

# Treasure Valley

## Horticulture Event Schedule

Spring of 2009

March, April & May

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# MARCH

\* Mon., March 2

## **Drought Tolerant Tree Selection**

*Boise Public Library*

Sponsored by U of I and United Water  
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Free by registering at: [landscape @unitedwater.com](mailto:landscape@unitedwater.com) or calling 362-7336

\* Sat., March 7

## **Spring Horticulture Symposium 2009**

*Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise, ID*

### **"Gardening in the Treasure Valley"**

March 7, 2009

Boise Centre on the Grove

Boise, ID

9 AM to 4 PM

\$30 if registration and check is postmarked by February 25

\$40 at the door if space is available

Send name, address, email address and phone number with your check to: IHS, PO Box 140557, Boise, ID 83714

\* Mon., March 9

## **Xeriscape Design Principles and Plants**

*Boise Public Library*

Sponsored by U of I and United Water  
6:00 p.m.-8:30 pm

Free by registering at: [landscape @unitedwater.com](mailto:landscape@unitedwater.com) or calling 362-7336

\* Mon., March 16

## **Turf Selection and Care**

*Boise Public Library*

Sponsored by U of I and United Water  
6:00 p.m.-8:30 pm

Free by registering at: [landscape @unitedwater.com](mailto:landscape@unitedwater.com) or calling 362-7336

## MARCH Cont.

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\*\* Thur., March 19

### **Producing Produce**

*Idaho Botanical Garden*

Instructors: Howard Little and Vicki Henderson, U. of I. Advanced Master Gardeners  
Meet in the IBG Administration Building  
\$10/IBG member, \$15/non-member

Enjoy freshly picked, local produce from your own garden. These gardening experts will share their years of vegetable growing experience by providing advice on how to grow the vegetables that do well in Treasure Valley's climate. A variety of techniques and gardening methods will be

*For more information: 335-3336*

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\*\* Fri.-Sun.,  
March 20-22

### **U.S. Bank Boise 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower & Garden Show**

*Boise Center on the Grove*

Presented by Larry Miller Subaru

*For more information: 335-3336*

Shop for the latest in landscape design, garden art and decor, yard furniture, plants, decks, greenhouse, and more. You will also enjoy spectacular display gardens; educational and fun gardening seminars; orchid and bonsai displays; a silent auction of beautiful and unique container gardens and much, much more!

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\*\* Mon., March 23

### **Efficient Irrigation and Native Plant Selection**

*Boise Public Library*

Sponsored by U of I and United Water

6:00 p.m.-8:30 pm

Free by registering at: [landscape @unitedwater.com](mailto:landscape@unitedwater.com) or calling 362-7336

## MARCH Cont.

\* Wed., March 25

### **Organic Lawns and Gardens-Life in the Soil**

*Idaho Botanical Garden*

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Instructor: Lindsay Schramm, owner of Sustainable Growth, U. of I. Master Gardener

Meet in the IBG Administration Building

\$10/IBG member, \$15/non-member

Lindsay will draw the connections between all plant life and the essential biology of soil and show how organic gardening leads to reduced impact from pests, disease and weeds.

\* Mon., March 30

### **Composting and Landscape Maintenance**

*Boise Public Library*

Sponsored by U of I and United Water

6:00 p.m.-8:30 pm

Free by registering at: [landscape @unitedwater.com](mailto:landscape@unitedwater.com) or calling 362-7336

## APRIL

\* Sat. & Sun.  
April 4 & 5

### **Treasure Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale**

*Hilton Garden Inn-Boise (Next to Costco)*

Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

\$3.00 for adults/children under 12 are free

Payment by cash or check only

## APRIL Cont.

🌸 Wed., April 22

### **All About Roses**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

7:00 pm Instructor: Sandra Ford, Idaho Rose Society, U of I Adv. Master Gardener  
Meet in the IBG Administration Building  
\$10/members, \$15/non-members

Spring is the most important time of year for rose care. Ignore them the rest of the year if you must, but pay attention to them now to insure a successful growing season. Sandy will tell us what we need to know about pruning, fertilizing, planting and transplanting.

🌸 Thur., April 30 to  
Sun., May 3

### **Xeric Trees and Shrubs**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Instructor: Ann DeBolt, IBG Natural Community Specialist, Cindy Lysne, IBG Plant Collections Technician, and others. Meet at the IBG Administrative Building first, then onto the trails behind the Old Pen  
Free for all

Come join in celebration of our foothills wildflowers during  
Native Plant Appreciation Week, April 26-May 2. Botanists  
from IBG and the Idaho Native Plant Society – Pahove Chapter  
will lead participants on a 1.5-2 hour leisurely walk on trails behind  
the Old Penitentiary. Native and not-so-native species will be  
identified and discussed during the session. Bring water, a jacket, and  
good walking shoes, but please, no dogs. **Attend one or both walks.** *There is no  
charge, but please register so an adequate number of guides may be  
arranged.*

🌸 Sat., April 25

### **Annual Plant Sale Open to the Public**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

9 am – 3 pm

Admission \$1.00 donation

Enhance your outdoor living space with a flat of plants!

# MAY

⚙ Sat. May-Oct.

## **Nampa Farmers Market**

*In Historic Downtown Nampa, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Front St.*

Rain or Shine (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Just south of the Canyon Co. Historical Museum in the old train depot. Fresh, Healthy, Local Vegetables, Fruit, Meat, Herbs, Flowers, Baked Goods, Nursery Plants, Crafts, Sweets, Entertainment and Much More!

[www.nampafarmersmarket.com](http://www.nampafarmersmarket.com)

⚙ Sat. May-Oct.

## **Boise Farmers Market**

*Old Plantation Shopping Center*

*(Glenwood & State Streets), Boise*

The Boise Farmers' Market is a place where local growers and producers can sell agricultural products. It is the intent of the Board of Directors and the Manager to stimulate our local economy by allowing the public an opportunity to "BUY LOCAL". For this reason, the Boise Market is a producer only market.

[www.nampafarmersmarket.com](http://www.nampafarmersmarket.com)

⚙ Sat. May 2 & 16

## **Gem State Iris Society Iris Show**

*Sponsored by Zamzow's Meridian*

545 E. Chinden Blvd., Meridian

Noon-6:00 pm

Open and Free to the Public

## MAY Cont.

⚙ Sat., May 9

### **Tai Chi in the Garden**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Guide: Dave Lewis

Saturdays starting May 9

10:00 am

No class on 6/27, 7/4, 8/22 & 9/5

Meet on the Brick Plaza in the Garden

Fee per session: \$0/member, \$4/non-member adults,

\$3/non-member senior

Advance registration to receive a punch card is required.

Wear comfortable clothing for the outdoors.

Become centered within the invigorating morning sounds and scents of the Idaho Botanical Garden. Tai Chi, a meditative practice incorporating slow movement, has been described as magical and as poetry in motion. This popular class is suitable for beginners. The series will be held through September.

*After registration you will receive punch card(s) for five sessions each. The instructor will check-in people at the beginning of each session. The card may be used for any Tai Chi session. Please indicate how many cards you'd like to receive/purchase when you register (up to 15 sessions). Additional cards can be requested at the admissions kiosk during weekends or at the Administration Office during the week. Unused sessions are not refundable.*

## MAY Cont.

⚙ Sat., May 9

### **Fairy Gardens**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*  
*Adult/Child Workshop*

Instructor: Elizabeth Dickey, IBG Education Director  
Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

Meet in the IBG Administration Building

\$15/member, \$20/non-member (Fee includes soil, plants, and some decorative materials)

**Bring your own 12" diameter container**, shallow is best to cut down on soil weight.

Adult/child pairs work together to create a fairy-sized outdoor container garden sure to entice any pixies wandering through your neighborhood. Elizabeth will help you plant a container with fairy-scale plants and construct fairy furniture to set the scene. Set it outside to attract magical creatures or add your own favorite fairy statuettes.

⚙ Thurs., May 14

### **Changing Garden Habits**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*  
*May is National Arthritis Month*

Instructor: Rod Burke, IBG Head of Horticulture  
Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Meet on the Brick Plaza in the Garden

\$0/members, \$0/non-member

Learn about tools and garden design strategies that make gardening easier and more enjoyable. His talk includes tips on reducing your physical workload without sacrificing desirable garden elements, ergonomic tools, and techniques that help prevent injuries, lessen back and joint pain and provide ways to garden smarter for years to come. Discover how containers, raised beds, and sculpture create small areas with a big impact.

## MAY Cont.

⚙ Sat., May 16 &  
Tues. May 19

### **Hypertufa Trough Workshop**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Instructor: Rebecca Needles, IBG Horticulturist

Saturday, Part I May 16, 10 a.m. & Part II Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Meet at the IBG Greenhouse

\$35/member, \$40/non-member (trough materials, soil & plants included in fee)

On May 19 please bring if possible: hammer, metal file and wire brush

Hypertufa troughs make wonderful planters for shallow-rooted outdoor plants such as alpines, thymes and succulents. Rebecca will show you how to create your own freeform trough using a cement, perlite and peat moss mixture. You'll make your trough on Saturday and finish it on Tuesday, planting it with a variety of creeping plants.

⚙ Sat. May 20 &  
Tues. Jun. 7

### **Concrete Leaf Workshop**

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Instructor: Rebecca Needles, IBG Horticulturist

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. (part I), Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m. (part II)

Meet in the IBG Greenhouse.

\$20/members, \$25/non-member

Create a garden ornament using concrete and a large leaf. Cover your leaf with wet cement on Saturday and return to the Garden on Tuesday to finish your unique garden treasure. All materials will be provided to make your own

## MAY Cont.

⚙ Sat., May 23

### Ikebana Workshop

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Instructor: Mariko Ueda, Japanese trained Ikebana artist

Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm

Meet at the IBG Administration Bldg.

\$25/member, \$30/non-member

Materials provided: a rectangular kenzan (Japanese floral frog), flowers, leaves and branches. ***Please bring pruners or floral scissors that can cut branches, and to display your arrangement bring a flat-bottomed bowl or any flat-bottomed container which can hold water.***

Ikebana expert Mariko Ueda will guide you through the creation of your own Moribana upright style floral arrangement. This basic Ikebana style positions flowers, leaves and branches on the spikes of a Kenzan (florist frog) placed in a shallow container.

⚙ Wed., May 27

### A Passion for Penstemons

*Idaho Botanical Gardens*

Instructor: Ann DeBolt, IBG Natural Communities Specialist

Wednesday, May 27, 7 p.m.

Meet in the IBG Administration Bldg.

\$10/members, \$15/non-member

Have the many types of Penstemons enamored, yet puzzled you? Have you always wanted to learn more about growing these beautiful plants? If so, come join us for an evening of Penstemon exploration. We currently have at least 25 species or cultivars growing in the Garden, so we'll spend a little time inside getting comfortable with the group before we head outside to see them in spectacular bloom.