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GRAPEVINE

From the President

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Below is the calendar of events for the rest of this calendar year. It is so hard to believe that 2008 is winding down – and we may even get to stop mowing real soon. It seems like every year I end up putting my gardens to bed later and later.

Fall and the oncoming winter months also mean it's time for our annual elections for the Master Gardener Board. I want to thank those brave volunteers who have stepped forward to place their names on the ballot. You should all be receiving your ballot in the mail very soon, if you haven't already. The really great news is that you have lots of great candidates to choose from. We are electing 4 new folks to replace 4 outgoing members of the board.

NOVEMBER

4 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday

9 Deadline for information to be in next month's Grapevine

11 General meeting 6:30, "Garden Crafts w/ Water Garden Society

DECEMBER

2 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday

9 No general meeting – Happy Holidays!

9 Deadline for information to be in next month's Grapevine

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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

Extension Account—\$ 6606.45

MG Account - \$ 5269.10

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 27,119.50

Social Committee-Jana Belk 725.3203

Snacks for November: B, A, N, I, Y

Please bring plenty of snacks because the Water Garden Society will be our guests.

Social committee will meet at 5:30 PM, November 11th, before the regular Master Gardner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Note

Renaë Bernskoetter

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I wanted to let everyone know that I am trying something different with the minutes from the general meetings. In the past, there have been copies of the previous meeting minutes available. At several of the meetings I took home almost as many as I had brought. So in an effort to get the information out quicker and to use less paper I am going to include in the Grapevine any information that is in addition to what was in the board meeting minutes. Many of the committee reports are identical at both meetings. I will try this for the next few meetings to see how it goes. Please let me know what you think.



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 10/7/08

Voting Board members in attendance: Larry Dowell, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Carl Redmon, Ann Hall, Amy Tuggle, Mark Bernskoetter and Renae Bernskoetter.

Committee Chairs in attendance: Mary Gallagher, Jana Belk, Mary Brown.

Pat gave information he had found on scholarships. He read details from a similar type of scholarship to what we are planning. Details were then discussed. The Gaylord Moore Scholarship for the Advancement of Horticulture will be a \$500 award with the money coming out of the MG general fund. Pat will finalize the writing of our scholarship and present at a later date for more discussion. Pat then read an email that explained the possibility of sales tax being required on our plant sale. The options at this time are to pay sales tax on the amount that we sell, or, if we clearly advertise the sale as a fund raiser and show that the funds are used solely for our program we may be able to make the case that we are not "retail". The best option would be to get a ruling from the Dept. of Revenue that states we do not have to pay sales tax. Rhonda from the office in Columbia is requesting that ruling to cover all of the MG groups in the state. The Empire Fair has requested that the MG's sponsor awards again for the 2009 fair. They are requesting prepayment for 2009. This past year we sponsored for \$200. There was a question as to whether the full amount is awarded to the winner, based on a board member's experience with another organization. We are going to request a list of the names of the winners from the 2008 fair. The topic was tabled until we can get more information.

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

Treasurer Report Christy reported a balance of \$27,119.50 total assets as of September 30, 2008.

Bills to be paid: Post office for July, Aug, and Sept Grapevine mailings \$99.74, Ewing Irrigation for Nat. Greene \$34.66, Jana Belk \$244.00 for, "Fall Into Gardening", Ann moved to accept the report and to pay the bills, Larry seconded, motioned passed. Carl suggested that a thank you note be sent to John Keeter at the Springfield Pallet Company. They supply us with the mulch for the gardens. A note will be drafted and sent by Mark.

Hotline: Mary Gallagher reported that there were 1430 calls received by the hotline from March through Sept 2008. In 2007, there were 1804 calls. There were 35 workers who covered the hotline and Mary said things went very well. She is planning to step down as the chair for next year. Pat thanked Mary and the workers for their help during his first months in the office. There is a meeting planned for Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 2pm at the Extension office to discuss the Hotline, everyone is invited to attend. The end of October will be the end of the Hotline season for 2008, although calls will still be answered from home by a few folks over the winter months.

Xeriscape: Carl reported that there were 26 in attendance for the Advanced Training that Barbara St. Clair put on. Carl stated that it was a good class and the gardens looked great.

Nathanael Greene: Carl reported that Oct 25 will be the Breakfast in Bed for the fall clean up. He also stated that the veggie garden is doing well with the fall crops and with no frost in the near future the harvest should be good. Carl asked the board to consider the purchase of a rear-tine tiller to be used at the gardens. He will look into some prices and check with dealers to see what price we could get on one.

Old Business

-Membership "perk" card – Currently the businesses that will give MG's a discount are; Hummert's in Springfield and Garden Adventures in Nixa. Mark will be asking for a couple of volunteers to coordinate this.

-State MG Board representative. Carl Huffman was notified he was chosen to be our rep to the State Board.

-Ann will be attending the next Ext. Council Meeting. She had planned to attend the Sept. meeting but there was a mix up in dates.

-The letter requesting the closing of Nat Greene Park at dark was signed by the president of Friends of the Gardens and by Mark as our MG President and sent to the Park Board.

New Business:

The Springfield Water Garden Society asked to set up a tent at our Plant Sale. It was discussed and agreed that it would be OK for them to set up at tent. They will be asked to limit the plants they sell to water plants. They will also need to be informed of the Nursery Inspection and the possibility of sales tax requirement.

-Pat has a couple of possible volunteer opportunities, one is to help set up some raised beds at area Head Starts and the Missouri Rehab Center may be looking for help. He will send out a request for help when he gets more information.

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

Respectfully submitted, Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary



**From Nathanael Greene Demonstration Gardens
Cindy Arrowood, MG 881.5996 cynarrowood@sbcglobal.net**

It's hard to believe that another garden season has almost passed. I have had so many visitors at the gardens express their thanks for all our hard work in making this garden possible and so beautiful. The gardens have looked fantastic this year and it was possible because of all the hard work from our section heads, bed heads, bed fellows and master gardeners who helped at the work evenings. Section Heads, Randy Underwood [Turf Area], Gail Stineburg [Mixed Borders], and Carl Redmon [Vegetables] have given their time, energy and expertise to make their area great. I can not thank them enough for all their hard work and commitment to the gardens. There were 23 Bed Heads this year that committed to being responsible for a specific bed. Following is a list of these master gardeners. They are the foundation for what makes the Demonstration Gardens possible.

Herbs: Bed 1A and Bed 5 Naomi Shaw, Bed 1B Susan Daniels, Bed 1C Patricia Cordier, Bed 2A and Bed 3A Sonja Lallemand, Bed 2D Kim Fields, Bed 3C Christine Chiu, Bed 4A Patty Hanson, Bed 4B Connie Archdale and Bed 4C Pat Tursi.

Ornamental Grass: Carl Redmon

Mixed Borders: Bed 9 Cindy Arrowood, Bed 10 Gail Stineburg, Bed 11 Janet

McWilliams, Bed 12 Carolyn Schirmer, and Bed 13 Dellene Nelson.

Native Wildflowers: Bed 15 Trever Slothower and Debbie Renshaw, Bed 16 Mark and Renae Bernskoetter, Bed 17 Cindy Arrowood, Bed 18 Pam White, Bed 19 Robert Pears.

Berries [this year Sunflowers] Les Schilling

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all of you for your commitment and time spent on your beds this year.

And for the MANY OTHERS who gave of their time and energy to help make this garden a special place THANKS!!!

In the next few months, preparation will be starting for the 2009 garden season. I hope you will make a commitment to work in the gardens. This is one of our major out reach programs and it needs a lot of help to make it possible. There are not enough thanks for those who helped in the garden this year. Thanks Again!!!



Master Gardeners of Greene County General Meeting Oct 14, 2008

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION IN ADDITION TO BOARD MINUTES

Bob Ball gave a presentation on “Wild, Wonderful Wetlands. This will count towards 30 min of Advanced Training hours.

Ballots for changes to the By-laws were handed out. There was some discussion then the ballots were turned in at the end of the meeting.

Xeriscape – Barbara St. Clair reported that the cactus bed renovation had not taken place as previously schedule due to the soil not being delivered in time. It has been rescheduled to Sat Oct 19 at 10am. RSVP to Barbara if you plan to attend. Also Patrick has removed the “evil” Cactus from the bed already.

**The Social Committee had a sign up for the type of food you wish to bring to the January Potluck. More information will be sent out later.
Snacks for the November meeting will be B – A – N – I – Y.**

Historian – Lola reported that she has been working on the filing system to get it organized.

State Board – Carl Huffman was introduced as our representative on the State Board.

There was a handout available that listed the Advanced Training opportunities that we had for 2008. There was also a handout that had dates for 2009 seminars. These list will also be in the next Grapevine.

Mark reported that the Membership card and the “Perks” for MG’s was underway. He asked for a volunteer to coordinate that project. Susan Hansen volunteered to work on that.

Mary Lou Braswell from the 2008 Nominating Committee read the list of members who have agreed to be on the ballot for the 2009 MG Board. The plan is for the ballots to be mailed out with the next Grapevine and then they will need to be returned to the Extension office for counting.

The November meeting will be on Garden Crafts. We will be combining with the Water Garden Society. You can attend our meeting on Tuesday and or their meeting on Thursday that same week. Of note: at our meeting we will be having the business part of the meeting following the garden crafts.

Respectfully submitted: Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary



Amy Tuggle, MG 886.0866 amy.tuggle@sbcglobal.net

**Garden Craft Night
Tuesday, November 11th
St. John's Cancer Center
2nd Floor Auditorium
6:30 p.m.**

We have a unique program for November: a get-to-know-a garden craft evening. As a special treat, we'll be joined by members of the Springfield Water Garden Society who will be displaying some of their wonderful talents in the area of crafts related to gardening. It might be hyper-toofa, quilting or embroidery with flower patterns, painting or building bird feeders, painting flower pots... The list goes on and on! Do you have a garden related craft hobby?

You are invited to bring a sample to "show and tell" so we can learn about your hobby. If you cannot attend on Tuesday, the 11th, you are encouraged to join the Springfield Water Garden Society at their regular meeting on the 13th. (Same time and location as our meeting.) Master Gardeners love to learn and this is a perfect chance to get new ideas for a winter project! Plus, socialize with other gardeners! Many thanks to Linda Siler for the great program suggestion!

Looking ahead: There will not be a program or dinner in December. We'll meet up again in January for our "holiday" potluck dinner. It's always a favorite! We have several interesting topics in the works for early next year. Sit back and relax, read up on those extra gardening books and magazines and we'll see you next year.

Public Education Committee: Renae Bernskoetter Co/Chair

Plans are still being put together for the 2009 seminars. There are a few dates that I can give to you now so that you can put them on your calendars.

January 24, 2009 this will be a seminar for the winter months. The plan is to cover topics that are pertinent to the season or preparing for the next growing season. It will be at St. John's Cancer Center.

February 7, 2009 Vegetable gardening will be the central topic here. It will be at St. John's Cancer Center.

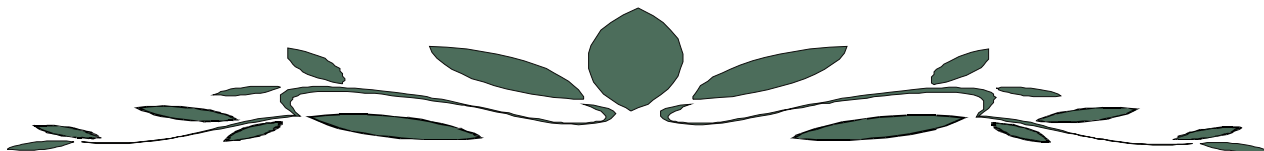
February 20 – 22 Lawn and Garden Show

March 28, 2009 is our 2nd annual, "Spring Into Gardening." It will be at St. John's Cancer Center.

April 4 – "Naturescaping," at the Nature Center

August 8, 2009 will be our 2nd annual, "Fall Into Gardening". - St Johns Cancer Center

For our Seminars the plan is to have ½ day seminars with several topics covered. These are open to the public as well as to our membership. As a MG you can count some of the time towards your advanced training hours. We will also have other opportunities available and more information will be relayed as soon as possible.



**Advanced Training Information:
Rena Bernskoetter: Public Education Co/Chair**

The following dates can be counted towards the advanced training hours for MG's. These are dates of our general meetings where we had a speaker. If you were in attendance for the meeting you can count 1/2 hour of the time towards advanced training and the rest of the time towards your volunteer hours.

2008 General Meeting and the topic covered.**April – Natural Edibles****June – First Aid Panel****July – Japanese Maples – our meeting was held at TT&N tree farm.****October – Wetland Plants**

These dates were other opportunities available in 2008 for advanced training. I hope you were able to attend some of them.

- 1/31 - 3/13 New Master Gardener Classes- any class attended for refresher.**
- 2/15-17 Lawn and Garden Show – any presentations attended.**
- 2/18-19 Fruit Conference – MSU Fruit Station**
- 3/8 Espalier pruning at Nathanael Greene**
- 3/10 to 4/21 Mo Gardens – any class attended**
- 4/5 “Spring into Gardening”**
- 4/5 “Naturescaping” – any classes attended**
- 4/6 Wildflower Walk – Nature Center**
- 4/26 Photography Nature Walk –Nature Center**
- May Nat. Greene - advanced training identify native seedlings/transplant**
- 6/7 Garden Symposium – Nathanael Greene Park**
- 6/18 - 21 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference - Oklahoma City, OK**
- 8/9 “Fall into Gardening” – St. John’s Cancer Center**
- 9/9 Mtn. Grove Fruit Station – Ozark Rain Gardens Field Day**
- 9/26 – 28 State Conference: at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel**
- 10/4 Advanced training at Xeriscape-Xeric plants and their care**

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Go out by yourself, face the wind, hold up your head and thank God for this gardening year.

Richardson Wright, Another's Gardener's Red-Book, 1933

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

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