



GRAPEVINE

From the President

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By the time you read this, the fair will probably be winding down or may, perhaps even be done, along with many of the plants in your garden.

Mark your calendar to help out with the garden work days – the third Tuesday of each month at Nathanael Greene – in August, that is the 18th. Keeping the gardens looking great is everyone's responsibility and many hands on a work evening can get a lot done very quickly.

Remember, hours sheets, pamphlets about upcoming seminars, and the calendar of events are all available at our website.

The Master Gardener state conference will be September 18-20 in Jefferson City.

See you in the gardens.

AUGUST

- 3 Board Meeting
- 8 "Fall into Gardening" Seminar – St. John's Cancer Center
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 11 General meeting 6:30pm
- 18 Nathanael Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting – 5:00 – just before the general meeting
- 8 General meeting 6:00 Plant exchange/potluck–elect 3 for nominating committee
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 18-20 State Conference, Jefferson City, Capitol Plaza Hotel

OCTOBER

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 13 General meeting 6:30pm
election of 3 board members by mail
- 30 Hotline scheduling ends

Board Members

Mark Bernskoetter,
President

Ann Hall,
Vice President

Janet McWilliams,
Secretary

Christy Jenkins,
Treasurer

Carl Redmon,
Board Member

Mary Brown,
Board Member

Randy Underwood,
Board Member

Rena Bernskoetter,
Board Member

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Treasurer's Report
Christy Jenkins, MG, Treasurer—759-2987

As of June 30, 2009, we had the following account balances:

Extension Account—\$ 15,477.26

MG Account - \$ 313.77

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,800.46

Total Cash - \$ 31,591.49

Speakers Bureau

Rena Bernskoetter - Temporary Chair
887-5782

If you have or will be giving a presentation to a group, whether it is a large or small group, please let Nancy at the Extension office know the date, how many attended (at least approximately) and what kind of group it was (Garden Club, Church Group, Neighborhood Assoc, Library, etc). We are trying to put together a report that shows how many folks we reach with our programs. This includes any presentations that you have given anywhere since January 1 2009. It is important to document all of our outreach activities into the community for the Extension.

Never throw out old boots and shoes in the dustbin, but bury them in the garden. Leather is full of good things, and they will rot down eventually, except for loathsome rubber and plastic soles which can then be retrieved. The salts in human sweat are not without their uses, either.

Old Wives' Lore for Gardeners, 1976
Maureen & Bridget Boland



Master Gardeners of Green County Board Meeting Minutes 7.06.09

Voting Board members in attendance: Ann Hall, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Carl Redmon, Mark and Renae Bernskoetter.

Committee Chairs in attendance: Cindy Arrowood.

Guest: Jodie Adams: Jodie gave a great talk on gardening and our area. A new concept being tried here is a playground called a "Natureground", which adds plants to a large play area. We are currently one year ahead of schedule for the botanical building.

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to accept the minutes as printed, Renae seconded, motion passed.

Treasure Report: Christy reported a balance of \$31,591.49.

Bills to be Paid:

May - Invoices to pay:

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| University of MO..... | 40.00 | NG soil test..... | 20.00 |
| Greene Co. Print shop..... | 288.34 | Xeriscape soil test..... | 20.00 |
| | | Grounds for Gardening.... | 216.00 |
| | | Grapevine..... | 40.98 |
| | | Admin. postage..... | 6.18 |
| | | Plant sale copies..... | 6.25 |
| | | MO Gardens postage..... | 9.02 |
| | | Spring into Garden postage. | 4.96 |
| | | Fall into Garden postage.... | 4.95 |
| Jeanie Skibiski..... | 70.29 | Xeriscape plants | |
| Barbara St. Clair..... | 967.74 | Xeriscape plants and lunch for work day | |
| Peggy's Flowers..... | 193.00 | Xeriscape plants | |
| Tents By Design..... | 352.00 | Young Sprouts-remaining balance due on tent | |
| Lowe's..... | 92.40 | NG-tools and supplies | |
| Cathy Staats..... | 56.83 | NG-plants and supplies | |
| Cindy Arrowood..... | 616.02 | NG-plants | |
| Schaffitzel's..... | 186.82 | NG-plants | |
| Hummerts..... | 44.90 | NG-wooden stakes | |
| Botanical Tree & Nursery... | 200.00 | Xeriscape-attempt to remove stump | |
| Carl Redmon..... | 52.50 | NG mileage | 26.25 |
| | | Xeriscape mileage | 26.25 |
| Renae Bernskoetter..... | 35.55 | Spring Banquet supplies | 12.00 |
| | | MO Gardens supplies | 23.55 |
| Ozark Empire Fair..... | 200.00 | Awards | |
| June: | Deposits – 50.00 donation from Lutheran Women for Speaker's Bureau | | |
| | 1,655 Spring Banquet | | |
| Invoices to pay – | MG of Greene Co. | 5,000 transfer to Commerce Account | |
| | Greene Co. Print shop | 145.20 MO Gardens, Fairs & Shows | |
| | Mark Shull | 400.50 cost of pots sold at plant sale | |
| | Barbara St. Clair | 203.09 Xeriscape plants | |



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| Peggy's Flowers | 126.00 | Xeriscape plants |
| Amy Tuggle | 548.11 | Young Sprouts supplies |
| Digital, Print, Ink | 120.39 | Young Sprouts printing |
| Schaffitzel's | 194.32 | NG plants |
| Rebecca Nickols | 24.00 | Xeriscape plants |
| Carolyn Schimer | 101.96 | NG plants |
| Susan Gabriel | 27.43 | Spring Banquet supplies |

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Ann moved to accept the report as given, seconded by Renae, motion passed.

Nathanael Greene: Cindy-reminder of Butterfly festival and then the Bluegrass and Blossoms Festival. Several groups have toured the gardens lately. There will be a weekday on the third Tuesday, July 20th.

Public Education: Renae-Fall into Gardening is set for August 8th; Going Green is set for October.

Speaker's Bureau: Renae-There has not been many calls for speakers at the moment.

Vice President: Ann-Nancy has had some hours turned in for the first half of the year.

Old Business- The Master Gardener tour has a great turnout and some wonderful as well as different gardens to enjoy. Service hours are still being worked on.

Cindy Arrowood -Kiosk at Nathanael Greene – Should reflect Master Gardener interests and well as being weatherproof, inexpensive and changes should be easy to make. Items needed on the kiosk – garden layout, place to post programs, Extension information. Needs to be more flexible for signage. There was no new information on proposed donation to St. Johns.

New Business- We received a thank you note from Ozarks Food Harvest.

Thursday, June 8th, there will be a dessert and ice cream social for those who helped at Young Sprouts.

Bob Moore requested to go to emeritus status. Request was approved.

The talk from Jodie Adams was discussed, especially the need for Master Gardener help with the "NatureGrounds".

Carl brought up a request for a discount on soil tests.

Three requests for Emeritus states were presented by Mark. All three passed.

Next board meeting date will be Monday February 9th at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary



Master Gardeners of Green County General Meeting 07.14.09

Guest speaker was Kelly Hayes, owner of Wildwood Landscape and Design.
Meeting was opened by Christy Jenkins.

Treasurer's Report: Christy Jenkins-CD's- \$15,798.54, Extension account-\$15,477.26, MG account-\$313.77 for a total of \$31,591.49.

Nathanael Greene: Cindy – Everyone needs to check out the veggie garden, which is looking beautiful thanks to Christine Chiu. Tuesday, July 21st will be our next work day; Carl needs extra “muscle” for a project with the shed.

Social Committee: Jana – Thanks for all of the food brought for the meeting. September will be the pot luck supper and plant exchange at 6:00pm at NG.

Public Education: “Fall into Gardening” will be August 8th at 8:30am. Registration begins at 8:00am. Classes will include conifers, fall berries, roses, edible flower gardens, and botanical names.

Fairs and Shows: The fair will be the next event we will have a booth.

Patrick Byers was not present but had sent a report: The Springfield MG's participated in the first Butterfly Festival at NG on July 11th and 12th. The main events were tours through the Bill Roston Butterfly House, which contained butterflies of several native species, and the caterpillar petting zoo. The MG's had an information booth, helped with tours in the demonstration garden and also assisted other activities. Several vendors had booths selling merchandise. It was estimated that over 4500 people attended the event during the two days. On behalf of the Friends of the Garden, Patrick wanted to thank all of the Master Gardeners who contributed to the success of the event. It should be noted that the Parks Dept., led by Ben Kellner, did one fantastic job helping make this new event a total success, so please thank them when you see them around the park.

Patrick apologized for missing the June meeting, but had a chance to go to Europe, which included a visit to London's Regent Park, as well as a visit to an elderberry producer near Vienna. Tonight (July 14th), he was taking part in an Extension training on community gardening. Congressman Roy Blunt's Agriculture Tour will visit the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Nathanael Greene Park on Monday, August 10th, at 8:00am. Our garden is the kick-off for the tour, which has a distinct horticultural flavor this year. Several volunteers are needed at the garden for this event.

The planning process for the upcoming 2010 Level1 MG training has begun. Classes begin in January. Please encourage all interested potential Master Gardeners to contact Nancy at the Greene County Extension office.

The Greene County Extension office congratulates Tim Siebert as he assumes his duties as our County Program Director, effective July 1st.

Saturday, July 18th is the Bluegrass and Blossoms event at Close Memorial Park.

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary

**AUGUST PROGRAM**

Tuesday, August 11

St. John's C.H. "Chub" O'Reilly Cancer Center

2nd Floor Auditorium

6:30 pm

It's a great pleasure to see so many of you at the monthly programs! The meetings give us a chance to catch up on what is (and isn't) growing well, updates on the organizations' varied activities, learn more about gardening topics and socialize.

We're very much looking forward to the August program as Susan Boswell, Master Gardener, will give an exciting overview of the much anticipated Botanical Center at Nathanael Greene Park. You'll not want to miss all the wonderful information and see what's in store in the near future.

Upcoming:

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK GATHERING: Be thinking of a dish you'd like to bring for the Annual Fall Potluck Dinner. It will be held Tuesday, September 8 at Nathanael Greene Park. That evening we will have the opportunity to visit the new Butterfly House. It's truly a treat if you haven't had a chance to see it! Watch for more details from the social committee.

FALL HARVEST FEST: Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 26 & 27. The Master Gardeners (& Ozarks Harvesting Hope) will be a part of the Harvest Fest hosted by Rutledge Wilson Community Farm Park. The MG's will hold a series of classes in the community room at the Farm. We may need some volunteers to staff a booth also. Let us know if you are interested. Renae Bernskoetter is working on a schedule for the classes, so get in touch with her if you have ideas or would like to help.

OCTOBER: Dr. Clydette Alsup visits again with a marvelous program on bulbs.

NOVEMBER: As winter approaches, we'll enjoy a feature on conifers with an area expert, Robert Lovett. He has a most expansive collection of conifers just east of Springfield.

DECEMBER: Rest up, enjoy the holiday season and be watching for those seed and flower catalogs to be arriving in the mail. We do not have a meeting in December.

Next year is shaping up to be a year of enhancing our gardening knowledge! The education committee is hard at work on more half day seminars as well as a new venture. We will be hosting a monthly gardening class at Rutledge Wilson Community Farm Park – it will be the same night each month. We're still determining if there will be a cost for each class. These will be geared for adults, then through the summer months, we hope to have classes for children.

We had a terrific follow up meeting for Young Sprouts in the Garden and came away with a list of great ideas. If you would like to be on planning committee, we'd love to have you. Please let me know and I'll compile a list. It won't be long before we'll set a date and get rolling on the third annual event.

Amy Tuggle



Public Education Committee
Rena Bernskoetter - 887-5782
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These are open to the public, so please invite any family and friends that might be interested. If you are willing to provide a snack for either or both of the seminars please let me know.

I really appreciate the snacks that have been provided in the past. I can only provide so much from my own kitchen, and the rest I have to purchase. The homemade food is very popular. So again, thank you to everyone who has provided food in the past.

August 8, 2009 Fall Into Gardening

At St. John's Cancer Center \$10 fee

We plan to cover the following topics: Growing conifers - Berries that ripen in the fall - Edible flower gardens - Roses - Botanical names.

8:30am – 11:45am Registration begins at 8am Pre-registration is requested

October 10, 2009 Going Green in the Garden

At St. John's Cancer Center \$10 fee

Seed Collecting/Storage - Worm Composting - Rain Barrels/Rain Gardens - Mulch Compost - Insects/Diseases - Pesticides/Weeds, Mowing/Watering Practices - Trees/Shrubs and Native Plants

**8:30am – 12:00pm Registration begins at 8am Pre-registration is required
Question and answer session will be at the end of the seminar.**

For more details and to register for classes call: MU Extension 417-862-9284

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Social Committee Jana Belk, MG—725-3203, jbbelk@yahoo.com Snacks for next meeting:</p> <p>August: W, C, E, T, U Sept: Potluck</p> |
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The spontaneous energies of the earth are a gift of nature, but they require the labors of man to direct their operation.

Thomas Jefferson

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

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