August 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. Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds” Longfellow

Here’s hoping our August will be as kind as July has been. We have been very fortunate to have some cool weather and needed rain. I’m trying to visit all of our projects at least once. I am so proud of all the hard work that goes into making Garland County beautiful and our Master Gardener program successful. Thanks to all of you.

We are now looking forward to September 8-13 for the Garland County Fair. Please plan to enter our gourd/pumpkin contest, plants and veggies too. You are urged to sign up to help staff our building that week and we need at least 14 to help in the EHC kitchen on Tuesday, September 9, from 4:30 to 6 pm.

The P*N*G “leadership” conference October 6-7 has openings for registration. I encourage you to attend; please let Gaye Harper know as soon as possible. It is a great time to learn, meet other Master Gardeners around the state, and have FUN!

August 15 is the Brown Bag at GC Library with a program on Arkansas native and invasive plants and our meeting August 21 will be Nicholas Palmese speaking on internet safety.

“Gardening requires a lot of water-mostly in the form of perspiration” Lou Erickson

Happy Gardening, Carmon

Allen’s Corner

This summer has been amazing!! It’s hard to believe the temperatures we have had in July. The only drawback has been the disease problems from the cooler wet weather. Consequently, check your plants often for disease and enjoy this great weather. We are only a little over a month away from county fair time. Hope you are preparing now to enter your plants and produce in the Garland County Fair this year. The fair runs September 8th through September 13th. The horticulture entries will be accepted Monday September 8th from 8 am until 6 pm in the Horticulture Building at the fairgrounds. I’m sure they will need lots of help so check with Mary Tom Taylor if you are interested in helping in the horticulture building at the fair. Get out and enjoy this exceptional weather and have fun.

Allen
County Extension Agent- Agriculture
Bylaws Committee has Good/Bad News

We’re sure many of you will be delighted to learn that we are not going to be discussing bylaws at the August meeting as previously announced. Janet Carson announced at the July County 76 meeting that they are planning to review the state guidelines for bylaws this fall, so we are not suggesting any changes at this time.

The bad news – eventually we will have to bring the subject up again.

Happy Birthday from the Gang

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Burks August 2nd
Scott Davies August 2nd
Annette Enderlin August 2nd
Janie Turner August 3rd
Susan Goodwin August 5th
Michael Carr August 7th
Tom Both August 12th
Ann Carrithers August 12th
Edith Loveday August 12th
Mary Beth Vowell August 13th
Laura Young August 17th
Edward Schwess August 18th
Carole Ann Stone August 19th
Joy Harms August 22nd
Conley Henderson August 22nd
Evelyn Worsham August 22nd
Nancy Eyre August 24th
Lindy Holmes August 26th
Rosemary Hany August 29th

Notice to all: Deadline for all articles for the newsletter is the 20th to Carolyn Davis. Patti puts the newsletter together when she finds a few minutes to work on it. If you do not get your articles and or comments to Carolyn by the 20th, they will be held until the next newsletter. Please do not send them to Patti directly. If you would like to take over the newsletter please let Carolyn know and she will get you set up to be the one to assemble it. Also attach the photos; Do not send them as part of the email.

Garland County Master Gardeners Trip to Jackson, Tennessee

Let’s get together and go to Jackson, Tennessee this fall, October 2 & 3. There is an Autumn Festival at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center on the University of Tennessee campus. This center is known for its research on ornamentals, turf grasses, agronomic and horticultural crops.

At this Festival there will be a plant sale and lecture series, by Jason Reeves and Carol Reese. There will be lots to see and gardens to walk through. I am told it is an amazing place to visit. We should also be able to bring some seeds home.

We are taking a 56 passenger bus from Cline Bus Company, leaving the Embassy parking lot at 7:00 am on Thursday morning, October 2nd. It is approximately a 4 1/2 hour drive...We will check into the Hampton Inn & Suites, have lunch and head to the Festival for the remainder of the day/ evening.

We will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Cost of the room with two Queen Beds will be $104 plus taxes. Adding the cost of the bus, $50, and your meals, the trip should cost you somewhere around $200. Drinks and snacks will be provided on the bus.

We will research the area to find nurseries and things of interest for Friday. We will return Friday evening arriving home somewhere around 8:30 pm.

Hopefully the weather will begin to cool making it a delightful fall trip amongst friends.

We will provide you with more information as we get it. You will be responsible for making your own Hotel reservations, mentioning Garland County Master Gardeners for the special rate. Hope to have you along.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenda Pannell

Ten Garland County Master Gardeners recently attended an Advanced Master Gardener IPM training at the Little Rock Extension Office. The Garland County group spent the day with other Master Gardeners throughout the state learning about bees, beneficial bugs, bad bugs, and what they do to plants. They learned how to identify problems in the garden and practiced using samples. Instruction was given about the correct procedure for sending in samples and insects.
### Committees and Reports

#### The Brown Bag Library Class of 2014

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

#### 2014 Master Gardener Brown Bag Class Schedule

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<td>Making Rain Gardens / Raven Lawson</td>
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#### The Court Houses/ Police Memorial Committee

The Court Houses/Police Memorial met on Thursday, July 10th to weed the official beds and the lily beds in front of the Old Court House. Those in attendance were James Moore, Jr., Michael Carr, Jeff Finney, Jane Oliver, Bev Merritt, Anne Fulbright, Shirley Williams, and Kay Skoog (not pictured).

In August we will meet on Thursday, August 14th, 8:30 a.m. at the new Court House. This is the reminder for all committee members and those who would like to join us. Everyone is invited and the fellowship is the best. Hope to see you then.

Michael and Kay

#### Extension Office Grounds

The Garland County Master Gardeners met recently at the Extension Office where they performed minor maintenance work that included trimming the hedges, the grass, pulling weeds, transplanting plants and adjusting the water system. A special thank you to Carol Scrivner, Kay Adams and her husband who purchased compost and spread it around the landscape area. Susan Deimel also assisted in the spreading of the compost. An employee from one of the offices said that the compost smelled “so good” that she had to walk up the street to smoke her cigarette.

Pictured from left to right are Jim Moore, Susan Deimel, Kay Adams, Jan Hodges, Ross (Doc) Sedler, James B. Moore, Jr., Jeff Finney, Carol Scrivner and Don Sluyer.

#### Sunshine Committee

Tom Both has been under the weather. Claudette Cooper had knee surgery. Karin Grisham’s daughter is ill. Deidre Dudley’s sister is ill.

In error, Rosemary Haney was sent a card for a bad knee. She is perfectly healthy! Glad it was false information!!

Bill Statton had knee surgery.

Chapie Harper had a stent replaced.

#### Como Square Committee

The COMO committee met recently to do regular monthly maintenance on the weeds that insist on coming back month after month. Twelve Master Gardeners were present. A photographer from the Sentinel-Record showed up and took a great picture of Charlotte Anthony. That picture was the featured photo of the day. What nice publicity for GCMG!
GEMS at Work

GEMS met at Garvan on a relatively "cool" morning to help out in the nursery. Gardenias, hellebores, and ardesia were repotted and many other trees and shrubs were given the gift of additional soil. Many of these plants are used in the garden, while others are sold in the Garden Shop - so stop by occasionally and see what's available to buy for your garden - or, maybe a gift for someone........GEMS meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of each month, all are welcome!

Left, front to back: Linda Doherty, Elizabeth McAnally, Barb Bradstreet, Susan Deimel, Gwen Southard, Jeff Finney
Right, front to back: Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner, Jan Hodges, Ross Sedler, James Moore Jr.
Not shown: Martha Dooley

City Greenhouse

The City Greenhouse "crew" met recently for a work day. We divided into two groups - one working inside the greenhouse and the other group working outside along the fence. The inside group repotted cuttings from Chicken Gizzard plants, impatiens plants, mums and coleus plants into small six pack trays. The gardeners who worked outside trimmed the mums and did weeding. It was a hard, but profitable work day for the group.

A special thanks to all the Master Gardeners who came out to help.

Michael, Lin and Gene

Langston Legacy Garden

The Langston Alumni Legacy Garden now has a better watering system. The Legacy Committee funded the project. A special thanks to James Moore for presenting the need to the committee. Jeff Finney, James Moore, Jim Moore, Louise Lee, Deb Skelton, Susan Deimel and Jan Hodges practiced their learned skills. The guys had experience, we girls just did what they told us! Now, other than those weeds, this should be even more low maintenance.

In the photo front row lf to rt. Louise Lee, Jeff Finney; back row lf to rt. James Moore, Susan Deimel, Deb Skelton, Jim Moore and Jan Hodges (not seen).

Triangle/Farmers Market

The Garland County Master Gardeners met on a nice cool (exceptional weather for July) Wed. morning. We started at the north end of Farmer's Market. We still have a nut grass problem, but the city crew mulched after our last work day and there is noticeable improvement in the 4 big beds. We concentrated on working on the 3 south beds that were missed last month. They were all cleaned, and hopefully the city crew will mulch them this month. The committee then proceeded to the Triangle on Malvern and Grand where these beds were cleaned. Thanks to our great crew who are pictured below. Pictured in the back left to right: Sunshine Spielvogle, Lin Johnson, Sallye Waddell, Wayne Patterson, Elizabeth McAnally, Michael Carr. Front row left to right are Barbara Smith, Kay Adams. Not Shown Carol Scrivner.
HSV Yard of the Month

The July Yard of the Month is the home of Diane and Russ Daniel at 7 Lindo Lane. Seven years ago when they moved in there was no landscaping. Two blue Atlas Cedars flank the front porch and are enhanced by a ruby Japanese Maple. Beds in the terraced front yard are full of perennials, coral bells, oak leaf hydrangeas, coneflowers and daisies.

At the top of the driveway you enter through friendly gates into the organic vegetable garden where everything is started from seed. Through an arbor into a secret garden patterned after one they saw in Savannah, Georgia are pots of all sizes filled with perennials, annuals and unusual greens. There is a daylily next to the fountain that is lemon yellow with a maroon center, an agapanthus, naked ladies, and lots of succulents. Diane’s favorite plant in back is a Japanese Bell tree. If you want to experience a garden that wastes no space and is full of charm, have a look at this one.

Pictured left to right are homeowners Russ and Diane Daniel, and Valerie Nuckels a Garland County Master Gardener.

Garland County Fair News

Garland County Fair, September 8-13

Once again we will need lots of volunteers to cover the 5 days that the Horticulture Building at the Fair is open to the public. Sign-up sheets will be available at regular meetings, or you can contact any Fair Committee member.

Everyone is encouraged to enter plants, hanging baskets, cut flowers and produce in the competition. Last month’s newsletter spelled out the categories and submission requirements.

This year, in place of the scarecrow contest, we will have a pumpkin and gourd decorating contest. The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Contest is open only to Garland County Master Gardeners
2. Only real, uncut pumpkins or real gourds; no artificial or plastic. (Carved pumpkins will not hold up in the hot building)
3. Entry must be decorated by the person entering the contest.
4. Entries must be brought to the Horticulture Building of the Fairgrounds no later than noon on Tuesday, September 9.

The categories for the pumpkin and gourd decorating contest prizes are:

- Most original
- Weirdest/Funniest
- Crowd Favorite
- Best use of natural materials

For 2014 we will also highlight strange or unusual plants. If you have an interesting plant that you would let us display, please contact one of the committee members.

Calling All Master Gardeners

If you have a friend who would like to join Master Gardeners, please send them to the Extension Office to fill out an application or have them call and Patti or Mary can email one to them. We will be filling, interviewing and organizing next year’s classes soon and we need people in it. The dates are the last Thursday in January, every Thursday in February and the first Thursday in March if needed. As far as we know at this time the cost is still the same. So get out there and invite others to join.

See you at the Fair......Mary Tom Taylor, Valerie Nuckels, Judy Preuitt, Lin Johnson, Linda Doherty, Gaye Harper, Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner.
# Calendar of Events

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<td>Mystic Creatures 2014: Topiary Art Meets Imagination</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. Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</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>Aug. 14 Thurs. 9:30 – 11:30 Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>101 Workshop GWG “Seed for Change” Adam West &amp; colleagues from the Library will explain the new program.</td>
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<td>GCMG meeting Elks Lodge 11:15-12:30 lunch Program 1pm Nicholas Palmese “e-mail security.”</td>
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<td>101 Workshop GWG “Fall is for Gardening” Bob Byers &amp; Sabrina Childs of Ball’s Seed Company.</td>
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<td>Brown Bag “MAKING RAIN GARDENS” by Raven Larson Garland County Library Please register by calling the Library 501-922-4483.</td>
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<td>Sept. 25 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>101 Workshop GWG Captivating Containers, Jim Shults nursery owner will show the basics, then Bob Byers will show examples.</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>P-N-G=Plant-Nurture-Grow (Leadership)</td>
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<td>Oct. 11 Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</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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<td>Oct. 16 Thursday 1:00</td>
<td>GCMG meeting Elks Lodge 11:30 -12:30 lunch Speaker</td>
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<td>Oct. 21-24 Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>Southern Regional Master Gardener Convention Baton Rouge, LA</td>
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<td>Nov. 4 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Counts as Education for Master Gardeners</td>
<td>101 GWG: &quot;Carson/Byers&quot; Adding Color to Your Fall Garden A box lunch will be provided. $35 for GWG members and $45 for non-members. Advance reservations and pre-payment are required. Call the Gardens at 501.262.9300 to register. Space is limited.</td>
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If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net
Garland County Master Gardeners  
Meeting July 18, 2014  
Minutes

Presiding: Carmon Hayes  
Officers present: G Pannell, L Doherty, MA Schnipper, G Harper, K Johnson  
Present: 104 members and interns, 1 guest (Jodie Tooke) 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: 1:00
*Carmon welcomed the members and guest to the regularly scheduled meeting.  
*Glenda Pannell introduced the speaker, Ron Stone, who spoke on flower photography and ways to improve our shots using cell phone and 33 millimeter cameras. Before relocating to Arkansas, he was an NBC cameraman living in Hollywood who worked on occasion with Ansel Adams and Imogene Cunningham. He recommended pre-visualizing what the photograph will be used for before taking the shot, staying very still while shooting and having the correct and adequate lighting for the shot.  
* MSP to approve the minutes of the May meeting by Jim Moore and Carolyn Davis after the last name of this month’s speaker is corrected.  
*The treasurer’s reports for May and June will be filed for audit.  
*Glenda Pannell thanked the members for attending the June MG garden tour of 4 homes in the Eastgate Two neighborhood. Mary Ann Schnipper also thanked the members for the cookies they baked, the help given in setting up and cleaning up after the event and attending the tour. All uneaten cookies were donated to Jackson House. Glenda reminded the members that the August program will feature our own Nicholas Palmese speaking on internet safety. There is no program scheduled for September as yet.  
*Linda Doherty asked the members to please keep their hours reporting current.

Committee/Projects Reports
*Ann Flueckiger spoke on the brown bag lunches held at the GC Library. On August 15 Tamara Walkingstick will give a program on Arkansas native and invasive plants. On September 12 the program topic will be creating a rain garden. The October 11th meeting will be held at The First Church of the Nazarene and will be the MG Expo featuring many booths and areas of possible interest to many GC residents.  
*Mary Tom Taylor talked to the members about the upcoming GC Fair to be held at the GC Fairgrounds on September 8-14. There will be a gourd and pumpkin decorating contest in which the members may participate. All GCMG are urged to sign up to help staff our building during the Fair. Also workers are needed to volunteer to help in the EHC kitchen on Tuesday, September 9, from 4:30 until 6:00 pm. A training session will be held on August 8 at 10:00 for the people who sign up to work in this area.  
*Sue Tanner, chair of the hospitality committee, announced that the Fall Social will be held on Monday September 29 from 4:30 until 6:00 pm at Angels in the Park located in the Park Hotel on Fountain Street. There will be no charge for GCMG to attend but guests will pay a small fee. The date was selected because the State MG Day at GWG is on that date (no cooking for the GCMG!).

Unfinished Business
*Janie Turner and Margaret Byrd announced the awards for members who have served GCMG for five years. Each was presented with a certificate and a pin. Those members are Scott Allison, Polly Barnett, Cindy Bright, Linda Doherty, Ellie Elsenheimer, Sue Finley, Don Lovelady, Liz McAnally, Jim Moore, Marilyn Olson, Debbie Rolling, Hilde Simmons, Shelley Sims, Barbara Smith, and Bill Staton. GCMG who have served for 10 years also received a certificate and a pin. They are Roger Giddings, Rosemary Hany, Heidi Haskins, Donna Yadron and Joe Yadron. Three members have served 15 years and received a
Unfinished business
*Carmon stated that the Ad Hoc committee formed to make recommendations as to how the committees/projects should utilize their budgeted monies has been ended due to a lack of consensus and in not reporting in a timely manner. She read a statement that said “In my opinion, the budget of projects or committees is to allow needed supplies and equipment to attain safe and successful projects. Monies should not be used to supplant the ongoing commitment by the project sponsor (for water, bug spray, soil amendments, mulch or plants). The chairperson should make the decision and be aware of any expense before it is made and give timely receipts to the treasurer. Only GCMGs should have use of our assets, i.e. trailer, laptops, etc. because each person who uses them is liable if harmed.”

Other business
*Glenda said she is planning a MG bus trip to Jackson, Tennessee, to visit the West Tennessee Research and Garden Center and attend its Autumnfest on October 2 and 3. The bus fee is $50.00 per person. Rooms at the Hampton Inn in Jackson are available for $104.00 plus tax per night.
*Yvonne Becker announced that her By-Laws Revision Committee consisting of Linda Doherty and Carolyn Davis has been hard at work. They plan to reveal their proposed changes at the August meetings of the executive committee, GCMG Board and the general membership.

New business
*Carmon proposed a nominating committee consisting of Julie Dickson, Dianne Hardin and Jim Moore if approved by the Executive committee meeting on August 11. The nominations committee will need extra time this year as there will be openings for 2nd vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers to the membership at the October MG meeting.
*Lin Johnson spoke on the PNG conference to be held on October 6 and 7 at the Little Rock Airport Holiday Inn. She also reminded the members of the Southern regional MG meeting to be held in Baton Rouge on October 20, 21, and 22. Lin gave a short report of the recent MG trip to Scotland.
*Ellie Eisenheimer gave the members some information on the youth education project at GWG. Due to more budget cuts, GWG is asking for help with the classes that are available for children ages 3 ½ to 12.

Announcements
*Carmon welcomed Scott Davies back to MG after his long absence due to illness.
*She told the group of the 2015 State MG meeting to be held in Benton on June 4, 5, and 6. More information will follow.
*Congratulations go to our own Diane Daniel who was selected the 2014 MG of the Year at the recent State MG meeting held in Texarkana in late May.
*The Executive committee and Board will meet on August 11. The general meeting will be on August 21.
*Silas Turner’s name was drawn for the free lunch in August.
*Numbers for door prizes were drawn.
*Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

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

Financial Statement (Diamond Bank)

Month ending June Balance 23,213.58

Income: no deposits made

Expenses:

Ck 1058 UACES (Lin, Gene, Yvonne-PNG) 120.00
Ck 1059 UACES (Linda, Glenda-PNG) 100.00
Ck 1060 UACES (Carmon, Gaye, Mary Ann
   D. Hardin, Jannetta, C. Davis, Karin G.,
   Sharon D., Hilde, Allen (9 x80.00 + 40.00) 760.00
Ck 1061 UACES Balance for Allen (total 50.00) 10.00
Ck 1062 Elk’s Lodge July meeting 50.00
Ck 1063 Carolyn Davis (ink by-law’s) 40.49
Ck 1064 UACES (D. Daniel, B. Smith) 160.00
Ck 1065 Julie Dickson (Sunshine Comm.) 29.41

Ending Diamond Bank Balance 21,943.68

(includes 500.00 Scholarship Fund)

Extension Office Balance 2,305.06
The structure of the group is based on our county programs, and since there are 75 counties in Arkansas, this group is now the "76' county. The "County Agent" is the State MG Coordinator (Janet Carson), and the officers will be elected from the membership of County 76. The projects will focus on organizational, leadership, and general management issues. County 76 members will decide which projects will be created, and each member will decide on which project he/she wants to work.