



# GRAPEVINE

## From the President

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We had lots of media attention in late summer and early fall because of the thefts and vandalism in the gardens. Be sure that when you are working in the gardens, that you have something identifying you as a Master Gardener – your name tag or at least a Master Gardener shirt. Please don't be upset if someone asks who you are or what you are doing – let's appreciate the public's help and vigilance in keeping our parks and gardens more secure.

Don't miss out on our meeting September 8th– at Nathanael Greene by the "hog shed". Plant exchange begins at 6:00pm, followed by a potluck. We will also have a tour of the butterfly house in Close Park.

It is still not too late - Master Gardener State Conference will be September 18 -20 in Jefferson City. For more information, <http://conference.missourimastergardener.com/> Registration deadline is September 11th, Remember, hours sheets, pamphlets about upcoming seminars, and the calendar of events are all available at our website: <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/>

See you in the gardens.

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting – 5:00pm– just before the general meeting
- 8 General meeting 6:00pm Plant exchange/potluck–elect 3 for nominating committee
- 8 Grapevine deadline
- 18-20 State Conference, Jefferson City, Capitol Plaza Hotel
- 26 Known' and Grown' Using the bounty of the garden, herbs, etc. 9:30am
- 26 Harvest Fest at Rutledge-Wilson Farm 10am to 8pm
- 27 Harvest Fest at Rutledge-Wilson Farm 12pm to 8pm

### OCTOBER

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Grapevine deadline
- 10 "Going Green In The Garden" seminar
- 13 General meeting 6:30 pm  
mid election of board members by mail
- 30 Hotline scheduling ends

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Grapevine deadline
- 10 General meeting 6:30 pm

### Board Members

**Mark Bernskoetter,**  
President

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

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

**Extension Account—\$ 10,384.36**

**MG Account - \$ 3927.55**

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

**Total Cash - \$ 30,112.37**

**September Potluck and plant exchange will be held at Nathanael Greene Park, September 8, at 6:00 PM. Bring a covered dish and 3 plants to exchange (more for the free for all). Drinks and table service will be provided.**

**Thanks,  
Jana**

From Nathanael Greene Demonstration Gardens:

I want to give a ***GREAT BIG THANKS*** to every Master Gardener that has volunteered to work in the gardens this season. Without your gift of time these gardens would not exist. Often when a garden looks great, people will credit this for many different reasons [money, weather, design, etc]. In actuality it is the volunteers working in the garden that made it a great place. There is nothing that can replace a volunteer's gift of time to a garden. Our gardens have looked fantastic this year and it is because of our volunteers. Thanks again!!!!

Our Fall Schedule:

There will be a third Tuesday work evening in September this year. After the first hard freeze, a Saturday morning work time with goodies.

Thanks again! Cindy



**Master Gardeners of Green County Board Meeting Minutes 08.03.09**

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

**Committee Chairs in attendance:** Carl Huffman, Barbara St. Clair and Cindy Arrowood

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

**Treasure Report:** Christy reported a balance of \$30,112.37, with \$10,384.36 in the Extension account, \$3,927.55 in the MG account, \$15,800.46 in the two CD's.

Deposits

Donation of \$200.00 from Friends of the Garden

Invoices

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|----------------------|----------|---|
| MO Extension         | \$ 92.90 | Grapevine – postage for April, May and June     |
| Carl Redmon          | \$384.08 | Xeriscape – mileage and soil -297.66            |
|                      |          | NG – mileage, soil, brush fee & blocks – 286.42 |
| Cindy Arrowood       | \$329.11 | NG – keys, food and plants                      |
| Signs Now            | \$329.55 | Young Sprouts                                   |
| Lowe's               | \$325.97 | NG – padlock and 2 benches                      |
| Wickman's            | \$ 82.25 | Xeriscape – irrigation supplies                 |
| Sharon Owings        | \$ 48.15 | Fairs and Shows - supplies                      |
| Schaffitzels Flowers | \$ 7.50  | NG - plants                                     |

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

**Barbara** – Xeriscape garden is looking good except for the Japanese beetles. A break in the irrigation system needs repairing.

**Cindy:** NG – We had a good month, but were also done in by the Japanese beetles. The new sprayer should help with that problem. Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> is the tour date for Congressman Blunt. Several work days have been set up to help clean up. Barb Parker made a great sign for the kiosk – thanks! Potting area has been cleaned up.

**Public Education:** Renae: Saturday is the Fall into Gardening classes. Rutledge-Wilson Farm has asked our help in holding classes for their fall festival on September 26 and 27. They would also like to have monthly classes, with our help. Amy Tuggle would like to see a focus on Jr. Master Gardeners.



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**Carl:** State Master Gardeners Board – no minutes yet from last meeting. The State Conference is in Jefferson City in September. Rutledge-Wilson is offering space for us to hold a meeting.

**Extension Report:** Patrick: Roy Blunt's Ag tour on Monday is focused on horticulture this year. Approximately 80 people will be on the tour, which starts with our demonstration garden. We are starting to get applications for the scholarship. A list of names for next year's classes starting in January has been started. The Extension is starting a three year fee based program to generate more income and make fees uniform throughout the state.

**Fairs and Shows:** Fair is going on this week – the booth looks great and has a much better location.

We need a committee set up to review applications for the Gaylord Moore Scholarship. Qualifications may be amended to include a short essay about themselves.

Mark brought up the question of getting soil tests free as a benefit of being a Master Gardener. Patrick will check on that.

Friends of the Garden are asking for our help with the reward fund that they have set up. A motion was made by Carl Redmon, seconded by Renae to match the \$500.00 donated by Friends of the Garden. Motion passed.

Rutledge/Wilson Farm will be setting aside 10 acres for urban gardening – people could rent a plot for gardening.

We need a nominating committee to propose a slate of candidates for board members. Mary Brown agreed to head up the committee but needs at least 2 more people to help.

We still have a need for someone to head up the Speaker's Bureau.

September's Board meeting will be at 4:30 before the general meeting at NG

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary



## Master Gardeners of Green County General Meeting 08.11.09

Guest speakers for tonight was Susan Boswell, giving an update on the Botanical Center, and George Deatz, President of Friends of the Garden, talking about the current thefts and vandalism at the gardens, and the reward fund set up to counter that problem.

**Treasurer's Report:** Christy Jenkins-CD's- \$15,846.00, Extension account-\$10,384.36, MG account-\$3927.01 for a total of \$30,112.37 as of July 31. We received a \$250.00 donation from Wal-Mart.

**Xeriscape:** Barbara – The gardens are looking good, thanks to everyone who has helped last month cleaning up. Friday morning, August 14<sup>th</sup>, is a work day, starting at 7:00.

**Nathanael Green:** Cindy – Thanks to all who helped at the gardens last week. The tour by Congressman Blunt went well. Next Tuesday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>, will be a work day. Pizza will be provided. The area behind the shed has been cleaned up. Please hold onto any pots you may have until after the first of the year, and then we will only need quart and gallon sized pots. When leaving these, please turn upside down to prevent them from collecting water. The Daylily Club will have a sale Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 and Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5.

**Christine:** Thanks to all who have helped in the vegetable garden this year.

**Social Committee:** Jana – Thanks for all of the food brought for the meeting. September will be the pot luck supper and plant exchange at 6:00 at NG. Bring 3 plants to exchange, and more for the “free for all”.

**Public Education:** Saturday was the “Fall into Gardening” classes. There were approximately 30 people and lots of food. The “Going Green” classes will be October 10<sup>th</sup>, with a \$10.00 fee, and will be partnered with Show Me Yards. Next year's classes are being set up now. September's “Knowing and Growing” class at NG is September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30, and will be given by Sonja about using herbs in the garden. The class is free, and will be cancelled if it rains. Rutledge-Wilson Park is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Harvest Fest on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and would like our help in putting on classes. Some ideas are square foot gardening, putting the garden to bed, seed harvest, canning and how to make your carved pumpkin last longer. The park is located on Farm Road 146, just North of Sunshine Street and west of the West Bypass. There may be a need of volunteers to help at our booth.

**Carl Huffman:** The next quarterly meeting is in November. Let him know if you have questions you would like asked and answered there. The State Conference is in September in Jefferson City.

**Fairs and Shows:** Sharon – The fair is over! Thanks to all who helped. There was more traffic this year because of the better location of our booth. There were more specific questions and interest. We may have Mary Quinn give us a talk next year on entering exhibits at the fair.

**President:** Mark – The board voted to put \$500.00 toward the reward fund with the Friends of the Garden. There has also been some public interest in donating toward the fund. When working at the garden, please have some ID on hand to identify yourself as a Master Gardener, such as your name tag or shirt. The Park Board is presently working on an ID system for volunteers. Please be sure to thank anyone who does question your being there and working in the gardens. Next year the Rutledge-Wilson Farm will designate 10 acres for urban gardening. They will rent out plots. Volunteers are needed to help review applicants for the Gaylord Moore Scholarship fund for horticulture students. Mary Brown is head of the committee to nominate candidates for board membership. She needs several more volunteers to help with this. The State Conference is September 18 – 20 in Jefferson City. Information can be found online. Advanced training is available on Friday. Next month's meeting is at 6:00 at NG Park, with the plant exchange, potluck, and a tour of the butterfly house. September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last open day of the butterfly house, which contains native butterflies.

**Patrick:** Thanks to Susan and George for the program tonight. Thanks to Sharon and all of the volunteers for the display at the fair. “Fall into Gardening” was a great seminar. Upcoming events include the State Conference in September, Hummert's open house and the Fall Festival at Rutledge-Wilson Farm. Level 1 classes begin in January. These will be evening classes this year. The Central Missouri Vegetable tour is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ruby and Ed Miller brought lots of produce to share.

A big thank you goes to Nancy Chambers for all of her help.

Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, MG Secretary



**Public Education**  
**Renae Bernskoetter - Chair**  
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**We have just completed our “Fall Into Gardening” seminar. We had approximately 50 in attendance. What a lot of fun it was. I never would have guessed that talking about evergreens could be funny, but our speaker made the topic very interesting. Then we learned more about edible flower gardening, and better yet we got to taste jellies and snacks made from flowers. Patrick filled us in with information about fall berries, those of you that were not able to attend here's a tidbit - blackberries on the primocane - that's right!! Blackberries on the 1st years growth; now for the bad news, they are not available yet, but be watching the nurseries and catalogs in the years to come. Our next speaker, Sonja, gave us some interesting, little known facts about roses as well as general care maintenance of roses. Did you know that wars were fought over roses and that one war was ceased so that a ship carrying roses could pass safely through the seas? WOW! Sonja also then gave us information about botanical names. The exact pronunciations are still up for debate.**

**Our next seminar is scheduled for, “Going Green In The Garden. The cost is \$10 per person and should prove to be packed with much information. Registration starts at 8am. The presentations start at 8:30 am and end at noon. We are planning a question and answer session starting at noon since the morning will be packed full of presentations.**

**There is one more Known' & Grown' session in the works. The subject of the class will be using herbs and other items from the garden. It will be held , starting at 9:30 am. It will be held at Nathanael Greene by the vegetable garden. There is no charge, there is no registration. This is open to the public too, so let your family and friends know about it. The class will be canceled if it rains, (this is a judgment call by the presenter on the day of the class.)**

**Plans for 2010 are beginning, so if you have any ideas let me know.**



Harvest Fest at Rutledge-Wilson Farm  
Rena Bernskoetter  
Public Ed Chair

On September 26th and 27th Rutledge-Wilson Farm will be having the annual Harvest Fest. The park will be opened from 10am - 8pm on Saturday and 12 noon to 8pm on Sunday. They will have many activities going on during the weekend. Come and celebrate the harvest season at the farm! You'll experience life on the farm through many favorite fall activities. Take a horse drawn wagon ride around the field, enjoy local bluegrass music by the campfire, and pick a pumpkin from our very own pumpkin patch, and much more!

We have been asked to help out with the weekend by scheduling some gardening classes. Amy Tuggle and I are putting together the seminars. We will get the list of classes out to you as soon as we have them.

Also, we have been asked to have a booth at the fest. This will be similar to the booths we have at the Lawn and Garden Show and the Fair. We will be needing folks to volunteer to help at the booth. A request for volunteers will be sent by email and will be mentioned at the meeting in September.

#### Xeriscape Garden:

Oh, those Japanese beetles! Arch Enemy #1 has almost completely defoliated the little-leaf linden trees at the Xeriscape---and we have five of them! Last year the trees were hit very hard by the beetles so we applied the systemic pesticide recommended to us, Bayer 3-in-1 poured on the ground around the trees in the spring. It was expensive, but the health of the trees seemed to merit a pretty strong approach. Unfortunately, the chemicals don't seem to have been effective and I have some questions for my fellow gardeners:

1. Has anyone had a positive experience with the systemic? Do you have trees or shrubs that seemed to have been protected from the beetles?
2. Did we apply the chemical too late? Do you know how long it takes to become effective? When did you apply your chemicals?
3. Has anyone had experience with trees that were defoliated two years in a row? Did they survive after living on reserves for so long?

I dread being known as the woman who systematically removed all the trees from the Xeriscape and would appreciate all the advice I can get! Please do let me know what you think.

Hoping your garden fared well,

Barbara St.Clair

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**But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head. No longer blindingly bright, it throws things before me into sharp relief and deepening color. The harvest has dwindled , and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer's relationship that brought it on.**

**Robert Finch, Common Ground, 1981**

**Growing on the vine,  
Susan**

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