November 8

Next Meeting will be November 3
Program - Mary Jones - Herb Drying
Social - 6:00 pm - Meeting 6:30

From the President
Ann Fergeson

Has there ever been a nicer autumn in NE Arkansas? I have so enjoyed being outside the last few days. All of the elements are beautiful and they all are coming together to make the nicest days. Enjoy them. As we all know, late autumn and winter can be brutal.

Our October meeting was such fun. Our Master Gardener Appreciation Celebration was spot on. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making it special. I especially enjoyed our seasoned members and their stories. They built a good foundation for our group to build on. Their stories are our Legacy. The cake was special and Peggy Lane went overboard with the goody bags and gifts. All of this, added to the bus trip to The Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks made it a very special celebration.

Plans are being made to expand our Plant Sale. Please plan to attend our next meeting on November 3 to learn details. We have ideas to add new features, and better organize and present our plants to the public. Our goal is to raise more money to fund more scholarships. The Plant Sale has always been one of my favorite things in Master Gardeners. Come and hear our news.

Don’t forget to log your hours. We still have members who have not logged any. Bring a list of what you have done to the meeting and there will be help to get your hours in. We don’t want to miss receiving credit for what we have done.
Paper Wasp Management
Around the Home

By
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County Extension Agent - Staff Chair

The following article was written by Dr. John D. Hopkins, Associate Professor and Extension Entomologist.

“Paper wasp” is a term that commonly refers to insects that are long-legged, reddish brown to black and may have differing degrees of yellowish or brown striping. Paper wasps, while not as aggressive as hornets or yellow jackets, will readily sting in defense of their nests.

Before beginning a scorched earth campaign against all paper wasps on your property, remember, paper wasps are actually beneficial insects. They are predaceous on other insects that we consider pests in the home vegetable garden or of ornamental plants and turf around our homes. On the other hand, unlike honeybees, wasps can sting a victim multiple times and do not lose their stinger in the stinging process as honey bees do.

Spring through early summer is the best time to consider controlling paper wasps around your home. At this time, nests are still small and have less wasps associated with them than later in the summer and thus the sting- ing risk is reduced. Mechanical methods are always a viable option for control. If these early season nests have gone unnoticed and have been allowed to become larger nests tended by many wasps, they may be more easily de- stroyed in the evening with a freeze-type aerosol insecticide that is labeled for “wasps or hornets”. These formulations have an added advantage in that they often spray as far as 10 to 20 feet.

Most wasp and hornet sprays cause insects to drop instantly when con- tacted by the insecticide so do not stand directly below a nest when applying this type of insecticide or you risk being stung. Some of the “Green Category” materials such as mint oil sprays and soap based products also provide adequate control of paper wasps outdoors. Following an insecticide treatment, wait a day to ensure that the colony is destroyed, then scrape or knock down the nest. This will prevent the development of secondary problems from carpet beetles, ants and other scavenging in- sects.

In homes, cracks and crevices should be sealed and attic vents should be properly screened to exclude overwintering queens. If wasps are already present in an attic or storage room, a total-release aerosol may be used on a warm day. Follow the product’s label instructions concerning the number of cans needed for the size area you are treating. NEVER exceed the number of recommended units and always be careful using these products near open flames or electrical sparks due to the risk of explo- sion.
The October 6, 2016 meeting of the Craighead County Master Gardeners was called to order at 6:35 pm by president, Ann Fergeson.

**Program** – The evening’s program was a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Craighead County Master Gardeners, and the 28th anniversary of the Master Gardener program in Arkansas. Several founding members were present for the occasion, including Mimi Cox who introduced the other members.

Each speaker told of their memories of those first years. Steve Culp, the County Extension Agent at that time remembered the move into the new building and what a difference having the new building and technology made. He credited the good leadership of those founding members as the basis for the continued growth and success of CCMG. Delores Adams remembered attending her first state meeting at Ferndale with Mimi Cox. Kim Watkins also remembered attending many state meetings along with Mimi, Delores, Dora McAlister and Sandy Felkins. Those many trips, the collaboration on starting new gardens, and the sharing of plants helped form the strong friendships that have endured over the past 20 years. Master Gardeners seem to be as good at growing friends as they are plants.

Members were also treated to a beautiful cake and goody bags as part of the anniversary celebration. A day trip to the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks in Fayetteville on October 10th will celebrate MG Appreciation Day.

**Minutes** – The September minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Stephanie Neely reported on the current balance and the report was approved as read.

**Projects Report** – Mimi Cox gave a brief statement and Mike Wilbanks, chairman also stated that the fair was successful. Enough people volunteered and all 300 applications for becoming a Master Gardener were passed out. Mimi also relayed Erlene Wise’s gratitude for all those who pitched in to help with the floriculture judging in her absence.

**New Business** – The ASU fall semester horticulture scholarship recipients were announced and will be recognized at the next meeting; a few seats were still available for the day trip to the Ozark Botanical Garden; a new project, “Digs” to be incorporated into the plant sale was briefly discussed. More information will follow.

**Announcements** – Members were reminder to report their hours online. October birthdays were recognized with the gift of a plant. Members wearing their name tags received hugs & kisses (Hershey). The door prize for staying until the end of the meeting went to Stephanie Neely.

A plant swap followed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.
Preparing the Goodie Bags

Thank you Veterans

Veterans Day - November 11
Botanical Garden of the Ozarks

Photo by Myra Jane Biggers

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Photos by Diane Sandberg
October Educational Programs
Photos by Diane Sandberg

Monroe County Master Gardeners - Fall Into Your Yard - Brinkley

Fall containers by Jackie Johnson owner of Lauren’s Gardens.

Connie and Ralph with Connie’s door prize.

Greene County Master Gardeners - Advanced Training - Masters of Monarchs - Paragould

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Health & Wellness Magnet School
Photos and Story by Melinda Smith

Lyle Lattimore ‘16
10/10/52 - 10/6/2016

Herb harvesting and compost smoothie making.
Attention Mentors

If you have not contacted your mentee recently, please be sure to do so today. Some people have not reported any work hours or learning hours. What a shame it would be if this should happen to be your mentee. Remember that you will be evaluated by your mentee at the end of the year. Don’t forget to check on them and let them know we will do everything possible to help them get their pay-back hours before time runs out. Thanks a bunch.

Peggy Lane

Plant a Vegetable Garden

Submitted by Peggy Lane

1. Plant five rows of PEAS
   a. Patience
   b. Preparation
   c. Perseverance
   d. Participation
   e. Promptness

2. Next plant three rows of SQUASH
   a. Squash gossip
   b. Squash criticism
   c. Squash indifference

3. Then plant four rows of LETTUCE
   a. Let us be loving
   b. Let us be unselfish
   c. Let us be forgiving
   d. Let us be kind

4. And no garden is complete without TURNIPS
   a. Turn up on workdays
   b. Turn up with tools
   c. Turn up ready to help
   d. Turn up with a smile

Do You Tweet/Twitter?

Twitter is a social media vehicle that has been around for a while now. Most businesses as well as common folks use Twitter and tweet tidbits of information to those who follow them.

Janet Carson has picked up tweeting this week. If you’d like to follow her on Twitter you can find her @JanetJcarson

We are looking for someone to set up a Master Gardener Tweeter Account to feature pictures of local gardens and news about our events. It could be on the order of Janet Carson’s account. We would like to use it to publicize Master Gardeners and solicit new members. We will talk more about this at our November meeting or you can contact Braun Campbell for more info.
We are forming a new interest group for all of you crafty types. Luci Murray will be leading this group and is inviting anyone who is interested to get in touch with her. The main objective of the group will be to make “Yard Art Items” for our group to sell as fundraisers. We will sell them at the Plant Sale and other functions.

Luci is very excited and is gathering ideas for items to make. While working with this group you will be learning to make art for your own yard, as well as gifts. Contact Luci at 870.931.6537 or lucim_98@yahoo.com.

The Yard Art Group will meet Monday, October 31 at 1 pm at Luci’s house, 1201 Holly St. (off W. Nettleton opposite the City swimming pool). If you want to come work, you will need to bring a tube of E6000 glue. Luci has the glass. Bring ideas, too, and come have fun!
According to the log sheets, as of October 25 the following members are re-certified:

Eileen Adams  Laveta Howerton  Connie Seay
Ginger Adams  *Terri Inman  Ralph Seay
Donna Bachman  Jane Jamison  Susan Shelton
Stan Bachman  Lana Keyes  Neva Shewmaker
Evelyn Baker  Peggy Lane  Pat Shirley
Donna Bandy  Linda Light  Melinda Smith
*Laura Bettis  Karen Massey  Susan Shelton
Braun Campbell  Sarita McCarty  Pat Shirley
*Lise Ceter  Katherine McCracken  Melinda Smith
Ethel Cole  Ditty Mitts  Debbie Tate
Mimi Cox  Cindy Morris  Mike Thompson
Ann Dent  Vickey Mullally  Donna Tolewitzke
Glenda Drace  Shenia Mullins  Tim Tolewitzke
Ella Ellingson  Luci Murray  Anna Warren
*Barb Evans  Stephanie Neely  Susan Westbrook
Ann Fergeson  Betty Nichols  Mike Wilbanks
Brenda Ferralasco  Becky Phillips  Margaret Williams
*Pat Finch  Barbara Pitcock  Bobbie Wilson
Brenda Gray  Reta Ragland  Erlene Wise
Debbie Hall  Ann Ross  Billy Woodruff
Carolyn Henry  Diane Sandberg  *Gary Woodward
Pat Hester  Bruce Schelin  Katie Wysocki
Mary Hosinski  Sharron Schelin  Marilyn Wysocki

It is VERY important that members log in their hours regularly! If anyone still needs help, please contact Donna Tolewitzke or fill out the time sheets in the Red Notebook and bring to the next meeting.

Important Reminders

Logging in Hours: If you are having problems logging hours and/or would rather Donna log them for you please email her at dttolwitzke@gmail.com. Please include where you worked, the date and the amount of time you worked. And let’s not forget, include your learning/education hours!

Being Respectful: Just a reminder to be respectful of not only the speakers at meetings but to your fellow MGs. You may think you are talking quietly but voices carry making it difficult for others to hear what is going on during the meetings.

Sign In! As you arrive at the MG meeting each month, be sure to SIGN IN! The sign-in sheet will be on the table to the right as you come in the door. At the end of each meeting, we will draw from the attendance sheet for a door prize!

Name Tags: Be sure to wear your MG name tag to each meeting and receive a KISS! Otherwise put a quarter in the jar.
“November comes And November goes,
With the last red berries And the first white snows.

With night coming early, And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket And frost by the gate.

The fires burn And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest Until next spring.”

*Clyde Watson*

Stress kills. That may sound like an odd way to start a gardening column, but it’s a great reminder to relax and immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature.

A magnificent book that has helped me on the road to becoming a happier person is *The Aromatherapy Garden* by Kathi Keville. Do you remember that commercial from the 80s with the phrase, “Calgon, take me away?” This book embodies the message in that commercial! Keville explains how fragrant plants can be therapeutic as well as intoxicating. Looking to beat the blues? Do you need to sharpen your powers of concentration? Immerse yourself in the healing power of fragrance.

For a decade, I was a rebel with a purple kitchen. Keyla Meadows’ *Fearless Color Gardens* is right down my alley. The subtitle, *The Creative Gardener’s Guide to Jumping off the Color Wheel* alludes to the focus of the gardener becoming the artist in the environment. This is one of my favorite gardening books of all time, and you don’t want to miss the section on “personal paradise gardens.”

*Fallscaping: Extending your Garden Season into Autumn* by Nancy J. Ondra will have you embracing flaming foliage. There are 10 complete designs for those of us who just need some new ideas. There’s also a wonderful section on spectacularly beautiful ornamental grasses. And I confess I never noticed the beauty in seed heads until I read through these pages.

For these and other library resources visit your Public Library or view us at [www.libraryinjonesboro.org](http://www.libraryinjonesboro.org).
November

Now-December 31 - Hot Springs - Brushwood Dance: An Art Installation by W. Gary Smith - Garvan Woodland Gardens - Smith is a nationally known landscape architect and artist who employs a very collaborative design process to create site-specific art installations crafted from materials harvested from the site - 9 a.m.-6 p.m - 800-366-4664 for more information.

3 - Russellville - Eagle Tour - Lake Dardanelle State Park Weigh-In Pavilion - cruises for the best chance of seeing the bald eagle, white pelicans, ducks, and snow geese. Registration required. Call 479-967-5516 for a tour details and a complete schedule.

5 - Memphis - Daffodil Bulb Sale - Dixon Gallery and Gardens - they have identified 40+ different rare cultivars that grow well in the Mid-South. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions.

5 - Hot Springs - Hydroponic Gardening - Garvan Woodland Gardens – Magnolia Room - Participants will discuss the foundational concepts and principles, and Nolen Buffalo of The Water Buffalo in Little Rock will construct and demonstrate the use of various styles of hydroponic gardens. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $15/members, $20/non-members. Reservations required. For more information call 800-366-4664.

5 - Little Rock - Fall Foliage Lake Cruise - Pinnacle Mountain State Park – Jolly Rogers Marina - Experience the beauty of a tree “rainbow” along the shores of Lake Maumelle. Bring your camera and join a park interpreter for a guided tour and see the amazing foliage of the Ouachita Mountains. Advance payment and registration required. 1-2:30 p.m. $12/adults, $6/children ages 6 to 12. For more information call 501-868-5806.

7 - Hot Springs - Fall and Winter Plants with Janet Carson - Garvan Woodland Gardens - Check-in begins and refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. Lunch options are available from the Chipmunk Café - 9 to 3 - $15/members,$30/non-members - reservations required - for more information call 800-366-4664.

Nov 19 - Dec 31 - Hot Springs - Holiday Lights - Garvan Woodland Gardens - See 4.5 million brilliant bulbs transform approximately 17 acres into a memorable animated holiday display in one of Arkansas’ most anticipated events - complimentary hot chocolate. The Chipmunk Café will be open from 3-9 p.m. each day during Holiday Lights. 5-9 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day). Members free, $15 adults, $5 ages 6 to 12, free ages 0 to 5. Golf cart tour $15 per person additional. No reservations. For more information call 501-262-9300.

For list of Arkansas shows, meetings, etc. see statebystategardening.com/ar/calendar/

For Master Gardener events see http://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/events.aspx

For information on Memphis events see www.memphisareamastergardeners.org/events.htm
“November always seemed to me the Norway of the year.”
- Emily Dickinson

“November’s sky is chill and drear,
November’s leaf is red and sear.”
- Sir Walter Scott

Fun and Useful Links

Arkansas Master Gardener Program
http://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners

CCMG Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Craighead-County-Master-Gardeners/629232630461141?ref=hl

HWES School Gardens Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/HWESschoolgardens

Janet Carson’s Blog - In the Garden
http://uofacesmg.wordpress.com/

Jim Long’s Blog
http://jimlongsgarden.blogspot.com/

Public Horticulture Events
http://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/events.aspx

University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Research & Extension
http://www.uaex.edu/

Garvan Gardens with Janet Carson

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Craighead County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers working with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and Craighead County officials to provide beautification projects and horticultural information to the residents of the county. In 2015 Craighead County Master Gardeners reported more than 6914.25 hours of service and education to benefit Craighead County.

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