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July Meeting
There will be a Board meeting on August 14th at 11:00 followed by a potluck lunch at 12:30 and our speaker at 1:00. We are excited to welcome Ken Porter who is an authority on native plants. Ken will talk about herbs and their uses, which are often unique to the Ozarks.

Farmers Market
Bad weather caused the Hillsboro Farmer's Market to be cancelled on July 13th but we would say that we made up for it on July 20th. We sold over $200 worth of produce and baked goods. A bit of sad news—we will not have any corn for sale at the market this year. Rocky Raccoon (and friends) took care of our whole beautiful crop in one night. However, in September we will have watermelons, cantaloupe and okra, along with all our other goodies, including Carmelita's famous pies. Speaking of Carmelita's famous pies, we hope everyone saw the great story in The Leader two weeks ago. We saw Carmelita in the kitchen making those pies and Joann Burke and Sylvia Mitchell working in the garden. We were even given a couple of Carmelita's recipes to try.
**Seedling Beds**

It’s a thing of beauty! Be sure to stop by Kress Farm to check out our hundreds of seedlings being raised behind Kress House from seeds we have collected. The plants are sitting on the great nursery tables built recently by Liz Copeland and Dave Korenak. (Thanks Liz and Dave!) These are some of the native plants that will be sold next year at our plant sale. If you are interested in working on a project like this, you are welcome at Kress Farm. We are at Kress every Wednesday and our meetings are the second Sunday of the month. We also have a regular workday on the fourth Saturday of the month.

**Going places, seeing things.....**

Kress Farmers have been on the move lately. Carmelita, Sylvia and Glen Bristle attended the "Twilight Vegetable Farm Tour" recently at Julie Ott's fabulous farm to learn about Integrated Pest Management. They toured her farm and learned about her use of IPM in her high tunnels which are used for early crops, like tomatoes. They were also treated to a talk about IPM sponsored by Lincoln University Extension, University of Missouri Extension and the Desoto Farmers Market.

Not to be outdone, Gail De Gunia, Sylvia Mitchell, Denise Haddix and Cheryl Durney traveled to Decorah, Iowa for the Seed Savers Conference sponsored by the Seed Savers Exchange. It was a fun weekend of classes presented by nationally known speakers, tours and other fun activities including taste testing and hay rides.