



GRAPEVINE

From the President

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Below is the calendar of events for the next three months.

At the end of July is the Fair – remember to sign up to help at our booth.

August 9 is our Fall Into Gardening seminar – early registration is cheaper than at the door – so get signed up. See inside this Grapevine for more information.

It's not too soon to be planning to attend the state conference in Branson in September.

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

JULY

- 1 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 8 General meeting 6:30 – program: Succulents
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 15 Nat Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)
- 25 - 8/3 Empire Fair

AUGUST

- 5 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in 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 to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 9 Mtn Grove Fruit Station – Ozark Rain Gardens Field Day – call to register
- 26/28 State Conference: Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel

Board Members

Mark Bernskoetter,
President

Ann Hall,
Vice President

Renae Bernskoetter,
Secretary

Christy Jenkins,
Treasurer

Carl Redmon,
Board Member

Dr. Larry Dowell,
Board Member

Amy Tuggle,
Board Member

Janet McWilliams,
Board Member

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

As of May 31, 2008, we had the following account balances:

Extension Account—\$ 11,581.36

MG Account - \$ 3459.11

Petty Cash— this account has been closed

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 30,284.42

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

We need to have a social committee meeting Aug 12th at 5:30 before the main meeting to organize the rest of the year and make tentative plans for the January 2009 pot luck.

MG's with last name starting with: H, L, F, Z, or I please bring snacks to the July Meeting.

Thanks,

Jana Belk



Hotline

Mary Gallagher, MG, 881-0567
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Thanks to all the hard working volunteers, the Hotline is going very well this year. This is a very busy time of year for gardening and as a result we answered 309 requests at the Hotline in May. If you need to change your assigned shift or if you are interested in working the Hotline, please contact me or Nancy at the Extension office.



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 6/3/08

Voting Board members in attendance: Amy Tuggle, Larry Dowell, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Ann Hall, Carl Redmon, Renae Bernskoetter, Mark Bernskoetter. **Committee Chairs in attendance:** Jana Belk, Cindy Arrowood, Lola Fry

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

Treasurer Report Christy reported a balance of \$30,284.42 total assets as of May 31, 2008.

Bills to be paid: Plant sale \$107.33, Grapevine printing 19.59, Young Sprouts 316.36, Nat Green plants 641.26, Xeriscape plants 33.70, Mileage 219.00, supplies for gardens 92.05.

Deposits: Spring Banquet registrations 1484.00, plant sale 58.00, transfer petty cash to regular acct 123.39

Ann moved to accept the report and to pay the bills, Carl seconded, motioned passed.

It was agreed to allow the CD to roll-over, unless a better interest rate can be found.

Vice President report: Ann is suggesting to the mentors to contact the new folks to remind them of the Symposium and the tour.

Hours: The first 6 months of hours will be due in July.

Committee Reports

Nathanael Greene: Mulching is almost complete. The 1st work night had low attendance. The next work evening will be on the 3rd Tuesday in June. Cindy will advertise that there will be pizza available.

Plant Sale: Christy reported that an additional \$58 was added to the amount brought in by the plant sale.

Historian: Lola presented her filing system to the board. She will assign numbers and colors to different activities of the Master Gardeners. This system is expandable. There will be a master list to aid in finding information in the files. Lola requested \$150-170 to purchase supplies for the filing system. Carl moved to approve \$200 for the filing system and Janet seconded, motion passed.

Newsletter: Mark reported that the monthly cost for the newsletter is approximately \$75 with bulk mailing. We will be asking members to try out the electronic format. In order to get the bulk rate on postage we have to have 200+ items. With the names being removed because of inactivity we may go under the 200 mark. Once we have had a chance to evaluate the electronic format we will ask those members who have email to let us know if they want a mailed copy as well. Ann mentioned that she would prefer a mailed copy and asked if there would or should be a charge.

Programs: The June general meeting will be held in the Cafeteria Alcove, which is a room just off the cafeteria at St Johns. There will be several topics covered that evening, including a talk about ticks, mosquitoes, garden safety, and safe gardening techniques in bending, lifting etc.

Young Sprouts in the Garden, Event went well until the lightning started. There were approx 200 people who checked in, including adults. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the event.

Public Education: Renae Bernskoetter

Garden Symposium –June 7, 2008. 9:00-noon. Will be canceled if it rains.

Fall into Gardening - Planning for this is well under way

Empire Fair – Volunteers to work the MG booth will be sought at the next general meeting.

Winter Program – We are starting to put this together, looking at the end of January or beginning of February.

Old Business

Membership “perk” card – no new information at this time

Criteria for Project request – committee is needed, will ask for volunteers at next general meeting.

Master Gardener Only Tours - There will be 4 homes on the tour this year for June 14th. Directions will be included in the Grapevine being mailed out.

Scholarship –After reading and discussing the proposal, Carl suggested that we set up a \$500 scholarship fund to be awarded to a student at a Springfield school of higher education in the field of horticulture. Carl

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asked Mark to rewrite the proposal and to re-present it for approval after revision.

Copy of the roster – Mark asked about giving a copy of the roster to the members. Should this be to every member or only on request. It was decided that it should be by request. This was with the understanding that changes are always being made to the information on the roster.

New Business:

Donation to the library – Amy suggested that the MG group make a donation to the library system. With the donation the library would suggest books and we could decide which ones would be purchased. There would be a note in the book as to who donated it. After discussion it was decided to not pursue this at this time.

REMINDER: June General Meeting will be held in the St Johns Cafeteria Alcove.

Next board meeting date – Tuesday, July 1, 2008 – 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary

Public Education Committee:

Renae Bernskoetter – Co-chair

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The Young Sprouts in the Garden was a success, although cut short by the storms. The National Weather Service was one of the groups working and when they suggested we get out from under the tent and go home, how could we not listen. There were approximately 200 people who checked in, that included adults. We ended at about 11:30 instead of 2pm. The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves and learned some things too.

The Garden Symposium was also a success. There were about 25 attending. Some suggestions have been made for changes, so we may try something new for next year. Be watching.

Be looking for information about the Fall Into Gardening event. This will be a full day event of seminars. Amy Tuggle has been working hard at getting presenters and she has a wide variety of topics that will be covered. We are even planning a veggie tasting during the day, so keep that in mind, we will be asking MG to provide the jewels of your garden. If you think about it, keep the names and varieties of the veggies you grow so that we will know what we are eating. There will be a charge for the event and it is open to the public as well, so let your friends and neighbors know. Call the Extension office for information or look for the fliers at the July meeting.

We are also looking at putting together a Winter program. If you have any ideas of topics that you would like to be presented, please send me a note. The idea is to have timely topics covered and we would like to have some new things to hear about too.



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

A Beauty in Any Landscape: the Japanese Maple

Tuesday, July 8 @6:30 p.m.

St. John's Cancer Center, Auditorium

If we were to take a poll, many Master Gardeners would raise their hand when asked if they have a Japanese maple in their landscape. With their wonderful leaf structures and ornamental beauty, they are a definite favorite. Sadly, many of our beloved Japanese maples were damaged or destroyed in the ice storm of 2007.

For our July program, John Waddell with Botanical Tree Trail & Nursery in Springfield, shares important information on Japanese maples. As an added bonus, he would like to answer any questions you may have regarding trees or shrubs. Be thinking about what you'd like to ask and we'll see you there.

LOOKING AHEAD:

In October, we'll be hosting the monthly program along with the Springfield Water garden Society. The topic: crafts! We'd love to hear from you if you want to display your garden related craft or hobby. We're certain this will be a really fun meeting. Please call if you want to share your talents.

OZARKS HARVESTING HOPE:

Your help is needed to keep encouraging and reminding your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors about sharing their extra produce. We've had a tremendous positive response for area gardeners to plant an extra row to be donated to Ozarks Food Harvest or a local food pantry. Now, more than ever, they need our generous gifts of fresh produce for those in need in our communities. You can learn more and view a map to Ozarks Food Harvest by visiting .

YOUNG SPROUTS IN THE GARDEN:

On Saturday, May 31, there was much seed-planting, earthworm-handling, tree-ring counting, vegetable-sorting and more happening at Nathanael Greene Park. Wow, we couldn't be more excited about the first annual "Young Sprouts in the Garden" event! Well, except for the rain. But hey, that's part of life in the garden, right?

Young Sprouts was planned to help kids foster an interest in and learn about how we relate to gardening, nature and our environment. The Master Gardener organization was a part of the event to offer volunteer support, garden tours and also to garner more awareness of Ozarks Harvesting Hope. The exhibits and activities were incredibly neat.

It took a tremendous effort on the part of many MGs to make the event successful. From delivering dirt for the seeds, to staffing the booth, to offering garden tours, to arranging for lunch – we're so thankful for the Master Gardeners who were quite giving of their time and expertise. Anything we can do to get kids interested in gardening is pretty important. We can help them learn a wonderful skill that can develop into a life-long love. How many of us remember playing in the dirt and growing plants as a child?

Close to 200 joined us for the couple of hours we were able to stay open. Having the National Weather Service as a booth meant staying in close contact with the approaching weather!

We'll soon form a planning committee to start on the second annual kids gardening event. We'd love your input and ideas - please get in touch if you'd like to assist in any way.

CONIFER COLLECTION GARDEN TOUR:

We've been invited to join the Springfield Water garden Society for their monthly meeting Thursday, July 10. They will be visiting the Lovett garden which is home to a conifer collection from around the world. From what Linda Siler says – you'll not want to miss this opportunity. Please call the office or email if you'd like to go and we can give you directions.

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Fairs and Shows:

Renae Bernskoetter

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It is that time of year again when the MG's are looking to find some shade somewhere. Have I got a deal for you. The Ozark Empire fair is scheduled for July 25 – Aug 3, 2008. We will have a booth there again and will need MG's to work. Your job while you are there is to answer any questions that the passerby's might have. If you don't know the answer, then there will be the "green sheets" from the hotline available so that an answer can be researched and responded back. As a bonus, tickets and parking passes will be provided for all those who are working the booth.

I still have several shifts that need to be covered. If you are interested in helping out please give me a call or email me. I will have the sign up sheets at the July meeting, but I will need to let the fair coordinator know how many tickets and parking passes I will need, so let me know as soon as possible.

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