



GRAPEVINE

From the President

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

Coming up this month are the Master Gardeners tour (look for more information in this edition of the grapevine) and the Garden Symposium.

NOTE: the monthly meeting June 10 will be held in the room next to cafeteria in St Johns – called the cafeteria alcove.

Happy Gardening,
Mark

JUNE

- 3 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 7 Garden Symposium – Nathanael Greene Park – 8:30-12:00
- 9 Deadline for information for next month's Grapevine
- 10 General mtg 6:30 First Aid in the Garden – room next to St Johns Cafeteria
- 10 Report total number of hours year to date at June meeting
- 14 MG exclusive garden tour (Day before Father's Day)
- 17 Nat Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)
- 18-21 Southern Region Master Gardener Conf. - Oklahoma City, OK

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 3 Empire Fair Ends
- 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 mtg 6:30 – program: Photography
- 19 Nat Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)

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Mark Bernskoetter,
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Vice President

Renae Bernskoetter,
Secretary

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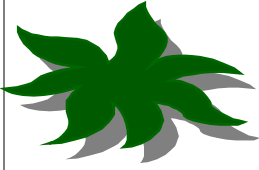
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Treasurer's Report
Christy Jenkins, MG, Treasurer—759-2987

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

Extension Account - \$10,116.95

MG Account - \$4714.60

Petty Cash - \$462.72

Certificates of Deposit - \$15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 30,538.22

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

If you aren't volunteering at the gardens, you're missing out!

I'm not simply being self-serving by suggesting that more people become regular volunteers at the Xeriscape---although such a plea is never far from my lips. What I realize is that by seeing the garden in close detail on a regular basis, those who work there know it as a living, breathing, changing collection of plants, sunlight and shadow, moisture and drought. We see the plants grow from seedling to mature, and sometimes from healthy to sick. We see the beds as they change from flat to full and from mostly shades of green to explosions of color. We see that when you don't follow the recommended directions for spacing, plants soon become crowded or even overtaken by their neighbors. And we see that benefits of planning in order to have rhythm rather than chaos.

It is really fun to talk with gardeners who have been involved in the garden for many years and who have seen the big changes over time as trees grew, were taken out, or were replaced by other varieties. Their reminiscences of changes help remind us that the garden isn't a static, planned-once, planted-once and left-to-grow thing. It doesn't look the same now as it did ten years ago, and it won't look the same in another ten years. What is rewarding is to know it well enough to recognize the new plants and to greet the old plants as friends, to be able to talk to visitors about why something is thriving and also about some of the plants that failed to survive, and to walk through the garden and notice the small changes that signify movement through the seasons.

Please come join the group of "regulars" and make the garden "yours"!



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 5/6/08

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.

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

Treasurer Report Christy reported a balance of \$30,538.22 total assets as of April 30, 2008.

Bills to be paid:

Nat Greene 888.59 (plants etc), Social Committee 294.47, Spring Banquet 1405.68,

Public Ed 1332.07 (expenses for MO Gardens, Spring Into Gardening, & Young Sprouts), Xeriscape 1628.84(plants, trees, tools, etc), Pot-em up 288.39, plant sale 1412.97 (tent, supplies, ½ of income for pots sold), soil test 20.00, Printing Grapevine 37.49, Mileage for hauling compost, mulch etc 112.50 (.75/mile) total paid \$7521

Income:

Interest, 78.63, MO Gardens 980.00, Donation 25.00, Grapevine subscriptions 5.00, T shirt sales 75.00, Spring Into Gardening 248.00, Plant sale 8951.00 total income \$10362.63

Renae moved to accept the report and to pay the bills, Janet seconded, motioned passed.

Christy asked to dissolve the petty cash fund that she carries. She stated that she has very rarely used it and it causes her extra accounting time. This was agreed on by the board members.

A discussion was held regarding the amount paid for Carl, with the large truck and trailer, to haul compost and mulch to the gardens and to haul the debris away. It was agreed that with the cost of gas rising that the amount should be increased to .75/mile.

Vice President report: Ann reported that all new class members had a mentor. She is going to send a notice out to the mentors to have them invite the new folks to upcoming events.

Hours: there are still some who have not turned in hours for 2007. Those who have not submitted hours for 2006 nor 2007 will be removed from the membership list. A draft of a letter was reviewed to send out to anyone who has not turn in hours for 2007. Some revisions of the draft were suggested those will be

made. A mailing will include an hours sheet for 2007 and 2008, a commitment sheet for 2008, as well as the MG calendar of events.

Ann also reported on the roof top garden at the Cox Hulston Cancer Center. She said it turned out very nice, they have container gardens, MG's should go by and see it.

Committee Reports

Nathanael Greene: Plant ID class will be held on Tuesday May 13 at 5pm. The class is almost full, Cindy still has a few people to get in touch with. Starting May 20th, there will be a clean up at Nat Greene each 3rd Tuesday of the month 5pm til dark. The veggies have been planted in the garden. Carl will look for the key to the sign by the parking lot so that a notice of upcoming public events sponsored by the MG's can be posted.

Plant Sale: Christy reported that the income for the 2008 plant sale was \$8951. We paid \$524.50 for the flower pots that were sold, keeping a % of the money brought in from the sale of the pots. Suggestions were made for next year and the committee will consider them.

Historian: A "new" file cabinet has been acquired from surplus. Lola will begin setting up the historian files soon.

Newsletter: the Extension office has notified us that their budget will no longer support the cost of postage for the Grapevine. The cost at this time is \$114/month. In the future we will have to look into other ways of getting the newsletter out to our members, such as sending them electronically via email or viewing them from the web page.

Those who do not have computers or who cannot access the web page will still be able to have a copy mailed to them. Several past issues of the newsletter are available online at the MG website at this time. There have been some technical problems getting the latest issue online; as soon as that is corrected, it too will be available online.

Programs: The June meeting will be held in a different place due to construction at the St Johns Cancer Center. It 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, Scheduled for May 31 from 9am – 2pm. A tent has been rented for the day. An activity is planned for the kids to plant seeds in cups that have been donated that they can then take home. MG's will have a table with an activity for the kids to do.

Master Gardener Only Tours: We did not have any volunteers for the May 10th day, however we do have 3-4 for

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the June 14th tour. Directions will be sent out to all the members.

Public Education: Renae Bernskoetter

Young Sprouts in the Garden There have been several people sign up to help at this event. There are still spots that need more. We were hoping to have some MG's in the demonstration gardens to point out items of interest to children and families.

Garden Symposium –June 7, 2008. 9:00-noon. Speakers are in place except for one session.

Fall into Gardening - Planning for this is well under way

Empire Fair – Volunteers will be sought for this soon.

Old Business

There was discussion regarding the many requests that are made to the MG for assistance with projects. Janet asked if there should be a committee to look after these request. It was agreed that a committee would be nice. After some discussion it was decided that request made by individuals for private property assistance would be turned down. Groups requesting assistance will be informed that we will ask the members if anyone is interested in assisting. A problem that we have now is that we don't track whether the groups asking for assistance have ever received follow up. We think Gaylord took care of some of this in the past.

Mark passed out a letter regarding the "Gift of Time" This is a recognition of volunteers for our area. The application to nominate was included. Mark said that in the past there have been MG's who were nominated, again, Gaylord took care of this as well. Deadline is May 23rd, 2008.

Reminder: June general meeting will be held in the St. John's Cafeteria Alcove.

Next board meeting, Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008 at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary

Snack for June meeting are: C, A, J, G, Y

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

Safety in the Garden

Tuesday, June 10

6:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

St. John's Cafeteria Alcove

(inside the main hospital, first floor, watch for signs to the cafeteria)

1235 E. Cherokee

We'll be learning about lifting, insect control and sun exposure at the June meeting! Three things a gardener definitely encounters while tending to their landscape. Fran Cutshall, Physical Therapy Assistant, will have tips for proper body mechanics when lifting. Plus, some tips on stretching and helpful ways to keep your brain energized. Karen McKinnis, Springfield Greene County Health Department Educator, shares tips on mosquito control. We'll also have a few handouts on ticks. Then, Connie Zimmerman, St. John's Oncology Services, gives important information on sun safety.

Please plan to join us for this great program. We needed to move the location of the meeting after recently being notified the Cancer Center auditorium is being renovated the two weeks during which our meeting occurs.

WATERGARDEN TOUR: Don't forget the annual Springfield Watergarden Society tour is Saturday and Sunday, June 21 & 22. Call Linda Siler for more details or tickets, 883-2399.

IRIS SALE: We sure enjoyed the incredible display of iris blooms at the Iris Show the weekend of Mother's Day at the Library Center. The Iris Society is having an iris plant sale on Saturday, July 19.



PLANT SALE 2008 SUCCESS!!!

What a wonderful plant sale we had this year! The weather was cool and dry, which was nice for a change. We had over 4,000 pots and, even though they were small and in the \$2 to \$3 range due to the late spring, we still grossed \$8,432. Of this amount, \$520 was made from the sale of that spectacular pottery thanks to Margo and Mark Shull!

Our customers were lined up and waiting at 7:00 and the doors were opened promptly at 7:30. By 8:30 almost everything was gone and by 11:00 we were done. Hard to believe it lasted such a short time after the long hours we put in on Friday. But thanks to all our volunteers on Friday and again on Saturday, things ran smoothly and we all had fun.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Christy Jenkins and Mary Brown

**Public Education Committee News
Renae Bernskoetter Public Education Co/chair
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By the time you are reading this, the 1st Young Sprouts in the Garden event will be over. I would like to thank everyone who helped out. There will be a report at the next meeting as to the success of the event.

Depending on the mailing date, another event may be over or coming up real soon. The Garden Symposium is scheduled for June 7 at Nat Greene from 9am to noon. There is a \$10 charge for attending. Before Gaylord left he said that if you attend sessions that you want to learn more about, you can count the time as Advanced Training. You can pre-register by calling the Extension office, or just come on out and you can pay that morning, registration starts at 8:30am. This is a public education opportunity, so if you have friends or family that would be interested, please invite them as well.

Coming up soon is the Ozark Empire Fair. I will need workers for our booth there as well as a few people to put on presentations. If you are interested please call me or email me. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting as well.

**From Nathanael Greene Demonstration Gardens
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As I write this, we are very busy at the Demonstration Gardens. New plants are going in daily, and the beds are getting ready for a great garden season. I invite you to take a stroll thru the gardens and enjoy their beauty. The Bed Heads and Bed Fellows have done an outstanding job.

Reminder: Third Tuesday work evening, June 17, starting around 5pm

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Hotline

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Everything is going well at the Hotline thanks to all the hard working volunteers. In spite of the wet and cool weather, calls are increasing in number at the Hotline. We answered 245 requests in April and May continues to be very busy. Gardeners know this is prime gardening time in spite of the weather. Please remember if you cannot work your assigned shift or you are interested in working the hotline, contact at Nancy at the Extension office or contact myself.

Thank you!

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