



Master Gardeners of Southwest Missouri



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GRAPEVINE

From the President
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I can't believe it is a new year! Saying that—it's time to get those hours reported for 2004. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me at the above address. For the year 2003, we had 11,412 hours turned in by 134 members. In compiling the hours, I learned that you are a wonderfully diverse group. Of those hours, 880 were given to the hotline; 1,466 for public education; 1,466 to Nathaniel Greene Demonstration Gardens; and 981 to the Xeriscape Gardens. Of the over 4000 hours in the category "Other," projects included work at Dickerson Park Zoo, Greenway Trails, churches, schools, golf courses, Memorial Park, Ozark Empire Fair grounds, senior centers, libraries, and the list just goes on . . . These hours represent a great value to our community. The hour sheets can be mailed to me at 3230 S Clay Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807, or to the Extension Office, 833 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO 65808-3810.

After looking back to 2004, let's look forward to 2005. Commitment forms will be mailed out soon. Take time to thoughtfully fill it out and return it to the extension office. There are so many chances to volunteer from the lawn and garden shows, the plant sale, the social committee, MO-Gardens, planning for the state convention in 2006, helping in the gardens, etc., etc., etc. Share yourself and share your skills.

Our board for 2005 is as follows: Vice-President Amy Tuggle; Treasurer Barbara Lucks; and Secretary Mary Lou Braswell with Ernie Braswell assisting; and Gene Wallace as member-at-large. What a great group to work with this year. I would like to give *Great Big Thanks* to Dan Bohannon for being President last year. I am awed at the thought of filling his spot. Thanks again Dan for all your hard work and leadership.

Cindy Arrowood

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**Treasurer's Report
Barbara Lucks MG,
Treasurer—883-7984**

F A complete year-end report is included in this issue of the *Grapevine*. We Master Gardeners enjoyed not only a good growing year, but also a good financial year!

Special "atta-folks" goes to those of you who made our Annual Plant Sale our Annual Successful Plant Sale. The net figure was \$6,127.95! Another "atta-folks" to those creative-types who produced our beautiful Garden Journal. This project netted \$2,962.28 for us!

At the close of the year, we find the Lowe's charge account finally straightened out. Those of you who are authorized to charge at Lowe's, please see Carl Redmon as there is a possibility we may have a new account number after January 15. I'll be sure Carl is aware of any changes as soon as I know them. Remember, we can't reimburse for sales tax, so if you need a sales tax number letter, please obtain one from the Extension Office, or from me.

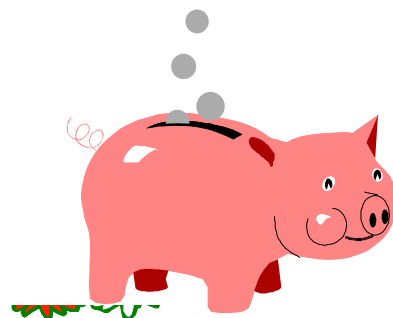
At the close of the year, our accounts reflected the following balances:

Regular Account \$13,180.93

Petty Cash Account \$54.79

Total Cash \$13,729.72

Xeriscape Account: \$195.48





MG Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Mary Lou Braswell MG, Secretary—417-485-0563 and Ernest Braswell MG, Assistant

The January board meeting was called to order by outgoing president Dan Bohannon. Board members in attendance were Cindy Arrowood, Gene Wallace, Amy Tuggle and Barbara Lucks. Other members present were Linda Duncan, Paula Hopkins, Sal and Marie Macaluso, Al Judycki, Sharon Masterson and Jana Belk.

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The new officers elected for 2005 are as follows. Cindy Arrowood, President; Amy Tuggle, Vice President; Barbara Lucks, Treasurer; and Mary Lou Braswell, Secretary.

The treasurer's report showed a total ending balance of \$13,729.72. Copies were available to those in attendance and will be presented at the regular meeting on January 11. Bills presented and paid totaled \$658.84, including \$450.54 for postage for 2004 *Grapevine* and other mailings.

Barbara reported that the Lowe's account has been reactivated. The new account is listed as University of Missouri Extension.

The board discussed the 2005 budget. The board made some adjustments, then a motion was made by Barbara Lucks to accept the budget. Gene Wallace seconded the motion and the budget was approved.

Gaylord and Al Judycki made a presentation about a preliminary plan to make the gardens at Nathaniel Greene and Xeriscape interactive for

visitors through computer access and other technology. This will be a continuing project that the board will be updated on as progress happens.

Committee chairs made their reports: Sal noted that the hotline calls were low, but that the hotline would be manned following the February Lawn and Garden Show. He also noted that the information cards would be available at the show.

Jana and Sharon reported the date and the plans for the spring banquet are in place.

Amy shared that the meeting room at St. John's Cancer Center has been secured for all meetings in 2005, unless noted in the *Grapevine*.

Linda pointed out that the *Grapevine* will no longer be in an envelope, but has been changed so it can be mailed folded.

Dan Bohannon will be the new chair for Fairs and Shows. Gene Wallace and Bob Moore will continue to work with that team. Dan noted the Lawn and Garden Show will be 17, 18, and 19 of February.

Barbara presented information on the location for the 2006 state conference. The location will be the Clarion Hotel on South Glenstone Avenue. A contract to hold the rooms was presented and signed at this time; no deposit was required.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Minutes by Dan Bohannon.

Surf for Winning Plants for 2005

Greatplants Plants of the Year: <http://arboretum.unl.edu/greatplants.html>

Hosta of the Year: www.hostagrowers.org

All-America Selections: www.all-americaelections.org

Plants of Merit: www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/merit/index.shtml

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Hotline Marie and Saverio Macaluso MGs—889-6574 mari@getatlas.com

HOTLINE PANIC !

It has been a few years since I became a Master Gardener. My entire volunteer commitment has been as a hotliner! That's hard to believe, especially considering my knowledge base. There is no way I am going stand around at a cocktail party with some of the elite Master Gardeners in our group and discuss bugs, soil pH, or fruit trees in an intelligent manner.

But for some reason, I was convinced to try the hotline for my service. It was probably Gaylord's fault! You might say I developed "on the job." Luckily, another experienced Master Gardener worked with me that first time—and many times after that. I

was shown where "everything-you-need" was kept and how to handle the phones. One of the most useful pieces of advice given was to answer honestly; and if that answer was, "I don't know, I'll find out and call you back," then, that was okay.

Another great crutch was the office personnel. Everyone was more than willing to assist. Just ask Gaylord how many times I knocked on his door with a weird creature in a jar, or a dried twig in my hand desperately looking for an identification. I

don't remember ever being thrown out of his office. And believe me, he knows his bugs and twigs!



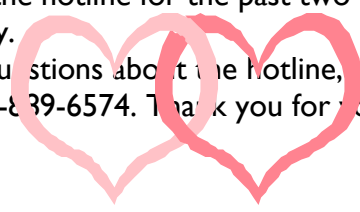
Now, I go into the office, turn on the computer, fetch my drink, and retrieve the messages. It's a routine! The calls begin and I will answer, "I don't know, but I'll find out and call you back."

Just a reminder to those MGs who have not turned in their "Hotline Survey" for 2005, please do so as soon as possible. We need them so we can figure out a volunteer work schedule to start on February 21, 2005. We realize some MGs cannot, or do not

want to work the hotline, that is fine. In that case, please mark the survey as not being available, *but please return the survey anyway.*

Terry Newport is a very active MG. He has logged 50 hours at the hotline for the past two years! Thanks, Terry.

If you have any questions about the hotline, please call us at 417-839-6574. Thank you for your cooperation.



New Zealand Garden Tour

Next fall, a travel agent in Minnesota is putting together a wonderful garden trip to New Zealand for Master Gardeners. Their proposed dates are late October to early December.

I am curious if there is any interest in visiting New Zealand among Missouri Master Gardeners. Please let me know if you are interested. I know that Wisconsin Master Gardeners are very interested as well, and would like to do a joint Wisconsin/Missouri trip. It would be fun to travel with Master Gardeners from another state. If you are interested, please contact me, Mary K. Kroening, 573-882-9633, or e-mail: kroeningm@missouri.edu





PROGRAMS

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Tuesday, February 8
St. John's Cancer Center
2055 S. Fremont (2nd floor auditorium)
6:30 pm

The How's, Why's and When's of Pruning

Just like we need an occasional haircut, many plants also need a good visit by the "garden barber" once in a while. Proper pruning not only is good for a plant's health, but can also make them more pleasing to look at and have as a part of your landscape. Gaylord Moore will join us for a program on pruning. While this may be a refresher course for some, it never hurts to revisit some basics, learn new tips and have a chance to ask questions. Be sure to take a look around your garden and see what may need pruning!

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6:30 pm

Getting Ready for the Plant Sale

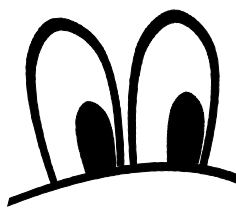
Itching to get digging in your garden? Here's your chance to get the full scoop on our annual plant sale. The plant sale committee will present a program on "Getting Ready for the Plant Sale." You'll learn helpful plant sale success tips such as: how to mark plants, what plants are desirable, plant fashion (making them look their best for the big

day), areas for volunteer help and much, much more. We're hoping to have pots and tags available at this meeting. If you are planning to participate, bring along your great ideas from past plant sales to share!

Tuesday, April 12
St. John's Cancer Center
2055 S. Fremont (2nd floor auditorium)
6:30 pm

Vines: A "Good Friend" to Have in Any Garden

Vines can be a wonderful part of any garden landscape. They are great for a trellis, expanses of fence, arbors, and helpful for hiding unsightly items. Most of us have experience with favorites like honeysuckle, clematis, wisteria and the lovely annual sweet potato vine. Join us as Neil Hayes, Carson Nurseries, presents this program on vines. Learn what vines work well for our area, training methods (such as to espalier), support needs, care and maintenance . . . and more. Be sure to come ready with your questions.



Looking ahead: May will be our annual group plant exchange! It's fun—be sure not to miss it! More details coming soon from the Social Committee.

Warning: The Horticulture General has determined that opening this catalog may cause loss of mental and fiscal control.

~ From the cover of the catalog of The Plant Delights Nursery, North Carolina.

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Master Gardeners' Incredible Plant Sale!

April 30

Susan Boswell, Chairperson—882-7439

The tent is reserved, the date is set, and the fun begins. Anyone interested in working on a certain committee please call—especially new members! There will be sign up sheets at the February meeting. Please keep in mind as you are doing your thinking and as you are enjoying your easy chair warming by the fire, that we need pots of all sizes, cut pieces of old blinds (we will show you how to use these at the March program). Begin now deciding which plants you want to divide, or remove from your garden when spring arrives.

Don't forget to include extra seeds to plant in peat pots for the plant sale as you cruise the seed catalogs and place your order.



The plant sale is a great way to meet and share our common interest in gardening. Remember! This is our major fund raising event for the year! Lets hope for great weather this year! If you have any ideas for improvement over last year, please call. Looking forward to working with you.

Susan Boswell, 882-7439



Social Committee

Sharon Masterson MG—732-8391 and

Jana Belk MG—725-3203



February snacks
will be brought
to you by
S and Q.

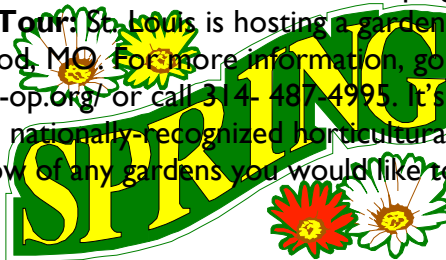
Spring Banquet: You are invited to the Spring Banquet, April 1, at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the Holiday Inn North, just like last year. The cost is \$13.00 per person.

Please fill out the enclosed invitation and mail it to the Extension Office. We ask that you to dress in your Sunday clothes. Last year the food was great, and we had a lot of fun and door prizes. We hope this year it will be even better. If you have any questions, or great ideas for the banquet, just give Jana, or me, a call. Please come and welcome the new MG class of 2005.

Social Committee Meeting: The social committee will have a short meeting before the next regular monthly meeting on February 8 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome who is interested in helping with the banquet.

Garden Tour: St. Louis is hosting a garden symposium Saturday, March 5, at Kirkwood, MO. For more information, go to the Web site, <http://www.hortco-op.org/> or call 314-487-4995. It's a full day of garden seminars featuring five nationally-recognized horticultural professionals.

If you know of any gardens you would like to tour, please give us a call.



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Moore Thoughts Gaylord Moore — 862-9284 Horticulture Specialist

The Greene County secretarial staff and I want to thank the Master Gardeners for the gift cards presented to us at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

A group of Master Gardeners from the MG board and program chairs met January 18 to address concerns from the Master Gardener survey. Some of the issues being addressed are restoring the mentoring program, Master Gardener recognition, advanced training, creating a friendlier and welcoming atmosphere within the MG program, better MG training opportunities for various program categories, involvement in Close gardens, and others. Strong interest in reviving and addressing some of the issues were apparent with the work ethic of the focus groups. This will be addressed further in the near future with working procedures to address the issues.

Master Gardeners who would like to receive a copy of the survey results are welcome to call us at the office and we will send a copy by mail.

2005 Master Gardener commitment forms are included in this newsletter. Please indicate by placing a check by the program(s) that you have the strongest interest. For further explanation of the various program categories be sure and see the comments on the back of the forms. Return your commitment forms back to the Greene County Extension Office no later than February 20. You should be hearing from program leaders in the near future as plans are being made for activities in 2005.

We would like to welcome to our Greene County Extension administrative and secretarial staff Rebecca Hilmes. Rebecca is a MG graduate of the 2004. Rebecca was a dedicated and strong worker with the MG hotline last summer. She brings an abundance of skills and abilities to the operation of the Extension Office. She will be my assistant and responsible for workings of the MG program. Rebecca will be on board January 31 and will be eager to assist Master Gardeners upon request.

News From the Gardens Carl Redmon MG — 886-6316 cjred@swbell.net

Well, looking out my window I see some light snow on the ground and the temperature is in the teens. Not very conducive to wanting to be outside digging in the frozen dirt. But, at least two seed catalogues have arrived, and I'm beginning to feel a little of that primeval stirring to get back to helping mother nature grow things.

Beginning in February, we will start putting together the crew for our gardens for this year. If any of you have a preference for which garden, or which bed to work in, please give me a call, or e-mail, and I will get you assigned. We always need people willing to take responsibility as a "bedhead."

Remember, this year we will be trying to find plants which will look good in the fall, in preparation for our hosting the state conference in September of 2006.

We are trying to finish the ornamental grass plot at Nathanael Greene. Needless to say, the weather (and the calendar) has not cooperated. We still have to get dirt and compost in some beds, extend the rail fence along the south side, and finish the paths. Shouldn't take too long, once we can get some sunny, dry days.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

**From the President
Dan Bohannon—634-5172
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2005 Master Gardeners Event Calendar

February 1 **MG Board Meeting, Extension Office,
4:00 p.m.**

February 8 ***The How's, Why's and When's of Pruning, St. John's
Cancer Center, 2055 S. Fremont (2nd floor
auditorium), 6:30 p.m.***

**Social Committee Meeting before the Programs
Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**

