April 2014

Crystal Clear Reflections

Notes from the President

“Kind Hearts are the Gardens, Kind thoughts are the Roots” HW Longfellow

Welcome to our new 2014 intern class of 33-Intern Day, March 20 was outstanding! Thanks to Hilde Simmons, detective James Moore, Jr., and Rosemary Hany for the fun and informative program. Thanks to Sue Tanner and her committee for the wonderful lunch and chef Ken Johnson. Our 31 mentors are working hard to get our interns involved in projects and committees they will enjoy.

Do not miss our April 17 Awards meeting. We will honor our intern class of 2013 who have worked and learned diligently to become certified master gardeners. Other honorees will be our local award winners; the 5, 10, and 15 year members; and our 200 and 1000 hours awards.

The Spring Plant sale is coming Saturday April 26! Everyone is encouraged to Dig and Divide. We will need lots of help on Friday, April 25 for transporting plants to the Farmers Market and of course on Saturday. See you there! "April Showers bring May flowers” Happy Gardening, Carmon

Allen’s Corner

The first sign of spring is here, the Forsythia is blooming!! The jury is still out on the effect our tough winter has had on our plants and how much permanent damage we may have. I have seen many Gardenia bushes with leaf burn. Those leaves can fall off and may still have some blooms, so let’s hope for the best. We have a wonderful group of interns again this year and I have seen many of them already involved in our projects. Thanks go out to Hilde and all who helped her for a fun and entertaining intern meeting last month. The spring plant sale is not far away, and the late start at the Fountain Lake Greenhouse, has delayed the propagation of many plants. Please check with Diane if you have plants to contribute to the sale. Have fun and get out and enjoy the spring weather.

Allen
County Extension Agent- Agriculture
This angel trumpet wouldn't wait until summer. It decided to bloom in my garage in March. The plant is brought inside, given minimal water, and little light all winter. I hope it blooms in summer!

Linda Doherty

We thought this was interesting. If you have an interesting plant please send it to us and if there is space we will include it in the newsletter.

New UAEX Website

The new UAEX website is up and running. On it you will be able to see all activities happening in all of the different programs both local and statewide. If you get a chance take a look at it and see what a wonderful job the State Office and those in the county have done. If you have a Master Gardener Activity you would like to see put on here, contact Allen or Patti at the office and they will review the activity and tell you if it is something we can put there. Committee meetings will not be able to be listed on this site. Also check out the new publications that were added by going to the home page, click on publications at the top, and new publications on the left side.

Happy Birthday from the Gang

April Birthdays

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<td>Carolyn Sinderson</td>
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Linda Doherty

We have been off to a slow start with many projects being affected by weather. Please do not let yourself get too far behind!! Hats off to interns who have already recorded their time. Remember help is only a question away - ASK!!!!! Please call if you are having any problems.

Thanks
Linda Doherty

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sent cards to the following members:

Sympathy cards were sent to:
Arlene Hodgson (new intern) whose son died
Marvin Burt whose mother died

Get well card to:
Linda Davis – cataract surgery

Linda Doherty

Other Items of Interest

Hot Spring County MG Plant Sale
Hot Spring County Master Gardeners will hold its Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:30 am till Noon at the HSC Fairgrounds Building, MLK Blvd., Malvern (next to Cotija Mexican Restaurant). For further information, please call 501 332-5267.

Wildflowers and Habitats in Garland and Saline Counties
If you are interested in Wildflowers and their habitats especially in Garland and Saline Counties, our club is having well known Arkansas Botanist, Theo Whitsell speak on Friday, April 11 10:00 am Coronado Center auditorium. He is the Botanist and Field Ecologist for Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission and also well known for his identification of 27 rare plant species found in AR. For more info. contact Sharon Fickes, (sfickes@sbcglobal.net)
Greenhouse News in Prep for April 26th Plant Sale

The Fountain Lake Greenhouse is up and running. Herbs, annuals have been seeded and are sprouting! Interns and Mentors came to the greenhouse to learn some propagation skills and get a first hand look around. They completed over 40 flats of various items for the sale.

Mary Ann Jarvis and or Diane Daniel will be at the GH every: Monday thru Friday 9 am –11am.

The Lake Hamilton Greenhouse crew has been busy making hanging baskets and getting pots of perennial plants ready Plant Sale.

Extension Office Grounds

The individuals listed below performed minor maintenance work at the Garland County Extension Office. Some of the work performed included cutting and edging the grass, trimming the plants, pulling winter weeds, and blowing and bagging the leaves. A meeting was held prior to the work for an update of the continual installation of the sprinkler system. Donuts were served to the workers and staff of the office. Employees of a bank across from the office said we look like we were having so much fun and they were laughing at us as we were working. They must have been looking at Jim.

MGs working from left to right are: Jeff Finney, Keith Blecha, Jan Hodges, Greg Watts, Ross (Doc) Sedler, Twila Brown, Sam Mullins, James B. Moore, Jr., Jim Moore, Susan Diemel, and John Goodwin.

City Greenhouse Committee

The Garland County Master Gardeners continue to work on the hanging baskets that will be displayed in downtown Hot Springs during the Spring and Summer. This year, it has been necessary for us to completely redo the baskets prior to planting. Thanks to the large group who turned out to help, we finished the base on fifty-five of the baskets. Soon all our hard work on preparing these baskets, will be enjoyed by all who visit downtown Hot Springs.

The Master Gardeners who assisted in this phase of preparation are as follows: L to R James Arce, Sunshine Spielvogle, Sue Bristow, Sue Jacobs, Danie Holstine, Lin Johnson, Gaye Harper, Jeri Loy, Karin Grisham, Carrie Ditzig, Gail Eckard, Karen Geiger, Les Houston, Mandy Arce, Heidi Haskins.
The **COMO Square committee** recently worked to clean the beds of trash, pulled weeds as well as the old spent cabbage in preparation for spring. Members of the committee shown are Sunshine Spielvogle, Rosemary Hany, Karin Grisham, Suzy Both and Laura Young. Not shown is Becky Pawelczak.

**INTERN TOUR OF GARVAN GARDENS**

Four Master Gardener Docents took the new interns on a tour of Garvan Gardens complimentary of Susan Harper, Volunteer Coordinator at Garvan. Not only did the tour allow the interns to see the Gardens, it allowed them to see various projects that are done by the Master Gardeners each month, and areas where they might be interested in volunteering. The tour was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Random Happenings**

Special Guest shows up at Extension Office for a meeting.

For those of you who have not seen this, it is the Langston High School Memorial. A Beautiful piece of work that the Master Gardeners have an honor of being a part of.
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<td>April 5-6 Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Arkansas Orchid Society Show &amp; Sale at the Benton Events Center in the Hickory Square Shopping Center near Tinseltown Theatre in Benton.</td>
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<td>April 9 Wed.11:00-12:30</td>
<td>Brown Bag “Plants for your sun and shade garden” Garland County Library</td>
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<td>April 19 8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Saline County Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Benton Fairgrounds</td>
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<td>April 22 9:30am–11:30am</td>
<td>&quot;Great American Gardens: The Virtual Tour&quot; Bob Byers take you on a guided tour of the best botanical gardens and nature centers in the U.S. Members free/ non-members pay admission</td>
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<td>April 25 Friday all day starting at 9 a.m. putting up tables and 10 a.m. other Work hours for GCMGers come if you can</td>
<td>Set-up for Spring GCMG Plant Sale Downtown Farmer’s Market 121 Orange St.</td>
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<td>April 26 8-11 a.m. Sat. All GCMG need to work Be there by 7:30 a.m.</td>
<td>GCMG, Ouachita Hosta &amp; Shade Plant Society &amp; The Hot Springs Daylily Society will all have a Plant Sale at Downtown Hot Springs Farmer’s Market 121 Orange St.</td>
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<td>April 26th Saturday 1 pm -4pm</td>
<td>Grace Lutheran Church 1124 Hillcrest Ave</td>
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<td>May 3 Sat. 8:30 a.m. -Noon</td>
<td>Hot Springs County Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Malvern Fairgrounds.</td>
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<td>May 13 Tues. 11:30 -1:00</td>
<td>Brown Bag “Creating Summer Hanging Baskets” Garland County Library</td>
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<td>June 1 –Aug. 31</td>
<td>GWG Mystic Creatures&quot; 2014: Topiary Art Meets Imagination. Members free/ non-members pay admission</td>
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<td>July 16 Wed. 2p.m. – 4p.m.</td>
<td>Brown Bag “Garden and farm hydroponic techniques” Garland County Library</td>
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<td>May 29-31 Thurs. – Sat. Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>State Master Gardener Convention-Texarkana</td>
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<td>August 4 - August 18 three classes on Mon. 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., check in 9 a.m.</td>
<td>Janet Carson/Bob Byers: &quot;Landscape Design Series&quot; $75 for GWG members and $85 for non-members. Advance registration and pre-payment are required. Call the Gardens at 501-262-9300 to register. Space is limited.</td>
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<td>Aug. 15 Friday 11:30-1:30</td>
<td>Brown Bag “Rain Gardens” Garland County Library</td>
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<td>Sept. 12 Friday 11:30-1:30</td>
<td>Brown Bag “The lazy composter, worm composting, and building better soil” Garland County Library</td>
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<td>Sept. 29 All day Work &amp; Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>Master Gardener Appreciation Day more information later</td>
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<td>Oct. 6-7 Tue. – Wed. Holiday Inn Airport LR Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>Plant-Nurture-Grow (Leadership)</td>
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Garland County Master Gardeners
Meetings March 20, 2014
Minutes

Presiding: Carmon Hayes
Officers present: G Pannell, L Doherty, MA Schnipper, G Harper, K Johnson
Present: 122 members, 1 guest, Allen Bates, GC Agent, Jimmy Driggers and Patti Tucker from the Extension Office
Location: Elks Lodge, Hot Springs

Abbreviations:
EHC- Extension Homemakers Council, GC- Garland County, GCMG- Garland County Master Gardeners, GWG- Garvan Woodland Gardens, HS- Hot Springs, HSV- Hot Springs Village, MSP- Motion made, seconded and passed

Call to order: 1:00
*Carmon Hayes welcomed all of the members and new interns to the meeting.
*MSP by Barbara Smith and Marvin Burt to accept the minutes of the February meeting as written in the email newsletter.
*The treasurers’ report was in the email newsletter and will be kept for audit.
*Carmon introduced the intern committee; they are Hilde Simmons, James Moore, Rosemary Hany.
*Each intern in the class of 2014 was introduced by his or her mentor telling the group a little something about that intern.
*Carmon asked for 3 volunteers to help Allen Bates in preparing for the next years intern training sessions.
*Gaye Harper reminded the members to get their expense information to her for reimbursement.
*Linda Doherty asked for volunteers to help Allen at the Extension office. She also strongly urged the members and interns to turn in their hours in a timely manner.

Committee reports:
*Diane Daniel stated she would be at the Fttn. Lake Greenhouse daily from 9 until 3 pm to work on potting available plants and to accept plants, pots and trays for the Spring Plant Sale to be held on Saturday, April 26; set-up day is April 25. She welcomed any and all help.
*Carolyn Davis asked the members to send any news items and photos to her for distribution to the local newspapers. She will forward the appropriate items to Patti Tucker for the email newsletter.

Unfinished business:
*Carmon said that Debra Atchison had completed the audit and found it to be in order. MSP by Lin Johnson and James Moore to accept the audit.
*Carmon read three thank you notes from GWG; one for the $2000.00 sent in support of the Southern Inspiration Garden and two for memorials for our late members, John Rima and Alice Eschenlohr.

*Carmon thanked Lin Johnson and Kay Shearer for their expertise in putting the rosters together. Lin said the cover artwork was done by Kay’s sister. Any changes in the roster information needs to be sent to Lin or Carmon.

*Katie Gibson was available for t-shirt orders.

*Carmon thanked Marilyn Parks for the coleus plants on the tables occupied by the interns and mentors. Marilyn said each intern could take a plant home. She also reminded all present of the annual plant sale at the Good Samaritan location in HSV on April 12, 2014.

*Carmon thanked Sue Tanner and her committee and the Elks Lodge chefs for the lunch.

*Names for door prizes were drawn.

*Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Schnipper

Secretary
Financial Statement for March 2014

Financial Statement (Diamond Bank)

Month ending February Balance 16,772.87

Income:
- Dues Cathy Staton 5.00
- Bill Staton 10.00
- Marilyn Parks 10.00
- Name tag: Laura Young 7.00

Expenses:
- Ck 1027 All American awards-22 name tags 5/10 yr 161.00
- Ck 1028 Gene Litchliter - computer upgrade 100.00
- Ck 1029 Jeff Finley-Intern of year-convention 98.00
- Ck 1030 Diane Daniel – mg of year-convention 98.00
- Ck 1031 Sue Tanner – intern lunch favors & cake 158.36
- Ck 1032 Elks Lodge – intern lunch 139 X $5.50 764.50
- Ck 1033 Elks Lodge – March rent 50.00
- Ck 1034 Lin Johnson – 250 rooster printed 368.47
- Ck 1035 Threading Lighty – awards 6 yellow/blue 179.58
- Ck1036 Margaret Byrd – Awards certificate paper/ink 79.46

Ending Balance Diamond Bank
(includes 500.00 Scholarship fund 14,747.50
Extension Office Acct. 2,380.06
2014 Master Gardener Officers
Carmon Hayes, Pres.
Glenda Pannell, 1st VP
Linda Doherty, 2nd VP
Mary Ann Schnipper, Sec’y.
Gaye Harper, Treas.
Ken Johnson, Past Pres.

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