. When they are all dried I use them for hen nesting material. I also use dried iris leaves.

The first ones are blooming at Indian Hills too. After 5 years you can see what traffic does. The daffodils against the wall are tall; most are still there and blooming. Each row toward the sidewalk is a little shorter down to about 4 inches. There are bare spots where the bulb did not make it and some aren't blooming.

From the class I found out why I only have a few exotic tulip bulbs. They take attention. You need to dig them up and separate them. Once I found some really cheap ones at WalMart at the really end of their plant clearance and planted them in Jan. They bloomed that spring! But they have diminished in size and beauty since. I've planted other tulips with the same results. I do have a pink one that I planted by the new cherry tree and it comes up every year and has one beautiful flower.

At Thanksgiving Point and Temple Square they dig all the tulip bulbs up, keep only a few, replace most. This takes a enormous amount of labor. I do have some red and yellow tulip ones that come up ever year and are big and beautiful. I've had them for years, they even come up in the tam that grew over them. I am thankful for them, I won't waste my money on the exotic one any more.

Other Events

Saturday, May 3 - Red Butte Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10 - Wasatch Community Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday, May 17 - Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Garden Pair. *Volunteers Needed. See Page 3 for details*

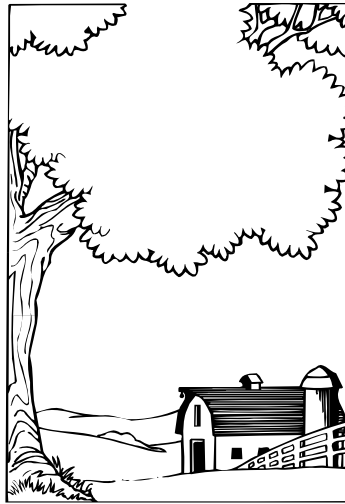
Gilgal Garden

To all interested in working at Gilgal Garden!!!! We will begin on Tuesday April 1, at 3:00 p.m. We have the usual spring garden clean-up to begin so bring general tools, but we also want to take time to discuss plans for the garden for the season. We will discuss trees to replace some which were taken out this past season. We will discuss the problems of mulching, watering, and hopefully design for a new section. If the weather is not right for being in the garden, we will meet at the covered section and do our discussion. If you are interested, please contact Bev Sudbury by e-mail at beverlysudbury@yahoo.com.

Check out the USU Extension Web Site

<http://extension.usu.edu/saltlake>

Follow the Master Gardener links



WHEELER FARM

WOW!

HELLO, MASTER GARDENERS!!

It was wonderful to get my hands dirty this week as the soil finally became workable. I am excited about getting started on the WHEELER FARM VEGETABLE GARDEN.

We look forward to working with you and hope many of you can come as volunteers for our gardening kick-off on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, STARTING AT 10:00. WE WILL BE IN THE

GARDEN ALL DAY. BRING YOUR SHOVEL, RAKE, TILLER, HOE. We will be planting cool weather crops (lettuce, cabbage, etc.) and getting the garden ready for the other crops. YA'ALL COME!

If you cannot make it Tuesday, there will also be a crew working on WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER 6 PM.

--- Robert Moss

Part-time Phone Assistant Needed to Answer Horticulture/Master Gardener Help Line

If you want to get out of the hot afternoon sun, and want to learn a lot about horticulture, this job may be just for you! Hours are Monday through Friday, 1 PM to 5 PM between the months of May through August. **This paid position** is through USU Cooperative Extension Salt Lake County, 2001 S. State, #S1200, Salt Lake City. Primary responsibility is answering horticulture related questions on the phone or from walk-in clients using information from USU Fact Sheets, USU Extension website, Master Gardener Manual, other state Extension websites, and horticulture library references. Work under direction and in cooperation with Horticulture Agents. Hourly rate \$9 to \$10 an hour depending on experience.

Desired qualifications: Able to work Monday through Fridays 1:00pm to 5:00pm May through August consistently, Master Gardener or horticulture related expertise and background to answer phone and walk-in clients' questions. We are looking for someone reliable with a pleasant phone manner and basic computer skills including email and Internet browsing. Comfortable working in a busy office environment, willing to assist horticulture agents in possible side projects as needed. Contact Maggie Shao at (801) 468-3178 or Email: maggie.shao@usu.edu if you are interested by April 7, 2008.

Calendar

Thursday, April 17
 Plant Exchange
 Murray park pavilion #5
 7 p.m.
 Rain or Shine

Thursday, May 15
 Dr. Paul Zuckerman
 Slide Presentation on the central
 Wasatch range wildflowers
 In the classroom

Friday-Saturday June 6-7
 State Master Gardener
 Mini college
 Ogden Area
 More info coming

June 19
 Photography in the Garden

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Bulletin Board



The annual SLMGA Plant Exchange will be held Thursday, April 17 in the classroom.

Grow some extra starts to share.



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**MASTER GARDENER
LOGO SHIRTS AND
BAGS FOR SALE**

You can see the various styles of shirts and their prices on the web at w.utahmastergardeners.org/logoShirts2005.pdf Also for sale are SLGMA logo canvas bags in four different colors for \$12.00. You can order from Barbara at endlesspromos1@msn.com

Please note that our annual Plant Exchange will be at Murray Park
Bring plants you've divided from your garden or extra seedlings you've planted. Whatever. Come whether you have plants to give or not.

There is always plenty for everyone.
Come to Pavilion #5 (where we have our Summer picnic.) Starting at 7 p.m.
Even if it is raining, we will have it there, as it is a covered pavilion.

If You Are Interested . . .

Would you like to "save a tree" and just receive an email each month with the link to the newest issue of The Garden Patch? If so, please let us know at gardenpatch2@juno.com. Please say whether you still want the paper copy sent to you or not.