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September Garden Fair at the Demonstration Gardens

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Each summer Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's Demonstration Garden sponsors Garden Fairs. The last Garden Fair this summer will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come and enjoy a walk through the garden and see a plethora of Utah native and climate-adapted plants. The Demonstration Garden is divided into three sections: the Neighborhood Garden, the Garden Park and the Commercial Landscape. With plenty to see and learn, visitors can find out how to save water and money while maintaining a beautiful, conservation-minded yard.

The Neighborhood Garden, consisting of six themed yards, demonstrates water-efficient practices that can be used as attractive alternatives to typical bluegrass landscaping. The gardens are designed to provide homeowners with residential examples of conservation techniques, with empha-



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sis on plant selection, design, and irrigation technologies.

The six themed yards include: The Traditional Utah, the Modified Traditional, the Woodland, the Harvest yard, the Perennial and the High Desert Landscape.

Each yard is metered individually so that water use data can be monitored to show that it is possible to have a beautiful landscape while using less water.

The Garden Park at the south end of the Demonstration Gardens has five turf grass plots. The plots offer easy comparison of different types of turf grasses. The types of turf grasses consist of a Turf-type tall Fescue, Buffalo Grass, Turtleturf, Blue Grama, and Kentucky Bluegrass. Each plot's water is metered individually to show the different water needs of each type of turf grass.

Come and enjoy a day in the garden on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. This fair will focus on low-water-use landscape design. Speak with experts in water-wise design, irrigation, hardscape, and plants. Here are some of the participants:



Ask an Expert

- Utah Irrigation Association
- Center for Water Efficient Landscapes
- Utah Native Plant Society
- Division of Water Resources
- USU Master Gardeners
- Salt Lake Public Utilities
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Vendors

- Garden Niche
- Utah Native Seeds
- Wildflowers Unlimited
- Blue Sky Perennials
- Growing Empire
- Willard Bay Gardens
- Better Rocks and Gardens
- Cactus and Tropicals
- Aspen Consultants
- Star Landscaping
- Exterior Structures
- Mountain States Supply

While perusing the Garden, you can enjoy food from the Cancun Café and music from Cover Art. There will be demonstrations on different landscaping techniques, as well as guided tours of the Demonstration Garden. This is a great opportunity to get that hard to find plant or consult with experts and find resources to help you create a beautiful water-wise landscape. The garden is located at 8215 South 1300 West in West Jordan. Call 1-877-SAVEH20 for more information. We hope to see you there.



Utah Native Plant Society Board Meeting
 Thursday, September 25, 2003 at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
 8215 S 1300 West, West Jordan, UT



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Water-Wise Landscape Workshops

Utah Native Plants for Your Water-Wise Landscape, Saturday, August 23, 10 AM to Noon. This class will be taught by Susan Meyer, who did a similar workshop in the spring that was very popular. Come join us for more information on exciting Utah Native Plants.

Great Water-Wise Perennials for Fall Planting, Thursday, September 11, 6-8 PM. This class will be taught by Barney Barnett, and will feature great waterwise plants for Fall. Hope to see you there!

Ornamental Grasses for Your Water-Wise Landscape, Saturday, September 20, 10 AM to Noon. This class will be taught by Susie Kohler and Katy Nicolich. Come to learn more about using ornamental grasses in your landscape.

All workshops are free of charge, and will be held at Jordan Valley Water, 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan. Call to register at 1-877-728-3420.

Volunteer Opportunities!

The UNPS has frequent requests for information or assistance with a wide variety of issues and projects. In general, there are a small group of activists who participate in the vast majority of these efforts. Whether it's because of the drought or not, there is an increasing popularity and interest in native plants. Some is for xeric landscaping, some out of general interest and beauty.

Usually requests for involvement come in on short notice, and go to a long-term member or chapter. We need a system to get more people involved and raise the profile of our growing organization. We now have active chapters from Logan to St. George. People in all areas of the state can help us in their own communities.

Our new volunteer coordinator is Paula Longhurst. Hopefully, she will be able to get willing people to participate in an increasing number of statewide activities. Please contact her if you are willing to donate a morning, day or evening to the UNPS, or would be willing to assemble materials or write letters at any time.

Common requests include:

- Manning booths at events, fairs or farmer's markets.
- Helping with schools, either a short lecture or more often

with a project or workshop.

- Workdays for planting or weeding.
- Preparing materials for workshops, classes or sales.
- Writing letters, or helping with the *Sego Lily*

No special skills are needed, only an interest in native plants and a willingness to help and learn. This is an opportunity to help the UNPS and help your community. Please call Paula and indicate if you might be willing to volunteer, so we can develop a pool of people to help our cause of Native plants. You may contact me by phone or e-mail at: Paula Longhurst, 801 467 9616, scoobydo@xmission.com

Native Plant Propagation Workshops

Go State-Wide:

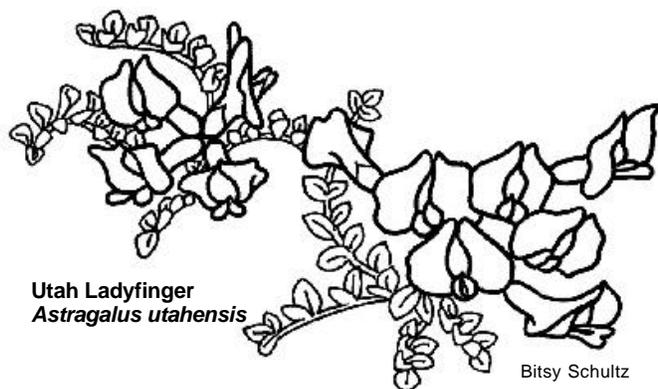
For the past five winters, the Utah Native Plant Society has held plant propagation workshops to teach people how to grow Utah native plants from seed. These workshops, in which the attendees take home planted seeds to grow plants for their gardens, have been phenomenally popular. Several hundred people participate each year in places as far flung as Logan, Moab, and Springdale, as well as in Provo and Salt Lake City.

The demand for this activity is much greater than Susan Meyer, UNPS Horticulture Chairperson and propshop mastermind, or our organization can fill, so the UNPS has enlisted the help of USU Extension's Master Gardener Program to make these workshops more widely available. UNPS will continue to provide seeds, materials, and information tailored to different areas of the state, but logistical aspects of organizing the workshops will be turned over to USU Extension. Extension is ideally suited to this role with its extensive experience in bringing horticultural information to Utah's communities. Hort agents are also enthusiastic about this opportunity to integrate information about Utah natives into their outreach programs.

To fulfill our goal of bringing more propshops to Utah, we will hold training sessions for Extension agents, Master Gardeners, and UNPS members this October. Susan will show participants in detail how to prepare for and present a native plant propagation workshop, including some of the tricks she has learned to get the seeds to germinate when she wants them to germinate and giving follow-up advice. NOTE: October training session participants must commit to holding propagation workshops in their communities in late winter 2004. Two identical three-hour sessions will be held from 9 am till Noon at the Thanksgiving Point Greenhouses on Saturday, October 11, and at the Utah Botanical Center Greenhouses on Saturday, October 18. To register for one of these training sessions, contact Debbie Amundsen, Assistant Director of the Utah Botanical Center, at 801-451-3405 or debbiea@ext.usu.edu.

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Please direct all suggestions, articles and events for the newsletter to Paula Mohadjer at paulam@jvwcd.org. **The deadline for next issue is Oct. 15.**

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