



GCII Newsletter 2nd Quarter, 2014



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings,

I just returned from National /International Garden Club convention in Norman, Oklahoma. After driving 3,300 miles through the Midwest I am so grateful that I live in our wonderful state. All 50 states and many countries in the southern hemisphere were represented. It was 3 full days of education and enlightenment. Once again I was impressed how wonderful we gardeners are.

- ♣ Idaho was the recipient of several awards: Valley Garden Club won runner-up for Operation Wildflower and a \$500 check and the Nez Perce Garden Club won first place for their "2014 Calendar".
- ♣ Our increase in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest helped Pacific Region receive an award for the most increased numbers in the contest.
- ♣ Idaho's scholarship applicant Lindsay Eliason won a \$4,000.
- ♣ Judy Seydel of Idaho Falls was given the highest award offered to a non-garden club member the Award of Excellence and a special luncheon was given to honor her work on the Japanese Garden in Idaho Falls.

I am so proud of all of you.

National Garden Clubs has teamed up with Ames Tool Company. They will donate \$5,000 in tools yearly to NGC for special projects. Elaine Gunderson, our Pacific Region Director is going to be the person in charge of this project. We will be able to sign up individually to receive a discount on tools 4 times a year. We will also be asked to give our opinion on how their tools work for us.

Our National President Linda Nelson has had a Schreimer's Iris named after her "Linda Nelson Iris". It can be ordered at www.schreinersgardens.com/new-introductions or 503-393-3232 or 800-525-2367.

For our garden clubs to continue to prosper, we need everyone to participate and support our programs. To that end, please contact me if one of the remaining four Committee Chairperson positions interest you and you are willing to serve. Open positions are:

Penny Pines Chairman Ways and Means Chairman
Endangered Species Chairman Civic Development Chairman

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene on June 30th. Please remember to sign up. There is no registration fee and the form is attached to this newsletter email, or it may be on our website www.GCII.org. Also remember to sign up for the Pacific Region Convention July 1-3.

We All Live Downstream
Choices Matter

Janet Petersen, President/ Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.



IDAHO STUDENT WINS NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsay Eliason of Moscow was awarded the National Garden Clubs 2014-2015 Scholarship. Lindsay carries a 3.73 GPA, graduating this May, 2014 with a B.S. in Landscape Architecture and Business. Lindsay will use the National Garden Clubs scholarship as she proceeds to Graduate School at the University of Idaho studying landscape architecture. Lindsay states that she "enjoyed gardening with her Mom when I was younger, but when I was involved in my high school Architecture, Construction and Engineering Club, they needed a landscape architect and I became hooked."

Lindsay really enjoys designing with plants, and the power of nature; her favorite flower is the bleeding heart and her favorite tree is a Ginkgo. This summer, Lindsay is interning at the City of Redmond, WA working on a planting plan for the Senior Center and exploring working for a City in horticulture vs a private firm. Ultimately Lindsay hopes to open her own Landscape Architecture business working on large scale projects. GO LINDSAY!!



IDAHO FALLS WOMAN CREATES BEAUTY ALL AROUND

As Published Friday May 18, 2014, in the West Newspaper, Idaho Falls

Master Gardener Judy Seydel has been recognized for her "tireless effort" in organizing the creation of the Idaho Falls Friendship Garden in Sportsman's Park.

She received the national Award of Excellence from National Garden Clubs, the largest volunteer gardening organization in the United States. The award is given to two people across the country annually and is only awarded to non-Garden Clubs members.

"It is a tremendous honor," National Garden Club spokeswoman Gay Austin said. "This is our highest honor we give for work in conservation, beautification and floral design. We selected Judy because she is a dedicated leader that was able to motivate those around her to help get things into place."

Seydel was nominated by the Garden Clubs of Idaho.

It is Seydel's second national award of excellence. In 1990, the retired teacher received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching – the highest honor bestowed annually by the federal government for K-12 mathematics and science teaching. Seydel has spent a significant amount of time since her retirement on gardening projects such as the Idaho Falls Friendship Garden. The Japanese-themed Garden's purpose is to recognize the diversity, history, culture and connection between Idaho Falls and its sister city Tokai-Mura, Japan, Seydel said. The garden began as a project by Seydel and her friends in 2011.

"I have always loved Japanese gardens...and I had some friends with similar interests. We approached the City with the idea and they were happy to have us do this (so long as) we didn't approach them for money." Serving as project manager, Seydel organized the donation of materials, writing of grants and a three year plan to build a lush garden in the island park. Since 2011, she has coordinated upward of 250 volunteers who have dedicated some 10,000 hours to creating manicured flora beds, ponds, a plank bridge and a winding steppingstone path.

"We did a lot of cleaning up and clearing out brush and debris – it had gone back to nature after the flood in 1997 and no one had taken care of it, we've gathered people from community groups, and those who wanted to help...and we started building little projects...the city was very impressed and it got a whole lot bigger."

Calendar – What’s Buzzing this Summer ???????

Congratulations to the following clubs who are celebrating milestone birthdays:

Golden Garden Club's 75th Anniversary
Long Valley Garden Club's 60th Anniversary, and
Robert's Town and Country Garden Club's 60th Anniversary

- 6-1-14 Celebrate! It's National Garden Week
- 6-7-14 Sawtooth Botanical Garden Native Plant Sale, Ketchum, ID 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
http://www.sbgarden.org/native_plant_sale.php
- 6-7-14 "Back to the 1950's with Roses" - Annual Rose Show, Riverside Hotel, Boise.
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 6-9-14 Fall Crops, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Ariel Agenbroad, U
of I Extension. Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-10-14 Shrubs from Cuttings, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Toby
Mancini, IBG Horticulture Manager. Register at
<http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-17-14 Multiplying Your Favorite Herbaceous Plants, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00
p.m. Instructor: Toby Mancini, IBG Horticulture Manager. Register at
<http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-18-14 Water Efficiency in the Landscape, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Steve Eglinton, Branch Manager Pipeco-Boise
Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-21-14 Four Rivers Cultural Center Garden Tour. 7 homes in Ontario, Oregon open to the
public. \$15 entry fee, obtain maps and tickets at Andrews Nursery or Four Rivers
Cultural Center.
- 6-21-14 Part I Hypertufa Trough Workshop 10:00 a.m. Instructor: Rebecca Needles, IBG
6-28-14 Part II Hypertufa Trough Workshop 10:00 a.m. Operations Manager
Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-25-14 Lavender Wand Workshop, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Judy Collins Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>

June 27-July1: **Pacific Region Pre-Convention Fundraiser Tour-Northern Idaho and
Glacier National Park**

6-30-14 **Idaho Annual Convention Coeur d' Alene 6:30- 9:30**
http://www.gcii.org/events_1.html

6-30/7-3-14 **Pacific Region Convention, Coeur d' Alene**
http://www.gcii.org/events_1.html

- 7-6-14 Sawtooth Botanical Garden 19th Annual Garden Tour, Ketchum, ID
http://www.sbgarden.org/gimlets_in_the_garden_&_tour.php
- 7-8-14 Worm Composting, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Autumn Freer, Freer Organics owner
Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 6-28-14 Science Saturdays in the Arboretum, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
WSU Raptor Club interactive presentation on raptors conservation and protection
<http://webpages.uidaho.edu/arboretum/> Preregistration required online.
- 7-23-14 Canyon County Fair, Caldwell Entries for horticulture and design due and judged
<http://www.canyoncountyfair.org/exhibits/exhibitors-guide/> 8:00 a.m. – 1:0 p.m.
- 7-26-14 Science Saturdays in the Arboretum, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
The Diversity of Aquatic Plants & Animals and effects of Invasive Species on Natives
<http://webpages.uidaho.edu/arboretum/> Preregistration required online.
- 7-30-14 Part I Concrete Leaf Workshop 6:00 p.m. Instructor: Rebecca Needles, IBG
8-4-14 Part II Concrete Leaf Workshop 6:00 p.m. Operations Manager
Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 8-14-14 Western Idaho Fair, Boise Entries for horticulture and design are due and judged
<http://www.idahofair.com/images/2014/files/exhibitors/competitive/Department13-Flowers.pdf>
- 8-16-14 Vegetable Garden Tour 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Visit private productive gardens.
Tickets online at: <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/events/vegetable-garden-tour-2/>
- 8-19-14 Culinary Herbs, Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Elizabeth Dickey, IBG Education Director
Register at <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/education/>
- 8-20/24-14 Northern Idaho Fairs and Rodeo. Kootenai County Fairgrounds, dates vary, see links:
Flowers: <http://www.northidahofair.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/05-flowers.pdf>
Fruits, Herbs, Nuts:
<http://www.northidahofair.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/02-fruits-herbs-nuts.pdf>
Vegetables:
<http://www.northidahofair.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/04-vegs-field-crops.pdf>
- 8-23-14 Science Saturdays in the Arboretum, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
Develop skills of observation, ID'ing trees in Arboretum and Anatomy of a Leaf.
Preregistration required online. <http://webpages.uidaho.edu/arboretum/>
- 8-30-14 Eastern Idaho Fair, Blackfoot, ID Exhibitor Information not available at time of print
<http://www.funatthefair.com/join-in/exhibitors>

Looking and Booking Ahead:

Sept 24-28: NGC Fall Board Meeting - Des Moines, IA

Oct.6: Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Fall Board meeting Ashley Inn, Cascade, Id.

RAYS OF LIGHT – A SPOTLIGHT ON PAYETTE VALLEY GARDENERS CLUB

New President Bev Perkins reports that the first four months of the year they had programs about Parliamentary Rules, All About Berries, No-Till Farming and Gardening and a tour of the Payette High School Greenhouse. This tour was held in April and they viewed the hanging flower baskets the students had grown for sale to the public.

Payette Valley Garden Club also had been planning an April "Luncheon and Fashion Show" as a fundraiser to augment their funds to replace the roses that were lost in the garden they maintain in the City Park in Payette. This was a huge success with a "sold out" attendance of 80 people. The event was chaired by new member Ginger Hansil, with the entire club working together and the contributions from various businesses in the area, made it a success.

Just two weeks after this event they held their annual plant sale in partnership with the Portia Club. Members started plants in their greenhouses, homes and divided outside plants to contribute to the sale. Though this was a one day sale it was a success too, and now they can plan the rest of the year.

They are going on a garden tour June 21st that is being held by the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. This is open to the public and the cost is \$15.00 a person as a benefit for Treasure Valley Community College Foundation. Seven yards/gardens will be toured (including a yard of one our members). Refreshments will be served at two of the locations. Tickets and maps may be obtained at Andrews Nursery or Four Rivers Cultural Center both located in Ontario.

Club President Maxine Walker has resigned due to health, so Vice President Beverly Perkins has become President, and Cleo Thompson is their new Vice President.

WHEW, they are busy! Be sure to let our editor, Marj Dougherty, know what your club is up to and we will put the spotlight on your club in an upcoming newsletter !

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Newsletter: The deadline to submit information or contribute articles for the Fall Newsletter is August 20th. Send your submissions and any great photos to Marj Dougherty at marjdougherty@gmail.com

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN COVER D'ALENE