



GRAPEVINE

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August 9 is our Fall Into Gardening seminar, register early to save money. The state conference in Branson is just around the corner. Remember, lots of information is available at our website.

The Board will be taking up the discussion about the electronic vs. paper newsletter at the next Board Meeting – August 5. There will also be several proposed bylaws changes discussed. We should have lots of news for you at the next general meeting and in the next Grapevine.

AUGUST

- 5 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information for next month's Grapevine
- 9 Fall into Gardening – St Johns Cancer Center
- 12 General meeting 6:30 – program: Photography
- 19 Nat Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 General meeting 6:00 Plant exchange/potluck—elect 3 for nominating committee
- 9 Deadline for information for next month's Grapevine
- 9 Mtn. Grove Fruit Station – Ozark Rain Gardens Field Day – call to register
- 26–28 State Conference: at the Hilton Branson Convention Center and Hotel.

OCTOBER

- ? Breakfast In Bed Nat Greene
- 7 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information for next month's Grapevine
- 14 General meeting 6:30 – program: Garden Crafts election of 3 board members by mail
- 31 Hotline scheduling ends

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

As of June 30, 2008, we had the following account balances:

Extension Account—\$ 11,581.36

MG Account - \$ 1,378.72

Petty Cash— this account has been closed

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 28,204.03

Social Committee: Jana Belk 725-3203 and Debi Hunget 425-7987

Remember we are having a social committee meeting Aug. 12th at 5:30 before the main meeting to organize the rest of the year. If you have not been on the social committee and would like to participate please attend. If the Cancer Center is not available for the August meeting the Social Committee Meeting will be canceled and rescheduled.

If you last name begins with the following letter please bring snacks in the month listed:

August: W, C, E, T, U

Sept: S, D, K, V

Jana Belk

Nathanael Greene Demonstration Gardens

Cindy Arrowood, MG 881-5996 cynarrowood@sbcglobal.net

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the gardens this summer. The rain has certainly been a great fertilizer this year. Plants are larger than I have ever seen them in the past eight years. The 3rd Tuesday work evening has been a great help with maintaining the gardens this summer. Thanks to all who have helped on these evenings. Your gift of time has been greatly appreciated. It is hard to believe that this month is our last 3rd Tuesday work evening. It will be on August 19th, starting around 5PM, hope to see you there.



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 7/1/08

Voting Board members in attendance: Larry Dowell, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Ann Hall, Renae Bernskoetter, Mark Bernskoetter. **Committee Chairs in attendance:** Cindy Arrowood, Barbara St Clair

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

Treasurer Report Christy reported a balance of \$28,204.03 total assets as of June 30, 2008.

Bills to be paid: Lowes \$19.97, Signs Now \$203.47 and \$127, DPI \$77.78, Nat Greene plants and refreshments \$116.56, Peggy's Flowers \$115.50, Xeriscape plants \$264.09 and \$22.90, Nat Greene plants \$95.44, stump removal Xeriscape \$100, Nat Greene \$97.66. Christy also has requested that \$5000 be moved from the Extension account to the MG account. Renae moved to accept the report and to pay the bills, Ann seconded, motioned passed.

Extension Report: Pat reported that planning is underway for the next MG class.

Vice President report: Ann is suggesting to the mentors to contact the new folks to remind them of the work days at the gardens.

Hours: It is time to report the first 6 months of hours for 2008. Several people handed in hours at the June general meeting.

Ann asked about the inactive members, Mark reported that there were approximately 50-60 names to be removed from the list of those members who have not turned in hours for the last 2 years and did not contact us about returning to active status. There are approximately 30 who have sent in their commitment forms and hope to become active again. Mark asked for a motion to be made to remove the inactive names from the list. Christy moved that the names of the inactive members be removed from the roster. Ann asked if there was any required actions stipulated by the by-laws that needed to be done prior. Mark stated that there was only a statement that said it could be done as needed. Janet seconded, motion passed.

Larry asked if it was required for members to turn in their hours at 6 months into the year. Mark said that it is a suggestion, not a requirement.

Committee Reports

Nathanael Greene: Cindy stated that there was a good turn out for the workday. The watering system was turned on after repairs were made.

Xeriscape: Barbara informed us that today was her first day of retirement. She said there is some work that needs to be done with the cactus. The plants are getting too much rain. The irrigation system was turned on to see if it works. She still has some plants to put in but it has been too wet. Mark mentioned that he had gotten an estimate on the cost of getting fake security cameras. The cost was \$883, it was decided that would be too expensive.

Newsletter: The email edition for July had not be released yet. Mark will check on it. There was discussion about sending newsletter by regular mail to everyone, or just those who request it. Discussion followed about the cost for bulk mail would be lost if we decreased the amount being mailed. Pat mentioned that a hard copy was a good way to keep members happy. It was decided that the newsletter would go out in both formats at this time.

Programs: The next meeting may need to be in a different place. Our usual room is not finished yet. Amy

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will let us know as soon as possible.

Public Education: Renae Bernskoetter

Fall into Gardening - Planning for this is well under way

Empire Fair – Volunteers to work the MG booth have been signed up, there are only a few slots left.

Old Business

Membership “perk” card – no new information at this time, Patrick will look up information

Criteria for Project request – no one volunteered at the last meeting, Mark will bring it up again.

Master Gardener Only Tours – Great fun and a good number of members attended.

Scholarship –proposal has been rewritten and presented. Ann moved to create a scholarship as written in the proposal. There was a question raised about if there were enough board members present to vote. There needs to be 3 present and there were 6 present. Janet seconded, motion past. Mark asked Pat to prepare a form with the criteria noted in the proposal to be sent out. Pat agreed to prepare the form.

New Business:

Bylaws review: Mark presented several changes that need to be looked at. Some of the changes were to correct wording, others were to clarify changes that had been done in the past. Mark will make some requested changes, present the revised changes at the next board meeting, then present the changes at the following general meeting and voting of the changes would be the month after that. There was a suggestion made to include a Meet a Master Gardener article in the newsletter. Barbara St Clair said she might be interested in putting that together after the growing season.

Request: MG have been invited to have a booth at the Willard Farmers Market on July 19, volunteers will be sought.

Thank you card from Ryan’s Law and Tree thanking us for including them in the Young Sprouts. Holiday Inn North sent information and ask us to come back for our banquet.

Pat mentioned that the Kitchen is seeking fresh produce to hand out on July 18.

Next board meeting date – Tuesday, Aug 5 2008 – 4:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary

Public Education Committee:

Renae Bernskoetter – Co-chair

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“Fall Into Gardening”

Saturday, August 9th from 8:00 AM to 3:30PM

St. John’s Cancer Center \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door

Bring a snack to share and receive 2 chances to win door prize.



Programs, Amy Tuggle, MG—886-0866 amy.tuggle@sbcglobal.net

How Our Efforts Help Others

Tuesday, August 12

St. John's Cancer Center - Auditorium

6:30 p.m.

It's been our privilege this year to partner with the Springfield Ad Club to launch Ozarks Harvesting Hope, a part of the National Plant a Row for the Hungry campaign. In the great Springfield area, the recipient of the fruits and produce is Ozarks Food Harvest. For the August meeting, Matt Petcoff with Ozarks Food Harvest shares how our efforts - both as promoting the program and also growing and donating - will help others in our community. It's a wonderful way for Master Gardeners to share education about gardening and to do what we do best, grow things! Please join us so you can hear first hand how OHH will impact those in need.

JULY MEETING: Thanks to those who joined us for our "field trip" to Botanical Tree Trail and Nursery. We loved meeting amongst the trees and shrubs! We appreciate John and his time answering our questions for the great discussions.

CONIFER COLLECTION: What a treat to get to visit with Bob Lovett at his farm east of Springfield. We hiked over his property to see his expansive collection of conifers (650 plus!), some he planted well over 30 years ago. It's been his passion to study, document and grow many varieties of conifers. If you're wishing you could have gone, don't worry. I'll ask if the MGs could visit again some time in the spring. Maybe on a Saturday morning or something. It was incredible!

Xeriscape Garden. Barbara St. Clair. MG—887-9536. stclair53@att.net

Well, the Xeriscape isn't xeric, but the rain has been making most things grow beautifully. This shows us that many of the plants we grow in the unwatered beds don't actually mind lots of rain, they are simply able to survive without it. The coreopsis, Russian sage, centranthus, coneflowers and yarrow, for example, have looked really pretty these past few weeks, due in part to the ample moisture. The dianthus, on the other hand, has actually rotted at the base, which is probably because it sits in heavy clay. We plan to remove the fabric barrier, dig up the clay and amend it with compost, sand and even a base of gravel. Advice on growing this beautiful plant would be greatly appreciated!

The Japanese beetles have had a lovely picnic in the garden, almost destroying the rose bed [mercifully the Knockout roses are almost untouched]. Last year they concentrated on the cleome [Spider plant] that we grew but this year the cleome hasn't been eaten at all, showing how unpredictable the little critters are. We aren't spraying the plants out of concern for the honeybee population, so unless we have a suggestion from an experienced rose grower we plan to really cut back the roses, fertilize them heavily, and trust that they'll grow new foliage as the beetles disappear. If this is a bad plan, PLEASE let us know! Trial and error isn't always the best way to learn....

If you haven't been out to the garden recently, please come by and look at the lovely butterfly bed. Rebecca Nickols has done a wonderful job and the annual butterfly weed is beautiful!

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Sara Herndon would love to gather more information in regard to a purchase from our annual plant sale. She purchased a Prairie Sun Rudbeckia and says it is, “gorgeous”. She would love to talk to the seller and hear their experiences and challenges if any. Please feel free to call her at 417.258.2501

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

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