



SALT LAKE MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THESE FUN AND EDUCATIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS!



January 2012 Events

Thursday, January 19th General Meeting - Refreshments 6:30 / Presentation 7:00 **"Youth and Organic Produce"**

Location: SLC Government Offices / **So. Building • Room S1008** / 2100 So State

Our speaker this evening will be Mike Evans from *Real Food Rising*, an urban farm and youth development program. In the future, RFR will incorporate innovative and traditional growing techniques with a diversity of vegetables, fruits and animals. The food grown will feed all sectors of the community with donations to emergency food pantries, some being donated at farmers markets and some being sold to restaurants. Mike will speak about a seven-week summer program serving as the beginning and core of the youth program. The youth program focuses on growing food and distribution, cooking in healthy ways and reaching out to kids about gardening and nutrition.



Please remember to wear your SLMGA name badge to our events, making it easier to remember names and become acquainted with new friends!

February 2012 Events

Thursday, February 16th General Meeting - Refreshments 6:30 / Presentation 7:00 **"Drip Irrigation in Landscaping & Containers"**

Location: SLC Government Offices / **So. Building • Room S1008** / 2100 So State Street

Our speaker this evening will be Kathlyn Collins, owner of *The Gardening Coach*, which specializes in irrigation systems. Her company website, thegardeningcoach.net, states that since 2001, Kathlyn has been helping gardeners find practical and creative solutions for their landscapes and gardens. She also helps to take the "overwhelm" out of selecting and installing a drip system. During her presentation this evening, she will show us that installing and maintaining a drip irrigation system is easy, economical and very do-able. Don't miss this educational general meeting!



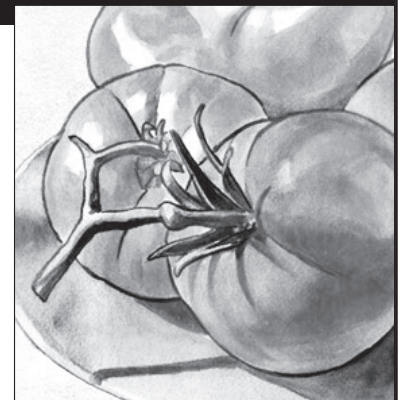
March 2012 Events

Thursday, March 15th General Meeting - Refreshments 6:30 / Presentation 7:00 **"Tomato Propagation"**

Location: SLC Government Offices / **So. Building • Room S1008** / 2100 So State Street

Our speaker this evening will be Golden Reeves, our Board Vice President and gardener extraordinaire! Golden has been educating gardeners about growing tomatoes for years. In his presentation, he will try to clear up some of the questions that gardeners have about this popular and tasty eat.

Golden will present information on tomato varieties, how to resist disease, reasons why a tomato will not ripen, how to save seeds to plant next year, what is a Heirloom tomato, and many other interesting facts that you may not know or may have forgotten. Don't miss this chance to help grow your best tomatoes ever. Your mouth will surely be watering for a juicy tomato by the time you leave this educational presentation!



Be sure to plan on attending the April SLMGA Plant Exchange! A great way to obtain some new plants to cultivate in your garden this year, and the price is just right...FREE!

Thursday, April 19th...More information to come in the April *Garden Patch* edition.





SLMGA Annual Banquet & Awards Summary

The **SLMGA Annual Awards Banquet** was held on Thursday evening, December 1st, inside the Wheeler Farm Activity Barn. Attendees mingled while enjoying tasty appetizers and each other's company. At 7:00pm, we sat at the holiday decorated tables and feasted on deli meat and rolls, and numerous salads and side dishes, followed by some fabulous desserts.

As is the tradition, following the dinner, the Annual SLMGA Awards were announced and dispersed to the hard working recipients. Following is a list of the awards presented to the very deserving Master Gardeners. It was a lovely, very successful evening. We thank everyone who participated in the planning and hard work to create a very successful evening for all who attended.

50 HOUR PINS

Inga Draper

100 HOUR PINS

Barbara Andrade
Karen Ober
Debbie Stevenson
Steven Stout

250 HOUR PINS

Gigi Brandt
Marilyn Jespersen
Janette Konold
Cheryl Michaud

500 HOUR PINS

Andrea Berman
Allison Topham

750 HOUR PINS

JoDeane Condrat
Kathleen Dennis

2,000 HOUR PINS

Kay Packard

2011 S.L. MASTER GARDENER AWARDS

Dale Hughes Award: Janette Konold

Bev & Don Sudbury Award: Tony & Illene Mirabella

Master Gardener of the Year: Diane Curtz

2010 SILVER TROWEL AWARDS

Christmas Box House

Julie Bryant
Virginia Sargeant

Diagnostic Clinics

Andrea Berman

Farmer's Market

Andrea Berman
Judi Short

Fresh from the Heart

Barbara Andrade
Nano Podolsky

The Garden Patch

Debbie Stevenson

Gilgal Gardens

Terry Curling

Salt Lake County Fair

Cheryl Michaud

Tracy Aviary

Barbara Andrade

Utah Aids Foundation

Carrie Blackburn
Kathleen Dennis
Nano Podolsky

Tracy Aviary

Barbara Andrade

Wheeler Farm

Terry Curling

We thank all Master Gardener's for the hard work and knowledge you committed to our communities in 2011.

We would also like to thank our partner's and friends who help make our Projects successful...

Jordan Valley Conservation Garden Park, Tracy Aviary, Wasatch Front Farmer's Market, Gilgal Garden, Christmas Box House, Wheeler Historic Farm, Utah Aids Foundation and Murray Park.



Marilyn Jespersen

Master Gardener Booth at the Downtown Farmer's Market

Contributed by Debbie Stevenson

Marilyn Jespersen loves the Farmer's Market, and she is the project leader for the master gardener booth at Pioneer Park in downtown Salt Lake. Being fairly new to the program, she is especially grateful to be teamed up with fellow master gardener Andrea Berman who has a strong background in plant diagnostic work. Four Saturdays during the past growing season, Marilyn headed to Pioneer Park before 6 a.m. to set up the master gardener booth, including a canopy which protected Marilyn, Andrea and several other volunteer master gardeners from the elements. USU Extension Fact Sheets, diagnostic materials, and information about the master gardener program were made available to interested passersby, and at times all four master gardeners were engaged in conversations at once! Marilyn estimates that on each day spent at Pioneer Park, 60 to 70 people stopped at the booth. Many questions related to how the weather had affected plants—for example, the freezing storm in the fall of 2010 caused damage to many plants such as euonymus and rosebushes which were not yet in dormancy. Because of the very wet spring, aphids were another hot topic.

Marilyn is very enthusiastic about the value of this project—master gardeners can reach out to a large number of people and help them in resolving gardening problems, inform them about online resources, and spread the word about the master gardener program itself. The booth was also set up at Wheeler Farm for the last three Sundays of the Wasatch Farmer's Market. Marilyn was surprised by how many people were in attendance Sunday mornings, with 35 to 45 people stopping at the booth. Given the success of the master gardener booth as a means of reaching the public with gardening guidance, Marilyn is hoping for a larger pool of master gardeners to share in manning the booth next year whether it be at the Farmer's Market downtown, Wheeler Farm or possibly even Murray Park.

