



GRAPEVINE

From the President

Mark Bernskoetter, MG—887-5782

marnaeb@sbcglobal.net

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

Remember our Master Gardener tour on June 13, Public Education has added a new series to be held in the demonstration gardens, and the monthly clean-ups at Nathanael Greene the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Before you know it, the Ozark Empire Fair will be here and gone and we will be talking about fall crops and then putting the gardens to bed. Where does the growing season go?

See you in the gardens.

JUNE

- 1 Board Meeting
- 6 Knowin' & Growin' – Beneficial Insects – Nathanael Greene – 9:00 am
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 9 General meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Report total number of hours year to date at June meeting
- 13 MG exclusive garden tour
- 16 Nathanael Greene clean up 5 pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)

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 pm
- 16 Nathanael Greene clean up 5 pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)
- 25 Knowin' & Growin' – Dividing Iris – Nathanael Greene – 9:30 am
- 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 pm
- 18 Nathanael Greene clean up 5 pm – dark (3rd Tuesday)

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**

**Renaë Bernskoetter,
Board Member**

**Please Contact
Nancy To
Update Your
Address
@
chambersn@
missouri.edu**



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

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

Extension Account—\$ 14,339.44

MG Account - \$ 5127.62

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,800.46

Total Cash - \$ 35,267.52

Thanks to all that helped on the Spring Banquet. I hope that it was a success (I am writing this before the banquet). If we have a June club garden tour, would anyone be willing to bring a morning type snack? If so, please contact me at 725-3203.

meeting snacks:

June: C, A, G, Y, U

July: H, L, F, Z, D

Thanks, Jana

PLANT SALE 2009!!!

What a fantastic plant sale we had this year! We could NOT have asked for better weather. If only we could be that lucky EVERY plant sale.

There were people waiting in line at 6:00 am and by the time we opened the doors at 7:30, approximately 200 people filled the tent. We had over 5,000 plants this year and even though we didn't sell all of them or break the \$10,000 mark, we still did very well. The pottery from Margo and Mark Shull was almost completely sold. Our gross take this year was \$8,427.

Thanks to all the Master Gardeners who chipped in this year with their plants and or their time. We couldn't do it without you!

Christy Jenkins and Mary Brown



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 05.04.09

Voting Board members in attendance: Mary Brown, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Carl Redmon, Mark and Renae Bernskoetter, Ann Hall. Patrick Byers represented Missouri Extension..

Committee Chairs in attendance: Carl Huffman, Amy Tuggle.

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

Treasure Report: Christy reported a balance of \$35,267.52, with expenses for April at \$7,558.09 and income at \$11,599.60.

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

Programs: Amy: no program for May, but there will be a "social" meeting at Maschino's on May 14th at the regular time, along with the Water Garden Society. June will be the Grass Research Farm in Nixa. Chadwick will be invited to visit the Board about talking about the "Well Fed Neighbor" program at a general meeting.

Public Education: Renae: Saturday's native seedling class was cancelled due to bad weather, but 2 people showed up so a small class was held. Need people to hold short classes for "Knowing and Growing".

Carl brought up the use of the tent for the plant sale. We will look at using the pavilion next to the Japanese Garden, on the opposite side of the parking lot from where we usually set up. The reason is the increasing cost of tent rental and fees attached to having a large tent. We need more helpers, next year, as well as improved signs; we also need to watch the quality of plants for sale. The left over plants, after the exchange, were donated to the Habitat for Humanity and Rutledge Wilson Farm. The sales tax issue had come up again, but was taken care of. New apparel is available to purchase from Debbie Hunget.

Extension Report: Patrick had a new handout available for the proposed "Gaylord Moore" scholarship. Ann made a motion to accept the scholarship, with several minor changes. Seconded by Renae, motion passed. He also had updated plans for the new building, which were discussed.

Perk cards: a new list of vendors will be in Grapevine.

Our donation for awards at the fair will be sent to Mary Quinn.

Fox news is looking for someone to do a 7:00 am spot on gardening; they would like footage of different gardens.

Prior discussion had been held about having a blog available on the website, but the Extension does not support blogs.

Commitment forms will be sent to the new Master Gardeners.

The first clean up day at Nathanael Greene is the 3rd Tuesday, May 19, at 5:00 until dark. Pizza will be available.

A garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th.

Next board meeting date will be Monday June 1st at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary



**Winter is cold-hearted,
Spring is yea and nay,
Autumn is a weather cock
Blown every way.
Summer days for me
When every leaf is on its tree.**

By Christina Rossetti

A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses. Chinese Proverb

**Master Gardener General Meeting
April 28th, 2009
Plant Exchange and May meeting**

Christy reported sales of approximately \$8427.00 at the plant sale. We had over 5000 plants available for sale. Thanks to all of those who donated plants and helped. We will need more help next year, and be thinking of plants to pot and donate.

Mark – Saturday morning at 9:30, at Nathanael Greene will be the native seedling ID class. Amy has “Young Sprouts” posters available. Be sure to record your hours spent helping for the plant sale. May 12th is the social at Maschino’s at 6:30. May 14th, Thursday, will be the banquet at St. John’s.

Debbie had an assortment of shirts with the new logo for sale at the exchange. Tee shirts and hats can be ordered.

Be sure to check out the veggie garden at Nathanael Greene with its new design. Remember that Nancy can order a new name tag, with payment in advance of \$6.00 for a pin and \$8.00 for a magnet back.

The plant exchange was enjoyed by everyone. We had lots of plants left from the sale for the “free-for-all”.

Secretary,
Janet McWilliams



Public Education by Renae Bernskoetter , 887.5782

The first "Knowin' & Growin'" class on May 2nd at Nathanael Greene was canceled due to the threat of rain. It was supposed to rain a lot, but alas, that morning broke with no rain. Oh, well, that will teach me to trust so much in the forecast. So far the schedule for the classes at Nathanael Greene for "Knowin' & Growin'" is:

So far the schedule for the classes at Nathanael Greene for "Knowin' & Growin'" is:

June 6 - Beneficial Insects

July 25 - Dividing Iris

The classes will be held, or at least start in the Demo Gardens by our shed. They will start at 9am. There is no charge for the classes. The list of classes will be posted at Nathanael Greene. This is open to the public as well, so invite your friends. There is no registration. If it is raining, the class will be canceled without notice.

I would really like to add more classes, but I need your help. If you are interested in putting on a demonstration, or teaching something, please let me know. I plan that the class will take 30-45 min, the class size may be as small as 1, or as large as (who knows). I will need to know what topic and what dates you are interested in. There are many topics that can be done, and if you could do a demonstration of some kind, that would be even better. Please let me know as soon as possible what you want to present.

Nothing beats rainwater for watering your garden site, lawn plantings, or potted plants. Place a large barrel at the foot of your rainwater down spouts on your house or garage to collect rain. Remove as needed to water your plants. To keep mosquito larva from developing in your rainwater barrel, add a few goldfish. The goldfish will consume any mosquito larva and add fertilizer to the water for your plants.

Encourage earthworms in your garden. Put fruit and vegetable peels and scraps under hay or straw around your plants or in the pathway. The worms will do the tilling of the soil for you.

Pearls of Garden Wisdom by Deborah S. Tukua and Vicki West

**A Seedsmens' Point of View****Tuesday, June 9th****St. John's C.H. "Chub" O'Reilly Cancer Center****2055 S. Fremont, Auditorium****Program at 6:30 p.m.**

As the summer gears up, take a break to come join us for an interesting program from a company considered to be the oldest continuous processor of grass seed in the state of Missouri. We will be welcoming Larry McCroskey, Seedsmen and Owner of Nixa Hardware and Seed Company, for our regular monthly meeting. The company was founded in 1899. We'll be learning about field varieties and turf-types, as well as their own 500 acre research and production farm. Hope to see you there.

Many thanks to the MGs who enjoyed the social evening and scavenger hunt at Maschinos in May! They were a wonderful and gracious host! Plus, the scavenger hunt was a lot of fun. We loved it so much, we're on the calendar to go back in March of 2010.

Amy Tuggle**Happy Father's Day on June 21st!**

Strange as it may sound, I have found the best preparation for fatherhood has been gardening. It takes time. Rewards are slow in coming. There is no control, only influence. Seedlings strive to develop their potential without my efforts. There is a pattern to development that is predictable in form but individual in detail and that unfolds at its own pace, whatever I may wish. Every day brings new surprises.

Nigel Goddard, on Father's Day, The New York Times, June 26th, 1994

Who that was blessed with parents that indulged themselves, and children with a flower garden, can forget the happy innocent hours spent in its cultivation! O! who can forget those days, when to announce the appearance of a bud, or the coloring of a tulip, or the opening of a rose, or the perfection of a full-blown peony, was glory enough for one morning.

Joseph Breck, New Book of Flowers, 1866



From the Xeriscape Garden

What a spring we've had! The rain has kept us out of the beds for much of April and May, but it certainly has caused the plants to grow tall and beautiful! Of course, weeds are also plants...but that's the price we pay for great compost-enriched soil. Tomorrow is a big work day and I'm hoping for a big step forward in our attempt to rework a minimum of one bed a year. We're going to follow Donna Allyn's approach to rearranging: dig 'em up, move 'em around, and pray for rain! She and Pat have done an awesome job with their bed, so we'll trust in the process.

Thanks to all who have volunteered their valuable time and energy to our spring weeding and planting. Even with several beds in disarray, visitors always tell us how nice the garden looks, and it's thanks to a great deal of volunteer work. Special thanks go to Jim Hawkins and Carl Redmon for locating and arranging for much-needed mulch for the garden. [Carl has hauled enough mulch and dirt for us that he could use a magnetic sign for his truck...] I think I'd rather garden without water than without mulch! There is only so much weeding we can do.

Two gardening books to recommend to you:

Trees, Shrubs, and Roses for Midwest Gardens by Ezra Haggard. Wonderful information [with photos] of recommended plants. Haggard is extremely knowledgeable and the plants are good for Missouri, not just Seattle. A new copy is rather expensive but you can locate used copies for next to nothing on the Internet by going to Barnes and Noble.com and clicking on Used Books.

Covering Ground by Barbara Ellis is a gorgeous collection of ideas for landscaping with ground covers. Filled with colored photos and also excellent information. The book also addresses invasive and non-native plant issues. Available at Barnes and Noble.

I would love to receive suggestions for gardening books that you have found useful!

Barbara St. Clair

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
 **Extension**
Master Gardener

GREENE COUNTY
833 N. Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802-3810
Return Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Springfield, MO
Permit No. 228

Everyone who has done much digging knows the effect it has not only on the mind and body but on one's whole being...for solid every changing unfailing enjoyment give me digging.

Eleanour Rohde, A Garden of Herbs, 1920

My mother once called me, "digger", true story.

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

Master Gardeners of Southwest Missouri
833 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802
Phone: 417-862-9284 Fax: 417-862-1809
Hotline 417-862-9284