May 2014

Crystal Clear Reflections

Notes from the President

“Kind Hearts are the Gardens, Kind Thoughts are the Roots, Kind Words are the Flowers”
Longfellow

WOW! What an AWESOME April! Our awards’ meeting was exceptional with so many dedicated and inspiring GCMG’ers. Congratulations to all and thanks to Margaret Byrd, Janie Turner and Sharon Dent.

Then to add icing on the cake, the Spring Plant sale was stupendous again with Diane Daniel leading the troops! All y’all deserve a huge pat on the back – I admire how well it is planned and carried out!

Our May 17th meeting will be Bill Goodwin speaking on roses. Don’t miss it. Aren’t the sweet May blossoms, flowers, and trees magnificent?

Happy Gardening,
Carmon

Allen’s Corner

Hope everyone is getting out and enjoying the spring weather. Those of you that enjoy the game of golf our 4-H annual benefit golf tournament is May the 16th at the Hot Springs Country Club. We have information at the office or you can call me if you are interested. The Monday afternoon intern sesession are off and going and I really enjoy getting to know the interns better and showing them around our office. If you haven’t signed up I hope you will soon. The annual plant sell was a great success again thanks to many Master Gardeners and lots of hours of work. Thanks to Diane Daniels the committee chair and all of you that helped make it a success. Looking forward to state Master Gardener Conference in Texarkana, hope you made plans to attend also. See you soon.

Allen
County Extension Agent- Agriculture
Garland County Fair

Before we know it, the Fair will be upon us. Please be thinking (and starting) your horticulture entries - plant arrangements, veggies, cut flowers, plants. Questions, call/e-mail Mary Tom Taylor...........you all have done a great job in past years to make a good showing - many thanks!

Yard of the Month

Now that plants are up and growing - PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT for yards that can be nominated for the GCMG Yard of the Month. Call or e-mail your respective HS or HSV YOM Committee with the location so they can be reviewed. Many Thanks!!

Timekeeping

Reports coming back from the interns indicate they find the online system easy to use - those who haven't tried it - try it soon. 16% of you are already qualified for 2014 - but don't stop working or reporting! In all, 63% have reported hours - YEAH! - to those who haven't - don't let it become an overwhelming job - do it now please! Any questions - call or e-mail Linda Doherty, have a great month.....

Happy Birthday from the Gang

May Birthdays

Mary Ann Jarvis
May 5th
Pat Conine       May 9th
Sharon Farley   May 11th
Barbara Gaunt   May 12th
Barbara Smith   May 12th
Karen Geiger    May 13th
Ellen Majestic  May 14th
Don Sluyter     May 14th
Sue Hale        May 19th
Dee Offerman    May 19th
Beverly Merritt May 25th
Nick Spencer    May 25th
Sherry Asbell   May 26th

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sent cards to the following members:

Marilyn and Don Olson (he has been diagnosed with cancer)
Jim Moore has had another surgery

Hot Springs Middle School Receives Farm Bureau Grant

Farm Bureau President, Tommy Sorrells, Farm Bureau Secretary Melvin Daniels along with Garland County Extension Agent Allen Bates presented Hot Springs Middle School Gardening Club students and teacher sponsor Dyann Key with a check for $500 for their outdoor classroom. A great community support providing students with resources to increase their experiences with gardening.
The Brown Bag Library Class of 2014

These may change Please contact the library to confirm prior to each meeting.

2014 Master Gardener Brown Bag Class Schedule

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Garland County Master Gardeners GEMS Committee

GEMS has been dodging rain and cold these last weeks, but did manage to get in a bit of spring cleaning in preparation for summer annuals. Believe it or not, the tulips are being de-planted - seems like they just were planted! Summer annuals are being shipped in, and yes, the shipping schedule is running late due to our unusual winter. Several of us have been working on the topiaries that will be on display beginning in June. Come Join us, we work the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings.

City Greenhouse Committee

This group of Master Gardeners are smiling because the baskets are all planted and waiting in the greenhouse until time to be moved downtown and hung by the city employees. We are thankful for everyone who helped us during the last few weeks to get the baskets finished for visitors and guests to enjoy during their stay in our beautiful city.

Extension Office Grounds

The Garland County Master Gardeners met at the County Extension Office where they trimmed the hedges, performed minor maintenance work around the landscape. They, also, evaluated the installation of the sprinkler system. The members presented included Ross (Doc) Sedler, Jeff Finney, Susan Deimel, James Moore, Jr., Don Sluyter and Jim Moore.

Greenhouse News

Master Gardeners met at the Lake Hamilton High School Greenhouse to clean up and get plants ready for the SPRING PLANT SALE. The group worked tirelessly in anticipation of the success of the plant sale.

Habitat for Humanity Houses

Two Habitat for Humanity houses were recently completed. The Garland County Master Gardeners then started to work on these projects by installing landscaping around both houses. In addition, they prepared the area for the laying of sod, and placed potting soil inside the landscape for the planting of plants. From left to right are K. G. Alesch, Ross (Doc) Sedler, Jim Moore, Jeff Finney, Mandy Arce, James Arce, Wayne Patterson, Susan Deimel and Gene Lichiter (committee chair). Not pictured is James Moore, Jr.
Master Gardener Annual Awards

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently had their annual Awards Day. Three members were given lifetime memberships. To obtain this honor, you must have been a Master Gardener for 15 years and met the required volunteer and educational hours each year. Lifetime members earn the privileges of no longer paying dues and no longer having to report their hours; however, if they continue to report their hours they will be honored again at five year intervals. Lifetime membership was awarded to Sarah Harris, Margie Herrin and Kay Holland.

Five members, who have been active members for 10 years, were awarded new name badges reflecting the years of service. They are Roger Giddings, Rosemary Hany, Heidi Haskins, Donna Yadron and Joe Yadron.

We have 17 members who have been active for five years. They were awarded new name badges reflecting their five year membership status. They are Scott Allison, Polly Barnett, Cindy Bright, Linda Doherty, Ellie Elsenheimer, Sue Finley, Don Loveday, Elizabeth McAnally, Jim Moore, Marilyn Olson, Debbie Roling, Hilde Simmons, Shelly Sims, Barbara Smith, Barbara Stalion, Sue Tanner, Evelyn Worsham.

Twenty-five members successfully completed their Intern year and received their Master Gardener certificates. They are: Kahig Alesch, Kay Caldwell, Rick Chaney, Claudette Cooper, Cathy Dresel, Gina Eidson, Joyce Field, Jeff Finney, John Goodwin, Susan Goodwin, Sue Hale, Jan Hodges, Lindy Holmes, Dani Kew, Marty Lynch, Henryetta Martin, Bev Merritt, Becky Pawelczak, Sharon Seals, Ross Sedler, Caroline Suggs, Sue Tucker, Julia Venkateswaran, Greg Watts, and Laura Young.

We honor our Master Gardeners who devote 200 or more hours working on Master Gardener Projects. Our first time recipients, who also received a Yellow Shirt award are Claudette Cooper, Barbara Smith, and James B. Moore, Jr. Our Master Gardeners who received trowel pins for 200 or more volunteer hours last year are: second time recipients Carolyn Davis, Carmon Hayes, and Valerie Nuckels; third time recipients Heidi Haskins, Mary Ann Jarvis, Hilde Simmons; fourth time recipients Diane Daniel, Sharon Dent, and Ellie Elsenheimer.

Members who have volunteered 200 or more hours each year for five years in a row received a Blue Shirt award and a pin. They are: Jim Moore, Linda Doherty, Gaye Harper, and Patty Stranahan.

We have one member who has volunteered 200 or more hours for six years. She is Lin Johnson.

Our final award was given to Gene Lichlité who has volunteer 200 or more hours for seven years.
Courthouses and Police Memorial Article
The Court Houses/Police Memorial Committee met on Thursday, April 10th to pull the fall and winter pansies. The spring and summer lantana and impatiens were planted by 18 members of the committee. The work went swiftly as the members were fast, efficient, and fantastic. Thanks for a great job!

 Members in attendance were front row: Lin Johnson, Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner, Linda Doherty, Barb Smith; middle row: Anne Fulbright, Sharon Farley, Kay Holland, Shelly Sims, Michael Carr, Wayne Patterson, top row: James Moore, Jr., Carmon Hayes, Sam Mullins, Susan Dernel, Jim Moore, Jeff Finney, and Kay Skoog.

The Caring Place Article
The Master Gardeners Garden Therapy Committee recently met at The Caring Place to assist the seniors with preparation of flower pots for planting impatients in May at our next meeting. We collaged the pots with colorful napkins and sealed them with Modge-Podge. Everyone had a great time. Our photographer is Kay Ford–thanks Kay!

Lf. To Rt. Max Carter, Sarah Harris, Kay Holland, Shirley Williams, Sue Tanner, Pat Conine, Ellen Majestic, Rita Monson, Emilie Stewart and Kay Ford.

Entergy Park
WOW... Words elude me as to what a wonderful hard-working crew that turned out for the April meeting at Entergy Park. We busied ourselves preparing for the May planting of a new cycle of summer beauty. It seemed like every time a dead leaf was removed it uncovered a new weed, so it was rake pull, rake, pull, rake pull. But we got it done. Plus there was some winter damage that had to be removed and liriope that required trimming and thinning.

**2013 Master Gardener of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Project of the Year.**

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently chose the local 2013 winners for Master Gardener of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Project of the Year. The selection is made based on nominations submitted by the membership, and chosen by an appointed committee. Diane Daniel was selected as the Master Gardener of the Year, Jeff Finney was chosen as Rookie of the Year, and the Project of the Year is the Courthouses/Police Memorial. The Co-chairs for the Project of the Year are Michael Carr and Kay Skoog. The various Master Gardener counties in Arkansas will submit their winners for consideration of being chosen as the state winner in each category. The winners will be announced at the state convention in May.

Seen in the photo l to r: Jeff Finney, Kay Skoog, Michael Carr, and Diane Daniel.

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**The COMO Square**

Workers cleaning up and replanting.

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**Langston Alumni Legacy Garden**

The Langston Alumni Legacy Garden recently met to weed, clean, and edge the small garden area near the front door. We are anticipating seeing the Encore Azaleas blooming this year for the first time. At our next meeting we will plant low ground cover in front of the monument and admire the garden’s beauty.

l to r: Jan Hodges, James Moore, Jr., Jeff Finney
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<td>National Public Gardens Day&lt;br&gt;free admission</td>
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<td>101 GWG &quot;Not Your Grandma's Hydrangeas&quot; Bob Byers&lt;br&gt;Members free/ non-members pay admission</td>
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<td>&quot;Mystic Creatures&quot; 2014: Topiary Art Meets Imagination at GWG&lt;br&gt;Members free/ non-members pay admission</td>
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| **June 10 Tues.**<br>1:30-3:30 | 101 GWG "The Fragrant Garden"
Members free/ non-members pay admission |
| **June 17 Tues.**<br>9:30-10:30 | 101 GWG: "Bonsai Basics"<br>Members free/ non-members pay admission |
| **June 17 Tues.**<br>10:30-11:30 | "Wabi Sabi and the Art of the Japanese Garden"
Bob Byers<br>Members free/ non-members pay admission |
| **June 19**<br>9:30-11:30 | GCMG tours of Gardens (more information later) |
| **July 16 Wed.**<br>2p.m. – 4p.m. | Brown Bag "AQUAPONICS FOR THE HOME GARDENER"<br>Garland County Library<br>Please register by calling the Library 501-922-4483. |
| **July 17 Thursday**<br>1:00 | GCMG meeting Elks Lodge 11:30-12:30 lunch<br>Speaker Ron Stone “Photography” |
| **August 4 - August 18 three classes on Mon.**<br>9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., check in 9 a.m. | GWG Janet Carson/Bob Byers: "Landscape Design Series" $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. |
| **Aug. 15 Friday 11:30-1:30**<br>Counts as Education for Master Gardeners | Brown Bag "Making Rain Gardens"<br>Garland County Library<br>Please register by calling the Library 501-922-4483. |
| **Aug. 21 Thursday**<br>1:00 | GCMG meeting Elks Lodge 11:30-12:30 lunch |
Garland County Master Gardeners
Meeting April 17, 2014
Minutes

Presiding: Carmon Hayes
Officers Present: G Pannell, L Doherty, MA Schnipper, G Harper, K Johnson
Present: 130 members, 1 guest (Sherry Toopes), Allen Bates, GC Agent
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: 1:05
*MSP to approve the March minutes as written in the e-mail by Sharon Dent and Judy Preuitt
*Treasurers report in the email newsletter will be filed for audit
*Linda Doherty said the May program will be Bill Goodwin who will speak about antique roses.
* Awards were presented to the following members by Margaret Byrd.
Certificates for 15 years of service to Sarah Harris, Margie Herren and Kay Holland.
Certificates for 10 years of service to Roger Giddings, Heidi Haskins, Donna Yadron and Joe Yadron.
Certificates for 5 years of service were presented to Scott Allison, Polly Barnett, Cindy Bright Linda Doherty, Ellie Eisenheimer, Sue Finley, Don Loveday, Liz McAnally, Jim Moore, Marilyn Olson, Debbie Roling, Hilde Simmons, Shelley Sims, Barbara Smith, Bill Staton.
The 2013 class of MG interns were certified.
MGs who have worked for 200 hours received a yellow shirt and trowel pin. They are Claudette Cooper, James Moore, Jr, and Barbara Smith.
MGs who have worked 200 hours for second time and will receive another trowel are Valerie Nuckels, Carmon Hayes and Carolyn Davis.
MGs who have worked 200 hours for the third time and will receive another trowel are Hilde Simmons, Mary Ann Jarvis, and Heidi Haskins.
MGs who have worked 200 hours for the fourth time and will receive another trowel are Diane Daniel, Sharon Dent and Ellie Eisenheimer.
MGs who have worked for 200 hours for the fifth time and will receive another trowel and a blue MG shirt are Jim Moore, Linda Doherty, Gaye Harper and Patty Stranahan.
MG who has worked 200 hours for the sixth time and will receive another trowel is Lin Johnson.
MG who has worked 200 hours for the seventh time and will receive another trowel is Gene Lichliter.
*Sharon Dent presented awards to the following: Jeff Finney was the rookie of the year, the Courthouses and Police Memorial Committee, chaired by Michael Carr and Kay Skoog, was the committee of the year, and Diane Daniel was the MG member of the year. Sharon said these names will be turned into the state office for the statewide competition.
*Two of our members had photos in the 2014 MG calendar. They are Claudette Cooper and Joanne Harms.
* Carmon called attention to the fact that one of our long time members is leaving HS; Twila Brown is moving to Wichita, Kansas.
*Allen Bates said the Glenda McDonald of the Extension Office is retiring.*

*Diane Daniel talked to the members about the upcoming Spring Plant Sale. Set up day is Friday, April 25, from 8:00 until all of the plants received have been labeled, priced and placed in the proper location. The sale itself will start at 8:00 on Saturday, April 26. All members were encouraged to work and wear a MG nametag, shirt, cap, apron and a smile. Diane gave each member a sheet of paper with suggestions as to how to make the sale run smoothly and be financially successful. She asked for and received volunteers to bring trash cans with liners, garden hoses, rags, garden carts, and brooms. She told the members that $208.00 had been raised from the plant sale held before the meeting.*

*Carmon thanked Lin Johnson and Kay Shearer for their work on the roster; Sue Tanner for her work on the lunch at the March meeting; Hilde Simmons, James Moore and Rosemary Hany for their help in introducing all of the MG committees at the March meeting; Margaret Byrd, Janie Turner and Sharon Dent for their help with the awards presentation.*

*Bill Staton asked for volunteers to help install a low pressure watering system at HS Middle School.*

*Sue Tanner asked for help and suggestions for the Spring MG Social.*

*Pioneer Days will be held at the GC Fairgrounds on May 1 and 2.*

*Carmon said the MG Executive committee and Board meetings have been rescheduled to May 5; locations are the same.*

*Door prizes were awarded.*

*Caroline Suggs’ name was drawn for the free lunch in May.*

*Meeting adjourned at 2:15.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Schnipper
Secretary
Financial Statement for April 2014

Financial Statement (Diamond Bank)
Month ending March Balance 14,747.50

Income :
- 2012 Fair Board 145.03
- Dues Barbara Donathan 5.00
- Spring Plant Sale 208.00

Expenses :
- Ck 1037 Diane Daniel (plant sale 160.35 comm. Education 22.98) 183.33
- Ck 1039 Assoc. Bags (plant sale compost bags) 138.54
- Ck 1039 Elks Lodge (April Rent) 50.00
- Ck 1040 Threading Lightly (1 blue shirt) 29.58
- Ck 1041 Valery Nuckels (Comm. Ed) 16.26
- Ck 1042 Margaret Byrd (Silent Auction) 22.46
- Ck 1043 Ft.Lake School (Alarm System) 510.70
- Ck 1044 Gaye Harper (office expense-paper) 63.49
- Ck 1045 Mary Ann Scripper (Como-trash bags) 18.50
- Ck 1046 Sarah Harris (OCC. Plants) 19.00
- Ck 1047 All American awards (Plaques,name tag) 67.06

Ending Balance Diamond Bank (includes 500.00 Scholarship fund) 14,086.61
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