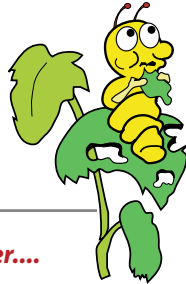


The Garden Patch

SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION



THE PRESIDENT'S SCOOP



Well, Spring must be right around the corner...

I heard the first ice cream truck of the season while outside today. Daylight Savings Time arrived as well. It is nice for people who work during the day to have a little daylight when we get home. Having some warm sunny days would help to get some yard work done!

I am excited to announce that we finally have a new USU Horticulture Agent to oversee the SLMGA. It is our most excellent friend, Ms. Katie Wagner. Katie assumes her duties on March 22. Katie has been a very great help to MG's in the past, assuming many of our past Extension Agent, Maggie Shao's responsibilities on a temporary basis. Maggie stepped down from the position last July to attend school in California. Katie has now been offered and accepted the permanent position. I am absolutely thrilled she was selected for the job, and thrilled to have the opportunity to work with her. I expect that we will see a lot of great work from her, as she is a very talented and energetic lady. Please read her inserted bio, fill out her survey and mail it as soon as possible.

A new Extension Agent raises the question, "When will there be a new class?" Katie told those in attendance at the March 17th general meeting that she will most likely be looking to accommodate a new class in Fall 2011. We will certainly be looking forward to new developments. So those of you who have had friends, family and neighbors express interest in becoming MG's, let them know.

Now that there are obvious signs of Spring approaching, we should all give some thought to which Volunteer Projects and other MG activities we would like donate our volunteer hours to this gardening season. Every Project can always use another set of hands, so set yourself a goal for the number of hours you would like to work, find a Project, and get at it. Many of the Projects will be starting up soon, so don't let an opportunity pass you by. You will find the Project list on page 10.

One last thing, if you haven't been to a general meeting lately, you're missing out on all the education, fun, goodies, and prizes. I promise that my wife has spent many long hours instructing me on how to be somewhat socially acceptable, or at least not quite so offensive to those who have to endure my presence. General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Don't miss the Annual Plant Exchange at Murray Park on April 21. SLMGA activities are on page 7.

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Congratulations to Eva Daniels for being the lucky winner of the **March General Meeting door prize!** Her winnings included a plant and a gift card to *The Rose Shop*. Be sure to attend future meetings and events for other possible giveaway chances!

SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION HOME GARDEN TOUR

SUMMER 2011



Last year, the Board planned and organized two member **Home Garden Tours**, one in June and the second in September. Both were very successful and a large number of members and their guests visited the beautiful gardens presented on the tour.

The 2011-12 Board has decided to again offer these Home Garden Tours this year.

Diane Curtz, Board of Director Vice President, has stepped up to plan and organize the **Summer Garden Tour**. It will be held on Saturday, June 11th. We are currently in search of SLMGA members who would like to include their home gardens in the tour.

If you are interested in sharing your garden with other members and their guests, please contact Diane Curtz as soon as possible.

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MOTHER'S DAY GARDEN FAIR

Volunteer Opportunity!



Join us as a volunteer at the upcoming annual **Mother's Day Garden Fair**. We will need volunteers to work at the SLMGA Booth, distributing USU extension information and answering horticulture questions presented by Fair participants. The volunteer shifts will be 2 to 4 hours, beginning at 8:00am and ending at 4:00pm, on Saturday, May 7th.

Enjoy the Fair before or after your shift. There will be plant and garden-ware vendors, experts, workshops and mini-classes throughout the day. Also free give-a-ways!

Contact Diane Curtz (info at left, below) to volunteer!

Conservation Garden Park At Jordan Valley
8215 South 1300 West Hotline: 1-877-728-3420
Saturday, May 7th 9:00am to 4:00pm

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Golden's Garden

by Golden Reeves



APRIL 2011.....The warmer weather and the daffodils in bloom are signs that Spring is starting to emerge in the valley. By March 15th, I had the peas, carrots spinach, and radish seeds planted in the garden. I transplanted the broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, two kinds of potatoes, shallots, and some Glacier tomatoes into waterwalls. By the end of March, I will have more tomatoes and peppers planted out in the garden. With the raised beds, I am able to plant early and I do not need to wait for the ground to dry out because the soil was tilled last Fall and does not need to be reworked in the Spring.

I have all of the pruning completed but will wait a little while to take care of the grape vines. I want to see how many of the vines were lost to this Winter's frost. The rose hedge on the west side of the lot is now 1-foot high. This is the second time in the last 25 years that I had to cut it way back because of the dead canes. The last time it happened, I cut back so much that I had to load it on to the truck and haul the large load to the dump. I now have a Chipper shredder that makes the task easier, and I can create mulch from the branches for the garden.

In the basement, I have many tomatoes started and growing in various stages. Some will be able to be planted in the garden by the first part of April. I decided this year to plant them at different times. This has given me much more room in my propagating area. All of the large plants are in the green house now. I still need to pot the African or variegated cannas to get them off to a better start. My wife wanted me to get an early start with the garden this year so I have all of the pepper plants ready to move outside. I also planted some kale lettuce and chard in the basement to be moved into the garden soon. It will be interesting to see how successful my efforts are this season.

In the middle of the valley there are no rocks in the soil. They need to be transported into other areas. In my garden, I have been picking up small rocks for the last 25 years. I used to throw them away but with the new landscape in my front yard, I have begun to add them to the other rocks I have there. The neighbors to the north of me moved into the area a few years before I did. I discovered that they had been throwing their unwanted rocks into my yard. So this accounts for the new rocks I find every year when I start the garden in the Spring.

The Glacier tomato plant I have in the upstairs bedroom is still producing ripe tomatoes. I have planted some of the larger plants that have tomatoes set into larger pots. The Christmas cactus plant in that bedroom started blooming in late November and is still blooming at this time. In many past years, it takes a month off from blooming in late January or early February. This year it has continuously bloomed.

I discovered a great sale on seeds in one of the big box stores. I was looking for kale and chard seeds. They had a coupon for 50% off the marked price. When I got home I noticed a sticker on the package with the date printed on it. After peeling the sticker off, I found it was seed packaged for 2010. I planted the seed and it has grown ok but some seeds will not even last for one season let alone two seasons. If the seed package has a sticker on it with the date printed, it is probably last season's seed. Make sure the date is printed directly on the seed package. **Happy spring to everyone!**

Be sure to attend the Grafting Scion Wood Class presented by Golden Reeves and Bart Anderson on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00am. The class will be held at Bart's past residence...5340 West 3500 South in West Valley. Look for more information on the Page 7 calendar.

IMPORTANT!

Jan Konold is in the process of creating an email list comprised of all members so that mass email announcements can be sent to the membership. If your email has changed recently, please send an email to her so that you will receive informative Association news - mgvolunteers@comcast.net

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Murray Park Volunteer News

(Project news is submitted by each Project Leader...see full list insert)

It's a new year—Spring is finally here! If you are like me, the last month has given me a bad case of cabin fever. I'm starting the Spring clean-up of the gardens in Murray Park. Please plan to come and join me on Thursday mornings at 8:00am. We will also be taking the Canna Lilies out of storage & getting them potted for the coming season. Questions? Call or email me...

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Please direct all requests for Master Gardener speaker presentations to:

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Also, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Jan Konold**, if you are interested in speaking during the year and would like to be added to her contact list. Jan can provide speaking tips and information if needed.





Raised Bed Gardening

by Debbie Stevenson

In the movie *Miss Congeniality*, Sandra Bullock's character, Gracie Hart, is an FBI agent working undercover in a beauty pageant. During the pageant, she is asked on the spot: "What is the one most important thing our society needs?" Her answer was: "That would be harsher punishment for parole violators..." and after a very uncomfortable silence, "and world peace." I have something in common with Gracie's very pragmatic character. My answer would be: "A garden with a nice selection of vegetables...and world peace."

For many years I've had a dream of a beautifully-kept garden that would provide a wonderful variety of fresh vegetables. My dream became reality in 2002 when my husband built a raised bed garden for me. This method of gardening has been amazingly successful. There are several reasons why raised bed gardening works so well:

- A large amount of produce can be grown in a small space.
- There is greater control over the soil in a raised bed. Since it is a much smaller area than a traditional garden, it is significantly easier to keep the soil well-conditioned.
- The soil does not get compacted because it is never walked on.
- Planting can begin sooner because the soil warms earlier and harvest continues later into the fall by using a lid, thus turning the bed into a cold frame.
- Weeding is kept to a minimum because of the close proximity of desirable plants, and because it is much more difficult for weed seeds to invade a raised bed.
- The raised bed is neat and tidy in appearance.

Luckily for me, my husband enjoys carpentry work and is very good at it. He built my 4x8 foot raised bed out of redwood so that it would last. Hopefully, the photos give a general idea of the bed's construction. It sits in the middle of a grassy area in the backyard. This location provides easy access, plenty of sunshine and is aesthetically pleasing. At the base of the bed, 2x4's run along each side at ground level to make it easy to run the lawnmower around the bed. The lid is made of six 2x4x8's and two 2x8 panels of corrugated polycarbonate with hinges on one side, handles on the short sides for easy lifting and removal, and a handle on the front to be able to open the lid. The lid is left down in early Spring and late Fall to hold the warmth. When temperatures warm up, I prop the lid open with a wire basket and drape a frost blanket over the top to keep the lettuces protected from heat.



We filled our raised bed with soil taken from our traditional garden that we had spent years conditioning. Our garden soil was basically clay, so my hardworking husband hauled in loads of sandy loam soil to mix in along with lots of manure. With the bed built and filled with good soil, it was time for the fun part—deciding what to plant. Over the years, I have developed my favorite list of vegetables to grow which includes beets, green onions, spinach, romaine, Red Sails and Butterhead lettuces, carrots, shallots, cilantro, Swiss chard and green beans. During germination and when the seedlings are very small, I water with a sprayer using the "mist" setting. Then as the plants take hold, I switch to the "shower" setting and then finally to a U-shaped PVC pipe that my handyman made. It has a hose connection, and holes drilled along the sides of the pipe every few inches. It sits inside the bed and waters the soil, not the foliage.

I have been able to grow lettuces for us and not for snails and slugs because of this simple deterrent: On the outside of the raised bed, halfway up the side, we ran copper tubing all the way around. The large heads of roofing nails hold the tubing in place. Snails and slugs will not cross this barrier because it gives their slimy little bodies an electrical zap. This is a simple and very effective way to keep them out.

We discovered another raised bed gardening technique quite by accident. One year I left some spinach from the fall crop in the bed and found it growing the next February! This led to building a second raised bed so that we can overwinter a crop of spinach which is planted in late September for eating in late March. After the spinach has been harvested, we plant the bed with green beans. The second raised bed also allows us to rotate crops between the beds.

As you can see, there are many significant benefits to raised bed gardening. It is well worth the initial effort of building the bed and filling it with good soil. This method of gardening gives you greater control over soil, plants, water, weather, and pests. This, in turn, provides a more productive and enjoyable gardening experience. And hopefully, even if you don't find peace in the world, you will find peace in your garden.

Images provided by the author, Salt Lake Master Gardener Debbie Stevenson

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Adding a Path to Your Garden

Choose a path material that suits the style of your garden, the style and materials of your house, and a type that fits your budget. As you can see from the chart below, there really is something for everyone, whether expensive or frugally done.

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Paths play an important design role

in the garden, plus they give you sure footing and keep your feet out of the mud. There is an extensive variety of possible paving materials for paths, ranging from options that cost nothing, such as free wood chips from your local tree-trimming company, to more expensive possibilities such as tile, brick, and imported stones. Gravel, another inexpensive option, is a versatile material that looks fitting in both formal and informal situations. Stepping stones are charming in many settings and are less expensive because the area that's paved with them is smaller—you're not trying to cover the whole space. However, stepping stones can be trickier to walk on than other surfaces, something to bear in mind if small children or elderly people will be using the path.

MONEY-SAVING WOOD MULCH PATHS

Shredded bark and wood chips are the easiest and cheapest paths you can lay. Shop at the source for material: tree-trimming companies or sawmills. To keep weeds from popping up in the middle of the path, put down a thick layer of newspaper (the thicker the layer, the longer it will be effective) and then spread the wood mulch on top to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. It will seem a bit high and soft at first, but in a few weeks it will compact. Renew the path about once a year with a 2-inch layer of new mulch, as it decomposes or compacts.

AN INTERESTING IDEA...START A SHELL PATH

In the Colonial era, many homeowners near the coast paved their garden paths with clam and oyster shells. According to Gordon Chappell, landscape director at Colonial Williamsburg, in colonial days they would simply shuck the oysters or clams, throw the whole shell onto the path, and walk it in. He recommends using a base material such as gravel, just as you would for a brick or stone path, with about 1-inch of crushed shells on top. At historic Williamsburg, the shells are crushed with a professional rolling machine to make a finer surface before they spread them on the path. You could use a heavy lawn roller to start the crushing job. Once on the paths, normal foot traffic breaks the shells up more and compacts them onto the base. Such a path can last for a decade before it has to be renewed.

SAVE MONEY ALONG THE GARDEN PATH

Finding a source for free materials is the name of the game for frugal gardeners. If you must have a more formal look or if you simply prefer pavers, you will save plenty of money if you lay the path yourself. When deciding which type of path is best for you, weigh the cost against the look of the final product (to be pleasing, it must blend in well with both the architecture of your home and the style of your garden), its durability, the amount of upkeep required, and the amount of money you can realistically afford.

PATHWAY PAVING CHOICES	MATERIAL	COST
	Brick	Expensive
	Ceramic Tile	Expensive
	Cobblestones	Free if you collect your own, but very heavy to carry
	Concrete Paving Blocks	Midpriced
	Crushed Seashells	Free if you have a local source (seafood restaurant, etc.)
	Flagstone	Free to high-priced, depending on type of stone and source
	Grass	Cheap in cost, high in maintenance
	Gravel	Low to midpriced
	Interlocking paver	Mid to high-priced, depending on quality and design
	Marble	Very expensive
	Natural stone	Expensive unless local quarry is willing to sell flawed pieces at a discount
	Pebbles / Mosaic patterned cobbles	Free if you collect your own, but labor intensive to build
	Pine Needles	Free if you collect your own
	Shredded Bark	Low-priced, especially from a sawmill
Wood Chips	Free or low-cost from local tree-trimming service	
Wooden Rounds	Free if you slice up a tree on your property, otherwise mid-priced	



Nominate for the Star Award!

Just a reminder, as we move into the Volunteer season for most Salt Lake Master Gardener Projects, that we are looking for nominations for Star Awards...Master Gardener heroes who deserve recognition. We want to celebrate those Master Gardeners who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Each month, several Master Gardeners will be formally recognized at the monthly meeting. Their names and performance will also be published in *The Garden Patch*. To do this, we will need nominations. If you know a Master Gardener deserving of a Star Award, please let us know so that we can celebrate their great performance.

Please contact Andi MacDonald with your nomination. All that is needed is a name and a reason the Master Gardener you are nominating is outstanding.

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Master Gardener & Volunteer Coordinator Jan Konold

Jan Konold is a Sandy hometown girl whose career has taken her all over the country. A singer, known by her maiden name Janette Jackman, she gave her first public performance in the fifth grade with the song, "My Favorite Things." Today, among these favorite things are cooking – from scratch. Also crafts, because she enjoys the creativity. And of course, there's family. Ted, her husband and fellow musician who plays bass guitar. And their four children, born as they traveled on the road with different bands.

"I love singing," says Jan, "It's always come natural." She studied with Streisand's vocal coach for a time and he agreed. Her repertoire includes tunes from country to rock, some jazz, but mostly lounge music such as doing the *Splash* show in Vegas. Jan smiles about chatting with Jeff Foxworthy when he was opening for Don Rickles. She also recalls swapping stories about kids with moms Cher, Tina Turner and Marie Osmond.

Sandy is home base for the Konold's and the perfect place for gardening, another of Jan's favorite things. She inherited the interest from her Mom, who she always turned to for garden knowledge. "I take pride in my yard," Jan says, "And the neighbors knew when we moved in. The old fence came down. We took out a skuzzy pine, and junipers I don't like. And there's now a patio where an old pear tree stood."

Jan began adding plants like roses and an herb garden and says, "Every time I had a problem I went to Rex at *Western Garden* in Sandy." He even made house calls and diagnosed fungus on the lawn and pests on strawberries. To her dismay, he planned to retire. But before he did, he passed along Master Gardener information assuring Jan, "Do this and you'll be fine." She thought it a good idea, especially considering that her sibling's thoughts on gardening were that someone should know this stuff if something happens to Mom. "Everything seemed to click," Jan says. "I wish I'd known twenty years ago what I do now. I would have attended school and become a horticulturist!"

As a Master Gardener, what Jan likes best is passing along what she's learned. Such as when a man walked by with seed packets and peat pots. "Do you know what you're going to do with that?" Jan asked. "Show me," he replied. She did, holding an impromptu class while others watched. She did even more, giving the man instructions on how to progress when sprouts appeared and offering her phone number if he had questions.

Aerobics has been one of Jan's favorite activities for 30 years. Lately, it's to keep gravity away, have the strength to lift 65 pound bags of dirt at work and the energy to chase a two-year old grandson. (She has five others and one on the way.) "I'm as addicted to gardening as I am to aerobics," says Jan. The exercise is just as healthy. Jan monitored her heart rate and calculated one hour of yard work is equal to a three-mile walk.

"Gardening is like oxygen to me," Jan says. Since graduating as a Master Gardener, she's converted a old shed with a couple of south facing windows into a greenhouse. She's also put in a drip irrigation system with the advice of a Master Gardener who worked at the sprinkler supply company. She's Volunteer Coordinator for the 2011-12 term because, "I love to work on projects and absorb all the free advice." She always learns something, like how to deadhead flowers at Gilgal Garden and marvels at the ideas Peggy Call creates at the Christmas Box House.

Actually, Jan's list of favorite things is endless. She gives kids guitar and piano lessons. The Konold's still perform, mostly on weekends with *Moose Canoe*, a classic rock band, playing at places like *Greenstreet*. They're also part of *Zenith*, a group that works private parties and non-drinking venues that makes it possible for her son to play. The earnings are mad money, socked away for much needed family fun and vacations. With days often ending at 2:00 am and getting up very early to go to aerobics, it seems one of Jan's favorite things can't be sleep!



Jan Konold and the Moose Canoe Band

SNAILS & SLUGS

In the March Garden Patch, we highlighted natural predators of those nasty snails and slugs we all seem to get in our gardens. Below you will find natural and organic ways to rid of them.

Snails and slugs love conditions that are warm, dark and damp. Yet they are a problem, even in dry climates. They will find sources of water and hide in dark shadows during the heat of the day, crawling out of these shelters at night to create havoc, munching away in your garden. They can completely wipe out young plants overnight. Use these methods to rid of snails and slugs before they rid you of your patience and garden!

1. Remove slugs and snails by hand. During the day, check your lilies, agapanthus, and ice plants, all favorite hangouts for snails. By night, use a flashlight and follow their shiny trails to find them.
2. Squish or drown them in a jar of soapy water.
3. Spread natural or agricultural-grade diatomaceous earth over the soil in flower beds or around individual plants. The tiny, sharp-edged granules cut the soft-bodied slugs and cause them to dehydrate. Reapply after each rainfall.
4. Install barriers of 2-inch or wider copper stripping around plants and flower beds. Do this only after you have removed all slugs and snails from inside the area, because the slimy pests won't cross copper and will be trapped inside to munch away.
5. Position ceramic flowerpots upside-down to trap snails and slugs that will accumulate there to rest in the shade. Overturn them and remove the snails daily until the infestation is exhausted.
6. Set yeast traps in troublesome beds. Sink a shallow jar or store-bought trap so the top is flush with the ground. Fill the traps with beer - regular or nonalcoholic - to 1/2 inch from the top and wait for the snails and slugs to fall in and drown. Check the traps every few days.
7. For those of you who can't imagine wasting beer on snails, try this home brew: Add 1/2 tsp. baking yeast and 1 tbsp. sugar to the water in each trap.
8. Minimize the moist and cool spots in your garden, such as woodpiles and empty flowerpots, that slugs and snails need to survive sunny days.
9. First thing in the morning, take your salt shaker with you to the garden. Sprinkling salt on the slugs will kill them.
10. Snails and slugs are not able to "walk" over crushed egg shells. Scatter the shells around tomato plants and wherever else you notice they are dining.
11. The easiest and most practical way to cut down the number of invading snails and slugs is to keep your landscape clear of hiding places as much as possible. Clean up loose boards, extra leaves and weeds, old pots and other refuse in the garden.

Read more: [How to Get Rid of Snails and Slugs Naturally](http://www.ehow.com/how_4031_rid-snails-slugs.html#ixzz1FaJYSzOI)
eHow.com http://www.ehow.com/how_4031_rid-snails-slugs.html#ixzz1FaJYSzOI

PANSY

The Pansy or Pansy Violets are a large group of hybrid plants cultivated as garden flowers. Pansies are derived from the Viola species Viola tricolor.



ORIGIN & HISTORY

Lady Mary Bennet of England is responsible for introducing the pansy in 1812. She found every variety of Heartsease available and filled her garden. The all-pansy garden reseeded and multiplied, creating new varieties of flowers. A well-known florist, who worked at the Vineyard Nursery, happened to encounter Lady Bennet's collection and anticipated a profit by further cultivating the flower. The interest procured the pansy's place in socialites' hearts, becoming a romantic icon. Heightened interest in observing unpredictable and exciting new plant varieties and colors was the key factor in the Pansy's rise to popularity. The Pansy also became popular in poetry.

The modern garden Pansy had its origin in the Iver, Buckinghamshire estate of James, Lord Gambier, whose gardener, William Thompson, began in 1813 crossing various viola species. A round flower of overlapping petals was the early aim of his trials. In the 1830's, he came about the dark spot on the petals, known as the "face." This Pansy was released to the public in 1839 and rapidly became popular with gardeners and breeders throughout Europe.

CULTIVATION, BREEDING AND LIFE CYCLE

Pansy breeding has produced a wide range of colors, including yellow, gold, orange, purple, violet, red, white and even black (very dark purple). Many have large "face" markings. A large number of bicolored flowers have also been produced. They are generally very cold hardy plants, surviving freezing even during their blooming period. Plants grow well in sunny or partially sunny locations and well drained soils.

Pansies are winter hardy in Zones 4-8. They can survive light freezes and short periods of snow cover. Pansies are not very heat tolerant and are best used as a cool season planting. Warm temperatures inhibit blooming and hot muggy air causes rot and death. In colder zones, pansies may not persist without snow cover or mulch protection from extreme cold and periods of freezing and thawing.

Pansies, for best growth, should be watered thoroughly about once a week, depending on climate and rainfall. The plant should never be overwatered. To maximize blooming, plant foods should be used about every other week. Deadheading can extend the blooming period.

DISEASES & PESTS

Pansies are inclined to diseases such as stem rot, leaf spot, mildew, and the Tower cucumber menace virus. These diseases are caused by soil-borne fungus, cool damp Springs, stagnant air and transmitted by aphids.

Slugs, snails and aphids love to feed on the foliage. Sometimes sharp, gritty sand or a top-dressing of chipped bark can limit the damage. Aphids can be destroyed with a spray of diluted soft soap or an insecticide.

(From **Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia** - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pansy>)

SLMGA UPCOMING EVENTS

April Events



Saturday, April 16th at 10:00am ***"Grafting Scion Wood Class"***

Location: Bart Anderson's past residence / 5340 West 3500 South, West Valley

Longtime Master Gardeners Bart Anderson and Golden Reeves will be teaching a Grafting class on Saturday, April 16th, 10:00am, at Bart Anderson's past residence. Bart and Golden hope to have a good turnout to this class. Plan to attend this class taught by our grafting experts!

Thursday, April 21st / General Meeting beginning at 6:30pm ***"Annual Plant Exchange"***

Location: Murray Park / Pavillion #5 / 5100 South State Street



Please plan to bring your extra plants and starts to Murray Park for the **Annual Plant Exchange**. Please label the type of plant and possibly include planting and care instructions. Remember to bring something to transport your plants in such as boxes or trays. **Bring extra vegetables for the Utah Aids Foundation Planting Event the next morning, April 22nd, and for the Fresh From the Heart project!**

Friday, April 22nd at 10:00am ***"Planting Event at Utah Aids Foundation"*** 1408 South 1100 East (see page 9)

Last year, some wonderful planting boxes were donated to UAF. We will again have a Planting Event this year to fill the planters with vegetables that will grow and be used by the UAF, one of the many food pantries in SLC. We will also teach the client how to be self-sufficient in caring for the crops. A light lunch will be served afterwards. Please plan to volunteer at this worthy event.

May Events



Saturday, May 7th / Volunteer Opportunity!

"Mother's Day Garden Fair" 9:00am to 4:00pm (2 or 4 hour volunteer shifts)

Location: Conservation Garden Park at Jordan Valley / 8215 South 1300 West

Join us as a volunteer in the SLMGA booth at this annual Mother's Day Garden Fair, distributing information about USU Extension services and answering horticulture questions. 2-4 hour shifts. Contact **Diane Curtz** if you would like to volunteer. Enjoy the Fair before or after your shift. (See page 1)

Thursday, May 19th / General Meeting Social & Refreshments 6:30 / Presentation 7:00 ***"Gardening Experiences" by Spence Mortenson***

Location: USU Training Room S1008 / 2100 So State Street

Our speaker for this educational evening will be Master Gardener Spence Mortenson. He will present information on four subjects: Dahlias, Thornless Blackberries, Worm Composting, and Espalier Plants (plants trained to grow flat against a support). He will also answer questions at the end. Be sure to attend!



June Events



Saturday, June 11th / 9:00am to 2:00pm

"SLMGA 2nd Annual Spring Home Garden Tour"

Location: Exact times and addresses will be announced in future *Garden Patch* editions

We are excited to announce that the SLMGA will again provide a Member Home Garden Tour activity that will be held on Saturday, June 11th. **MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 1 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**

Thursday, June 16th / General Meeting beginning at 6:30pm

"Landscaping to Attract Wildlife"

Location: Tracy Aviary / 589 East 1300 South (middle of Liberty Park property)

Join us for a fun evening at Liberty Park as Tracy Aviary Project Leader and Director of Horticulture and Facilities, **Matthew Utley**, speaks on creating a landscape that will attract wildlife, particularly hummingbirds. **MORE DETAILS IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.**



What type of volunteer work can be counted as **SLMGA VOLUNTEER HOURS?**

The annual year for recording personal MG volunteer hours runs from November 1st to October 31st. Hours must be accounted for by each MG and turned into the USU Extension office by October 31st to be officially recorded. Milestones of 50 hours, 100 hours, 200 hours, 300 hours, 400 hours, 500 hours, 750 hours, 1,000 hours, 1,250 hours, 1,500 hours, 1,750 hours, 2,000 hours, etc. will be announced at the Annual SLMGA Award Banquet at the end of the year.

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.**

Participate as a Master Gardener Volunteer in the upcoming future.
The 2011 SLMGA Project List is included on the other side of this insert.

Let's make a difference!

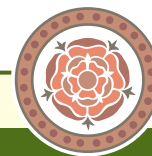


New SLMGA Project APPROVAL

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.



2011-12 SLMGA BOARD CONTACT LIST

Please contact your Executive Board members with questions, concerns or ideas for the SLMGA.

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**Check out the
USU Extension Website**

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

**Follow the
Master Gardener links**

LAST CHANCE

2011 Dues must be paid by April 30th to retain your membership!

Utah Aids Foundation News

(Project news is submitted by each Project Leader. See full list on pg 10)

Hello and Welcome to April and Spring. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Plant Exchange on Thursday, April 21st. **The following day, Friday, April 22nd, at 10:00am we will be having a Planting Event at Utah Aids Foundation.** Vegetables will be planted in the planting boxes which were donated last year.

Please remember to bring extra tomato and other plants to the Plant Exchange to be used for the UAF Planting Event. Utah Aids Foundation is one of many food pantries in SLC. Their clients are very grateful for the volunteer time and donations to help them. They have also become self sufficient in growing and caring for the plants at the site.

After the plant event on Friday, they will serve a modest lunch to thank the SLMGA volunteers for their time, hard work and knowledge. Questions? Call or email me...

Kay Packard - Utah Aids Foundation Project Leader
Phone: 801.278.5958 Email: kaypackard@comcast.net

2011 SLMGA Membership Renewal

Please send this form with **\$15.00** payment to:

*Chris Palyka
855 South 700 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102*

Below, provide your name and any changes to your home address, phone, or email address below.

Name

Home Address

City, State, Zip Code

Preferred Phone Number

Preferred Email address

Checks should be made payable to: SLMGA

Please send your payment by April 30th to retain your SLMGA membership status for 2011!



On the following two pages, there are two forms of interest to SLMGA members.

The first form is the **2011 SLMGA Project List**. Print it out, hang it up and plan to volunteer this season. SLMGA really can make a difference in the community! If you have questions about a particular Project, please contact the Project Leader listed with each Project.

The second form is an **SLMGA Survey**, submitted by our new USU Extension Agent, Katie Wagner. Please read her bio, and get to know her. She is an outstanding person and terrific choice to fill the position. To get to know our membership, and their thoughts about the Association, Katie has created a survey she would like you to fill out and turn in to her. Please print out the form, fill it out completely and send it to the mailing address on the form. You may also bring the completed form to our Plant Exchange on April 21st or drop it off at the Extension Office located at 2001 South State Street.



2011-12 Volunteer Project Information

Please contact the Project Leader listed with each project for additional information

PROJECT & LEADER INFORMATION	LOCATION	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES	DAY & TIME
<p>Christmas Box House Peggy Call Phone: 801.446.7922 Email: pcall@q.com</p>	3660 South West Temple SLC	Teaching gardening skills to children at residential facility. Also tending the garden at the facility. Year round project	Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30pm Year round project
<p>Diagnostic Ask A MG Clinics Katie Wagner Phone: 801.468.3178 Email: katie.wagner@usu.edu</p>	2001 South State Street Ext. offices SLC	Located at the South County Building, Room #S1007 Helping public walk-ins with plant questions or problems.	Monday afternoons 1:00 to 4:00pm June through August
<p>Fresh From the Heart Jenny Gibson Phone: 801.262.7640 Email: gibsongg@earthlink.net</p>	Various food pantries located in SL County	Grow and harvest high quality produce in your garden to be given to a local food bank for use. Also donate 5-gallon pots & potting soil for use in teaching purposes.	Flexible Growing season
<p>The Garden Patch Newsletter Allison Topham - Editor Phone: 801.268-0077 Email: gardenpatchstuff@yahoo.com</p>	Send articles and info to Editor at email listed	Researching and writing quality articles for the SLMGA monthly newsletter Year round project	Flexible Articles due by 20th of preceding month Year round project
<p>Gilgal Garden Judi Short Phone: 801.487.7387 Email: judi.short@gmail.com</p>	749 East 500 South SLC	Restoring this public sculpture garden to it's original condition. Regular Spring cleanup, then planting, weeding, and deadheading throughout the summer.	Tuesdays 8:00 to 11:00am & 3:00 to 6:00pm May through Sept.
<p>Murray Park Becky Hansen Phone: 801.268.4395 Email: hansenpollei@xmission.com</p>	5100 South Murray Park Ln. Murray	Pruning, planting and weeding of annual and perennial beds, including roses, cacti, waterwise plantings, State Street islands and Jordan River trail heads.	Thursday mornings Beginning time: April 8:00am May-Sept 7:00am
<p>Pioneer Park Farmers Market Marilyn Jespersen Phone: 801.942.1217 Email: urnslc@msn.com</p>	300 West 300 South SLC	Provide information to public about USU resources and answering general gardening questions. Provide diagnostic & recommendations for plant problems.	Saturdays 7:30am to 1:00pm June-October Dates to be determined
<p>Phone Help Line Karl Hauptfleisch Phone: 801.266.6838 Email: karl.hauptfleisch@usu.edu</p>	2001 South State Street Room S1200 SLC	Helping the public with plant questions or problems on the telephone.	Monday thru Friday various shifts from 8:00am to Noon Year round project
<p>Public & Community Talks Jan Konold - Volunteer Coordinator Phone: 801.572.4153 Email: mgvolunteers@comcast.net</p>	Various locations in SL County	Present information through talks at public libraries, homeowner associations, church groups, etc.	Various dates and times throughout the year
<p>Tracy Aviary Matthew Utley Phone: 801.596.8500 ext 105 Email: MatthewU@TracyAviary.org</p>	589 East 1300 South within Liberty Park	Assist with enhancing grounds and bird habitats. Help plan and create demo gardens of native plants that will attract birds.	Sundays 9:00am-Noon & May-October Monday evenings 5:00 to 8:00pm
<p>Utah AIDS Foundation Kay Packard Phone: 801.278.5958 Email: kay.packard@comcast.net</p>	1408 South 1100 East SLC	Planting, weeding, harvesting produce, and maintenance of gardens. Teaching UAF volunteers gardening knowledge to encourage ownership of garden.	Wednesday evenings 5:00 to 7:00pm or arrange custom times with Leader
<p>Wheeler Farm Home/Herb Gardens Sandy Burgess Phone: 801.265.2324 Email: sandyleeb46@msn.com</p>	6351 South 900 East SLC	Wide variety of gardening opportunities at the House and Herb Gardens at this 120-year-old historic farm.	Wednesdays beginning at 8:00am Thursdays 5:00 to 7:30pm

USU EXTENSION HIRES NEW HORTICULTURE AGENT FOR SLMGA



Hello Master Gardeners! My name is **Katie Wagner** and I am thrilled to announce that I have been offered and have accepted the position to serve as your next horticultural agent for Salt Lake County! Please allow me to briefly introduce myself.

I grew up in Lexington, Kentucky amongst a family of gardeners. My family always had a huge garden so Saturday chores usually included weeding the vegetable garden. It was here that I developed a love for 'playing in the dirt' and watching plants, especially weeds, grow. My family always had an open policy with the garden. My sisters and I were entitled to eat anything we picked and consequently we picked and ate many vegetables constantly! Carrots were always forked, tomatoes were rarely perfect, but the vegetables were always fresh and delicious.

I carried my love of gardening into my studies at the University of Kentucky where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in the topical major: Environmental Science and Policy, and a Masters of Science degree in Plant and Soil Sciences. I was so fortunate to be a member of the Environmental Soil Chemistry lab under the direction of my advisor, Dr. Chris Matocha. My Masters project was an interesting study of the chemical reaction between nitrate and zero-valent iron.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky, I moved to Salt Lake City in August 2006 and began working for local horticultural businesses including *Millcreek Gardens*, *Cactus and Tropicals*, and *Isalo Garden Design*. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture through the Utah State University Distant Learning Program in May 2009. After graduation, I worked as a self-employed as a landscape designer. I began my employment at Utah State University as a horticultural assistant in May 2011. I enormously enjoyed working with Salt Lake County residents answering questions regarding gardening dilemmas.

I now look forward to working with the Salt Lake County Master Gardeners! You are such a talented bunch! Thanks so much for your support and interest in the Master Gardener program. Please do not resist contacting me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!

Katie Wagner
USU Salt Lake Extension Assistant Professor of Horticulture
Katie.wagner@usu.edu
2001 South State Street #S-1200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84190

To help Katie become more familiar with the members of the Association, she has created a survey she would like all members to fill out and send back to her. After completing the survey, please mail it or drop it off to the address listed above or bring it to the Plant Exchange on April 21st.

2011 Master Gardener Survey - Salt Lake County

Master Gardener Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Year graduated from the Master Gardener Program: _____

How satisfied are you with the Salt Lake Extension's role in the Master Gardener Program? (please circle one)

Very Somewhat Not Very Disappointed

Please explain your above choice: _____

What Master Gardener volunteer activities would you suggest might strengthen the program? _____

(survey continued on next page)

2011 Master Gardener Survey - Salt Lake County *(continued from page 11)*

Year after year, do you continue to be excited to volunteer for the Master Gardener Program? _____

Why? _____

What activity/educational opportunities might make you excited to volunteer more this year? _____

Do you have any special talents or interests that you would like to incorporate into your volunteer hours? *(i.e. art, music, storytelling, graphic design, writing)*

Currently, what are your favorite aspects of the Master Gardener Program? _____

What are your least favorite aspects of the Master Gardener Program? _____

What advice, questions, or expectations do you have for me as your Horticulture Agent? _____

Thanks for taking the time to fill out and deliver the survey!