



GRAPEVINE

From the President

Mark Bernskoetter, MG—887-5782

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I hope everyone was able to get some great plants from the plant exchange. By this time many of you will have attended the State Conference. Another sign that Summer is winding down. Just like the turning of the leaves and the Fall blooms. At the October meeting we will be discussing the nominees for our Board of 2009.

See you in the gardens,

Mark

OCTOBER

- 4 Advanced training @ Zeriscape-Xeric plants and care @ 10AM
- 7 Board Meeting 4:30 PM 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 11 Xeriscape, cleaning up the cactus bed/10am RSVP
- 14 General meeting 6:30 PM—program: Wild, Wonderful Wetlands
election of 3 board members by mail
- 25 "Breakfast In Bed" at Nathanael Greene – 9:00 am
- 31 Hotline scheduling ends

NOVEMBER

- ? end of year get-together for the Hotline
- 4 Board Meeting 4:30 PM 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 11 General meeting 6:30 PM—program: Garden Crafts-Water Garden Society

DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting 4:30 PM 1st Tuesday
- 9 No general meeting
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine

Board Members

Mark Bernskoetter,
President

Ann Hall,
Vice President

Renae Bernskoetter,
Secretary

Christy Jenkins,
Treasurer

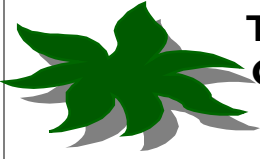
Carl Redmon,
Board Member

Dr. Larry Dowell,
Board Member

Amy Tuggle,
Board Member

Janet McWilliams,
Board Member

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

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

Extension Account—\$ 6726.72

MG Account - \$ 6003.11

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 27,973.78

Mary Gallagher, MG 881-0567 mary67@sbcglobal.net

We have only one more month of regular scheduling for the Hotline. I want to personally thank all the great volunteers who worked the Hotline this year. Also thanks to Nancy and Pat at the Extension office. We had a sufficient number of workers this year which made the scheduling run very smoothly. I have been the Hotline coordinator for two years and would like to move on to another area of the Master Gardener program. Therefore, if anyone is interested in taking this position, I will do all I can to make the transition as easy as possible. Please let me know if you are interested. Also, if anyone is interested in working the Hotline, please contact me.

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

Sat. Oct. 25 will be our Breakfast in Bed. It will start around 9 AM and will be outside at the shed [weather permitting] or in the Brown Building. After breakfast, we will work on cleaning up the beds for the winter. This event is for all Master Gardeners.

**Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 9/2/08**

Voting Board members in attendance: Larry Dowell, Christy Jenkins, Janet McWilliams, Carl Redmon Ann Hall, Renae Bernskoetter. **Committee Chairs in attendance:** Cindy Arrowood, Barbara St Clair Ann Hall presided over the meeting in Mark's absence.

Approval of Minutes: Carl moved to accept the minutes as printed, Larry seconded, motion passed. A letter was presented to the group from Bob Childress regarding the closing of Nat Greene earlier than it currently is. There seems to be more vandalism and theft in the park after dark. The board voted to have Mark sign the letter along with the Friends of the Gardens and have it presented to the Park Board. Ann agreed to attend the MU Extension Council meetings as a representative from MG's.

Programs: Ann read a message from Amy regarding the programs for the next few meetings.

Oct. Bob Ball from Wild, Wonderful, Wetlands

Nov. We will meet with the Water Garden Society and have Garden Crafts. Bring your ideas for garden crafts. Dec, there will be no meeting in December.

Amy has an outline for a Vegetable gardening seminar, set for Feb. 21

For the Public Ed Seminars we have the following dates scheduled Jan 24, April 11 or 4th, and Aug 8. Amy has confirmed our meeting dates at the Cancer Center room. She also has picked up some more ideas for the "Young Sprouts" event.

Xeriscape: There are some problems with the irrigation system and Barbara is looking for the records from the purchase of it. Carl said it was purchased from Ewing irrigation, so she will contact them. Barbara is planning to dig up the cactus bed, it is at the lowest point in the park and collects water. She plans to replace the soil that is there with gravel and putting some of the cacti back. Carl mentioned that CU is a partner in the park and that they may be able to help with some cost. Barbara is planning an Advanced training on Xeric plants and their care. The time for the seminar will be announced soon.

Nathanael Greene: Cindy reported that the gardens are looking great, 1/2 of the hedge is out and the rest will be taken out. She reported a good turn out for the 3rd Tuesday work days. It really helped keep the gardens looking good.

Treasurer Report Christy reported a balance of \$27,973.79 total assets as of Aug 31, 2008.

Bills to be paid: Cindy for Nat Greene \$71.57, Fair Sponsorship \$200, Carl/Nat Greene \$44.23, Carl/mileage \$232.50, Ewing Irrigation/parts \$11.22, Jim Hawkins Xeriscape tool \$14.98, Barbara St Clair/Xeriscape \$121.58, plant markers \$45, Nat Greene/pizza \$73.55, Renae/Fall Into Gardening \$172.00, Grapevine \$20.53

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

Christy questioned the information regarding the need for sales tax to be paid from proceeds of the plant sale.

Pat informed the group that it has been overlooked in the past, however it is a part of the non-profit statement. Pat checked with Mary Kroening from Columbia and she states that we will need to follow that rule. We are still needing more information on how to do the sales tax.

Extension Report: Pat reported that a training session on the Emerald Ash Borer is being put together. He is hoping to have a presentation ready for the November meeting. Pat asked if we were planning to have the MoGardens series in 2009. Renae said that she had been in charge of that last year and Pat said that would be great for this year too.

Public Education: Renae is working with Amy to plan the events for next year. Dates are scheduled, information will be put together and handed out.

Old Business

Membership "perk" card – Pat presented the idea to Mary Kroening and she thought it is a great idea.

Master Gardener Only Tours – Barbara St Clair asked if we will be doing them next year. She stated she would like to have her garden on the tour to encourage her to get her garden in shape.

Scholarship – Pat is waiting to speak to a professor at MSU to get a better idea of how to word the scholarship.

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New Business:

- Nominating Committee-It is time again to get a committee together. Ann will get names and volunteers at the next General Meeting. 6 candidates are needed for the election. Carl and Christy agreed to be nominated again.
- The General meetings that will count for Advanced Training needs to be addressed. Pat will look at the ones since he came on board and for the ones prior to that we will need to contact Gaylord. The information will be put into the Grapevine.
- State MG Board representative. 3 members volunteered to attend the meetings in Columbia, Vicky Barrett, Carl Huffman and Gary Jones. The names were put into a "hat" and Carl's name was drawn. He will be notified.
- Cindy said the Day Lily Society was interested in setting up their sale at the same time as our again next year. This was OK with the board. It was suggested to tell them about the nursery inspection and the sales tax requirement.
- Carl asked to have a current roster emailed to the board. Renae will ask Nancy to send that out.
- Renae asked the board their opinion on trying to get the minutes from the General meetings included in the Grapevine since that would mean more current information to the members. It was agreed that would be good. Renae will check with Susan to see if it would be possible.

Next board meeting date – Tuesday, Oct 7th, 2008 – 4:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Renae Bernskoetter, MG Secretary

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

The Xeriscape Garden has really benefited from the cool temperatures and the rain and continues to put forth blooms for fall. Thank you to all the Master Gardeners who have spent time at the garden, weeding and deadheading. Every hour that you contribute makes a difference in how we are seen by the public!

Two events at the garden are planned for October. The first is a tour of the xeric beds and a discussion of plants suitable for low water use gardening. This will qualify for one hour of advanced training and will take place on Saturday, October 4th, at 10:00. There is no official registration required but if you would email me to let me know you are coming I would appreciate it. [That way I'll know how many cookies to bring!] This is for Master Gardeners only.

The second event is a complete overhaul of the cactus bed at the garden. For many years now the bed was wonderfully tended by Becky Bryson [and her three layers of gloves!] but it has recently been without "expert attention" and has also suffered from the heavy rains and poor drainage in that area of the garden. We plan to dig up every plant in the bed, dispose of the fabric cover, dig up the heavy clay and then amend the soil with a huge amount of compost to improve drainage. Many of the plants will be returned to the bed but we're offering the unnamed cactus in the back to anyone who wishes to collect it before October 10th. The workday on the cactus bed will be Saturday, October 11th, starting at 10:00. Please contact me if you are interested in a one-time project. Lunch will be provided. Let me know if you would like the cactus!



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

Wild, Wonderful, Wetlands
Tuesday, October 14
St. John's Cancer Center
2055 S. Fremont, Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

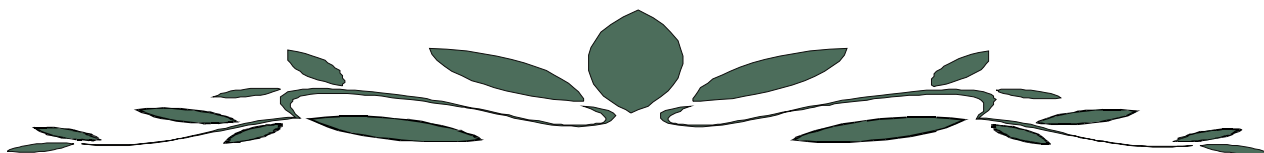
Bob Ball will present a program on, "Wild, Wonderful, Wetlands," at the October 14 meeting. The program will emphasize the rich variety of plants and birds to be found on various types of wetlands, a habitat that we are losing in the U.S. at the rate of 300,000 acres a year.

Bob is a retired economist and native Ozarker. He has been photographing nature subjects for over 35 years and is a volunteer naturalist at the Springfield Nature Center. His photographs have been published in regional and national magazines, some accompanying articles he has written, as well as in the MO Natural Events Calendars.

As a side note, we were scheduled to co-host a meeting with the Springfield Water garden Society for our October meeting, but there's been a change in plans. We'll enjoy the garden crafts at the November meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Before too long, we'll be starting to make plans for the 2nd annual, "Young Sprouts in the Garden" event. If you have ideas or suggestions, we very much welcome them. Please get in touch and let us know your thoughts. Helping children learn to love gardening is a worthwhile venture!

Don't forget - if you have fall produce, we encourage you to donate it to Ozarks Food Harvest through the Ozarks Harvesting Hope program. Your generosity is certainly appreciated. As you make plans for next year's garden, remember to plant an extra row (or two, or three, or more...)!



October is nature's funeral month. Nature glories in death more than in life. The month of departure is more beautiful than the month of coming—October than May. Every green thing loves to die in bright colors.

Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887)

I don't know if I agree with everything Mr. Beecher says but he puts a good spin on it.

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

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