



GRAPEVINE

From the President

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The state conference in Branson is coming up – September 26-28. Get more information on advanced training opportunities, tours, seminars, and fun at their website: www.momgo8.org

The Board has put to rest for this year the discussion about the electronic vs. paper newsletter – we will continue mailing it out to all members as well as sending the email to those who have email. The difference in expense was only about \$10 per month.

Enclosed in this edition of the Grapevine, you will find several proposed bylaws changes. These will be further discussed at our September meeting and voted on at the October meeting. Remember, hours sheets, and the calendar of events are all available at our website at the bottom of this page.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 Gen. meeting 6:00 plant exchange/potluck—elect 3 nominating committee
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 9 Mtn. Grove Fruit Station – Ozark Rain Gardens Field Day –call to register
- 26/28 State Conference: at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel.

OCTOBER

- 7 Board Meeting 4:30 1st Tuesday
- 9 Deadline for information to be included in next month's Grapevine
- 14 General meeting 6:30 – program: Garden Crafts
election of 3 board members by mail
- 25 Breakfast in Bed at Nathanael Greene
- 31 Hotline scheduling ends

NOVEMBER

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

Board Members

Mark Bernskoetter,
President

Ann Hall,
Vice President

Rena Bernskoetter,
Secretary

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Board Member

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

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

Extension Account—\$ 6726.72

MG Account - \$ 6074.68

Petty Cash— this account has been closed

Certificates of Deposit - \$ 15,243.95

Total Cash - \$ 28,045.35

Social Committee: Jana Belk 725-3203 and Debi Hunget 425-7987

September Potluck and plant exchange will be held at Nathanael Greene Park, September 9, at 6:00 PM. Bring a covered dish and 3 plants to exchange (more for the free for all).

Please disregard snack list for September in the last Grapevine because of the Potluck: Snacks for October: S, D, K, V, M, and P.

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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Tuesday Work Evening this year. What a difference these evening have made on the appearance of the garden! I've enjoyed getting to know the new master gardeners. These evening have been a great opportunity to share garden experiences and as in Bed 9 disgust for a certain weed. Thanks again!

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 is for all Master Gardeners.



Master Gardeners of Greene County Board Meeting Minutes 8/5/08

Voting Board members in attendance: Carl Redmon, Larry Dowell, Ann Hall, Mark Bernskoetter, Janet McWilliams.

Committee Chairs in attendance: Cindy Arrowood and Jana Belk.

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

Treasurer Report: Ann made a motion to pay bills presented at meeting, Carl seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President's report: Ann Hall

Ann stated that there could be an overlap of the hours from the first half of the year and the second when reported at the end of the year. Ann will ask the mentors to get in touch with their mentees again.

University Extension Report: Pat Byers stated new class has been scheduled for 2009. They will be on Tuesdays and Thursday, day classes this year, and will be at a new location, Wesley United Methodist Church. Jasper County will host the evening classes this year.

A plant inspection and sales tax license will be required for the plant sales.

Information on the scholarship is being acquired.

A watch has been put out for the state of Missouri for the Emerald Ash borer. This serious pest for ash trees has now been found in Southeast Missouri.

Committee Reports

Nathanael Greene: Cindy Arrowood –Things are going well. The third Tuesday work evenings have been really great...the last one is in August. The watering system is working well

Xeriscape: It was reported that there are problems with the computer for the irrigation system.

Public Education: The mini seminars at the fair attracted anywhere from 2 to about 8 people. Ann suggested an easel or sign noting the presentations. More information should be available about the seminars – perhaps at our booth.

About 50 people have pre-registered for the Fall Into Gardening seminar so far. Registration begins at 8:00 and the classes (there will be 10 of them) start at 8:20. No definite plans have been set for the winter seminar.

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Old Business

The membership “perk” card idea has been approved by the state.

The savings for emailing the Grapevine verses mailing will not be significant, due to having to switch from bulk mail to stamps. Janet made a motion, seconded by Ann, to continue mailing the Grapevine for the current time. Motion passed.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Larry, for the board to accept the proposed by-law changes and present them to the members to be voted on. Motion passed.

New Business

We need a nominating committee to present new names to the membership for board members.

An invitation was made by David Burton to attend an Extension Council meeting. Meetings are August 25, September 30, October 27 and November 24 at 5:30 at the Extension building. The fourth annual Environmental/Conservation Education Summit meeting is August 15th at 8:00 at the Nature Center.

Greene County has been approved to send a member to the State Board meetings. Pat will get more information on that.

Next meeting date – Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008 – 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janet McWilliams, acting secretary

Hotline-Mary Gallagher, maryg67@sbcglobal.net

Approximately 550 requests were answered at the Hotline in June and July. Japanese beetles were a huge problem during those months. According to information received at the “Fall into Gardening” seminar, the application of milky spores seems to help eliminate these little pests, however, it is a challenging process. It takes a lot of patience and expense before one sees the results. Hotline scheduling is going very well thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. Thank you very much for your support. If anyone is interested in working the Hotline, please contact me or Nancy at the Extension office. At the “Fall into Gardening” seminar I had several requests for my “Simple Salsa” recipe.

5 cups chopped tomatoes	4T. red wine vinegar	1 cup chopped onions	2T. light olive oil
1 chopped green pepper	1 chopped red pepper	1/2 t. salt	2 T. sugar
1/2 bunch fresh cilantro	1-2 jalapeño peppers	3 cloves garlic	

Mix ingredients and serve with tortilla chips. Add corn and black beans, if desired.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Renaë Bernskoetter, Co Chair
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Our first "Fall Into Gardening" seminar day has just ended. We had 75 people in attendance. I would like to give Amy Tuggle a BIG thank you for organizing all the speakers. Another thank you to Jana and Bob Belk who kept the food in order. Thanks also to Susan Daniels, Elizabeth Hull, Sandy Garoutte, Vicki Barrett and Barb Parker for helping out all day. I would also like to thank all of the MG's who provided food for snacks and produce from their gardens for the tasting. I don't think anyone can say they went hungry.

Plans are in motion for 2009. Here are some of the ideas. Please note that the dates are still to be scheduled. All of these will be open to the public. Some of them will qualify for advanced training hours for MG's

Winter ½ day seminar – Late January, or early February

Master Gardener training – will start February

MoGardens – will start early in March, will last for 7 weeks.

Spring ½ day seminar – April 11th "Spring Into Gardening"

Garden Symposium – Early in June – Held at Nathanael Greene

½ day children's learning – Late May at Nat Greene, "Young Sprouts in the Garden"

Late Summer/Early Fall

Full day seminar – Early August - "Fall Into Gardening"

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I apologize for getting the Grapevine out later than normal. My father-in-law passed away on August 9th. Phil Ewing was a wonderful man and a very hard working man. I'm married to his youngest son, Richard. It is now our joyous job to keep his spirit alive by sharing our memories of him with Hadley and Maggie. He also gave me the responsibility of taking care of his wonderful blackberries.

**Growing on the vine,
Susan**

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