

# THE GARDEN PATCH



January 2010

Salt Lake Master Gardener Association

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## Congratulations!

### Newly Certified Master Gardeners

Margo Adamson  
Barbara Andrade  
Colleen Askren  
Marki A. Baxter  
Carrie Blackburn  
Melisa Brady  
Laila Bremner  
Jeffrey B. Brown  
Molly Clark  
Dan Dudley  
Glenda Evans  
Purnima Gandhi  
Cynthia Anne Godsey  
Fred Gottlieb  
Rebecca Gough  
Claudia Bianca Heber  
Libby Hirsh  
Martah Humphrey  
Lea Matson  
Caroline McCann  
Carrie McGowan  
Keith McKeown  
Nancy Monteith  
Tim Noyce  
Karen Ober  
Amanda Pay  
Barbara Pollyea  
Arienne Noelle Prina  
Richard A. Ream  
Jacyn Roberts  
Judi Short  
Shannon A. Smith

Tamber Snarr  
Victoria Solares  
Mary Sorensen  
Audrey M. Stevenson  
Kirstyn Stockwell  
Steven Stout  
Dee Ann Swinyard  
Richard E. Swinyard  
Pat Webster  
Winnie Woodford

### 50 Hour Pin

Barbara Andrade  
Carrie Blackburn  
Dan Dudley  
Janet Frick  
Claudia Bianca Heber  
Libby Hirsh  
Larry Leishman  
Karen Ober  
Chris Palyka  
Richard A. Ream  
Judi Short  
MJTeske  
Pat Webster

### 100 Hour Pin

Sara Anderson  
Carrie Bartlett  
Gigi Brandt  
Diane T. Curtz  
Jane Dahle

Kory Gallegos  
Libby Hirsh  
Marilyn Jespersion  
Jan Konold  
Dorothy Lamb  
Cheryl Michaud  
Illene Mirabella  
Tony Mirabella  
Teresa Rivera  
Judi Short  
Robert Sudbury  
Mary Jo Neal Tedesco  
Allison Topham  
Jo Turpin

### 200 Hour Pin

Barbara Braeden  
Julie Bryant  
Sharon Cameron  
Doug Campbell  
Christena Gates  
John Kalasky  
Jennifer Knight  
Drue Somerville

### 300 Hour Pin

Howard Andrews  
Alexa S. Baxter  
Andrea Berman  
Kathy Dennis  
Christena Gates  
Eva Jensen

### 400 Hour Pin

Andrea Berman  
Kathy Dennis  
Virginia R. Sargent

### 500 Hour Pin

Kathy Dennis  
Amy Hargreaves Judzis  
Jerry Milne

### 1500 Hour Pin

Golden Reeves

### 1750 Hour Pin

Kay Packard

### 2250 Hour Pin

Bart Anderson  
Bev Sudbury



# NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Kathy Dennis, President

This year's gardening culminated with a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Maggie Shao and the county extension services with the master gardeners bringing sides, appetizers and desserts. What a lovely evening it was! But why does it always snow on our Christmas party evening?

This year the Board decided to give awards for 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 hours, in addition to the other regular awards that have been given in the past. There were plenty of those awards handed out, because all of you donated a total of 5,840 hours. Wow! You folks are impressive! You also donated 1,025 lbs of vegetables to the food pantries and talked with over 8,500 people! Way to go!

I'm hoping that this newsletter finds all of you well, and looking forward to this upcoming year's gardens!

## Happy New Year!

### More Awards

#### Outstanding Mentor Award

Becky Hansen

#### Dale Hughes Award

Jo Turpin

#### Cooperating Partner Award

Matthew Utley, Tracy Aviary

#### Don & Bev Sudbury Award

Bart Anderson

#### Master Gardeners of the Year

Jenny Allgrunn      Peggy Call

### Silver Trowel Awards

Christmas Box House –  
Audrey M. Stevenson  
Gilgal Gardens – Judi Short  
Murray Park –  
Libby Hirsh, Teri Wojcik, Pat Webster  
Pioneer Park Farmers Market –  
Andrea Berman, Karen Ober  
Salt Lake Co. Jail Garden –  
Larry Leishman  
Tracy Aviary – Colleen Askren  
Utah AIDS Foundation –  
Carrie Blackburn, Theresa Etzold  
Wheeler Farm House Garden –  
Claudia Bianca Heber

### BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 2010

Registration: \$10

January 19—The Basics: Bee laws, biology, alternative pollinators, beekeeping equipment and supplies, beekeeping experiences.

January 26—Apiary Management: Parasites and diseases, apiary management, advanced practices, honey harvesting/marketing. Location: USU Extension, 1181 North Fairgrounds Drive, Ogden, UT 84404-3100

Taught by James Barnhill, Phone: 801-399-8208, Fax: 801-399-8205 E-mail: extension.usu.edu/weber

Please print out, complete, and mail or bring to USU Extension, 1181 No. Fairgrounds Dr., Ogden, UT 84404

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline: January 15, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include area code)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeping Background:  Previous experience

No previous experience Registration \$10 Check, Cash, Credit Card: Visa/Master card/

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By Maggie Shao,  
Extension Horticulturist

Thank you everyone who participated in the Master Gardener Annual Awards and Graduation Dinner. Thanks to everyone for bringing and sharing yummy food (if you had a sweet tooth you were in dessert heaven; our dessert table was brimming over), for all those helpful folks who helped bring tables from the storage unit, then setting up the tables, chairs, and place settings. Thanks to those cleaning up after the party. Most of all, I appreciate everyone for participating in the Master Gardener program and for the education and service you provide our community and truly making our little patch in Salt Lake County a better place because of your participation. I'm filling in year-end reports as I write this article, and I am astonished that in 2009, a total of 5840 volunteer hours were reported (there are some of you who volunteer and don't send in your reports so the number is more likely over 6,000 hours). If you multiply that by the value of a volunteer hour, that equals \$118,000 that you have contributed. I send this information to the county and to USU Extension and I know they value this and the partner organizations who benefit from your volunteer service. And at the "grassroot level" the people who you encounter one on one when you are presenting a garden talk or stop by and talk to you at one of the projects or at a diagnostic clinic really appreciate your time and knowledge. You all are awesome.

I want to take this opportunity to write a few words about our award winners. The project leaders nominate the volunteers at their projects for Silver Trowel Awards – for being reliable, dependable, cheerful, curious, and simply making a difference when you volunteer. Thank you to the project leaders for providing leadership and to the Silver Trowel Awards winners who help the project leaders. One project leader who stands out this year is Becky Hansen, Murray Park project leader. Becky Hansen became a Master Gardener many years ago and has been active in the program ever since. In 2008, which was the first year we presented the Outstanding Mentor award, it went to Beverly Sudbury, who has and continues to be a mentor to apprentices and other Master Gardeners. A mentor is a trusted counselor, an influential

sponsor or supporter. In 2009 Becky was awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award for her supporting, trusting, and teaching the apprentice and other Master Gardeners.

The Dale Hughes Award is for true dedication. This year the award went to Jo Turpin, our co-chair for the Programs Coordinator. It was atypical that Jo was not with us at the Awards dinner, because she has gone the extra mile for the Master Gardener Association sponsored monthly programs. I hope to present Jo Turpin the award at our January 21, 2010 Master Gardener meeting. Master Gardener projects rely and partner with other like-minded organizations. We presented Matthew Utley at Tracy Aviary the Cooperating Partner Award. Master Gardeners have volunteered over 700 hours in 2009 at Tracy Aviary. Matthew makes an effort to provide educational breaks and teaching while volunteers are at the Aviary. In the winter, he continues the program with propagating plants in the greenhouse, and during the summer, teaching about native plants.

Bart Anderson received the Don and Bev Sudbury Lifetime Achievement Award. Bart help start the Association with Extension Agent Jerry Goodspeed many years ago. He has always been consistent and everpresent in our gardening circle with apple grafting classes, running the Horticulture exhibits at the State Fair, teaching classes and this year a truly admirable undertaking was starting a community garden with his ward that enabled 43 families to grow their own vegetables. The success this year will flow into next year and more families will take part in this community garden.

We broke tradition this year and had two Master Gardeners of the Year. Both Jenny Allgrunn and Peggy Call have been active for many years with Master Gardeners and we truly appreciate their contributions. Jenny Allgrunn has edited *The Garden Patch* newsletter for nine years and has been in some ways the glue that keeps us connected. The newsletter helps promote projects, events and gardening information for the Salt Lake Master Gardener Association. Jenny is also invaluable as the continuity for the Board. She sits in on all the board meetings for these last nine years and gives historical perspective and provides valuable information for me (I've only been here 4 years) as well as the board members, since every two years board officers terms finish and new officers come on. Jenny is also such a solid volunteer at the Utah State Fair helping with the judging and especially organizing the volunteers and helping folks with the entries.

Peggy Call is the project leader for Christmas Box House. This is a county-run temporary residential facility for children who do not have a place to go. Peggy goes every Tuesday year round to teach the children about fruits and vegetables. She has started seedlings indoor during the winter and in the summer the Christmas Box House has a vegetable garden that the children help plant, weed, harvest, and eat what they planted. The energy, compassion, and warmth she brings to the children are really a wonderful gift. This year Peggy also was a huge help as chair of the fieldtrip committee for the Annual Master Gardener State Conference/mini-college.

Thanks everyone and appreciate you all. I look forward to this new year, for a wonderful 2010.

Are you looking for some thing you can do in the garden this time of the year? Well there is not much you can do but prepare for the spring weather to come. I have a project that only takes a few hours and will help your garden tools last longer. I have taken a sanding sponge and worked over all of the wooden handled tools by sanding them smooth then applying two coats of linseed oil to them. It is surprising the different colors of wood our tool handles have. The weathered look of wood in some ways looks good but it can cause the handles to deteriorate and have splinters. I know by experience.

The home canning class we had this summer was great and I tried to use that knowledge when it came time to make mince for pies. With a new glass top stove in the kitchen, canning is relegated to the burner outside. I checked the book on the cooking time and the pressure to cook it at. It was one hour and thirty minutes at 15 pounds of pressure for this altitude. I used a mince recipe in the Kerr book that looked similar to what we had made. When I took the bottles out of the pressure cooker none had sealed and about ¾ of the contents remained in the bottles and the rest was in the liquid at the bottom of the cooker, so seven quarts of mince ruined.

We made another batch and decided to call the Kerr hotline before we tried to bottle it. The information we received was to cook them at 15 pounds of pressure for twenty five minutes. I asked about the head space and was told one inch was what was needed. Three out of the seven bottles did not seal this time so I tried again with a little more head space and that worked ok.

I have been asked what I have growing in the garden this time of year. When I respond with "tomatoes and some flowers," they laugh at that. Yes I have planted the 'Glacier' tomatoes in the basement. They have already been transplanted in to larger containers. This has been a tradition of mine for the last 10 years - plant before Christmas and pick before April first. Yes, I am a little crazy but when it works that is a plus for me, but it takes a lot of work and patience to mess with them for 4 months.

I have sent out my first seed order to Totally Tomatoes. I took an inventory of my tomato seeds and found that I did not have the seeds I wanted for this next growing season. I do have seeds from 54 varieties of tomatoes



**By Wm. Golden Reeves**

some I will plant and many I probably never plant again. I was out of 'Cluster Grande' and 'Country Taste' seeds and I did order some new varieties for next season as well. I have seed I saved from a cherry tomato many years ago that was the best producer and had great taste and I do not know where the seed came from. I went back that year and found that I had not planted that seed or even a cherry type tomato. It probably came in another seed packet that I had planted seeds from but was mixed up in packaging.

Last year I planted the peppers the week before I planted the tomatoes and found out that it was a great move. We had lots of great peppers and I was able to make some red pepper jam for presents around Christmas time. My neighbor gave us some of the jam last Christmas time and dropped a bottle of it on the way bringing it over to us. She complained about the high price of the peppers so we grew plenty for her and us. I gave her a bag of red peppers to make jam this year but they just ate them.

I found out a little trick to use when planting peppers. Plant 3 plants per hill and the foliage will shade the peppers and it will reduce the amount of sun scalding on them. We just used the last of the peppers the middle of December.

I have been drying apples for the last two weeks and still do not have all of the apples the wife wants to give for Christmas. That is 22 bags of apples but everyone wants more. I went through all of the 'Golden Delicious' apples and now I am starting in on the 'Granny Smith.' It takes until December for the 'Granny Smith' apples to start tasting good.

If you have a greenhouse, spend some time there in the warmth and spring will come eventually.

## Christmas Box House

The Christmas Box House is a year round project that provides emergency residential shelter and resources for children ages 0 to 11. The children stay here temporarily until a more permanent place can be found for them. Peggy Call, Master Gardener Project Leader, can always use help teaching and introducing the kids to the wonderful world of plants. Peggy has the kids working on everything from making a poinsettia out of construction paper to having the children try new things like pomegranate.

The project is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at 3660 S. West Temple.

## Garden Patch Stuff

By Jenny Allgrunn

I have really enjoyed doing *The Garden Patch* for the last nine years. It has had a few downs and many, many ups. Doing a monthly newsletter involves a lot of people and a lot of procedures. Gathering the articles from numerous contributors is always an interesting experience. If an article isn't in that you've saved room for, you can mail without it but do you try to fill that space with something else and if so what? You can't just leave out a page because the page count needs to be in even numbers for it to copy right so the outside cover doesn't end up on the inside, etc. etc. etc.

The mailing list can be a real chore. Fortunately Teresa Rivera is now handling that. I tried to get Microsoft Word to cooperate with me on making labels for so long. Teresa seems to have mastered it just fine.

Amy Hargreaves Judzis puts *The Garden Patch* on the web each month and emails me the link so I can in turn email it to those who asked to be on the email only list. She also is my A-Number One Problem Solver. With her degree in Computer Science, she can lead me through all kinds of computer glitches safely.

The Sandy Kinkos staff has been great through the years. When they see me come through the door with my mailing trays, they automatically pull out the card I need and direct me to the machine that's working best that day. They know I will be there several hours and leave with those trays filled to the brim.

The Post Office has its own set of rules for everything, and they do change from time to time. They do give us a great postage rate, but it isn't a simple matter of dropping the trays off at the nearest post office. It has to be done at a specific place and at limited times during the week.

In the past nine years I have also had regular, month after month help from Kathy Lillywhite, Carolyn Boogaard, Bev Anderson, Sherman Brough, Eva Jensen, and Clyde and Peggy Nance. Jo Turpin and Cheri Schultzke have been regular contributors and many others have also contributed articles. The project managers down through the years have tolerated my nagging as well as my lapses and forgetfulness. I have had the privileged of working with five different SLMGA boards, starting with Dave Kempff's board. Thanks to every one of you!

I look forward to getting my future issues of *The Garden Patch* in my mailbox and reading them fresh. Allison has the enthusiasm and know-how to make a great newsletter. Thanks, Allison, for volunteering! As Allison is a graphic artist and has a lot of ideas to implement, *The Garden Patch* will be getting a face lift, so I'm excited to see the new and improved version. I am also

excited to get out in my yard and work after I read Golden's article each month!

Happy Gardening to all of you!



## Val's Views

By Val Chatwin

In our upstairs living room we have a Christmas tree that I bought already decorated from a craft shop after Christmas for 75% off several years ago. It has 32 strings of lights on it. When I took the decorations off the first time, there were 5 orange boxes full. We take the ornaments off, leave the lights on and store it in the garage.

Putting the Christmas decorations away is my New Years Day project and when you feel well, because you don't have a hang over from the New Year Eve's party the night before you are at full strength. The men used to watch ball games on New Year's Day. I like to watch ball games but not that much so I started putting the decorations away. There didn't used to be so many so it wasn't a big job but it has grown to changing the whole house, shower curtains [a daughter game me a funny Santa taking a shower shower curtain] bedspreads, pictures on the wall and curtain valances. Now Ray doesn't watch that many games and helps me and it still takes all day. It takes me 3 long, tiring days to get it up. I was able to get it up even with my leg problem this year but we will see what happens next year.

Last year it was so snowy in January that I got all the decorations put away but the tree stayed put. I'd taken off the ornaments but it still had its red, white, and green lights. There was deep snow on the deck, deep snow on the walk, deep snow on the lawn where they have to walk it to the garage opening.

As the tree lingered I began to think that I would make it a part of the Valentine decorations. Wind yards of lace around it and hang valentines. Start a new fad, valentine trees.

Actually I do have a cut decoration that is a valentine tree on my coffee table in the dining room. It is a bare branch about 2 ft. tall, a square board in the base with a hole drilled into it to support the branch. I spray painted it white. I hang valentine cards on a string in February, Easter

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, January 21 6:30 p.m. – USU Training Rm. S1008 – 2100 So. State**

**Accessible Gardening – Mary Jo Tedesco**, a Certified Horticultural Therapist and Master Gardener, will be our guest speaker. Mary Jo will offer tips and techniques to use to make gardening easier and more enjoyable. This meeting will offer valuable information to help keep family, friends and ourselves enjoying our gardens a little longer and will provide ideas for making gardening accessible for individuals with limitations or disabilities.

**Thursday, February 18 - 6:30 p.m. - USU Training Rm. S1008 – 2100 So. State**

**Put Your Best Rose Forward - Cheri Schulzke**, former president of the Utah Rose Society and a Master Gardener, will do a presentation on roses. Cheri will offer information on the care and feeding of roses and give us some insight on planting, pruning and selecting roses. Don't miss this opportunity to help you make your roses the prettiest on the block.  
**\* The Annual Seed Exchange will also take place at this meeting. Plan to arrive at 6:30 PM if you have seeds to share or are looking for new seeds to try. The presentation will start at 7:00 p.m. and seeds may be exchanged before and after that.**

**Thursday, March 18 6:30 PM - USU Training Room S1008– 2100 So. State**

**Succulents - Cactus and Tropicals** of Salt Lake City, Utah, will instruct us on how to make a succulent wreath from cactus and will let us know some of the cacti that can survive here in our climate. Cactus and Tropicals is one of our City's best-known establishments for information on cactus care and selection so you won't want to

miss this meeting. PLUS, you will learn how to make a unique and amazing wreath of cactus!

**Thursday, April 22 6:30 PM - Location TBA Annual Plant Exchange** - Please plan to join us at our Annual April Plant Exchange. **Please make a note now of the meeting DATE!** Because the first of April is a Thursday we will meet on **the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday for this meeting ONLY**. That will give us a good chance at better weather and will allow a little more time for our plants to mature.

Thanks to everyone connected in any way to The Salt Lake Master Gardener Association for making 2009 such a great year!

## Val's Views,

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eggs at Easter, and patriotic people dolls in June and July.

Ray was drafted into the army in the 50's. We had just got married so I was able to fly down and join him in Panama. For our first Christmas together we had a similar branch for a Christmas tree. The officers could afford trees but poor G.I.'s couldn't. Last year the snow did finally melt for the Christmas tree to be put away before it had to used as a decoration. I do have friends who keep their Christmas trees up for months because they love it and not procrastination. My daughter takes hers down on the 26th. Isn't it wonderful that everyone can do what they want?

The starlings are so happy that the 'Granny Smith' apple tree was so abundant that we didn't get all of the apples picked. They get full of apples then go and feast on the sunflower heads. It is a funny tree. The leaves and apples don't just fall off like other plants so the 150 starlings are all sitting up there in the tree feasting away. Of course it is very dangerous to walk below.

Time to enjoy the winter garden from the window, browse a few catalogues and wait for spring!



# Calendar

## REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Please note that our general meetings are starting at 6:30 rather than 7:00 now. Please check *The Garden Patch* or the current Master Gardener E-mail from Maggie for the correct time and location for that month's meeting.

Thursday, January 21  
6:30 p.m. in the Classroom  
County Complex at  
21st South and State

## Accessible Gardening

Mary Jo Tedesco, Master Gardener and Certified Horticultural Therapist will discuss fun, safe, and comfortable methods of gardening. Tips and ideas for gardeners dealing with physical limitations and disabilities. Suggestions to address age-related issues and keep us gardening longer.

A New Look is Coming to The  
Garden Patch  
With the February 2010 issue!



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Site**

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# Bulletin Board



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Thank You

**TRACY AVIARY  
Winter Schedule**

Third Sunday of the month shifts from 9am to  
noon during the months of Nov-Dec-Jan-Feb.

Sunday group starts meeting weekly in  
March.

Monday group starts meeting weekly in May.

Have a  
Wonderful  
Holiday