Hello GCMG’s,

As I sit here today (Oct 22), I am hoping for the copious rain that has been predicted - as I am sure ALL of you were. By the time you read this we will all know the answer...... Meanwhile it has been a disappointing, aggravating, and tough gardening season. What we have managed to save is now being eaten or rooted up by our friends - the deer, skunks, and armadillos. The only positive future thought to hold on to is the fact we will HAVE TO get and try out many new plants!

October saw MG’s recognized for our work by city, county and state authorities, we had a nice 27th birthday celebration, and many of you got to practice your cooking skills at EHC. We sent an enthused group of MG’s to PNG, “dirt” projects swapped out summer/winter annuals, and Ask a MG wound down their year at the Farmers Market.

Looking forward, make plans to attend our social on December 5th, and give some thought to becoming a mentor next year. Watch for emails regarding potting parties and other last minute needs of our various committees. I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Later....... Linda
Fall foliage may suffer this year due to lack of moisture. Oaks have shut down early and most of their leaves will be brown. Many assume that their tree has died because they turned brown and began dropping leaves early, but stress from drought may very well be what's happening. Trees in our landscape need a good drink of water once a week in times of drought. Soak the area under the drip line of the tree in early morning once a week very thoroughly. I am also getting lots of calls about dieback on Leyland Cypress. This is not a new problem with Leyland's, but is being fueled by the stress from the drought. If you have Leyland the only control option is to prune out the dieback each time, sanitizing your pruner after each cut. Once the canker reaches the main trunk it will eventually kill the tree. For more info on this, check out FSA 7536 at uaex.edu. Get out and enjoy the fall weather. Have fun!!

Happy 27th Birthday Arkansas Master Gardeners!

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently participated in celebrating the 27th Birthday of the Arkansas Master Gardener Program. The week of October 11th through the 17th was proclaimed as Arkansas Master Gardener Week not only by our local officials, but also by the Governor and other county officials.

As part of the celebration, the Community education celebrated the Master Gardener Birthday week at the Hot Springs farmers market with cookies for all.

In the photo left to right: Garland County Master Gardeners Sharon Dent and Dianne Hardin.
**HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

The Master Gardener Holiday Social will be held on Saturday, December 5 at the Extension Homemakers Building at the Garland County Fairgrounds.

A social hour with drinks and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. A choice of pasta will be served (with or without meat) along with a salad, bread, and dessert.

Music will be provided by Dwayne Hodges. He plays a variety of music from 50's rock and roll to country. Dwayne has been entertaining in the Hot Springs and surrounding areas for many years.

A signup sheet will be available at the MG Meeting on November 19. After that you may sign up with Barbara Bradstreet by phone, 501-844-4475 or email her at harvbarbrited@aol.com.

**THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP OR CANCEL IS NOVEMBER 29.**

There is no charge to current Master Gardeners who make a reservation and attend. The cost for your guest is $12.00, paid in advance.

As in the past, if you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be required to pay the $12.00.

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**Mentors needed for 2016!!**

Now is the time to sign up to become a mentor – 2016 classes begin the last Thursday in January and we need to have you all in place before the start of class. Recruiting for new Master Gardeners by all would be appreciated. New members are encouraged to participate. Any questions – please call or email me!!

Thanks in advance, Linda Doherty, 507-767-4720 or lindadoh55@gmail.com.
The Garland County Master Gardeners chose the home of Jim and Janet Tarkington on Covington Court as October’s Yard of the Month. The foundation of this lovely home is planted with low growing plants like drift roses, Angel Wing begonias, and knock out roses. The entry way is ready for fall sporting mums, pumpkins and a scary witch.

The circular front garden is anchored with two sugar maples and a Japanese maple that was transplanted from their previous home. It was a gift from their children and “couldn’t be left behind.” The area is under planted with encore azaleas, drift roses, lantana, yaupon hollies and mums for fall color. The homeowners have planted in order to have almost year round color.

The private rear garden is a delight. The landscape is tiered at the rear. It is bordered by rows of drift roses, yaupon hollies and finally, at the back, a row of American hollies. At the rear of the home, there are several seating areas, allowing plenty of space for entertaining. There is a fountain, a tiered garden filled with azaleas, Solomon’s seal, and roses also transported from their previous home on Prospect Avenue. Janet enjoys her herb garden and Jim loves his raised bed in the side garden, filled with tomatoes and peppers. As winners, Garvan Woodland Gardens presented the homeowners with a one year membership to the Gardens. It was a privilege to be able to tour this garden.
The Garland County Master Gardeners have chosen Point Lookout Lakeside Inn on Point Lookout Circle as the recipient of the Business Garden of the Month. The Inn is situated lakeside facing south on Lake Hamilton. The garden, designed by Liz Frazier, is owned by Kristie Rosset and maintained by Master Gardener Sonja Cummings.

Looking out on the lake from the rear of the inn is a delight to the eyes. A fountain with a koi pond is right outside the back entrance and meanders down the property to the lake. Mixed plantings surround the water feature. They include azaleas, knock out roses, althea and butterfly bushes. The garden is tiered with a stone walkway to the lake, leading to tree size Crepe Myrtles, hammocks, other seating areas and a double dock. To the west side of the garden is a screening of Cryptomeria, which looks good in all seasons. In front of the screening is a labyrinth, modeled by Liz Frazier and the owner patterned after a similar one at a French cathedral built in the 1300’s.

The inn is dog friendly, having 4 rooms reserved for them. October is “Adopt a Pet from a Shelter” month and all fees collected this month will be donated to the Garland County Shelter.

Pictured left to right: Master Gardener, Judy Fields; owner, Kristie Rosset; and Master Gardeners, Sonja Cummings and Sunshine Spielvogel.
The GCMG Courthouse & Police Memorial Committee met in October. They were ready to pull out the spring and summer flowers, weed and plant pansies for fall and winter. This is a regular duty performed each October in these beds to insure that color will be provided during the months of colder weather.

This sunny morning was attended by 14 members: Carol Scrivner, Kay Adams, Michael Carr, Linda Doherty, Susan Deimel, Jim Moore, Shelly Sims, Jodi Tooke, Barbara Smith, Anne Fulbright, Wayne Patterson, Jeff Finney, James Moore, Jr., and Lin Johnson.

The beds were successfully planted and waiting to be watered.

Many thanks go out to these members that came to make a difference. They are so appreciated!

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 12.

So until next month, Thank You, faithful crew!!!

Michael and Kay
Entergy Park Committee

The Master Gardeners recently enjoyed another wonderful day at Entergy Park. At what point can this committee stop getting better? It seems like every time we meet the endeavor far exceeds the previous meeting. This was another Weed pullin’ day. Plus some of the summer annuals were removed and perennials thinned a bit. Also, Daryl had a few pansies and chrysanthemums to beautify some of the bare spots.

Present today were (from the left) in the front are Paula Wallace, Jan Hodges, Anne Fulbright, Michael Carr and Jodi Tooke. Standing in the back (left to right) are Karin Grisham, Mary Ann Schnipper, Jeff Finney, James Moore, Jr., Shelia McLarty, Lin Johnson, and Burley Freeman. Not pictured: Wayne Patterson (photographer).

Xeriscape Committee

The Garland County Master Gardener’s Xeriscape Committee recently met to clean up the flower beds and plant pansies for fall.

Members attending were Patricia Freeman, Burley Freeman, Jennifer Jennings (Whitfield Garden Club), Becky Pawelczak, Sunshine Spielvogel, and Anne Fulbright.

Garland County Master Gardener members attended a leadership conference at the Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs. This is an annual gathering to work on ways to build on and enhance the Master Gardener program. Applications are now being taken at the Garland County Extension Office for training that begins January 2016.
GEMS COMMITTEE

GEMS met at Garvan Gardens on October 13th to work with the horticultural staff. Five GEMS worked planting 40 flats of pansies! Six others worked in the nursery area. The wild flower meadow’s perennial plants came in boxes instead of pots as thought. So, hundreds of wild flower plants are now resting in soil thanks to the work of the GEMS. This is one happy group where laughter is abundant and after the work is done special homemade cookie treats are handed out. Yum!

City Greenhouse Committee

The Garland County Master Gardener’s City Greenhouse Committee met for the last time this year. We trimmed and repotted the coleus, Rudbeckia, stevia, herbs, mondo grass as well as other varieties of grasses. In addition to cleaning up, we also got the greenhouse ready for winter. If all the plants do well, there will be lots of pretty flowers in Hot Springs next spring. Thanks to our wonderful committee members for all your hard work these past years. We enjoyed being your chairs and we really appreciate all of you for being so faithful. It is now time for us to step down. Even though we won’t be leading you we will continue to work alongside you on this committee. Thanks again, Michael and Lin

Ouachita Children’s Center

The Garland County Master Gardener Ouachita Children’s Center Committee recently met. Laura Young, Jan Hodges, Becky Pawelczak, and Anne Fulbright cleaned up flower beds and planted mums. We also cleaned up the pots in the front porch area. Our committee meets the first Thursday of each month. Becky Pawelczak and Laura Young are pictured in a new flower bed. Jose, the OCC maintenance director, designed this garden to cover up the garbage area. The Master Gardeners give him advice and help him maintain the garden.

Pictured L to R:
Martha Dooley,
Loretta West,
Dorelle Hogan,
Kay Adams,
Alicia Fetters,
Sheila McLarty, &
Wayne Patterson
Farmer’s Market/Triangle Committee

The Garland County Master Gardeners met at the Farmer’s Market where they weeded and planted the 4 large beds with pansies. The committee then moved over to the Triangle at Malvern and Grand to weed, pull the old annuals and plant pansies in all the beds. We had a really great group of members helping and finished in record time. Thanks to all our workers and the city crew for all their help! Lin, Michael and Gene

Left to Right: Sue Bristow, Mary Ann Schnipper, Lin Johnson, Kay Skoog, Marty Lynch, Paula Wallace, Loretta West, Katie Gibson, Carol Scrivner, Pat Long (guest), Jan Hodges, Jane Oliver, Barbara Smith, and Wayne Patterson. Cindy Bright and Sallye Waddle (not pictured).

COMO Square Committee

Seven strong COMO ladies recently worked at the COMO Square to change the beds from summer to fall. We dug the lantana plants that were firmly entrenched in the good soil; that was a chore! We pruned the crape myrtles, dug the begonias that were so beautiful, cut back the hollies that were dying and pulled the weeds that had been hiding in the plants. Then we placed and planted the lovely ornamental cabbages. Pansies were added to the area the following week. At the end of the first work session, we were too tired and bedraggled to even sit for a photo! Those MGs who were the star, but tired, workers included Sue Bristow, Sharon Dent, Judy Fields, Becky Pawelczak, Loretta West, Laura Young and Mary Ann Schnipper. The photo was taken when we met a second time to complete the fall planting.

L to R: Burley Freeman, Mary Ann Schnipper, Judy Field, Sue Bristow, Rosemary Hany, Sharon Dent.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The October Brown Bag Lunch program MAKING PERFUMES AND TINCTURES FROM GARDEN FLOWERS AND HERBS, presented by Marcella Grimmett, Pulaski County Master Gardener, was attended by an enthusiastic audience. An entertaining program was followed by lively discussion and many questions.

After 5 years of being known as Brown Bag Lunch, our Master Gardener program at Garland County Library has a new name! In a contest held by the Education Committee, 48 new name ideas were submitted by our Master Gardeners. They chose KNOW IT TO GROW IT, submitted by Jodi Tooke, as the winning name. Jodi was presented with a fall garden mum at the October MG meeting.

The annual planning session of the Education Committee “Meeting of the Minds” to choose topics for the 2016 KNOW IT TO GROW IT programs was on WED, NOV 4 at 11:30 am at the Garland County Library.

Bring all your fun ideas for next year’s classes. We would love to hear any ideas any MGs have for classes—please email them to afluecki@yahoo.com.
**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 web-site go to garvangardens.org or call 262-9300.)*

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<td>Oct 31 Saturday 9:30 refreshments 10 a.m. meeting</td>
<td>The Ouachita Hosta &amp; Shade Plant Society will meeting at the Magnolia Room GWG guests welcome. Tom Neal from River Valley, Little Rock, “Trying to make it in the Shade.”</td>
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<td>Nov. 5- November County 76 Membership Meeting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td>
<td>County 76 Membership Meeting, Little Rock State Extension Office, 2301 South University Ave., Little Rock, AR. Please email Linda Soffer if you plan to attend by October 28, 2015.</td>
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<td>Nov. 5, Thurs. 9:30 to 11 AM Docent training</td>
<td>*GWG Fall/Winter Interest + walk Members Free: Non-members $15</td>
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<td>Nov. 9 Mon. 9:30 to noon</td>
<td>*GWG “A Tree Of One’s Own” Larry Morphew will show you how to graft your own tree.</td>
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<td>November 14, 10 a.m.-12 a.m. Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>Hot Springs Daylily Society, Christian Life Center at the First Methodist Church. Speaker Pat Larson, Florida Daylily Mecca. Guests welcome.</td>
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<td>Nov. 16 Monday Board meetings</td>
<td>Executive 10:30 Extension office Board 1 p.m. First United Methodist Church</td>
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<td>Nov. 19 Thursday Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>GCMG meeting Elks lunch served 11:15 – 12:30 Meeting 1:00 Program: Allen Clingenpeel “Bees and Bee Keeping.”</td>
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<td>Nov. 21 – Dec. 31 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.</td>
<td>*GWG “Holiday Lights “4 billion brilliant bulbs on 17 acres. Free members, $15 non-members</td>
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<td>35th Annual Horticulture Industry Show (HIS), Tulsa, Oklahoma.</td>
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<td>County 76 Quarterly Meeting, Little Rock State Extension Office</td>
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<td>Jan. 28, Feb. 4,11,18 &amp; 25 8am-4pm Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>Garland County Master Gardener Classes, if you know of anyone who wants to take these have them fill out an application soon.</td>
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<td>Jan. 30 Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>Magnolia Garden Thyme, Immanuel Baptist Church (corner of Highway 82 Bypass and Warnock Springs Road)Contact: Debbie Chatelain 870-234-6793 <a href="mailto:debbie1957@suddenlink.net">debbie1957@suddenlink.net</a> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</td>
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<td>Feb. 5-6 Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>Jefferson County Home &amp; Garden Show, Pine Bluff Convention Center, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Linda Soffer at 573-253-9774 or <a href="mailto:lfsoffer@gmail.com">lfsoffer@gmail.com</a> OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</td>
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*If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net*