



SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

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April Events

Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30pm (Note! 4th Thursday)

"The Annual Plant Exchange and Earth Day Hazardous Waste Disposal"

Location: Murray Park / Pavillion #5 / 5200 So. State

Please plan to bring your extra plants and starts to Murray Park for the **Annual Plant Exchange**. Come and share your vegetables, herbs, flowers, bulbs, day lilies, and anything else you would like to trade. Please make sure the plants are labeled and include planting and care instructions. Remember to bring something to transport your plants in such as boxes or trays.

Also, please remember to plant an extra few veggies and herbs for the *Utah Aids Foundation* this year. The SLMGA will collect and transport the plants up to the UAF for planting the following day...read the information for Friday, April 23rd for the "Service Project Planting" below..

Since the Exchange is the 4th Thursday of April we will be meeting on Earth Day. To celebrate, we have made plans to help you clean up and properly dispose of the old, unused yard and lawn chemicals lurking in your sheds and garages. You may bring these items to the Exchange and they will be transported to a HHW facility for disposal. This is for pesticides, fertilizers and so on; we will not accept batteries, paints, tires, etc.



Friday, April 23rd at 11:00am

"Service Project Planting"

Location: UAF / 1408 South 1100 East

This project is open to all members. The *Utah Aids Foundation* is a pantry facility and they have received several large planters for growing fresh herbs and veggies for their pantry. We will use this as a learning experience for the UAF people. Volunteers are needed to fill the planters with veggies and herbs. The UAF will provide a light lunch afterwards to thank all volunteers for their time, effort and knowledge donated to help this organization to be beautiful and self-sufficient in the future.

May Events

Saturday, May 1st (Time will be announced soon)

May Day SLMGA Service Project

Location: Matheson Nature Park

Put Saturday, May 1st, on your calendar for a great volunteer opportunity. The Salt Lake Master Gardeners will be joining other volunteers at the *Matheson Nature Park*, just west of *This is The Place Monument*. This 14-acre nature area has gravel trails and is open to the public. The master plan is to reclaim this area (former pasture and ranch next to Brigham Young's house) and have Utah native species planted throughout the acreage. Within the park is *Governor's Grove*, where trees are planted and natural stone markers are engraved with the names of the last 17 Governors of Utah. We would like Master Gardener volunteers to teach the neighborhood volunteers some skills on pruning, planting (especially native plants), weeding, and general clean-up of the area so they may use these skills for upkeep in the future.

Thursday, May 20th at 6:30pm / General Meeting

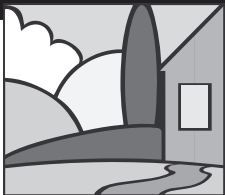
"Now I've Grown It, What Do I Do With It?"

by Merry Lycett Harrison, Owner of Millcreek Herbs

Location: USU Training Room S1008 / 2100 So State St

Merry Lycett Harrison, a trained clinical herbalist and member of the *American Herbalist Guild* will be our guest speaker. Merry, owner of *Millcreek Herbs*, teaches classes in herb gardening and growing and using medicinal and culinary herbs. Merry is a frequent teacher at *Red Butte Garden*, the *Utah Natural History Museum* and *Granite District Community Education*. Merry is also a popular guest on local radio and TV programs and writes a monthly herb column for *Catalyst* magazine. Merry's presentation will focus on growing herbs in Utah and how to best use them when harvested. Members are encouraged to write down their questions and bring them to the meeting and Merry will address as many of our questions as time allows. This is an educational opportunity that shouldn't be missed!

Please note...please remember to bring your questions for the presenter to each monthly meeting. Beginning in May, we will put all the questions in a box, drawing out one question at the end of the meeting. The author of the question will win a door prize!



June Events

Saturday, June 12th - 10am to 3pm SLMGA Member Home Garden Tours Event

Location: Exact times and addresses will be announced in the May Garden Patch issue

We are excited to announce that the SLMGA will again provide a **Member Home Garden Tour** activity which will be held on Saturday, June 12th. We have four wonderful members who have signed up to show us their beautiful home gardens which they have worked so hard to create. This event may again be held in the Autumn months. Be thinking about showing off your garden to other SLMGA members. If this event is popular and we find that there is much enthusiasm and a good turnout, we would like to make the tours an annual event to give everyone an opportunity to share their gardens.

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Thursday, June 17th at 6:30pm / General Meeting "Making Fountains From Pottery" by Don Payne, Owner of Home and Yard Pottery

Location: Home & Yard Pottery / 8610 South State St

If you missed the fountain demonstration at last year's June Conference here is your chance to find out how to build a great fountain using pottery. Don Payne, owner of *Home and Yard Pottery*, will be teaching an encore class on fountain building. We will be meeting at *Home and Yard Pottery* for the class. Don also has information on building fire pits from pottery for those who are interested. Please bring a camp, or lawn, chair as seating is very limited. If you have an extra chair please bring it with you. Parking is also limited on State Street so plan to park on 8600 South, just north of the business.



Future SLMGA events include a **Thank you & Farewell Party** for our wonderful Extension Agent, Maggie Shao, planned for **Thursday, July 15th**, and the **Annual SLMGA Summer Picnic** on **Thursday, August 19th**. More news on these events soon!

What counts as SLMGA Volunteer Hours?

1. Time worked on any Master Gardener approved project. Please communicate with the project coordinator before and after working on the project, to learn which tasks have current priority and to report what you have accomplished.
2. Travel time to and from Master Gardener projects, speaking engagements, and board meetings.
3. Time spent fulfilling association assignments such as project coordinator, special committees, etc.
4. Time spent fulfilling an elected position on the executive board, including meeting time.
5. Reasonable time spent in preparation for a speaking assignment, as well as time spent fulfilling the assignment.
6. Time spent in preparing a news article or doing other chores that help with publishing or distributing *The Garden Patch* and the Utah Master Gardener website.
7. If you donate volunteer hours to a community project other than a Board approved Master Gardener project, the hours are subject to approval by the USU Extension Agent serving as the County Master Gardener coordinator.
8. If you volunteer at Master Gardener projects in another county, you should report your hours to that county's USU Extension Master Gardener coordinator. If that county does not have a Master Gardener program, or if the project has been scheduled as a multi-county cooperative effort, report your hours to your home county. If in doubt, please ask your USU Extension Master Gardener coordinator. **NO DOUBLE COUNTING OF HOURS!**
9. **No time is counted for work in your own yard or a neighbor's yard.**

Get excited about participating as a Master Gardener Volunteer in the upcoming future. The 2010 SLMGA Project List is included in this *Garden Patch* edition! There is so much to learn and work to accomplish in our community. Let's make a difference!



NEW SLMGA PROJECT APPROVAL

Submit your new project proposals in writing to the Executive Board. The Board will review the proposal and respond within two weeks whether more information is needed, the proposal has been rejected or approved, or if a decision has been postponed for a future review and vote.

SLMGA new project criterias are:

- Projects should be within the capabilities of the County's Master Gardener Volunteer Group
- Projects should be evidence of committed, dependable leadership
- Projects should be financially feasible
- Projects should be in adherence to the USU Extension/Master Gardener Mission
- Projects should be clearly defined and quantifiable expectations/outcomes



The SLMGA contact list and 2010 Volunteer project list have now been published and are included in .pdf form as additional attachments. SLMGA members should only use the contact list for Association purposes. It is forbidden to utilize the list in any way which would be a benefit for solicitation or business purposes. The information should not be given to anyone who is not a SLMGA member.