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
Fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds” H.W.Longfellow

So summer arrived! September is a very busy month for Garland County Master Gardeners. “Our” horticulture building at the Garland County Fair Sept. 8-14 will have pumpkins and gourds decorated by our members. Come join us for some down home “Country Picnic” fun. The EHC kitchen is staffed for Thurs. 3-6 pm. In addition to our regular projects, a Brown Bag at the GC library at 11:30 on Friday Sept. 12, we have our meeting on Sept. 18, MG Appreciation day at GWG and our Fall Social on Monday, Sept. 29. WHEW!

Please remember that even if you have your hours for the year, our projects still need care. Check your roster book and see if you would like to help at a different project to see what they do in the fall. I am enjoying visiting the projects and seeing the fruits of your hard labor. You are inspiring with the many hours you work to make GCMGs the best! Thank you.

“All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of yesterday”.

Happy Gardening.
Carmon

Allen’s Corner

September, my favorite time of year! County fair, cooler weather and many Master Gardener activities. Hope each of you are making plans to attend the many activities coming up. Master Gardener appreciation day at Garvan, fall social, PNG leadership, and the Master Gardener Expo are all coming up in the next few weeks. It’s been a great summer for low water bills but don’t forget to check your plants water needs a time or two each week. Fall is about here and with our busy schedules the end of the year will be here before you know it. So take a minute and if you know someone that would like to become a Master Gardener be sure they get an application. Our new committee for Master Gardener training Gaye, Rosemary and Jerilynne are working hard to prepare our next year training. We have 9 applicants already for 2015. Have fun!
Happy Birthday from the Gang!!

September Birthdays

Max Carter               Sep 1
Mary Ann Schnipper       Sep 5
Kahig Alesch             Sep 6
Carmen Felton            Sep 7
Heidi Haskins            Sep 7
Linda Hermani            Sep 7
Carolyn Davis            Sep 11
Kay Holland              Sep 11
Polly Barnett            Sep 12
Silas Turner             Sep 12
Anne Fulbright           Sep 12
Gaye Harper              Sep 13
Henryetta Martin         Sep 13
Susan Deimal             Sep 14
Harry Marshall           Sep 15
Cathy Dresel             Sep 16
Kay Adams                Sep 18
Charles Harper           Sep 20
Linda Doherty            Sep 28
Neil Thornton            Sep 29
Scott Allison            Sep 30
Stephanie Ballard        Sep 30

Yard of the Month
Wayne and Barb Krone

The Krone’s gardens earned the well-deserved August Yard of the Month award. When they purchased this house on the Ponce de Leon golf course, the yard was largely unimproved, except for extensive plantings of azalas. Improvements began with flower beds, both in front and in back, using precast stone for edging with an extensive array of happy, healthy blooming plants – both perennial and annual. These included three varieties of potato vines to fill in with lively color, coneflowers in three colors, a variety of zinnias and hostas and some creeping jenny to add some bright cheery color.

On the deck behind the house are pots of varied size and arrangements that include various coleus, potato vines, geraniums, calibrachoa, alternanthera, with creeping jenny hanging over edges.

Behind the house are more flower beds and two Forest Pansy Redbud trees to provide shade. Holly fern elephant ears, coleus, brown eyed susans, salvia, and fall blooming anemone filled the beds. Creeping jenny was used as a bright, cheery ground cover in some areas. The Krones also included these bushes: dwarf Nandina, Oakleaf hydrangea, hollies, azaleas, and roses.

Remember we are taking applications for the 2015 Class. If you know someone who loves gardening and loves helping others learn this is the organization for them. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or can be emailed by contacting the Garland County Extension Office.
**COMO committee**

The COMO committee met recently to pull weeds and spruce up our most visible part of Hot Springs. With lovely weather, we made short work of the weeds and trash. Special thanks to the eleven Garland County Master Gardeners who came to assist with this project.

In the photo: Row 1: Shirley Williams and Carol Scrivner. Row 2: James Moore, Jr., Charlotte Anthony, Laura Young, Karen Grisham, Sharon Dent, Susan Deimel, Jeff Finney, Mary Tom Taylor, Sue Bristow. Also present Mary Ann Schnipper.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Recently 13 Master Gardeners, along with 2 members of the Whitfield Garden Club completed the landscape at 104 Randy Court. Hearty nandinas, Yaupon Holly, Itexa Henry Garnet Sweet Spirea, variegated liriope, day lilies, iris, and cannas were planted. The home will be dedicated Wednesday, September 3rd.

A special thank you to all who worked to complete this project.

Seen in the photo are: Wayne Patterson, Gene Lichliter, Roger Giddings, James Arce, Carol Scrivner, James Moore, Jr., Don Suyter, Mandy Arce, Howard Cheresnick, Lin Johnson, Jeff Finney, Don Loveday, Jennifer Jennings (not in picture), and DeAnn Baker. Picture taken by Evelyn Worsham.

Gene Lichliter, Chairperson, Evelyn M. Worsham, Assistant

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**GEMS Committee**

Goodbye Topiaries - Hello Holiday Lights

Garland County Master Gardeners GEMS Committee helped out at Garvan Woodland Gardens by removing plants from the "schroom" family topiaries. Some plants will be held over the winter and used for propagation for next year's display. Soil was removed, and the fixtures stored away for later use. This project will clear the way for the setup for holiday lights that will begin in November.

Those who participated in this project are: Shirley Williams, Sarah Harris, Debbie Shinn, Emilie Stewart, Marty Lynch, Kay Holland, Pat Conine, Sue Tanner, Max Carter, Kay Ford, and Rita Monsen, committee chair.

**Committee Reports**

**Caring Place**

A group of Garland County Master Gardeners recently went to the Caring Place where they taught a class on making botanical greeting cards with garden leaves and acrylic paints. The seniors really enjoyed participating in the project, and everyone was able to take a completed note card home to send to a loved one.

*“Give me juicy autumnal fruit, ripe and red from the orchard.”*  
Walt Whitman
Courthouses/Police Memorial

We had 12 members show up on this beautiful summer day to clean up the Courthouses and the Police Memorial. We spent most of our time trying to get the nut grass out of the bordering liriope. We couldn't get it all so we decided that the liriope needs to be dug up and separated from the grass and then the weed free liriope can be replanted. Bring shovels next time we meet on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at 8:30 am. and join in the fun! A big thank you to those of you who came out to help. Our crew is the best, thanks again!
Kay and Michael

In the photo L to R, standing: James Moore Jr., Barbara Smith, Jim Moore, Lin Johnson, Shirley Williams, Bev Merritt, Jeff Finney. Sitting: Linda Doherty, Michael Carr, Sue Hale.
Not pictured: Carol Scrivner and Kay Adams

Entergy Park Committee

On August 6th the Entergy Park Committee met at 8:00 AM to restore order to the chaos of weed invasion. We were greeted with some good news and some bad news. First the good news - since we had performed weed control late in July the buggers didn't have a chance to grow big and strong. The bad news - since we were there in late July the buggers were not big and consequently were more difficult to whack and/or pull. However, the Entergy Park Team was very meticulous and performed their typical outstanding job of weed control.
And as can be seen, this is a happy and good-looking team.

Welcome to the Garland County Extension Office

Mary Barrentine is a native of Bismarck, has joined the Garland County Extension Office team. She is married to Larry, and moved to AR from Jupiter, FL. She has 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She likes to travel, sew, cook, and decorate. She is soft-spoken, pleasant and quick with a smile. If you need assistance while in the office she is one of the go-to people. Be sure to drop in and say Hi!

Fall is Prep Time

It is time to ready your yards and flower beds for the Fall. Be sure to monitor plants for water, insects and diseases. Also digging up and dividing those beautiful spring blooming perennials while saving seeds from your annuals and perennials for next year's crops. How about decorating with a few mums, aster and dianthus for that extra fall colors.

Fall gardens should be in the ground soon. Great time to plant vegetables such as cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce, spinach and carrots. Cover crops are just around the corner and are beneficial to your soil. If you have any questions about what you need to do to get your soil just right for next year, how about a soil test. They are free and easy to do.

Extension Office

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently met at the Extension Office where they trimmed the grass and hedges, planted day lilies on the south side of the office and performed minor maintenance work around the landscape office. Thanks to Carol for leaving us a taste treat that we enjoyed after finishing the work at the office. Those present were:
James B. Moore, Jr., Ross (Doc) Sedler, Sam Mullins, Susan Deimel, Jeff Finney, Don Sluyter and Jim Moore.
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<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, I 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 35 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 Elesenheimer, Sue Finley, Don Lovelady, Liz McAnally, Jim Moore, Marilyn Olson, Debbie Rolling, Hilde Simmons, Shelley Sims, Barbara Smith, Bill Staton, and Sue Tanner. 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 badge. They are Sarah Harris, Margie Herrin and Kay Holland. County 76 members who have served for 5 years are Yvonne Becker and Gene Lichliter.

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. 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 Elsenheimer 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 August 2014

Financial Statement (Diamond Bank)

Month ending July Balance  21,943.68

Income: no deposits made

Expenses:
Ck 1066 Linda Doherty - Officer Expense  29.62
Ck 1067 Wayne Patterson – Entergy Pk.  9.86
Ck 1068 Cline Tours - MG Trip to Tenn.  257.40
Ck 1069 Angels In The Park - Deposit Social  600.00
Ck 1070 Elk’s Lodge - August meeting  50.00
Ck 1071 Lynn Harris - Scrapbook  25.00
Ck 1072 Julie Milano - Social decorations  9.81
Ck 1073 Sue Tanner - Social nuts  39.66

Ending Diamond Bank Balance  20,922.33
(includes 500.00 Scholarship Fund)

Extension office Balance  2,305.06