June 2014

Crystal Clear Reflections

Notes from the President

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

Again I want to thank ALL OF YOU for the extremely successful Plant Sale, April 26. We will be working on the ways to use these proceeds to help our community, programs, and outreach. Our Executive Board will conduct a mid-year budget review to reflect where/how to use these monies with approval from the Board and membership.

Hope you have our Hot Springs Garden Tour on your calendar for June 19th and our next meeting July 17th.

By the time you read this, over 40 GCMG and guests will have enjoyed the “Gardening on the Edge” Arkansas Master Gardener Conference in Texarkana, May 29-31. If you were not able to go this year, plan for the 2015 conference in Benton, Saline County, June 4-6. The conferences are fun and informative; there are garden tours, seminars and vendors with many gardener “needs”.

Remember National Gardening Exercise Day is June 6th! We all know the physical health benefits of gardening – raking, hoeing, and digging are both aerobic and muscle strengthening. Are your tomatoes planted? Be sure to water at least an inch a week as we are coming into the hot, dry weather-right?

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee for officers (Secretary, Treasurer, or 2nd VP) or would consider serving in one of these offices, please contact one of our Executive Board members or myself.

Thanks and Happy Gardening,
Carmon

Allen’s Corner

Summer has finally arrived!! The field day at the research station in Hope is June the 19th. This is a great opportunity to hear about the new things that are being developed at the U of A in the field of horticulture. This year there will be sessions on herbs in the garden, producing mushrooms and new varieties of muscadine, blackberry, and peaches to name a few. Cost is $17 if you pre-register by June 13th or $20 at the door. We have information on how to sign up at our office. Getting lots of calls of fire blight on Bradford pear. It can also be a problem on crabapple, pyracantha and quince. Pruning 8 to 10 inches below the diseased area is the best control this time of year. Always sanitize pruning equipment after each cut. Have fun!!

Allen
County Extension Agent- Agriculture

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Timekeeping

As of May 12, we have 66 members whom have fulfilled their 2014 hour commitment - CONGRATULATIONS!
I still have 46 members who have NOT turned in any hours - please call if you have questions or need assistance - help can be arranged. Life members are fully qualified if no hours are reported, however - city, county and state funding is dependent on hours reported as well as grant monies are derived from hours reported so please continue to do this, many thanks. Again, please let me know if I can be of assistance - Linda Doherty - call or email!

Happy Birthday from the Gang

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ann Pegues June 3rd
Jan Hodges June 4th
Elton Gray June 5th
Jeri Loy June 5th
Ellie Elsenheimer June 12th
Charlotte Anthony June 14th
Marty Lynch June 16th
Nicholas Palmese June 17th
Annie Crutcher June 18th
Chuck Clark June 21st
Kay Skoog June 24th
Barbara Donathan June 27th
Pat Witherspoon June 29th
Jan Burt June 30th

Southern Inspiration Garden

Garvan Woodland Gardens have been teeming with Master Gardeners in May working hard in all capacities. One area that deserves special mention is the Southern Inspiration Garden.

Kathy and Al Edmonson, the Southern Inspiration Garden designers and project managers, called for several work sessions this month, so spring planting could be completed. The Master Gardeners were there in full force planting across the alphabet from astilbes and cone flowers, daisies and daylilies, ferns and hostas, irises and lavender, all the way to roses, salvias, and veronicas. Many flowers are blooming already, the place looks spectacular. There are a few clean up chores left to be done and the big blue urns to be planted the first phase of the Southern Inspiration Garden is complete.

One cannot help but think, that Verna would be pleased with the way her old rose garden is coming back to life in new glory. We too can join in in being pleased and just a little proud in what we all accomplished.

GCMGers: Special Treat

Garden Tour: June 19th 9:30 till 11:30 a.m. -----Make your plans to attend this special event. Home on the tour include: Suzanne Russell, 102 Whispering Hills; Laura Smith, 206 Whispering Hills, Chris Rakhshan, 210 Whispering Hills and Cheryl Cooper, 148 Ravenwood Place. All are in the Eastgate II neighborhood off of Malvern Avenue and Lakeside. The sign-in sheets and refreshments will be at the Russell residence.

Directions: on Malvern Avenue, across from the Hot Springs Country Club tennis courts turn onto Lakeside Rd go 0.5 mi, bear left onto Quail Creek Rd Eastgate II, at the 4 way stop turn right to go to 148 Ravenwood Place, it is the last house of the street. Go back to the 4 way stop, turn onto Whispering Hills 248 ft. Arrive at 102 Whispering Hills, continue on Whispering Hills to 206 Whispering Hills and continue to 210 Whispering Hills where you will have the special treat of Bob Byers welcoming you.

Diane Daniel, Chairperson of the Spring Plant Sale, presents the hand painted garden window to Attorney Wade Naramore.
City Greenhouse News

Garland County Master Gardeners enjoyed a morning helping at the City Greenhouse. We transferred plants into larger containers, and propagated other plants for future use around the city. We also did some weeding and clean-up. At break time Daryl Edwards, Parks Horticulturist, conducted a question and answer time. He provided us with a lot of information and helpful ideals.

Lin & Michael – Co-chairs
**GEMS at Work**

Master Gardeners worked at Garvan Woodland Garden planting summer annuals around the Great Lawn and Woodland Walk. Summer color will soon abound, and the new topiaries will be out soon - stop out and see these works of art!

Bottom L to R: Linda Doherty, Carol Scrivner, Kay Adams
Top L to R: Alicia Fetters, Annette Enderlin, Hilde Simmons, Elizabeth McAnally
Not shown: Nancy Morris

**Triangle on Malvern & Grand**

After weather and plant problems, the Garland County Master Gardeners were finally able to set out plants at the Triangle on Malvern & Grand. We finished working at the Triangle and went to the Farmer’s Market where we were able to set out new plants but due to the small work group and time restraints, we were not able to do the weeding the Farmer’s Market. That will be on a future agenda. As residents and visitors come weekly to enjoy all the Farmer Market has to offer, we want to have the grounds reflect one of the many projects that the Garland County Master Gardeners do in our city.

Back L-R Mary Ann Schnipper, Cindy Bright, Elizabeth McAnally, Front L-R Shelly Sims, Kay Skoog, Michael Carr, Gail Eckard, Carol Scrivner, Lin Johnson not shown Barbara Smith and Sunshine Spielvogle

**Entergy Park**

Entergy Park is very fortunate to have this loyal and dedicated team from the Master Gardeners to provide assistance in maintaining this pristine area for the public to enjoy. On our recent workday, it was out with the old winter ravaged flowers and shrubs and in with the new summer annuals. Come by and enjoy!

The ubiquitous crew from left front: Karin Grisham, Carol Scrivner, and Anne Fulbright. The back row includes Mary Ann Schnipper, Ellen Majestic, Jeff Finney, Bev Merritt, Don Sluyter, Michael Carr, and James Moore Jr.

**Ouachita Children’s Center**

A committee of Master Gardeners recently refurbished the flower beds at Ouachita Children’s Center by adding summer and fall-blooming perennials and shade annuals including Siberian iris, yarrow, spider lily, lemon balm and oregano. Pictured from left are Becky Pawelczak, Carolyn Harris, Laura Young, Carol Scrivner, Howard Cheresnick, Jan Hodges, Sarah Harris and Mary Tom Taylor. Not pictured is Gaye Harper.
**Yard of the Month**

The Hot Springs Village Yard of the Month (YOM) committee had their organizational meeting for 2014 on April 8th. At the meeting the group discussed goals for the year and reviewed the changes in by-laws and subcommittee duties. Unfortunately, due to the cold and rainy weather there were no residential nominations for either April or May. However, the group did present a business YOM to the Ponce de Leon Golf Course for their outstanding spring landscaping. June looks very promising as we’ve already received two nominations.

Dianne Hardin

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**HSV Business Yard of the Month**

The Garland County Master Gardeners are proud to award Ponce de Leon Golf Course the Business Yard of the Month. As you enter the driveway to Ponce de Leon Golf Course you notice the beautiful rows of loropetalum, but the eye opener is the grouping of Knock Out Roses at the entrance to the club house. These alone are a testimonial to the great work the Ponce de Leon maintenance crew accomplishes.

The area surrounding the club house is extremely large containing displays of hedge rows of spirea, hollies, boxwoods, barberry and groupings of astilbes. The terrace area, behind Mulligan’s restaurant, has azaleas which have peaked but are giving way to a semi circle of Knock Out Roses. A bounty of buds is ready to bloom in the coming weeks to match the splendor of the roses at the entrance. Ornamental grasses and various junipers and annuals complete the garden display.

Jimmy Scott and Manny Werfelmann, maintenance workers for the golf course state the annual flowers come from the Isabella greenhouse and are shared with the other other golf courses as well. Jimmy and Manny, along with their golf course duties, take great pride in maintaining the landscaping surrounding the club house and restaurant along with flower displays Manny places at each tee box.

The Master Gardeners are always looking for nominations for residential or business yards. June 7th is the deadline for next month nominations. Contact Dianne Hardin at dhardin12@yahoo.com or 915-8281 or Val Nuckels at 922-2238.

Shown in the picture, Dianne Hardin, Master Gardener presenting a yard of the month certificate to Manny Werfelmann (L) and Jimmy Scott, Ponce de Leon maintenance workers.

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**Spring Plant Sale Report 2014**

A big round of applause to all those who planted, dug up, hauled, watered, set up, cleaned up, played cashier, delivered plants and nursed plants all year. Your efforts have paid off big ONCE again. Our total earnings after expenses were $9,313.63. Our community LOVES this plant Sale!!!

All 27 bags of our new item, “GC/MG SPECIAL POTTING MIX” sold out at $7.00/35# bag!!

What few plants that were left were donated to GWG, a handful of baskets went to the Goodwill and the few herbs and pepper plants went to the HS community garden.

A super big Thanks to Barb Smith and her Greenhouse crew for the beautiful baskets and coleus plants, they all sold, to Marilyn Parks and Heidi Haskins for the 20+ flats of beautiful rooted plants that we used to make all 135 FL/baskets and dozens of planters just beautiful!!! I can’t forget the FL planting and watering crews.....great job!

Our "Holding & Pick-up Area" - was an OVER WHELMING SMASH HIT, every time I looked it was jam packed! Next year Kathy Schmidt and her crew will have more ROOM....PROMISE.

Peggy Johnson & Anne Flueckiger sold over $100.00 in raffle tickets for the hand painted garden window by Barb Krone which went to Wade Naramore.

Every Asiatic, Day and Spider Lily & Agapanthus bulb (there were hundreds of them) SOLD, there were only 12 Resurrection Lily bulbs were left.

Several requests for assistance to dig up more beautiful plant bulbs come this fall and divide perennials have been made.

Diane Daniel

Spring Plant Sale Chairman
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<td>GWG-Gardening 101 Workshop: &quot;Tropical Twist: Great Plants for a Summer Garden&quot; Chappy Harper Members free/ Non-members regular admission. Pre-registration required</td>
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<td>June 10 1:30-3:30</td>
<td>GWG-Gardening 101 Workshop: &quot;The Fragrant Garden&quot; Gourmet cook and herb expert Carol Scholp Members free/ Non-members regular admission/ $5 supply fee. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.</td>
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<td>June 17 10:30-11:30</td>
<td>GWG-Gardening 101 Workshop: &quot;Wabi Sabi and the Art of the Japanese Garden&quot; Members free/ Non-members regular admission. Pre-registration required</td>
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<td>June 19 9:30-11:30</td>
<td>GCMG tours of Gardens (more information later)</td>
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<td>July 16 Wed. 2p.m. – 4p.m.</td>
<td>Brown Bag “AQUAPONICS FOR THE HOME GARDENER” Garland County Library Please register by calling the Library 501-922-4483.</td>
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<td>July 17 Thursday 1:00</td>
<td>GCMG meeting Elks Lodge 11:30-12:30 lunch Speaker Ron Stone “Photography”</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>GWG 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>August 1 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Gardening 101 Workshop: &quot;Seeds for Change&quot; Adam Webb and colleagues from the Garland County Library tell you how to participate in their new seed bank program. Works just like a book: you check out seeds at planting time and return a portion of your crop for next year’s supply of fresh seeds for other gardeners. And, we’ll be talking about best practices for gathering, cleaning, and storing seeds.</td>
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<td>Sept. 12 Friday 11:30-1:30</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</td>
<td>P-N-G=Plant-Nurture-Grow (Leadership)</td>
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<td>Oct. 11 Sat. 10a.m. – 2 p.m.</td>
<td>GARLAND CO MG GARDENING EXPO CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE HS, AR (Corner of Central and Hwy 270 across Chilies.</td>
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Presiding: Carmon Hayes
Officers present: G Pannell, L Doherty, MA Schnipper, G Harper, K Johnson
Present: 113 members and interns, 2 guests (Anneliese Collins and Joel Unowsky) and 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: 1:04

*Glenda Pannell introduced Bill Goodwin of HSV who spoke on antique roses. He has a degree in horticulture from the University of Alabama. While living in Foley, Alabama, Bill built the Foley Rose Trail on an old railroad right of way. He asked for funding, which he received, and recruited volunteers. Starting in 2005, the group planted 600 old rose varieties along the way. He showed the GCMGs photos of old roses from his project.

*Carmon read 3 thank you notes; one from the Lake Hamilton Schools for the MG donation of equipment, another from Head Start for our services at their state meeting and lastly from the United Daughters of the Confederacy for our continued support at COMO.

*MSP by Sue Tanner and Claudette Cooper to approve the April GCMG minutes as written in the online newsletter.

*Gaye Harper reported that the Spring Plant Sale made $10,508.90; after expenses a profit of $9,313.63 was realized. The GCMG bank account has $14086.61, not including the plant sale money. The financial report will be filed for audit.

*Glenda said the annual GCMG garden tour will be held on June 19 at the homes of Suzanne Russell, Laura Smith and Cheryl Cooper from 9:30 until 11:30. Another garden may be added. All of the gardens are in the Eastgate Two neighborhood. MSP by Hilde Simmons and Jim Moore to spend up to $20.00 for refreshments for that event. Glenda told the group that Ron Wolfe will speak on photography at the July MG meeting; in August the members will hear Nicholas Palmiese talk on email security. Glenda is planning a MG bus trip to the West Tennessee Research and Garden Center in Jackson on October 1 and 2.

*Allen Bates spoke on the ways to spend some of the money GCMG have in the bank. One way is to allow the committee chairs to spend their budgeted funds as he or she sees fit. Another is to spend some of the MG money on long term investments such as a youth gardening program, more community gardens or local in-school programs. He also said that the members have elected officers and should have faith in them to do their jobs adequately.

*Carmon encouraged the group to brainstorm ways to spend money. Many suggestions were made; the list will be revisited at a later meeting.

*Diane Daniel encouraged the members who send out information on meetings, work dates, trips, etc. to long lists of MG names to first send the email to themselves and then to the members by BCC, blind carbon copy. She announced that the 2015 Spring Plant Sale will be chaired by Mary Ann Jarvis, who has served as Dianne’s right hand for 2 years. Diane told the group of the pizza party thank you for the Ft. Lake students who helped load plants for the spring sale. The party was very much appreciated by the students and Carroll Mercer, Ft. Lake teacher. MSP by Jim Moore and Susan Marinick to spend up to $ 250.00 to pay for the party. Diane apprised the members of the MG Expo, sponsored by the Community Education Committee of GCMG, to be held on October 11, with set-up day October 10, at the First Church of the Nazarene on Central Avenue. She expects 17 booths to
be filled with information for the public. Also she says there will be nurseries with their wares, professional garden people and Janet Carson from the state MG office at the Expo to answer questions.

*Anne Flueckiger spoke on the Brown Bag lunch meetings held at the GC Library. The May meeting demonstration was hanging baskets. The July meeting on aquaponics will be from 2 to 4 at the library. The August meeting will be from 11:30 till 1:30 with Tamara Walkingstick speaking on Arkansas native and invasive plants. In September the topic will be creating rain gardens.

*Carolyn Davis reminded the members to send MG committee meeting information to her by the 21st of the month. Photos should be sent separately with the names of those in the pictures if less than 12 people.

Unfinished business

*Carmon said the MG website and domain name have been discontinued.

*She announced that there will be no Fall plant sale in 2014.

*Carmon appointed an Intern Training Committee consisting of Rosemary Hany, Gaye Harper and Jerilynne Loy to assist Allen Bates with the preparation and execution of the 5 week training for the new interns.

*Carmon will appoint a nominating committee by July; she asked for volunteers to serve on that committee and to fill the positions of secretary, treasurer and second vice-president.

New business

*The Awards committee status has been changed from ad hoc to project. This change was approved at the Executive and Board meeting held in May.

*Sue Tanner said that due to a scheduling conflict the Fall MG party cannot be held at the Elks Club on September 29. Other arrangements will be made.

*Carmon told the group of the suggestion to sell the MG trailer that had been voted on at the MG Board meeting on May 5. After much discussion, MSP by Jim Moore and Len Newton to keep the trailer.

*Carmon said that the MG silverware will be given to Jackson House.

*There will be MG training held on weekends in Little Rock from July 12 until August 9 for those who cannot attend classes on weekdays.

*Carmon reminded the members of the next meeting on July 17.

*Names of door prize winners were drawn.

*Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Schnipper, Secretary
Financial Statement for May 2014

Financial Statement (Diamond Bank)
Month ending April Balance 14,086.61
Ck. #1045 recorded wrong 0.14
14,086.75

Income:
- Plant Sale 10,300.90
- Intern dues 330.00

Expenses:
- Ck. 1046 Sarah Harris-plants Ouachita Children's 19.00
- Ck. 1047 All American Awards Plaque, name tag 67.06
- Ck. 1048 change for plant sale 600.00
- Ck. 1049 Diane Daniel-officer exp. 28.49
- Ck. 1050 Dianne Hardin-Village YOM 58.22
- Ck. 1051 Diane Daniel-spring plant sale 294.83
- Ck. 1052 Diane Daniel-Comm. Edu-bus posting 30.55
- Ck. 1053 Elks Lodge- May meeting 50.00
- Ck. 1054 Elks Lodge-speaker lunch 3.50
- Ck. 1055 Lyn Newton-new trailer tire 180.00
- Ck. 1056 Margaret Byrd-Silent Auction 61.04
- Ck. 1057 Diane Daniel-Ft. Lake Pizza Plant sale 97.44

Ending Balance Diamond Bank (includes $500.00 Scholarship fund) 23,213.58

Extension Office 2,380.06
Seeds for 4-H (donation) 71.00
New Balance 2,309.06
Review of Committee Expenses

**Plant Sale**
- Deposit: 10,508.90

**Expenses**
- D Daniel – Soil, Plants, Pots: 150.01
- D Daniel – Soil Mix: 144.82
- D Daniel – loading tables: 40.00
- Already Paid out: 349.74
  - Budget $550 vs 684.57

- Ft Lake Alarm System: 510.70
- Pizza Party: 97.44

**Total Profit:** 9,216.19

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2014 Master Gardener Officers
Carmon Hayes, Pres.
Glenda Pannell, 1st VP
Linda Doherty, 2nd VP
Mary Ann Schnipper, Sec’y.
Gaye Harper, Treas.
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