

# The Garden Patch

Salt Lake County Gardening Association



*January-February 2017*

## President's Message

*by Wendy Brown*

Happy New Year Everyone! I can't believe it's 2017 already, can you? Last year went by way too fast. Our group had some changes and some exciting opportunities in 2016. We adopted a new name, elected a new board, created a new website, were discovered by Fox 13, had several opportunities to learn new things, share gardening tips and knowledge, and spread the word about our group.

Our goal for the New Year is to continue spreading the word about our group (so be sure and invite all your friends) and continue to look for ways to add more value for our members and be more connected.

We're excited to announce the creation of our Facebook group. The group is only open to members and will be a great place to get and give advice, share about sales and classes, or post photos of gardening successes. The group is called SLC Gardening Assoc. You will need to request to be added.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please don't hesitate to share them with a member of the board. We're always looking for new ideas and perspectives.

See you soon,

*Wendy Brown*

"In the depths of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

- *Albert Camus*



## 2016 Awards

We celebrated the hard work and accomplishments of our outstanding volunteers at our Salt Lake County Gardening Association banquet on November 18th 2016. The following volunteers were recognized for their great work:

### Volunteer Hours Recognition:

100 Hours: Paula Lidiard, Wendy Brown

200 Hours: Paula Lidiard

300 Hours: Ilene Mirabella

400 Hours: Sandy Silletto

500 Hours: Virginia Sargent



### Awards:

Unsung Heroes Award: Terry Curling, Ilene Mirabella, Cyndy Norris, Richard Norris

Distinguished Service Award: Judi Short

Gardener of the Year: Golden Reeves

We are pleased to honor our volunteers for their outstanding dedication to the Salt Lake County Gardening Association. Thanks for going above and beyond as outstanding volunteers and sharing your extensive gardening knowledge with others in our community.

## Projects

Gilgal Garden	Judi Short <a href="mailto:judi.short@gmail.com">judi.short@gmail.com</a> 801-487-7387		Maintenance and education
YMCA	Wendy Brown <a href="mailto:1savvyshopper2@gmail.com">1savvyshopper2@gmail.com</a> 801-870-5222		Maintenance
Christmas Box House	Peggy Call <a href="mailto:pccall@comcast.net">pccall@comcast.net</a> 801-446-7922	Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Teaching garden skills to children
Garden Patch Newsletter	Terry Curling <a href="mailto:terryc@digis.net">terryc@digis.net</a>	Varies	Writing articles, assist with production & mailing
Little Confluence Open Space	Jerry Milne <a href="mailto:jerrymilne@comcast.net">jerrymilne@comcast.net</a> 801-268-4163		Maintenance and education

## The Garden Patch Newsletter

A big thank you to Wendy and her behind the scenes helpers during this past year! They did such a great job getting the newsletter out each month, hopefully I can do it the same justice during this New Year. I appreciate all those who will continue to help out and welcome any suggestions, ideas and gardening articles.

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## Gardening in January

Ok, so there is a foot of snow outside, but there are some gardening related activities you can do.

- **Planning** Decide what you would like to grow this year. Plot your yard on graph paper and plan any changes to hardscape, turf areas, garden beds and borders.
- **Order Seeds** Go through seed catalogs or check online, order early, some may sell out fast.
- **Start Seeds Indoors** Check seed packages for germination time and days to maturity. Some plants are slow growing and can be started earlier. By the end of January start cool season vegetables and herbs. Windowsill light may not be sufficient to grow healthy plants. You will need to supplement with grow lights.
- **Feed the Wild Birds** They can use some nourishment during the cold weather.
- **Tools** Now is a good time to clean and sharpen tools. Maybe get rid of those old worn out ones and treat yourself to something new. Also it is a good time to service your power equipment.
- **Ground Heaving** When the snow melts off check plants in case anything has heaved up from the ground during freeze thaw cycles. Gently step the soil back down around the plants and replace mulch.
- **Garden Journal** Take a look through your notes from last year to remind you what was successful and what failed. Maybe you planned some projects that never got completed. If you don't keep a journal now is a good time to start.
- **Garden Supplies** Take an inventory of your garden supplies, clean up pots and trays, dispose of old seeds and expired products (Be sure to dispose of any hazardous materials correctly)
- **Sort Tubers and bulbs** Sort through stored bulbs, tubers and roots of cannas, dahlias, and gladiolas. Dispose of any that have shriveled or decayed.
- **House Plants** Pay attention to houseplants or those brought under shelter for the winter check for bugs and remove any dead leaves or stems.
- **Snow Damage** If there is a January thaw take a walk around your garden and check for broken tree limbs or other damage from the winter storms.

Happy Gardening and look forward to spring.

**Terry Curling**



We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the outgoing board for sharing their time and talents with our association and its members! We also would like welcome the new board and thank them for being willing to serve!

### 2017-2018 Board Members

**President** – Wendy Brown

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**Past President** – Peggy Call -

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**Secretary** – Gigi Brandt

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**Treasurer** – Amy Hargreaves Judzis

[cliz@juno.com](mailto:cliz@juno.com)

**Historian** – Terry Curling

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### SLMGA News

There's a lot going on with the Salt Lake Master Gardener's Association. Here are a few things to take note of:

- **Annual dues for 2017 are \$24.00 per year.** Please be sure to pay by March 31st. If you have questions about paying dues please contact Amy Hargreaves Judzis.

- **The association welcomes anyone** who is an avid garden, interested in increasing their gardening knowledge, or willing to share their expertise with others.

- **Is there a topic you are interested in** learning about or that you would like to share with our group? Please get in touch with a member of the board.

### 2017 SLMGA Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed for 2017, please send this form with \$24.00 payment to:

Amy Hargreaves Judzis  
1123 Vista View Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Provide your name and any changes to your home address, phone, or email address below.

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Name

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Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

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Preferred Phone Number

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Preferred Email address

Checks should be made payable to: SLMGA  
Please send your payment as soon as possible to retain your SLMGA membership status for 2017!

### Upcoming Meetings

#### January 2017

Topic: **Emergency Preparedness**

By: Lowell Finney

Date: Thursday, January 19th, 2017

6:30 Social / 7:00 Meeting

Location: Salt Lake County (North Building)  
2100 S State. Room 4N850

#### February 2017

Topic: **My favorite plants and what's new for 2017.**

By: Cynda Donaldson from Millcreek gardens

Date: Thursday February 16th, 2017

6:30 Social / 7:00 Meeting

Location: Salt Lake County (North Building)  
2100 S State. Room 4N850

\*\* remember to sign in/out with security in north building \*\*



# Golden's Garden

by Wm. Golden Reeves



Yes, it's just before Christmas and the seed catalogs are arriving. I called in my order a week ago, so my order should be arriving any time now. The Coronado crown broccoli that I like was not listed this year. When I called it was not available or even on the list. That is a plant I have grown for a long time so I took inventory of my seeds and should have plenty to last for a few years.

I was able to get the garden taken care of and put to bed for the winter before the bad weather set in. I moved some of my plants into the greenhouse before the frost came, but I made a mistake and forgot to open the door in the day time. I got a lot of plants burned from the heat. I have over wintered the rosemary plant there for the last few years. The top part of the greenhouse gets real hot but on the floor it's just fine. With five gallon buckets of water on the floor sometimes it freezes, but the plants can take that ok.

The pelargonium cuttings have taken root and I was able to repot them in individual pots. I put four or five cuttings in a pot and when they have rooted I go to 4 inch pots and wait until they start to put on a few inches then cut them back so they will branch out, I also take some of the mother plants; dig them up in the fall, cut them back, repot them and grow them in the basement window until spring. I can also take cutting from them if they get too big.

My Granny Smith apple tree was loaded this year and the apples were huge. A lot of them weighed 12 to 14 ounces and the taste was the best ever. I had to treat the tree for fire blight as the tree was in bloom. Hopefully I can remember to do it again next year. My Mutsu tree had fire blight last year and I trimmed a lot of branches out. Come spring I will need to reevaluate it to see if I want to try and keep it. If not, I have a grafted tree in the garden I can replace it with. There are a lot of grafts on that tree and I hate to lose it.

I have had people asking if I have tomatoes planted already and the answer is no, but in the next few weeks I will start the glacier tomatoes so I can have plants ready to move into the greenhouse by late February. The Burpee Long Keepers tomatoes have stored quite well and I have given a lot away. I grew a lot more than I needed. I need to save seed from some of them this year so I can continue to grow them. They are an open pollinated tomato so they will come back true to type from seed.

The Brussel sprouts were a complete bust this year. They grew to about 5 feet tall and it looked like the sprouts were forming ok, but they did not grow. I was continually fighting aphids and some of the plants tipped over. By the time I was ready to harvest they were still small and loaded with aphids. We did eat a few of them but went to the store and bought some to eat. I need to find the right variety to plant next year and give it another try.

So far this year we have snow in the mountains and mostly rain in the valleys, so may we be so lucky to continue that weather. My snow blower is ready any way. Enjoy the seed catalogs.



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