



October-December 2021 Member Newsletter

We wish all Orton Botanical Garden members autumn joy!

Welcome, OBG's recent new members! This quarterly email has OBG's latest events.

Christmas Lights: From now until Thanksgiving, the Garden is preparing for our renowned Christmas Lights display, open to the public nightly from 6-10 pm November 25, 2021, through January 1, 2022. During 2020-21, more than 13,000 people enjoyed seeing the display.

Soon OBG members will receive a full announcement and the OBG website will provide complete information about this season's lights display.

Installing the Christmas lights requires many helping hands. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please contact Board President LaMar Orton, lorton1@msn.com/208-734-7959. He will find tasks appealing to you.

Volunteers also will be needed each evening during the Christmas lights season.

Daytime Garden visits: From now through April 2022, you will need a prior appointment to visit the garden. To arrange, contact LaMar Orton.

Summer Garden Activities Reviewed

Classes: LaMar's *Succulents and Cacti for Southern Idaho*, and *Lewis and Clark in Idaho*, jointly presented by Ann DeBolt and Tom Schwartz, had large Zoom audiences. Both instructive classes were recorded. To access LaMar's: <https://vimeo.com/591309815>; Lewis & Clark: vimeo.com/618498030. For the best experience, get the Vimeo app: Android - https://bit.ly/vimeo_android or iOS - https://bit.ly/vimeo_ios.

If you have class suggestions for the 2022 gardening season, or would be interested in teaching a class, please send us your ideas. We would love to hear from you.

Garden Tours: We offered Saturday morning one hour garden tours in August and September, ending the first week in October. Tours were led by various board members. Tour sizes varied, but each was informatively enjoyable. Area garden clubs and 30 students from a charter school also toured in groups.

July Plant Sale: Visitors' frequent requests for more native, cactus and succulent plants, not available from nurseries, encouraged OBG to hold our very successful summer plant sale. Do you want a July 2022 plant sale? Please let us know.

Garden Information: The OBG Visitor's Guide nears publication. Two brochures about native plants and native buckwheats are also in the works. Stay tuned!

OBG Donations: A golf cart or small tractor in good working condition would be so helpful. Donations of LED Christmas light strings and nets are appreciated.

Membership Renewal. All OBG memberships (except Lifetime) are annual and will expire December 31, 2021. Polite renewal reminders will follow. Renew now and avoid the rush!

Questions? Please email or call LaMar Orton, lorton1@msn.com or 208-734-7959.

Thanks for being part of the Orton Botanical Garden. We hope to see you in the Garden soon!

