Recently one of these lovely caterpillars fell out of a tree and onto a worker at Garland Woodland Garden. I’m told the worker was quite startled by the sight of this lovely!

I decided to check up on this creature, since I wanted to be prepared when, if ever, I should come face to face with one. It turns out they are harmless, except for the stroke I’d have if one ever fell on my head! As you can see they can become very, very large. They live in regions from New Jersey to Texas from July through the middle of August.

The caterpillars eat leaves from hickory-type trees, including walnut, pecan, buttonbush, filbert, ash and persimmon. These charming critters become the Regal Moth, the largest moth found north of Mexico.

The moth only lives about one week. If you ever run into this caterpillar wandering along your garden path, remember it is harmless.

Diane Daniel

The next Master Gardener Meeting is Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Elks Lodge starting at 1 pm. The program features Poisonous Plants. You may arrive at 11:30 am to eat if you wish.
The Arkansas Association of County Agricultural Agents hosted the National Association of County Agricultural Agents during the last week of July in Little Rock. About 1,000 agents and their families from around the United States attended. Tours to various areas of Arkansas highlighted the agricultural diversity of our wonderful state. Three tours went to Garland County; sites included Garvan Woodland Garden, Hot Springs City Greenhouse and City Compost Facility, and Bathhouse Row. During each of the three tours at Garvan Gardens, Garland County MGs provided refreshments on hot and humid days.

I had the opportunity to speak to the active agents’ group tour about our Master Gardener group during the City Greenhouse stop. The feedback I received after the tour was remarkable. These County Agents from around the nation, who also have Master Gardener programs, were “blown away” by your wonderful hospitality and all you do for our county. It was a great opportunity to showcase our program to a national audience, and to receive such wonderful accolades from my peers from around the nation was great. It was very rewarding to have County Agents from around the country agree that we have a great group of Master Gardeners in Garland County. Thank you for all you do. Have fun!

Allen’s Corner

August Birthdays
2 – Maggie Burks
2 – Scott Davies
2 – Annette Enderlin
7 – Karen Battese
7 – Michael Carr
7 – Sherry Matthews
12 – Tom Both
12 – Sherry Davis
12 – Ann Carrithers
12 – Edith Loveday
16 – Carol Stanfill
17 – Laura Young
18 – Edward Schwess
19 – Carole Ann Stone
20 – Sheila Springs
22 – Joy Harms
22 – Conley Henderson
22 – Evelyn Worsham
24 – Nancy Eyre
26 – Brenda Matthews
28 – Chris St. Peter
29 – Rosemary Hany

September Birthdays
1 – Max Carter
2 – Paula Page
5 – Mary Ann Schnipper
6 – Kahig Alesch
7 – Carmen Felton
7 – Heidi Haskins
7 – Linda L. Hermani
10 – Marianne Johnson
11 – Carolyn Davis
12 – Polly Barnett
12 – Silas Turner
12 – Anne Fulbright
13 – Gaye Harper
13 – Henryetta Norman
14 – Susan Deimel
15 – Harry Marshall
15 – Larry Hardin
18 – Kay Adams
20 – Charles Harper
21 – Linda Shay
25 – Paula Zorn
28 – Linda Doherty
29 – Neil Thornton
30 – Scott Allison
30 – Stephanie Ballard
30 – F.T. Eyre

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Yards of the Month for July
Between April and October, each month we select business yards and residential yards from Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village. Those selected have signs in their "yards" for the month.

Hot Springs Business Yard of the Month
Mike and Kelly Ward, the owners of the three-story Victorian B & B, The Prospect Bed and Breakfast at 472 Prospect Avenue, earned honors for July.

The front garden is terraced and features drift roses, oleander, geraniums and assorted perennials. The upper terrace contains clematis, geraniums and lilies. The old driveway on the side of the home has been converted into a waterfall surrounded by ivy, rocks, statuaries, and lanterns. It's a really clever way of turning something decrepit into something beautiful. On the back patio is another waterfall surrounded by elephant ears, variegated money grass and lantana. A sitting area beyond the waterfall allows visitors to sit and enjoy listening to falling water. This area features roses and hydrangeas and is entered via a stone and gravel path. The Wards may be reached at 501-772-5050 for more information.


Hot Springs Village Business Yard of the Month
The Village Inn, 4429 N. Highway 7, is conveniently located near the west entrance and has a reputation for family hospitality. They go the extra mile providing a beautiful setting with extensive floral plantings. In front is a large, bermed area with a gorgeous water feature planted with grasses, several varieties of hostas, two different varieties of Japanese maples, carefully trimmed evergreens, loropetalum, dusty miller, snap dragons and around the edges colorful impatiens. Some spectacular driftwood specimens are also in the bed. A steep incline with large boulders rises from the ground dotted with various types of cactus. The rest of the surrounding area features well-tended bushes and shrubs to provide a welcoming and peaceful atmosphere.

Pictured (left to right): Sam Pricop, Kim Graves, Estee Pricop, Adriana Pricop, & Mela Pricop with MG Nancy Eyre standing. (photo by F.T. Eyre)
Hot Springs Residential Yard of the Month

The Youngs, whose house on Whittington Avenue was built in the 1920’s, were also chosen 9 years ago as Yard of the Month winners, and their yard is still beautiful.

In the photo left to right: Master Gardener Karen Hill-DeGeer, homeowners Bill and Oneta Young, MG Judy Fields and Stephanie Ballard. Not pictured, MGs Sue Tucker and Carolyn Davis.

Please contact Carolyn Davis at 276-6449 or cid945@sbcglobal.net to nominate a yard.

Hot Springs Village Residential Yard of the Month

The Beard’s yard at 90 Elcano Drive, on Isabella Golf Course, was selected as the Yard of the Month.

In the front, bordering the driveway are large plantings of flowering bushes, including butterfly bush, crapemyrtle, roses, hydrangeas, camellia with flowers, sneeze weed, comfrey, annual vinca, variegated liriope, Star Gazer lilies, unusual orange sunflowers, coleus, chameleon plants, as well as potted tropical plants, with thoughtfully placed driftwood. From their upper deck we see philodendron, prayer plant, coleus, red Wandering Jew, creeping jenny, begonias and succulents.

Please contact Karen Geiger at 922-0645 or at kg77055@yahoo.com
Janet spoke on "Master Gardeners and You" and gave a general update on statewide activities.

To remain a fresh and viable volunteer organization, the goal of the AR Master Gardeners must be to recruit, develop, place, recognize and retain volunteer talent. Ways to accomplish these goals are getting the word out about what we do, mentoring, engaging the membership, and fostering the use of all talents the Master Gardeners have to offer. Master Gardeners have many talents besides gardening such as photography, computer skills, writing, designing, cooking, canning, etc. Each county or chapter should incorporate these resources and skills by looking at ways to engage and encourage all members to apply these skills. It may be advisable to review activity schedules and meeting times. A time and talent questionnaire is a good way to find out where the members’ needs and interests are.

We need to make members aware of how valuable they are to their county and the state. One way to show this is by assuring the work done is documented through hour reporting. Compared to last year, the reported hours are half of what they were at this time last year.

- Master Gardeners can report hours through the Extension Office web site at uaex.edu. There is a new link in the middle of the home page of the “Master Gardener Only” section which leads to the hour-reporting system sign-on page.
- Members can also sign up to “Constant Contact” to get mail directly from the state office.

Master Gardener Appreciation Day is scheduled for October 10 at the Garden of the Ozarks in Fayetteville. There will be seminars and speakers. Lunch can be preordered. There will be t-shirts for sale. Lunches and t-shirts need to be ordered online on the "MG Only" section of the Extension website. Master Gardeners do not need to register online, but they must have ID to enter free of charge.

County Facebook and web pages can be set up by contacting Julie Treat.

Janet said the 2017 state conference and silent auction were a huge success. The attendance questionnaires were reviewed. Considerations for changes in the awards presentations and length of service recognition were discussed.

In addition to the yearly state conference, the possibility of other statewide activities were proposed, such as one-day district conferences and gatherings for local area counties, especially if they train. The annual to perennial session for new members and their mentors were a big success. The program will be repeated in a similar format next year. Time, dates and locations will be determined with help of the Triple R (recruit, reward, retain) committee. August 17-21 (Friday to Monday) are considered to allow for working folks to attend. The next advanced training "Masters for Monarchs’” will be held October 21 in Greene County. Online registration soon.

Counties are encouraged to start thinking about nominations for local and statewide awards for 2017. The entry deadline will again be January 15.

The hour reporting system administration is being moved from the developer to the state offices in Little Rock. The process may take a few weeks, and the system may not be available for short time periods. The counties will be notified when these times are scheduled.
The 2016 Annual National Association of County Agricultural Agents just visited Hot Springs. Its home base was Little Rock, but many pre-and post-conference tours visited locations throughout the state. Several tours came to Hot Springs. Our County Agent, Allen Bates, was very busy organizing their activities, along with other Arkansas County Agents. MG sites included the Southern Inspiration Garden at Garvan Woodland Gardens, the Hot Springs City Greenhouse, and Entergy Park. With help from Garden Essential Maintenance Service members, the SIG members set up a refreshment stand all three days for agents (and guests) who visited. Cookies, tea, mint tea, lemonade and water were offered to hot, thirsty and hungry agents and the general public. Approximately 45-60 general garden guests stopped by, so between the agents and other visitors the total was almost 300 guests!
Extension Office
It was a super hot day but dedicated MGs showed up and went to work weeding and maintaining the landscape. Prolific crape myrtle got a branch-trimming to keep it out of the sidewalk and overly zealous canna lilies were thinned to avoid obstructing the back entrance. Hedges were trimmed and the water system was tweaked to make sure the plants were getting enough water during these hot days. Some of the turf grass plots are struggling a bit and the begonias are not blooming as enthusiastically as they should. Overall the EO landscape is thriving beautifully.

Front row L to R: Jan Hodges, Sherry Matthews, Ross Sedler. Back row L to R: Don Sluyter, Susan Deimel, Jeff Finney, and James Moore, Jr.

Entergy Rapid Response!
Thanks go out to all who responded to the call to tidy up and deadhead the plants prior to the touring of County Agents from around the country.

L to R: Sherry Matthews, Wayne Patterson, Jan Hodges, Jeff Finney, Jane Oliver, Barbara Bradstreet, and James Moore Jr. Not pictured: Carol Scrivner

Southern Inspiration Garden
Janet Carson visited to film a piece on how to trim hydrangeas. We all got the benefit of her lesson!

Langston Legacy Garden
School’s out all summer but MGs Karan Tyner, Susan Deimel and Jan Hodges were on hand to take care of weeds among the beautiful blooming crapemyrtles.
Courthouse & Police Memorial
Oh the weeds! Many hands made quick work to weed and trim. We started early to beat the heat and ended the job with cold watermelon in the shade at the old courthouse. What a terrific bunch of gardeners to hang out with and all are appreciated! Our next work day will be August 11th.

Kneeling: Larry Phillip
Front Row: Anne Fulbright, Sandy Morad, Paula Page, Lin Johnson, Sheila Springs, Kay Skoog, Michael Carr, Wayne Patterson
Back Row: Deby Prince, Susan Deimel, Barb Smith, Pat Osborn, Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner, Pam Connor, James B. Moore, Jr.
Not Shown: Sheila McLarty

Ouachita Children’s Center
We tidied up flower beds to ready them for Family Fun Day. Charlotte Anthony surprised us with a visit, bringing us water and energy drinks. She was on her way to the airport to visit grandkids so couldn’t help us, but the cool drinks were most appreciated!

Not Shown: Laura Young.

Ouachita Children’s Center
MGs hard at work in the backyard at the Center where they weeded and removed spent blooms.

Courthouse & Police Memorial
Anne Fulbright enjoys cool melon. Mmmm…mmmm, good!
**Farmers’ Market/Triangle**

We met on a hot July morning to show those weeds who's boss! We ridded all the beds of unsightly grass, weeds, and saplings. We had a great turnout of happy hands for such a scorching day!

Back Row: Brenda Matthews, Jan Hodges, Lin Johnson, Katie Gibson, Barbara Bradstreet, Sheila McLarty, Sallye Waddell, Loretta West
Front Row: Suzanne Mayfield, Shirley Hicks, Elizabeth McAnally, Juneanne Greene, Barb Smith, Mary Ann Schnipper
Not Pictured: Leslie Goff

**Entergy Park**

We started early and finished weeding before the heat! Entergy Park looks great for visitors to enjoy!

L to R: Jan Hodges, Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner, Sheila McLarty, Linda Foglia, Burley Freeman, Sheila Springs (looking down), Suzanne Mayfield, Sue Bristow, Mary Ann Schnipper, Pam McCoy, Karin Grisham, Wayne Patterson, Paula Wallace, and Anne Fulbright. Not pictured Eveyn Worsham. The pup belongs to the photographer!

**Garden Essential Maintenance Service**

Do they look hot? July weather is definitely a challenge when working outside but 17 GEMS braved the elements. Divided into three groups we weeded, deadheaded, and planted. Of the three groups, one was in a hot zone, another group was in a hotter zone, and the crew working at Perry’s Wildflower Meadow was in the HOTTEST zone of all. Kudos to everyone for working so hard, no matter the temperature. Garvan staff provided water and cookies to each group. Much was accomplished and all who desired received a treat from the Chipmunk Café.

L to R, back row: Jan Hodges, Barb Bradstreet, Jane Oliver, Carol Scrivner, Bev Merritt, and Wayne Patterson.
L to R, front row: Loretta West, Kay Adams, Sheila McLarty, and Sherry Davis.
Not pictured: Sheila Springs, Mary Tom Taylor, Ross Sedler, Larry Philipp, Sherry Matthews, James Moore, Jr., and Hilde Simmons
Education

Ask-A-Master Gardener Booths
Booths at HS & HSV Farmers’ Markets can use your help! To sign up for hours:
HS, Sat 8-11, contact Loretta West 501-617-0304  (lorettawest355@gmail.com)
HSV, Thurs 8-11, contact Pamela Eyre 956-655-9378  (pceyre@gmail.com)

MGs Sue Tanner, Ann McCain and Claudette Cooper manned the Ask-a-MG Booth at the HS Market on July 16th. Foot traffic was a little slow; however, we did get some great questions about butterfly bushes and identified a variety of plants for a young veterinarian new to Hot Springs.

MGs Dee Offerman and Nancy Eyre field questions at the Hot Springs Village Farmers’ Market.

Garland County Fair
It’s Fair Time! The Garland County Fair runs September 12-17. Get your entries ready! See Kay Adams for details.

MGs will “man” the Horticulture Building. We’ll need MANY volunteers to make that week go smoothly—hope you can free up some time on your calendar to come out and join the fun. Jodi Tooke will coordinate all volunteers. What a great way to interact with people and show them how wonderful it is to be a GCMG!

Education

EXPO:
We host our Garden EXPO on Saturday, October 8th, from 10am – 3pm, at the First Church of the Nazarene on Central Avenue.

The theme this year is “Gardening Like the Masters,” so you’ll find lots of information from experts in a variety of speakers, workshops, and interactive displays. Jim Shults (Shults Greenhouse) speaks at 10:30 am, and Corrin Troutman (Compton Gardens) speaks at 1:00 pm. Come learn about gardening!

We also will need volunteers to set up, tear down, and shepherd guests through the almost 40 booths that will be featured at the EXPO. This is a great chance to share what you know!

Contact Anne Flueckiger to volunteer.

Education

Know It to Grow It  Unfortunately we had to cancel the program on CHICKENS IN YOUR BACKYARD but we hope to invite chicken expert Carla Hardwick back next year. The next program on MOSSES will be Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am at the GCL. Registration 501-623-4161.

“One who plants a garden plants happiness.” –Old Saying
Hot Springs City Greenhouse
We had a great work session this month with 26 dedicated volunteers showing up to spruce up the greenhouse area. Extension Officers from the National Conference in Little Rock toured the compost and greenhouse facilities. Under Darryl's supervision we cut back, repotted, weeded, and generally cleaned up. It was looking good when we left. It is wonderful to see so many 2016 MGs participating; they are anxious to learn and do a wonderful job. Many thanks to all!

Southern Inspiration Garden
A young red fox came to help!

Southern Inspiration Garden
Diehard MGs who helped host the County Agents include L to R: Laura Young, Marty Lynch (in back), Karan Tyner (in front), Tricia Freeman, Claudette Cooper, Lorretta West, Diane Daniel, and Pam Woolis.

The refresh crew paused for a photo. L to R: Roger Gidding, Marianne Johnson, Sharon Dent, Sherry Matthews, Paula Page, and Paula Zorn.

Last-minute dead-heading with Anne and Pat Osborn.
**Hot Springs Xeriscape**

We welcomed the Village Xeriscapers to our regular workday. They brought us yucca to replace youpon at the bench that washed away in the flood. We spread mulch as well. Jennifer Jennings from the Winfield Garden Club also joined us. We discussed plans for the Expo in October and how we plan to promote Xeriscape principles.

![Image of Hot Springs Xeriscape group]

**HSV Xeriscape**

We visited with HS Xeriscape on the morning of July 16 to work together and share ideas. HS Xeriscape looked great after all their hard work following the flood. Hardly any work for the visitors but we enjoyed a good morning and some time at King Kone to visit. HSV Xeriscape has lovely crape-myrtles blooming and always has weeds and shrubs to keep in shape. We have started the tag and plant label process with hopes of finishing in August. Stop by and check us out soon at HSV Cortez Pavilion.

![Image of HSV Xeriscape]

**COMO**

We continued the war on weeds. The coleus look wonderful, and now that we’ve thinned out the dreaded "chamberbitter," you can actually see the other plants! What a wonderful team!

![Image of COMO group]

**Hot Springs Xeriscape**

Looks like a river ran through it! We’re so grateful to all MGs who helped in getting the garden back in shape.

![Image of Hot Springs Xeriscape garden]
Oh What a Beautiful Morning!

Many times we’re so busy working in the garden we don’t pause to appreciate the beauty. F.T. Eyre captured this shot of the Southern Inspiration Garden at Garvan Woodland Garden one morning before we welcomed visitors from Extension Offices nationwide.

County Fair Creative & Crafty Contest

This year create something with unglazed terracotta pots. There are endless possibilities—get started right away! Contact Shelia McLarty for more info. As in past years, visitors to the Garland County Fair Horticulture building will vote for their favorite. The top three receiving the most total votes throughout the fair dates will win prizes, bragging rights, and applause from fellow MGs.

Drop off your entry on one of the following:
Saturday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday, September 12th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 13th from noon to 5:00 pm.

Open to Garland County Master Gardeners only.

Send Newsletter submissions by the 21st of each month to garlandcountymgnewsletter@gmail.com
Recently a staff member from the Garland County Detention Center contacted Allen Bates about beginning a gardening program for their inmates. Just as Allen began teaching basic gardening classes, Sue Hale also became involved with this project. After enlisting the aid of James Moore and Jeff Finney, Sue, Allen and the inmates constructed raised beds and prepared large gardening areas. With Sue overseeing the project and Allen teaching and determining priorities each week, the group has planted tomatoes, corn, radishes, squash, okra and watermelons. While the residents are learning important lessons about gardening, the community is also benefitting from this project. All vegetables from the garden are donated to various facilities such as Ouachita Children’s Home. They most recently harvested five bushels of delicious sweet corn and donated them to an area shelter!

Allen demonstrates. Notice how well the corn grows in the background!

Sue Hale supervises enthusiastic detainees.

Diane Daniel and Bev Merritt spent an afternoon with women at the Shalom Women’s Center in Hot Springs teaching them about gardening in containers. They showed the women how to mix soil, propagate, and transplant flowers as well as vegetables and house plants. They also refreshed raised vegetable beds and discussed when to harvest squash, tomatoes, and other vegetables. They looked for common pests and described how and when to fertilize.

Shalom is a non-profit, faith-based program for women with life controlling problems who wish to renew and transform their lives.
# Calendar of Events

**GCMG = Garland County Master Gardeners**  
**GCL = Garland County Library**  
**GWG = Garvan Woodland Gardens**  

**Register for Know It to Grow It classes online at gclibrary.com or call 501-623-4161.**  

**Sign-up for GWG classes online at garvangardens.org or call 262-9300.**

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<td>Sept 7 Wed. 1-3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>“Know It To Grow IT” GCL (see above to register) Wonderful World of Mosses: how to cultivate and use native mosses in your garden and your home.</td>
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If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net