



# GRAPEVINE

## From the President

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The annual April plant sale is always a great event – tiring, but lots of fun and excitement. By the time you read this, we will all have had time to breathe a sigh of relief and take a nice nap to rest up. Hopefully you found some great plants you’ve been wanting. I’m sure I found some I never even knew I wanted until I saw the poor things just sitting there, needing a new home.

Lots of upcoming activities on the calendar below – be sure to take a look – there were several changes since last month’s Grapevine. Public Education has added a new series to be held in the demonstration gardens, the monthly clean-ups at Nathanael Greene get underway the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, we have our Spring Banquet, and (can you believe it?) it’s time to start thinking about the Ozark Empire Fair.

See you in the gardens.

### MAY

- 2 “Knowin’ & Growin’” - identify/transplant native seedlings – Nat. Greene– 9:30 am
- 2 Xeriscape Open House – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 4 Board Meeting
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month’s Grapevine
- 12 MG Social at Maschinos, 1715 S. Campbell - NO general meeting
- 14 Spring Banquet
- 19 Nat. Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
- 30 “Young Sprouts in the Garden”, children’s gardening event-Nathanael Greene

### 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 (day before Father’s Day)
- 16 Nat. Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Nat. Greene clean up 5pm – dark (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
- 25 “Knowin’ & Growin’” – dividing Iris – Nathanael Greene – 9:30 am
- 31-8/9 Ozark Empire Fair

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

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

**Extension Account—\$ 8510.25**

**MG Account - \$ 3398.72**

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

**Total Cash - \$ 27,709.43**

**There are not enough thanks for the Master Gardeners who helped with the Pot'em Up days. Date changes and wind that could make you fly, you did a great job! Thanks!!**

**On Tuesday, May 19th, starting around 5PM we will have our first 3rd Tuesday Work Evening. This worked out so well last year, we will continue it this year. Mark your calendars; it will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in May thru August. We will have Pizza!**

**Cindy Arrowood**

**Finding Flowers Scramble**

**A flowering shrub with round white or yellow flower clusters,   aaaicc**

**Small wild or garden plant with white, red or purple star-shaped flowers,   aeenmno**

**Showy, richly colored flowers cultivated in greenhouses,   ahimntuur**

**Broad, flat, brightly colored flower with petals,   anpys**

**Daisy-like flower with a yellow center, and white, pink or purple petals,   aerst**

**White, golden or garnet in color,   acehnnmmrysut**

**Cultivated for its showy, large, variously colored flower,   aahidl**

**A small white flower with a yellow center, usually growing wild,   adiys**



## Master Gardeners of Green County Board Meeting Minutes 04.06.09

**Voting Board members in attendance:** Mary Brown, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Ann Hall, Mark Bernskoetter, Renae Bernskoetter, and Carl Redmon

**Committee Chairs in attendance:** Cindy Arrowood, Vicky Barrett

**State Board Representative:** Carl Huffman

**Nancy Chambers:** Before the meeting started Nancy gave copies of the hours turned in to the Board. She also told us that the state wants us to code the hours with their codes and has more ways that we need to break the hours down. Per Patrick, the reason is finding out the “impact” we have on groups and how many people we reach, or have contact with.

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

**David Burton:** Brought to our attention the questions that a letter for sales tax exemption had raised. Master Gardener’s group may need to apply for own exemption status. We may first have to apply for our own EIN#.

**Treasure Report:** Christy reported a balance of \$27,709.43 as of March 31, 2009. Checks given out after this balance were: Lowe’s for \$72.61 (Xeriscape); Renae Bernskoetter for \$123.79 (public education snacks, fairs and shows). A deposit was made for \$58.39 (interest on CD).

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Ann moved to accept the report as given, seconded by Renae, motion passed.

**Hot Line:** No report other than being very busy.

**Nathanael Greene:** Cindy stated that she had a lot of people there for “pot-em-up day.” There is a new lock on the shed. See her for the combination. The vegetable garden would have a work day Wednesday evening. She needs the commitment sheets from the new class.

**Programs:** April would be Hammon’s Nut Company from Stockton and information about the plant sale.

**Public Education:** Renae has 44 people in the MO Garden. “Spring Into Gardening” had 37 in attendance. A new program called “Knowin and Growin” will be the replacement for the June Symposium. These will be small informal demonstration classes at Nathanael Greene on Saturday mornings. Three have been set up so far. October 10th is the date set for “Going Green in the Garden”. This one will be in partnership with Show Me Yards. “Young Sprouts” is set for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Speaker’s Bureau:** Vicky-Needs a person to do a class on container gardening; needs speakers for basic gardening classes.

**Fairs and Shows:** Last Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>) was at the Nature Center.

**Carl Huffman:** Carl went to his first state meeting. They had some outside speakers, and touched on “transplants” to Master Gardeners from other states- there is a charge of \$45.00 for them to receive current books. They talked about statewide time keeping, moving forward long range, dues were discussed and tabled, and by-laws and procedures were discussed. They looked at alternatives for the state meeting. One idea was to have classes in advanced training, to be organized at the state level.

**Plant Sale:** Christy has all paperwork completed to get permit from park for the tent. Inspector has been notified.

**Vice President:** Ann had 135 people to turn in hours. 12225 hours total were turned in. 4469 were in the “other” category. 60 people did not turn in hours. A letter will go out to these people. The hour



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sheets will need to be revised to match the state's codes and categories.

The Missouri Extension has a new logo; this will need to be incorporated in any new apparel buys. **Missouri Extension:** Patrick Byers stated that the Master Gardener classes are now complete. The Extension budget is looking better, without the major cuts they were expecting. Updated information on the Gaylord Moore Scholarship was given out. A few changes to this were made. New name tags will be available, with the new logo. The new class will receive theirs free of charge, and other Master Gardeners may purchase one if they would like to. The class year can be included. You have your choice of a pin or magnet.

Old Business: Still waiting on Miles to get back to us for "needed uses" of our section of the building. Also still working on project approval forms.

New Business: Ann will look at the hour sheet changes. A letter will go out to those who have not turned in hours.

Tours will be set for May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13....gardens are needed for the tours.

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary

### Finding Flowers Scramble

**Purple or white bell-shaped flower, oovxlgfe**

**A fragrant yellow, pink or white flower, sriaef**

**A sweet-smelling pale purple or white blossom, ahhcinty**

**A sweet-smelling pale purple or white blossom, llica**

**A tall spike of flowers, bearing seeds in pods, eilnpu**

**A white or orange flower, agilmdro**

**A brightly-colored flower, with one petal larger than the other two, cdhiro**

**An electric-hued, daisy-like flower, abeegrr**

**PUBLIC EDUCATION****Renae Bernskoetter****417-887-5872**

Wow, this year has been great so far. Lots of learning going on.

“Spring Into Gardening” went very well. The weather that morning was worse than we had for our January seminar. Snow, rain, cold, oh well, a good day to be indoors since the garden was too wet. We had 37 in attendance for this seminar. The mood was good even though the weather was not. ADVANCED TRAINING HOURS you can count up to 2 1/2 hours if you attended this seminar.

**Knowin’ & Growin’ Learning In The Garden**

These will be classes held at Nat. Greene during the summer. At this time, we are just starting to put together some topics and speakers. These classes will be on Saturday mornings usually starting at 9am. When I have a speaker/topic/date scheduled I will post it out at Nat. Greene and I will put it in the Grapevine if we have time. There will be no charge for these classes, pre-registration will not be required. In the event of rain (or snow or sleet) the class will be canceled. These classes may count towards your advanced training hours.

Classes scheduled for the Knowin & Growin’ so far:

May 2 – Identifying and transplanting native seedlings – this class will start at 9:30am  
you may be able to take some seedlings home with you.

June 6 – Beneficial insects, learn about them and how to identify them.

July 25 – Dividing iris – watch a live demonstration on successfully dividing and  
transplanting iris. One may even follow you home.

If you are interested in giving a demonstration or presentation, please get in touch with me to get it on the schedule.

**Fall Into Gardening**

Plan ahead, the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Fall Into Gardening” seminar is scheduled for August 8th.

The plan is to cover the following topics: growing conifers, berries that ripen in the fall, edible flower gardens, roses, botanical names. The seminar starts at 8:30 am and will go until 11:45 am.

**Going Green in the Garden**

October 10, 2009. Seminar starts at 8:30 am and goes until noon. We will have a question and answer session starting at noon for those that want to stay. More details will be out soon.

For both of the above events, registration begins at 8 am. Pre-registration is requested and the fee will be \$10 for each. As before, if you as a Master Gardener bring a snack to share, you will get a second ticket for the door prize drawings, you can only get 1 door prize, but you get 2 chances to win.

**May social event at Maschino's**

In lieu of a general May meeting (since we "technically" have it in April as the plant exchange), we will be joining our fellow Springfield Water Garden Society friends for a spring social at Maschinos. How nice of them to invite us to their store. They have lovely items for outdoor rooms. We will have a garden topics related scavenger hunt where the folks answering all of the questions correctly will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 Maschino's gift certificate! We hope to see you on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm! They are located at 1715 S. Campbell in Springfield – a little north of the intersection of Campbell and Sunshine.

**“Young Sprouts in the Garden”**

Saturday, May 30th

We're counting down to the second annual kids gardening event – “Young Sprouts in the Garden” on Saturday, May 30th from 9 am to 2 pm at Nathanael Greene Park! Admission is free.

Children are naturally curious so getting them interested in gardening, nature and our environment is quite exciting! This event is also to raise awareness of our public service project, Ozarks Harvesting Hope (a part of the national “Plant a Row for the Hungry” campaign).

We will have two large tents for our participant booths located near the Demonstration Garden. The premise of the event is that the kids receive a punch card when they arrive to be taken to at least ten booths. At each booth, they learn something or participate in an activity. After the ten punches, they receive a kids OHH gardening apron (while supplies last). We will also be giving them an OHH green reusable bag. The MGs will have several activities, including planting a seed or plant, insect station with live worms and ladybugs, botany rubbings, decorating plant markers and egg carton caterpillars. Plus, tours of the garden. The Library will be coming for story time in the garden at 12:30 p.m.

Participants to date include: Ozarks Harvesting Hope, Master Gardeners of Greene County, Discovery Center, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Community Park, Wild Birds Unlimited, James River Basin Partnership, Greene County 4-H, Show Me Yards & Neighborhoods, Springfield Conservation Nature Center, All About Trees, St. John's Children's Hospital, Friends of the Garden, Springfield-Greene County Library District, USDA-NRCS South Missouri Water Quality Project, OTC Turf & Landscape Management Program/ PLANET Chapter, Beecharmer Farms & Beekeepers of the Ozarks and National Weather Service.

We would sure love for you to volunteer for this event. Let us know if you have the full day, a few or a couple of hours. If you would like a poster or some flyers to hang up at your church, work, school or business, we're glad to get one to you.

Hope to see you on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

Amy Tuggle, 886-0866 or amy.tuggle@sbcglobal.net



## Minutes of General Meeting April 14, 2009

The speaker this evening was Laura Ronald with Hammons Products Company, in Stockton, Mo.

Mark mentioned the new name tags – they are now a different size, with a new logo and the year of the class you were in. New Master Gardeners will receive one at the banquet. Other Master Gardeners can purchase a new one. The pin is \$6.00, the magnet is \$8.00. Contact Nancy by the end of the month with order and payment.

Christy Jenkins: Treasurer's report: Balance \$27,709.43 as of March 31, 2009. We need more plants potted. Pots and potting soil is available at Nat. Greene. Pricing will be done Friday before the sale. We are hoping to have pictures this year. We need lots of people to help Friday and Saturday. Friday, at 10:00 am, you can bring plants or any garden related items. Do not bring carts until Saturday. The pre-sale is Friday, at 6:00 pm. If you are working Saturday, please arrive at 6:00am. Come when you can if you can not arrive that early. Sale starts at 7:30 am. We need roaming clerks, plant sitters and help taking plants to vehicles. Tuesday, April 28th will be the plant exchange at Nat. Greene at 6:00pm. A helpful hint for next year is to pot up seedlings as you clean up in the fall. If you have room, they are usually easy to keep over winter. This will give you a head start with items for the plant sale.

Programs: Amy Tuggle-Tuesday, May 12th we will be having a "social" event at Maschinos with the Water Garden Society. Posters are available for "Young Sprouts" and we need volunteers for that event – such as craft help and tour guides for the gardens. Lunch will be provided.

Xeriscape: Barbara St. Clair– Thanks to all who helped at potting event. She will be calling on everyone for help later.

Nathanael Greene: Cindy Arrowood-Another thanks to all who helped at Nat. Greene. May starts the 3rd Tuesday work evening. A cedar log was donated for the native beds. Cindy needs someone to "burn" a bed sign into it. May 15<sup>th</sup> is a work evening in the herb and veggie beds at 4:00 PM.

Social: Jana Belk: The plant exchange is April 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring up to 5 plants (more if you have them for the free-for-all after the name drawing ends!). Initials for snacks are WJNBT. The social committee will meet at 5:30 pm. Also meeting will be anyone sponsoring a table at the banquet. Need reservation sheets in for the banquet.

Public Education: Renae Bernskoetter- Flyers are available for the plant sale. Handouts for "Young Sprouts" are also available. MO Garden classes have ended and 44 people attended. It was a great class. "Fall Into Gardening" will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, "Going Green in the Garden" is October 10<sup>th</sup>, "Knowin and Growin" is a set of classes on Saturday mornings in May and June. These will be in place of the June Symposium. They will be small, informal demonstration classes. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is a class called "Native Seedling Identification", starting at 9:30am.

Vice President: Ann Hall- Needs anyone speaking for a group to please make note of such items as, ages of the group, whether male/female, and the ethnic makeup of the group.

Fairs and Shows: Sharon Owings- Thanks to those who helped at Nature Center's "Naturescape". Sign up sheets are ready for fair volunteers.

Extension Office: Patrick Byers- Talked about getting demographic information at any MG event. This is important information for the Extension. Forms are available to use. Patrick complimented both gardens and stated that interesting things were going on at Nat. Greene, especially new ideas for the vegetable garden. He also thanked the Master Gardeners for our support during the "budget cutting talks".

President: Mark Bernskoetter- Gail Stineburg and Donna Allyn both need help with items in their garden for the sale, especially dividing grasses. We have three more places to add to our membership card "perks". A question was asked about hours and when to turn them in. More information will be given during our next meeting. He asked if there was any interest in anyone purchasing visors or hats. We will have a variety of shirts available soon with the new logo.

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A Master Gardener cookbook was brought up as fund raiser. Anyone interested in putting one together should contact Mark. The plant sale for Christian County is April 18<sup>th</sup> at the OTC campus on Hwy 14. A Master Gardener tour is set for June 13<sup>th</sup> (we will not have one in May). We have two gardens on the list already. If you are interested in having your garden on the tour, let Mark know.

Secretary,  
Janet McWilliams

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