March 18 - Martin Luther King Day, Office closed.

March 25 - Bees and Pesticides - to be taught by Megan Taylor, M.Sc. Megan is a Ph.D student at Washington State University with the Department of Entomology. She currently does research with the Apis Molecular Systematics Lab in Pullman, WA-WSU. This session may be a little less than two hours with plenty of time for an activity and Q & A.

April 1 - Invasive Species: Zebra and Quagga Mussels - presented by Kim M. Knerl. Kim has a long history working with invasive species and environmental issues of public health concern. Kim is a former President of the Idaho Mosquito and Vector Control Association, Board President of Great Gardens in North Idaho, Urban Forestry Commissioner for the City of Hayden and Honorary Master Gardener.

Quagga and Zebra mussels are an invasive species, native to Russia. They came to the Great Lakes in 1989 and have rapidly spread across the United States, usually on towed boats. They are now in several of the western states and it is only a matter of time before they come to Idaho. These mussels steal food from fish and other aquatic life and with their sharp edges turn beaches into health hazards. They secrete waste that lowers oxygen levels and may stimulate the deadly botulism bacteria.

If they get into our water systems they can affect the taste of drinking water and clog the lines. They can be devastating to hydro-power plants. Thanks to inspections at our borders, several contaminated boats have not been allowed in to the state but extreme vigilance is required. Come and learn what action boaters, as well as concerned citizens can and should take to protect our pristine lakes and waterways.

2013 Horticulture Workshop Series

All classes are held on Mondays at the University of Idaho Extension Office, located at 1808 North 3rd Street in Coeur d’Alene. Classes are $10 per person per class, and pre-registration is required. Please call 208-446-1680 to register or mail the completed registration form and payment.

Afternoon Horticulture Workshop Series 1-4 pm
A short series on gardening organically to be presented by Sue Bockelman beginning February 25th and continuing through March 25th.

Sue has a BS in Landscape Horticulture from Colorado State University. She has taught seminars for over 20 years on many varied horticultural topics at many venues in Colorado, Spokane and Kootenai County. She has worked at numerous garden centers throughout the years specializing in sales and education to customers. She has also had her own landscape consulting, design, installation and maintenance business for over 25 years and now does her work organically. Sue has expertise on all topics related to gardening, landscaping, houseplants and anything horticultural and is in great demand as a speaker and teacher. She is an avid organic grower and will share her knowledge and experience with us during this series.
February 25 - Organic Soils - Don’t just dig a hole and stick in the plant. Find out how soil works and plants grow. Start from the ground up to have healthier, happier plants in your garden and landscape.

March 4 - Growing Small Fruits and Vegetables organically - Increase your yields of delicious foods by growing healthier crops.

March 11 - Growing Lawns organically - Stop damaging your lawn and the environment by using out-dated lawn care practices that are heavy on chemicals. Learn how to work with the soil and the plants to have a beautiful green lawn.

March 18 - Martin Luther King Day, Office closed

March 25 - Preventing Damage to your Landscape; Insect, Disease and Animal Damage - Learn what to grow and how to keep plants thriving to have a landscape with minimal insect and disease damage and protect your landscape from our four legged neighbors.

Evening Horticulture Workshop Series 6-8 pm

February 25 - Managing your Back Yard Forest - to be presented by U of I Extension Forestry Educator, Chris Schnepf, or one of the Master Forest Stewards trained by Chris. Trees are the backbone of the home landscape and if managed properly will live for many, many years. If you have only a few trees, or a few acres of trees, our speaker will share his expertise in the fundamentals of forest management to protect your ‘backyard forest’ from insects and disease. Two Idaho Pro-Logger credits offered for this session.

March 4 - Chicks in the City ~ Raising Chickens Within City Limits - to be taught by University of Idaho Veteran Master Gardener, Beckie Williams and Deirdre Rushing, Secretary for the University of Idaho Extension Nutrition Program. Beckie has had several years experience in raising chickens and will share her successes and failures. Deirdre is a small farm owner and currently has a flock of 130 chickens. This presentation will provide you with vital information needed to start your chicks on the road to being happy, productive hens. In part, they will discuss breed selection, types of feed and safe housing. Also covered will be the various rules and regulations in regard to raising chickens mandated by Kootenai County and cities within Kootenai County. We expect folks to ‘flock’ to this informative and entertaining class so register early.

March 11 - Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Small Wildlife to Your Yard - to be taught by Sue Bockelman. Learn what will make your yard more enticing to wildlife visits that won’t damage your landscape or garden. See Sue’s biography above.
The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

~Dorothy Frances Gurney, "Garden Thoughts

2013 Afternoon and Evening Horticulture Workshop Series

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