President’s Corner

Everyone needs a “time out” from day-in-day-out routine, and this month I did just that! I began on a sunny day with a 3-hour drive to Lowell, AR, to spend a few days at my son’s farm before heading to Denver. Up at 5am and in the field by 5:30 creating new beds, laying drip lines and spreading tons of wheat straw; at 9am I got to sit down to a hearty farm breakfast—what I really needed was a NAP!

Being on the farm always gives me a huge dose of appreciation for where my food comes from and just how delicate the balance is between success and failure. While the kale, mixed greens and turnips were perfect and begging to be eaten, cucumber beetles had invaded the squash. As organic gardeners, we had only a fly swatter and nightly row covers to combat this major pest! Early planting under covers and then planting again later in the season does help to achieve a bumper crop without using harmful pesticides. I learned to cut and bundle thigh-high kale for local juice bars to create those healthy "green" drinks. Picking 3 types of turnips and eating them as I moved along the rows was a real sweet treat, but later a few doses of Tylenol was in order.

Before heading to Denver I helped plant 250 tomato plants and countless varieties of peppers. I hope to return in June when the group "Teaching Veterans to Farm" arrives to learn farming tips and tricks. In return they will help put up 2 hoop houses for this fall’s planting. . . I can’t wait!

Support your local farmers and their families at our HS & HSV Farmer’s Markets. Enjoy the bounty they create for us!

Diane Daniel

The next Master Gardener Meeting is Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Elks Lodge starting at 1 pm. The program features ‘Pearl’s Girls’ a one-act play about four sisters coming to terms with their aging mother. You may arrive at 11:30 am to eat if you wish.

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Allen’s Corner

This year is looking very much like last year with all the rain. Let’s hope September is not as dry this year as it was last. I have received many calls on a lawn weed many call sticker weed, but it is actually lawn spurweed or burweed. Spurweed is a low-growing winter annual, with a leaf that looks similar to parsley and a sticker seed that attaches to your shoe or to your pet and ends up in your house. This time of the year is when we notice this problem weed, and I get calls wanting to control it. Once the seed is set it is too late for control. The best control is maintaining a healthy lawn by doing a soil test and following the recommendation. Then apply a pre-emergent herbicide before Spurweed seeds germinate, sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I now have information on the Hope Field Day on June 16th. A few of the things that will be covered are new cultivars by John Clark, the head of research for blackberries at our Clarksville station, pest management in vegetables, and high tunnel production systems. Cost is $17 in advance or $20 at the door. We have pre-registration sheets printed here at the office or call and we can send an electronic copy for you to print. Have fun.

Allen Bates
County Extension Agent—Agriculture

June Birthdays

2 – Jodi Tooke  
3 – Ann Pegues  
4 – Jan Hodges  
5 – Elton Gray  
5 – Jeri Loy  
9 - Suzanne Mayfield  
12 – Ellie Elsenheimer  
14 – Charlotte Anthony  
16 – Marty Lynch  
17 – Nicholas Palmese  
18 – Annie Crutcher  
18 – Bernadette Christ  
19 – Juneann Cotnam  
23 – Dawn Boudreaux  
24 – Kay Skoog  
25 – Allen Bates  
27 – Karen Tyner  
29 – Mary Ann Tomko  
29 – Pat Witherspoon

July Birthdays

3 – Carol Scrivner  
8 – Darlene Schreckengost  
9 – Cindy Bright  
9 – Ruth Osborn  
10 – Peggy Johnson  
11 – Jack Christ  
14 – Suzy Both  
15 – Elizabeth Infusino  
16 - Becky Palwelczak  
19 – Karen Mason  
21 – Lin Johnson  
25 – Deirdre Dudley  
25 – Emilie Monk  
29 – Donna Yadron  
30 – Rita Monsen
Yards of the Month for May
Each month, between April and October, we select a Hot Springs Business Yard 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
Arkansas Furniture Company on Albert Pike was chosen for May Business of the Month. Started by Ralph and Shirley Muzny in 1986, it is now operated by their son Mike.

At the store’s entrance, two Laceleaf Japanese Maples grace each side of the walkway with pansies, daylilies, knockout roses, liriope, spirea and potted tricolor ginger plants and a blue atlas cedar. A large flower bed in front of the store hosts a variety of plants including knockout roses, purple salvia, daisies, lantana, impatiens, and geraniums. On each side of the driveway there are golden dawn redwood trees and a weeping mulberry. Beside the building near the street, two Chinese Cherry trees are beautiful when they are in full bloom in the spring. Across the back a large grouping of oleander will bloom soon.

Pictured left to right: Lauren Roberts, Zoe Roberts, MG Shirley Hicks, owner Ralph Muzny, MG Jennetta Sanders, Elaine Muzny, MG Juneann Greene, and store manager Mike Muzny. There are four generations of the Muzny family represented in this photo. Not pictured is Carolyn Davis.

Hot Springs Residential Yard of the Month
The home of Verence and the late Dan Cain on Clairmoor Court is beautiful. Mrs. Cain stated that her husband, who did not like to hunt or fish, thoroughly enjoyed developing and working in their yard. This is very evident with the wide variety of shrubs and plants that show his love for gardening. Mr. Cain planted multiple dogwood trees throughout the yard as a focal point because this was the flower used at their wedding sixty-seven years ago. As you enter the circle driveway, a large fountain is surrounded by various colors of knockout roses. At the entrance, Mrs. Cain has a sitting area with potted petunias, along with daylilies, hostas, geraniums, and holly bushes. In front of her walkway is a Japanese Laceleaf Maple and flower bed surrounded by purple oxalis and holly shrubs. Around the front of her house she has azaleas and elephant ears. As you start into her drive, you are greeted by several peonies, a Rose of Sharon bush, and nandina bushes.

Hot Springs Village Residential Yard of the Month
A circle drive at the front of Richard and Janis Roberts’ home on Lake Balboa is surrounded by crepe myrtles, small dogwoods and small flower beds of daylilies and azaleas. A beautiful weeping Japanese maple, azaleas and perennials near the front door create a pleasing welcome. The side yards are filled with Encore azaleas, spring bulbs and Endless Summer hydrangeas. The backyard features a lovely lawn with flower beds planted around hardwood trees. The primary focal point in the back is the dock. Here three large yucca plants in huge pots and a plumbago plant frame a beautiful seating area where the couple read and enjoy “the creations of God.” The most unusual plant in the yard is a large weeping cedar tree located in the back right corner near the lake. One would think the needles would be very hard and brittle, instead they feel like soft green fur. Janis has a number of projects planned this summer and fall as the Roberts’ yard takes on its true character and becomes more fully theirs.
Hot Springs Residential Yard of the Month

Pictured left to right: MGs Juneann Greene, Shirley Hicks, Jennetta Sanders, homeowner Vernece Cain, and Kristin Mangham Events Coordinator at Garvan Woodland Gardens. Not pictured 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

Richard and Janis Roberts’ yard at 19 Levantino Drive was selected as the May Yard of the Month. The Roberts’ home is located on Lake Balboa in a serene and quiet setting. Janis is the primary gardener and is successful with houseplants, potted plants, annuals, and perennials. Richard takes care of the lawn and is Janis’ main cheerleader. Many of the plants in the home, on the decks, seawall and dock were moved a little over 2 years ago from their prior home in Lewisville, Texas. Some of the large plants hitched a ride in the bottom of their boat, while others arrived with the movers.

Pictured left to right: Homeowners Janis & Richard Roberts and MG Nancy Eyre

Please contact Karen Geiger at 922-0645 or at kg77055@yahoo.com to nominate a yard.
The GCMGs held their 2016 annual Garden tour on May 19th in Hot Springs at the Driftwood Estates subdivision. It was a beautiful day and Mother Nature cooperated with us, sprinkling only a little bit the first thing in the morning. We had seven beautiful gardens to view and MG participation was excellent—a total of 122 people viewed the gardens, including two prospective MGs. Sixteen NMGs attended along with 24 guests, 5 neighbors and 3 MGs from other counties. Special thanks go out to Claudette Cooper, her committee, and her neighbors who worked so hard in preparing this wonderful garden tour.

Beautiful waterfall.

The Mosleys shared their home.

Lovely stairs behind Marinick home.

MGs pose with hostess Claudette in her backyard near waterfall featuring sedum and irises.

Bronze bunny amid pink blooms.

Vandergrifts shared their home.

Photos submitted by FT Eyre
We had an awesome trip to the Memphis Botanical Garden, Dixon Gallery and Garden and Cheekwood Botanical in Nashville. Claudette was an amazing trip coordinator and tour guide. We began at the Memphis Botanical Garden where we were guided through the mature gardens by Laurie, a Memphis staffer. The iris garden was in prime bloom. From there we enjoyed the Dixon Gallery and Garden. The garden was small and similar in layout to an extremely large kitchen garden but its size did not diminish its beauty! The foxgloves, poppies, allium and many more were quite a sight! In fact, when we visited they were digging up daffodil bulbs and they gave our Master Gardener’s four crates of Giant Fairy bulbs! You can imagine how excited we were! At Cheekwood, they had a special show featuring Steve Tobin and his art is amazing! The gardens were gorgeous with lots of different annuals and some really unusual plants. Great fun was had by all. To top off the trip we made a stop at the River Valley Nursery, and you know how those Master Gardeners get around plants! Cha-Ching!

Stunning Foxgloves at Dixon

Steve Tobin’s huge display at Cheekwood Botanical Garden. His sculptures added an interesting background in all views.

Our group shot at the Memphis Botanical Garden. Claudette was so busy keeping us on track she didn’t even have time to look up for the picture!

Shelia Springs poses with the dogwoods, still flowering resulting in a stunning display.
Garden Essential Maintenance Service (GEMS at Garvan Gardens)

Seventeen dedicated GEMS met on Tuesday, May 10, to do a variety of tasks at Garvan Woodland Gardens. The tedious work of picking up sticks and oak tassels along with much raking, needed after recent storms, was accomplished. Several of the crew helped along the flowering border pulling winter annuals to make room for the many spring annuals waiting to be planted. Even the train and fairy garden areas warranted a meticulous cleaning. As always this crew works with a passion and gives Garvan Gardens a welcomed hand.

Xeriscape at Hot Springs Village

We’ve had a fabulous May. The Mock Orange just finished with a gazillion blooms; roses in the middle bed and antique roses in the main bed burst with color. The daylilies are loaded and many yuccas have sent up their shoots. Special thanks to Joyce Field for immediately attacking the ant problem; to the Fords for keeping weeds out of the paths and cutting back wayward scrub; and to Loretta West, Paula Zorn, Barb Mueller and Conley Henderson for regular maintenance and looking after our Crapemyrtles. Mark your calendar for June 20, compost workday! Come build muscles with us at Cortez Pavilion, 8 am!
Hot Springs Xeriscape
Dedicated in 2008 at Hollywood Park, Amelia's Bench honors Amelia Aughenbaugh, a Master Gardener, who chaired and helped secure the grant for Xeriscape. It has sat barren until Saturday when we added yaupon, phlox, nandina, daylilies, and dwarf mondo grass. We will see what works as bench location is a true Xeriscape with no supplemental water source. Now one can relax in a beautiful area to enjoy a beautiful garden. We had fun and we had lemonade.

Education
Know It to Grow It On Sat, June 18, at GCL, FT Eyre presents 'Smartphone Photos' from 9-11am. Learn tips and techniques to get the best images! Register with GCPL at 501-623-4161
Ask a MG Booths at HS & HSV Farmers’ Markets. Both sites 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)
EXPO: The 2016 MG EXPO on Sat, Oct 8, 10am - 3pm at The First Church of the Nazarene on Central Ave. Save your horticulture magazines!

Southern Inspiration Garden
While glorious and replete with blooms, the SIG is also experiencing some trauma, losing three pine trees because of beetle damage. One was removed about 8 months ago, another was removed May 10-24, and the third will be gone as soon as the rain allows a work window.

NMGs Karan Tyner, Deby Prince, and Sandy Morad work to remove tree-cutting sawdust from the walkways and leaves of the close-by plants.

Note contrast of red maple and yellow hostas.
**Habitat for Humanity**

The reason the following MGs are smiling is because we had an enjoyable time planting plants and placing mulch around a habitat house. Plantings included variegated liriope, daylilies, azaleas, nandinas, Little Henry sweetspire itea and a crapemyrtle. Special thanks to first year MGs Sherry and Suzanne.  

Pictured L to R: Lin Johnson, Jeff Finney, Sherry Matthews, Suzanna Mayfield, James B. Moore, Jr., Wayne Patterson, Jan Hodges and Gene (Daddy) Lichliter.

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**Entergy Park**

Blessed again with an energetic group of MGs on a pretty spring day, we removed the few pansies not eaten by deer and weeded the main flower beds. Some plants were pruned and dead-headed to provide more growth for the summer. We also added a few more flowers to complete our spring planting.


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**Langston Alumni Legacy Garden**

Everything looked pretty good with only a few weeds, some clean up for crepemyrtles and azalea spent flowers, and replaced pansies. Water system is ready for when the rain stops!

L to R: Loretta West, James Moore, Sue Hale, Jeff Finney, Jan Hodges, Sherry Davis.

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**Courthouse & Police Memorial**

What a pleasant group of people! Thanks from chair Shelia McLarty for spending Friday morning to finish up courthouse Spring duties: compost completed, flowers planted, daylilies weeded, shrubs pruned, and new plantings watered. Our only male team member, James, handled the situation quite well, but it looks like he was ready to escape! Our next workday is June 9th at 8:30 am.

Front row, L to R: Mary Tom Taylor, James Moore Jr., Pam McCoy, Sandy Morad, Paula Page, Sheila Springs, Anne Fulbright  
Back row, L to R: Deby Prince, Kay Adams, Carol Scrivner  
Not in photo: Shelia McLarty
Courthouse/Police Memorial
This month was a big job at the courthouses. We had groups working 3 mornings in a row to get it all done. Tasks included pulling the old plants and weeds, spreading a much needed compost layer, tilling, and planting/fertilizing 20 flats of summer color. Both courthouses and the police memorial were done thanks to hard work by several volunteers.

Extension Office
MGs trimmed grass in sample plots, pulled plants in boxes, trimmed hedges and performed minor maintenance around the landscape to prepare for spring and summer plants. Special thanks to NMG Sherry for her hard work and pleasant personality. Jeff scopes out the work below right.

Garden Therapy
We helped the seniors at The Caring Place plant marigolds into the pots we had decorated and planted last month. The marigold plants came from the GCMG Plant Sale, and looked great in the little pots. We worked listening to "Elvis" who sang and danced to his karaoke machine. What fun we had!

Front row (L-R) Rita Monsen, Lynn Harris, Ellen Majestic, Sue Tanner. Back row (L-R) Kumar Maruthur, Pat Osborn, Yetta Freeman, Karen Mason, Tonie Atkinson, Don Suyter, and Sarah Harris

Triangle
Veteran MG Shelia McLarty offers NMG Shelia Springs hints for planting spring annuals.
Hot Springs City Greenhouse
Rain, thunder and lightning from a quick moving storm just before work hours began didn't keep the May crew away. We divided and repotted grasses; transplanted Iresene herbstii (aka chicken gizzard), beefsteak plant, or Formosa bloodleaf cuttings; and transplanted a variety of coleus. We also did some general pick up and clean up, and enjoyed each other's company. We checked on the air layering on the fig plant that Darryl demonstrated in April, but it seems we have to wait another month for root growth.

COMO
We met last Tuesday to weed, trim roses and dusty miller, and add some lantana. Our thoughts go to Mary Anne for a speedy recovery.

Farmer’s Market/Triangle Committee
We readily rolled out of bed to expertly weed and diligently plant early on a wet, gray, gusty morning. The weeds were plentiful (the rain kept us away last month), but they were no match for us! The areas were weeded and then planted with bright red salvia, maturing amaranths, brazen zinnias, deep dark coleus and more! What an exceptional group of ladies! Thanks to an exceptional group of ladies for their hard work and reliability!
Books: Mr. McGinty’s Monarchs
By Linda Vander Heyten
Shared by Diane Daniel

Mr. McGinty and his dog, Sophie, are on a mission to save the monarch butterflies! All summer, they’ve watched the beautiful butterflies sipping nectar—and tracked the caterpillars as they munched milkweed. But one day, Mr. McGinty and Sophie find the milkweed cut and the caterpillars in danger! What will they do? With some creativity and help of local schoolchildren, they’ll rescue the monarchs!

Check it out at the GCPL or contact Diane Daniel for your own copy!

Safety Tips for Gardeners
Shared by NMG Pam Conner
- Wear gloves to avoid skin rashes, cuts, and contaminants.
- Keep harmful chemicals, tools, and equipment out of kids’ reach. Read all instructions and labels so you use these items properly.
- Cut your risk for sunburn and skin cancer by wearing wide-brimmed hats, sun shades, and sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher.
- Protect against diseases carried by mosquitoes and ticks. Use insect repellent. Wear long-sleeved shirts. Tuck pants into your socks.
- If you’re outside in hot weather, drink plenty of water.
- Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness, including high body temperature, headache, rapid pulse, dizziness, nausea, confusion, or unconsciousness. Seek emergency medical care if needed.

Adapted from U.S. Centers for Disease

“Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as the canvas.” --Elizabeth Murry

Second Annual GCMG Photo Exhibit
The Exhibit will feature MG photos of native plants Jul 15 - Aug 15 at GCPL. Contact Dawn Boudreaux or FT Eyre for more information.

REMINDER: Send photos to County 76 for MG Calendar
- Submit photos to gkbell08@att.net
- Entrants may enter only one photo taken in Arkansas for each season (totaling as many as four).
- Files must be between 1Mb and 5Mb, in .jpeg format, and named with your name, description, county and season.
DEADLINE is June 15. See uaex.edu under MG Only for details.

Monthly MG Radio Show
Listen in to Dick Antoine’s ‘Talk of the Town’ on KZNG 1340 AM from 8-9am on second Mondays. GCMGs will address a variety of topics:

June - native plants & wildlife attractors
July - container gardening
August - winter gardening
Sept - Garden EXPO
Oct - winterizing & composting & pruning
Nov - Lawn care & weed control

Send Newsletter submissions by the 21st of each month to garlandcountymgnewsletter@gmail.com
**Calendar of Events**

GCMG = Garland County Master Gardeners  
GCL = Garland County Library  
**Register for Know It to Grow It classes online at gclibrary.com or call 501-623-4161.**  
GWG = Garvan Woodland Gardens  
*Sign-up for GWG classes online at garvangardens.org or call 262-9300.*

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| June 2-4 Thursday-Saturday Counts as education for GCMG | State MG convention, Eureka Springs  
See uax.edu MG only website for more information. |
| June 7 Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m. Counts as education for GCMG | GWG Docent training: Flowering Border                                                                                           |
| June 16 Thursday Counts as education for GCMG | GCMG monthly meeting lunch served from 11:15 – 12:30 Program 1:00 Pearl's Girls will be performed for our viewing pleasure and Jodi Tooke is one of the actors in this one act play written and produced by Isobel McQuiston. |
| June 16 Thursday Counts as education for GCMG | Hope Field Day: 362 Hwy 174 N. Hope AR  
7:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. |
| June 18 Sat. 9 a.m.-noon Counts as education for GCMG | “Know It To Grow IT” GCL (see above to register) Gorgeous Garden Photos with Your Smart Phone, tips & techniques to get best images using smart phone. |
| June 18,25, July 9,16,23 | Saturday Statewide Training, Bryant  
More information later. |
| July 16 Saturday, 5pm social & 6pm dinner (counts as education for GCMG under Social) | Master Gardener Social at Elks Lodge, 132 Abbott Place, Hot Springs  
Catered by Trejo’s Mexican Restaurant (chicken or beef fajitas, beans, rice). Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, CASH bar. |
| June 18 Sat. 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Counts as education for GCMG | Herbs for Summer with Cynthia Faulk of ‘C the Difference’ in downtown Hot Springs presents general tips on how to use herbs in the summer. $10 members $20 non-members pre-registration required, see above. |
| June 19 Counts as education for GCMG | * GWG Invasives, Janet Carson  
More information later. |
| July 21 Thursday Counts as education for GCMG | GCMG monthly meeting lunch served from 11:15 – 12:30 Program 1:00 “Tool Talk” – Claudette Cooper will share tools that help ease work in the garden. |
| July 30 Sat. 9 a.m.-noon Counts as education for GCMG | “Know It To Grow IT” GCL (see above to register)  
Chickens In Your Backyard, getting started & caring for your flock. |
| Aug. 18 Thursday Counts as education for GCMG | GCMG monthly meeting lunch served from 11:15 – 12:30 Program 1:00 GCMG Sharon Seals “Poison Plants” |
| Aug. 30- Sept. 13 Counts as education for GCMG | Cornwall/Wales Trip Full |
| Sept 7 Wed. 1-3:00 p.m. Counts as education for GCMG | “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. |
| Sept. 10 Monday Counts as education for GCMG | MG Appreciation Day Botanical Gardens, Fayetteville  
More information later. |
| Sept. 12-17 County Fair Sign up for work hours | County Fairgrounds. Note: No GCMG monthly meeting in September. |
| September 20 Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m. Counts as education for GCMG | GWG Docent training: Early Fall Interest |
| Sept 26-27 Mon.- Tuesday Counts as education for GCMG | PNG Leadership Conference, Ferndale  
Registration information in July. |

If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net