Hello Master Gardeners,

What a difference a month makes – cool/rainy to hot/dry - I am in full watering mode as I am sure all of you are. While you are watering, pick out those special container plantings, super vegetable plants that are yielding the best veggies, special flowers, etc that you could enter in the GC Fair. Adult Horticulture Rules will be sent out shortly by Lin Johnson, Fair Chairperson. It is always fun to see what your fellow Master Gardeners are up to, and maybe snag a promise of a cutting in the future. The pumpkin/gourd decorating contest for MG’s was very popular, the GC Fair visitors select the winner - an email of examples was sent out earlier and will be resent soon so you all can get ideas of what to do. Mark your calendars for September 15 when the Fair begins. Soon, some of you depart for the St. Louis trip - know you all will have a great time. Hope everyone who wanted signed up for the PNG (Leadership) conference - a very worthwhile event. Also, don't forget MG Appreciation Day at Garvan on September 10. So rest up this month and be ready to hit the ground running in September!

Linda
Wow!! This past month has been a blur. Between 4-H Horse Shows and O'Rama, I have been in the office only a couple of days in the last three weeks. Patti and Mary are doing a great job forwarding all questions and pictures of diseased plants to me while I am out, so give the office a call or stop by if you are having problems, even if I am away.

Our Facebook is now up and going, so start sending in pictures and posts if you haven't already. If you are like me and are unfamiliar with Facebook, give Patti a call and she can help you post. Janet has just finished her summer Master Gardener training and Brenda Aycock is the first Garland County New Master Gardener trained through her training. So look for Brenda at future Master Gardener activities and make her feel welcome.

I hope you are planning to participate in this year’s Garland County Fair by entering plants and helping work that week. It will be here soon, so contact Lin Johnson if you have questions. Stay cool and have fun!!

Allen

AUGUST
Birthdays

Maggie Burks August 2
Scott Davies August 2
Annette Enderlin August 2
Janie Turner August 3
Karen Battese August 7
Michael Carr August 7
Tom Both August 12
Ann Carrithers August 12
Edith Loveday August 12
Carol Stanfill August 16
Laura Young August 17
Edward Schwess August 18
Carole Ann Stone August 19
Joy Harms August 22
Conley Henderson August 22
Evelyn Worsham August 22
Nancy Eyre August 24
Lindy Holmes August 26
Rosemary Hany August 29

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Get Well

Burley Freeman
Kathleen Cardinal
Janie and Don Turner
Conley Henderson
Kay Adams
Garden Therapy

The seniors at the Caring Place really enjoyed our July program!

We were led by Sue Tanner in making cupcakes and decorating them with M&Ms in floral colors. The Master Gardeners attending were Emilie Stewart, Kumar Maruthur, MD, Ellen Majestic, Shirley Williams, and Rita Monsen.

Rita Monsen, Garden Therapy Chair

Garland County Cooperative Extension Office

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently performed minor maintenance at the Cooperative Extension Office. The landscape has bloomed profusely following some improvements to the water system and the removal of a dying tree which allows more sunlight into the area. Master Gardeners on this project include left to right: Kumar Maruthur, MD, Jan Hodges, Susan Deimel, James Moore, Jr., Ross Sedler, Sam Mullins, and Jim Moore. Not pictured: Larry Hardin and Jeff Finney.
JULY RESIDENCE OF THE MONTH

The Garland County Master Gardeners selected the home of Debra Decker on Elizabeth Terrace for their July Yard of the Month choice. Debra, who is a transplant from New Orleans, is a self-taught herbalist and a natural food chef. Over the past six years she has transformed a barren parking area into her own miniature urban farm utilizing reclaimed wood and old tires. Her garden consists of 10 raised beds and 12 tires in which she grows lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, and cucumbers as well as various herbs that she uses to make tinctures, poultices, salves, and teas. She also has citrus trees, peach trees, and raspberry bushes in her back yard.

Debra likes to landscape her yard with plants varying in color, size and texture including sunflowers, crape myrtles, castor bean plants, azaleas, and zinnias to name a few. As the selected winner, Ms. Decker received a one year membership from Garvan Woodland Gardens.

In the photo left to right: Master Gardeners Evelyn Worsham, Sharron Bennett, Darlene Schreckengost, Owner, Debra Decker, Master Gardener, Dawn Boudreaux and Kristen Mangham, Garvan Woodland Gardens Membership and Special Events Coordinator.
The URBAN LEGENDS Designs for Life was the Garland County Master Gardeners selection for July Business of the Month. The location of the business is known as Rocky Roost and is owned by July Williams. Ms. Williams created this business approximately 4 years ago on the property that has been in her family for the last 20 years. On the property she constructed the “Opera House” which serves as both her studio and potting area. Many of the materials used in the construction came from landmarks throughout the city that have been torn down or destroyed.

Julie likes to utilize items that the clients have in their landscape design as evidenced at Rocky Roost. When you walk through the metal arch entrance with trailing roses, it is difficult to see all the items that have been used in this natural landscape. She has a rock walkway with solar lights leading up to her residence. At the side of the residence she has created a meandering stream that flows from the mountainside. She has both wooden and metal birdcages, rock and concrete benches, as well as many varying pieces of metal artwork. She intersperses many plants in her landscape including elephant ears, cannas, coneflowers, ivy, daylilies, creeping jenny, hostas, and hydrangeas. She also has pumpkins, squash, basil, mint, and cat mint growing throughout the areas.

Although Ms. Williams likes to utilize natural items in her designs, she states that she works with her clients to create the landscape that they desire.

In the photo left to right: Master Gardeners Evelyn Worsham, Dawn Boudreaux, Owner – Julie Williams, MG Darlene Schreckengost and Sharron Bennett.
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE YARD OF THE MONTH

The Garland County Master Gardener’s selection for Hot Springs Village Yard of the Month goes to Sue and Alan Farrow on Montanoso Way. As you pull into their driveway, you are first impressed with the driveway plantings and pots flowing with healthy foliage. You will also see a Kousa (Chinese) dogwood tree that is beginning to fruit. Their front terraced yard is shady; therefore it is planted with ferns, Japanese maples and Lenten roses. They have a “mop head” hydrangea that came from Sue’s mother’s garden.

Their back yard is rocked and terraced. Every nook is planted with flowers and blooming shrubs. The areas next to the pathways are filled with herbs making them easy to access for the cook. Crape myrtles offer shade and the butterflies enjoy the pineapple sage. In addition to the lush vista of trees, there is a distant view of Lake Coronado.

The Farrow’s love of gardening is shown throughout their entire landscape. The plants are all supported by an irrigation system.

Nominations for Yard of the Month are surely welcome! Call Joyce Field 501-226-5084 or Dianne Hardin 501-915-8281.

In the photo left to right are Master Gardener, Joyce Field and owners, Sue and Alan Farrow.
Even with the heat, we had a nice turn-out for the City Greenhouse. We had some great lessons on propagation from Daryl. He also showed everyone how to cut back the coleus to make them bush more. He worked with others to teach them how to take cutting of different plants. By the time we left we had all the projects finished and it was looking great.
As we approached the 4th of July holiday, Jeff and I were quite impressed with the number of Master Gardeners that responded to the 1st Wednesday at Entergy Park. I was hoping to get at least six, but wow 13!

Our call to duty on the first day of July was very typical for midsummer – deadhead some of the flowers, extricate weeds and unwanted grass and watch for poison ivy. Fortunately there were no snakes that required decapitation.

With such an outstanding group of volunteers all tasks were done before the heat of the day set in.

From the left in the front are Paula Wallace, Lin Johnson and Dannie Holstine. Dannie is with the City Parks Maintenance Department and was our “Daryl” for the morning, and James Moore, Jr. In the second row are Anne Fulbright, Barb Bradstreet, Jane Oliver, John Long, Jodi Tooke, Mary Ann Schnipper, and Sheila McLarty. In the back row are Jeff Finney and Ellen Majestic. Not shown is our photographer, Wayne Patterson.

The July meeting of the Courthouse/Police Memorial Committee met at the regularly scheduled time with 13 members present. Jeff Finney, James Moore, Jr., Lin Johnson, Kay Skoog, Carol Scrivner, Wayne Patterson, Bev Merritt, Shirley Williams, Linda Doherty, Kay Adams, Jane Oliver, Barb Smith, and Barb Bradstreet showed up to weed, prune, and clean up areas in the 3 locations. Much had grown in a short month’s time. The lantana was outstanding but so was the nut grass and other weeds!

So until next time, Thursday, August 13th, at 8:30 a.m., happy gardening and stay cool!!!!

Michael Carr and Kay Skoog
TRIANGLE/FARMER’S MARKET COMMITTEE

Our 9 hard-working members of the Triangle/Farmer’s Market dirt work project made both of our projects look great as they did the weeding. They didn’t pull the nut grass as Daryl had sprayed it with new spray and wanted to see if it works. In photo are: left front: Sallye Waddell, Carol Scrivener, Michael Carr, Back: Barbara Smith, Loretta West, Katie Gibson, Jane Oliver, Paula Wallace and Barb Bradstreet. Thanks to our hard workers, Lin, Michael and Gene.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Farmer’s Market Booth
8 AM – 11 AM
Aug, 1, 15, 22
Sept 12, 19, 28
Oct 3, 10
Contact Valerie Nuckels
valnuck@suddenlink.net

THANKS!!!

HABITAT COMMITTEE

On July 10th, sixteen Garland County Master Gardeners, along with 2 members of the Whitfield Garden Club, completed the landscape on Oma Street. Hearty nandinas, Yaupon Holly, Itea Henry Garnet, Sweet Spirea, variegated liriope, day lilies, and iris were planted. The home was dedicated Saturday, July 25th. A special thank you to the following who worked in the heat to complete this project: Kay Adams, Kay Skoog, Sheila McLarty, Bev Merritt, Loretta West, Jan Hodges, DeAnn Baker, Shirley Williams, Jim Moore, James Moore, Lin Johnson, Jennifer Jennings, Gene Lichliter, Barbara Smith, Wayne Patterson, Michael Carr, Roger Giddings, and Evelyn Worsham. Gene Lichliter, Chairperson and Evelyn M. Worsham, Assistant.
COMO COMMITTEE

On three separate occasions in July, the Garland County Master Gardeners worked at Confederate Square Park (COMO Square) in downtown Hot Springs. Due to the extreme heat, it took three sessions in order to get the work done between 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Below is the work team who removed weeds, trimmed rose bushes and watered: Laura Young, Mary Ann Schnipper, Loretta West, and Sharon Dent. Judy Fields and Karin Grisham not shown.

SOUTHERN INSPIRATION GARDEN

A large committee of Master Gardeners works weekly at the Southern Inspiration Garden which is a demonstration garden of mostly perennials inside Garvan Woodland Gardens. Monday mornings the group can be found trimming, weeding and planting. In July the redbud trees received close attention from Jody Tooke (left) and Beverly Merritt (right).

XERISCAPE COMMITTEE

Due to the wonderful job done by the members and Whitefield Garden Club in June, the Xeriscape is beautiful and no upkeep is needed for this month. Flowers are blooming and butterflies and bees are loving the garden. Stop by sometime on your daily walk and visit…
### Calendar of Events

**GCMG** = Garland County Master Gardeners  
**GCL** = Garland County Library Brown Bags  
register for classes by calling 501-623-4161 or online at gclibrary.com

**GWG** = Garvan Woodland Gardens  
*(You can now sign-up for GWG classes on the website go to garvangardens.org or call 262-9300.)*

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<td><strong>GWG “Mystic Creatures: Topiary Art Takes Flight”</strong> Members Free</td>
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<td>9:30 – 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Executive 10:30 Extension office</td>
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<td>Aug. 17 Monday</td>
<td>Board 1 p.m. First United Methodist Church</td>
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<td>Aug. 18 9:30- 11:3 0 a.m.</td>
<td>* GWG “Rainbows in Flower? The Iris” Learn proper terminology, when to Plant &amp; divide, and proper fertilizing. Members Free: Non-members $15</td>
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<td>Aug. 23 Sunday 1:30-3:30</td>
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<td>*GWG “I Grew All These Beautiful Herbs…Now What? Ways to harvest &amp; preserve with Debbie Tripp &amp; Cindy Faulk.</td>
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<td>** GCL Brown Bag “Arkansas Native Trees--When, Where, What, and How to Plant”</td>
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<td>Set-up for Fair</td>
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<td>Clean-up Garland County Fair Hort. Building</td>
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*If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net*
# Master Gardener Monthly Treasury Report
## As of July 21, 2015

### Diamond Bank Balance

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### Income:

- 2015 spring social-guest: $400.00
- 2015 spring social return deposit: $350.00
- 2015 missed social replacement badge-repay: $8.65
- St. Louis trip: $3,300.00

### Expenses:

- Sharon Fickes-#1173 HSV Xeriscape: $49.02
- UACES-#1174 4-png registration: $220.00
- Garland Cty 4-H-#1175 scholarship: $1,000.00
- Elks Lodge 380-#1176 meeting rental: $50.00
- Julie Dickson-#1177 sunshine: $25.70
- UACES-#1178 1-png registration: $55.00
- Garland Cty Ext Service-#1179 St. Louis trip: $3,276.00

### Totals

- Income: $4,098.65
- Expense: $4,675.72

### Balance: July 21, 2015

- $23,743.49
- $2,418.06

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[Image of dollar bills]