



# GRAPEVINE

## From the President

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

Lots of upcoming activities on the calendar below – be sure to take a look.

The fair is just around the corner. Thanks to all those who filled in the slots to help out with our booth.

It's time to start thinking about attending the state conference coming up at the end of September, too. More information will be coming out on that very soon.

See you in the gardens.

### JULY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 11-12 Butterfly Festival at Close Park
- 14 General meeting 6:30
- 16 Nat. Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
- 18 Knowin' & Growin' – Dividing Iris – Nat. Greene – 9:30 **date changed**
- 31-8/9 Ozark Empire Fair

### 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 6:30
- 18 Nat. Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Board Members

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

**As of May 31, 2009, we had the following account balances:**

**Extension Account—\$ 14,011.10**

**MG Account - \$ 2059.57**

**Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,800.46**

**Total Cash - \$ 31,871.13**

**Botanical Center update from Bob Childress:**

**At the June Master Gardener meeting there were several questions about the Botanical Building status. I thought I would update you with the latest information. The bids were solicited on May 15th, and will be opened at 5:00 P.M. on June 18th.**

**We are hoping the bids will be less than the original estimate of \$4.3 M. Already there has been some reduction as actual costs of furniture, fittings and equipment. At present time, we have approximately \$75,000 left to raise, but this may change depending on the actual bids. Ground breaking and actual construction are scheduled for early to mid-August.**

**Friends of the Garden will authorize the Community Foundation to transfer the funds they are holding to the Parks Department at FOG's next board meeting and funds should be transferred by mid-July.**

**We are all looking forward to the completion of the building. The classrooms, meeting rooms and the wet laboratory will be a major asset for the Master Gardeners and all area garden organizations.**

**Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 6/01/09**

**Voting Board members in attendance:** Carl Redmon, Larry Dowell, Ann Hall, Janet McWilliams, Renae Bernskoetter, Mark Bernskoetter, Mary Brown and Randy Underwood.

**Committee Chairs in attendance:** Cindy Arrowood, Amy Tuggle

**State Representative:** Carl Huffman

**Approval of Minutes:** Carl Redmon moved to accept minutes, Ann seconded, motion passed.

**Nathanael Greene:** Cindy Arrowood reported that a lot of plants were pulled up and left to die over the last weekend of May. Some labels had also been pulled up and thrown around. Thanks was given to all who helped put down mulch on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> will be a “mulch” party to continue putting down mulch. June 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, will be a work evening; June 25<sup>th</sup> – the MO Landscape and Nursery Association will be touring the garden; June 27<sup>th</sup> the North American Lily Society will have its 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Lily Society Show and Convention with bus tours; July 11-12<sup>th</sup> will be the Butterfly Festival. Opera Guild was also looking into touring the gardens.

**Programs:** Amy Tuggle: For June we will have a representative from Nixa Seed. Still need programs for July and August. September will be the potluck at Nathanael Greene. 317 children was the official count at Young Sprouts, with others going through and not registering.

**Public Education:** Renae Bernskoetter – flyers for “Growing Green” are available (October’s class)

**Speaker’s Bureau:** Vicky is having to step down due to her husband’s illness. She has done a great job getting it organized and ready for someone else to take over.

**State Board Representative:** Carl Huffman – the next meeting is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, in Columbia. Minutes are available from the last meeting.

**Fairs and Shows:** We will have a table at the Butterfly Festival, need volunteers for July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Apparel:** Debbie will have items available at next meeting.

There will be six gardens on tour June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 and going to 1:30. (After the meeting one participant had to cancel, so there will be five.) We will start on the East side and finish in the Southwest edge of Springfield. The scholarship information has gone out (David Burton put out a press release). One other county has indicated that they would like to contribute. Christine Chiu and the vegetable people have been doing placards for the garden. Botanical center furnishings were discussed, as was the set up of the rooms. Renae suggested that we give St. John’s a donation because we get the meeting room and services at no cost. They need help with the landscaping because of cutbacks. This will be discussed with Pat first. The date and time of the September board meeting will be changed to September 8<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, just before the meeting at Nathanael Greene



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because of the holiday. The Ronald McDonald House has requested help with their garden area. This will be brought up at the general meeting. Congressman Blunt's Ag tour is August 10<sup>th</sup>, and they will start it at Nathanael Greene, in the vegetable area, at 8:20 am. On June 14<sup>th</sup> Powell Gardens in Kansas City will open their new area, "Heartland" gardens.

**Hours:** It will be requested that hours for the first half of the year be turned in. A letter went out to those who had not turned in hours to give them a chance to do so.

**Xeriscape:** Barbara St. Clair is having a hard time getting volunteers to help. There were several articles about the thefts at the Xeriscape over the last weekend in May. Several plants were stolen and many were pulled up and left. Friends of the Garden are offering to help replace plants and to create a fund for crime stoppers.

Secretary  
Janet McWilliams

**Not a formal garden with the well-groomed beds  
Growing scentless blossoms, waving haughty heads,  
But a friendly tangle of the Columbine,  
Hollyhock, and Roses, and Morning Glory vine.  
Paths that lead to mazes of the growing things,  
Guided by their perfumes, stirred by Robin's wings:  
Rioting and twining without gardener's art,  
Summer in my garden is summer in my heart.**

**Hugh Findlay, Garden Making and Keeping, 1932**



**Master Gardeners of Greene County General Meeting 06.09.09**

Guest speaker for tonight was Larry McCroskey, with Nixa Hardware and Seed Co. Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Bernskoetter. There was an article in May 31<sup>st</sup> newspaper about the vandalism at the Xeriscape.

**Gail Stineburg:** Presented the Master Gardeners with a check of \$200 from Friends of The Garden to help with the costs of replacing plants at the Xeriscape Garden.

**Nathanael Greene:** Cindy thanked everyone that helped with the mulching at Nat Greene. The next work day will be Tuesday, June 16, starting about 4:30. The following groups will be touring the garden: MO Landscape and Nursery Association (25<sup>th</sup> of June); the North America Lily Society's 62th annual Lily Society Show and Convention (27<sup>th</sup> of July); and the Butterfly festival in July. NG also had some vandalism last weekend. Several plants were pulled up and left, labels were pulled up and thrown around, and bed labels were moved around.

**Social Committee:** H,L,F,Z and E are the initials for snacks next month.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Vicky Barrett is having to step down due to her husband's illness. Someone is needed to take over the duties of coordinating speakers for different groups.

**Public Education:** Renae needs someone to take over Saturday morning's talk on container gardening. The next class at NG will be on dividing irises, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. (it was noted that the Iris Society will be having their iris sale the Saturday before, July 18, at NG park). "Fall into Gardening" is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 11:45 at St. John's. Cost is \$10.00. "Going Green" is scheduled for Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 12:00, with time for questions afterward.

**State Board Representative:** Carl Huffman attended his second meeting in Columbia. Please let him know of anything needs to be brought up at the next meeting. The next convention is in September in Jefferson City. Mark noted that next year they will start a different format for conferences. On odd years there will be a state conference and on even years they will have advanced training in Columbia.

**Fairs and Shows:** Sharon Owings – thanks to all who have signed up for the fair, she does need a few people to man a table at the Butterfly Festival in July.

A donation to St. John's has been talked about because they provide our meeting room and services free. Budget cuts have forced large cuts in landscaping. They need help with planting and some maintenance. Different possibilities are being discussed.

The garden tour is on Saturday, June 13th, with 5 homes on the list. It will be cancelled if it rains.

Bids are out on the Botanical Center. Ground breaking is scheduled for August. Construction should take about 13 months.

We can count one hour of advanced training for tonight's program.

Barbara Lucks stated that the city has mulch available, and hoping to have compost by the end of July, first of August.

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary

**JULY MEETING**

Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30 PM  
St. John's C.H. "Chub" O'Reilly Cancer Center  
2055 S. Fremont, Auditorium

Take a break from the summer heat to join us for our regular monthly meeting. We'll have a great program and time for socializing. At the refreshment break, we can visit and share details on how our gardens are growing, what the pests are eating, who has picked the first red tomato of the season and more.

Many thanks to Larry McCroskey with Nixa Seed & Hardware for our June program. We learned about reseeding lawns, how seeds get to the retailer, their research farm, seed labeling laws and seed for agriculture use. He brought terrific handouts and samples of seed and fertilizer. We hope to arrange for his program to be a part of one of our half-day seminars next year!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 11th and Tuesday, September 8th for upcoming meetings. The September meeting will be held at Nathanael Greene Park and is our annual potluck dinner! We will arrange a tour of the Butterfly House – be thinking of a dish you'd like to bring.

**YOUNG SPROUTS IN THE GARDEN**

What fun we had in the garden on Saturday, May 30th! The weather, exhibits and volunteer support couldn't have been better. Children and their families got to take part in NUMEROUS activities with highlights including:

- painting a custom illustrated rain barrel (which we will seal and find a way to use it in the demonstration garden at Nat. Greene)
  - botany rubbings, egg-carton caterpillars, coloring sheets, plant markers
  - story time with the author of a children's nature conservation book
  - free Ozarks Harvesting Hope reusable bag, garden sign and kids gardening apron
  - tree climbing with All About Trees
  - birdfeeders from Wild Birds Unlimited
  - seed planting and plants donated by Wickman Gardens and C&H Greenhouse
  - ladybugs and earthworms
  - garden tours, and also a tour of the Butterfly House
- And MUCH, MUCH more!

The support from the Master Gardener volunteers was tremendous. Words can't thank you enough for spending your Saturday at the Park and sharing your knowledge and time with our visitors. We're estimating between 800-1000 people in attendance. Bill Roston reports hosting close to 500 at the Butterfly House.

Sadly, it seems as though this generation of children is not as accustomed to nature and gardening as past generations. Even when I was growing up, most of my family and neighbors had a vegetable garden. Playing outside was a common evening and weekend activity. We're hoping through our efforts like this event, it will spark an interest in getting outside and planting a veggie garden, flower garden and exploring all of the wonderful things Mother Nature has to offer! This was also a prime opportunity to enlist more folks to share their extra harvest with others through our public service project, Ozarks Harvesting Hope.

We've been visiting with a local organization about starting a Junior MG program and also a series of kids gardening classes. We'd sure love your input!

As a thank you to the many who volunteered, we invite you to an ice cream/dessert social to celebrate and start the plans for next year. We're looking at a date in early July (Thursday, the 9th). Once that is finalized, we'll share the details and hope you can make it! Please be thinking about activity suggestions, any areas that needed improvement, things that worked well and any other items to make it another super event.

Amy Tuggle



**Recipes for the summer**

**Candy grapes and cheese**

Wash a bunch of grapes and remove stems. Soak them overnight in white wine. Gather them and roll them in coarse cut sugar. Cut small squares of sharp cheddar cheese, place grape on top with a frill pick and serve.

**Katie's cool salad**

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| 2 cans of corn      | blue cheese crumbles | olive oil | thyme         |
| 1 green bell pepper | white vinegar        | red onion | salt & pepper |

Drain corn and combine with finely chopped bell pepper, and finely chop 1/4 of red onion. Mix in teaspoon or two of fresh thyme, 1/4 cup of vinegar, 3 tablespoons of olive oil and a cup of blue cheese crumbles. The crumbles will blend in and become creamy. Chill and serve!

**Snicker apple salad**

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| 1 container of Cool Whip | 1 container of sour cream |
| 6 apples, chopped        | 4 Snicker bars, chopped   |

Mix together, refrigerate and serve. You can add more Snicker bars if desired and it can be fixed a head of time.

**Wanda's dressing**

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| 1 cup of Cider vinegar | 1 cup sugar   | 2 cloves of minced garlic |
| 4 TBSP of honey        | Salt & pepper |                           |

Put in container that can be shaken up before each use. This is wonderful and does not take much to change a salad.

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**The summer world is the insect world. Like it or not, that is how it is. There are few insects that ever find the day too hot.**

**Donald Culross Peattie, botanist 1898-1954**

**Growing on the vine,  
Susan**

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