

Hortdork News

The following newsletter is an effort of the University of Idaho Extension System to keep Master Gardeners updated on Horticulture events and current issues affecting homeowner landscaping in Southwestern Idaho. Writer and editor: Tony McCammon, Extension Horticulture Educator, Payette County Extension. For questions or comments contact me at 642-6022 or email to tonym@uidaho.edu.

Hortdork Calendar

Events:

Idaho Horticulture EXPO

January 21-23 Boise Center on the Grove
www.inlagrow.org

Treasure Valley Hort Symposium

March 7. [Brochure](#)

"Slow the Flow Idaho"

Second Annual Water Conservation
Conference, Coming June 17 9:30-12:30.

Classes:

Spring into Spring with Extension:

The University of Idaho Extension Office in Payette County will be conducting classes that will provide horticulture training for Payette, Gem, Washington, Western Canyon, and Oregon's Malheur County Residents. The classes will start on January 26, 2009 and be held in Wieser, Cambridge, and Payette.

- Jan. 26th - Bringing your Soil to life (Wieser Extension) 3:30-6pm (\$15)
- Feb. 10th - Fruit Tree Management (Weiser Extension) 11-3:00pm (\$15)
- Feb. 17th - Xeriscape Principles of Design (Cambridge High school) 3:30-6pm (\$10)
- Feb. 19th - Landscape Pests (Wieser Extension) 3:30-6pm (\$10)
- Mar. 3rd - Vegetable Production (Cambridge High School) 3:30-6pm (\$15)
- Apr. 14,21,28 - Landscape Construction Series

Winter 2009

(Payette Extension) 6-9pm (\$75)

May 5th - Turf Management: Do's and Don'ts
tour (Payette Extension) 2-5pm (\$10)

Extension Educators and local Master Gardeners will teach the classes.

Registration and Pre-Payment is required. Specify classes you wish to attend and send payment to the Payette County Extension Office located at 16th South 9th St. or mail to PO Box 10 Payette, ID 83661 208-642-6022 fax 642-6034. Seating is limited, register today!

For more information on these and other Extension Activities please contact us or visit us. For some events registration is required and seats are limited. Call soon!

Master Gardener Minute

Advanced Master Gardener Meeting

February 12 4:00pm at the Extension Office. All Advanced Master Gardeners will discuss future events and class meeting topics. Call 642-6022 for more information. See you there.

Oval Leaved Buckwheat

Erigonum ovalifolium var. nivale Family - Polygonaceae

Habit: Perennial, mat-forming, taproot, dwarfed by alpine exposure. Stem leafless, less than 3 inches tall; densely hairy. Leaves all basal, oval or oblanceolate, 1/4-5/8 inch long and wide; silvery or white from dense hairiness on both sides of leaves. Flowers congested cluster up to 1.5 inches wide; woolly-hairy; white (cream color) to pale yellow (pinkish or purplish-tinged with age) July - August.



Habitat: Alpine ridges, talus slopes 5,000-11,000 feet. Alpine landscapes - fellfields, scree, rocky outcrop, turf, and grus communities. A component of phlox-ivesia and Idaho fescue - Wallowa penstemon communities.

Native American Uses: The plant was used to treat Eye soreness and stomachaches the roots were used as a Cold remedy. The hollow flower stems were used for straws to drink their beverages.

“Payette Planters” Largest Junior Master Gardener program in Idaho

Two Advanced Master Gardeners and I have finished a 13 week program for 53 Payette Primary first, second, and third graders. The Payette Planters club met every Monday for 1 hour. Due to the large number of participants the youth were separated into grades.



1 st Grade Class Show off their Certificates

The Payette 4-H Junior Master Gardener Programs was first implemented by Marilyn O’Leary and me in the fall of 2006. Insects such as walking sticks, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, and Australian spiny leaf bug insects were purchased and raised in the

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Payette County Extension office. Multiple presentations were designed to interest youth in science based learning opportunities. Through summer clubs, school enrichment programs, and after school clubs the 4-H JMG program has reached over 300 youth in Payette County.



The JMG Team comprised of Master Gardeners and I are heading next to McCain Middle School to teach an advanced curriculum during an afterschool Club. Come join our team. We have lots of fun and would welcome your ideas and enthusiasm. Call 642-6022.

Junior Master Gardener coordinator position open

The Payette County Extension office is looking for an enthusiastic, hard working, kid friendly coordinator for the Payette Junior Master Gardener Program. Applicants with a Master Gardener certificate or equivocal education is preferred.

This individual will coordinate volunteer meetings and set up clubs with materials for classes. The coordinator will be in charge of a JMG county wide service project and one conference. You may apply by submitting a resume to the Extension office and filling out an application.

Contact Information

If you would like to comment on this newsletter, write an article for the next issue, or add future events to the calendar please contact the Payette County Extension Office by phone (208)642-6022 or email Payette@uidaho.edu .

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