Hi Master Gardeners,

We sure had a busy June. I hope many of you enjoyed our state convention, yard tours, photo expo, and social. Thanks and hats off to all those who made it possible for all to enjoy. Special congratulations to James Moore Jr. who was selected as Arkansas Master Gardener of the Year. We had 39 GCMG attend the convention along with our county agent, Allen Bates. Special thanks to the 20 GCMG’s who volunteered to work and help out the Saline County MG’s. Mother Nature has, so far, made it possible to have to do little watering - but – my, oh my, those weeds. Sure wish I could train Rocket and Gracie to dig them up instead of my desirable plants, maybe a class on plant ID would help. Signup for PNG (Leadership) training in October is going on now. I highly recommend it for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the MG organization.

Now that summer is here, be mindful of the heat and take good care of yourselves!

Linda
ALLEN'S CORNER

Summer is officially here and hot weather has arrived!! With hot dry weather it won't be long before we will need to supplement water to our plants. Most plants have been stressed with an oversupply of moisture for the past few months, especially if they have poor drainage. The number one problem that I see each year with diseased plants that come into the office are associated with excessive water application. Well over 50% of all the diseased plant samples we get are caused by too much water. Plant roots must dry out between each watering or problems can occur. Always evaluate your plants’ moisture needs and apply water only when needed.

Congratulations go out to James Moore, Jr. for receiving Arkansas Master Gardener of the year. This is a well-deserved honor for James and our Garland County Master Gardener program, now having received this award two years in a row with two of our Master Gardeners having received this award within the last 2 years.

I was unable to attend our Master Gardener social but heard it was a lot of fun and well attended. Linda and I were busy becoming grandparents for the first time. I have many pictures of our beautiful granddaughter Adaline for the next time you see me. Enjoy the dry weather and have fun!!

Grandpa Allen

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sympathy
Linda Shay
Sue Hale

Get Well
Dianne Harden
Ann Pegues
Burley Freeman
Gene Lichliter
Janie Turner
Jim Moore
Charlotte Anthony
Sherry Asbell
Emilie Monk

JULY Birthdays

JUL  3  Carol Scrivner
JUL  8  Darlene Schreckengost
JUL  9  Cindy Bright
JUL  9  Ruth Osborn
JUL 10  Peggy Johnson
JUL 11  Jack Christ
JUL 16  Becky Palwelczak
JUL 21  Lin Johnson
JUL 25  Deirdre Dudley
JUL 25  Emilie Monk
JUL 27  Pat Murphree
JUL 29  Donna Yadron
JUL 30  Rita Monsen
James Moore, Jr. was selected as the State Master Gardener of the Year at last month’s State Convention held in Benton. We are so proud of him and all his achievements with the Garland County Master Gardeners. He is the “go to guy” with just about everything going on and does it all with kindness and good humor. Congratulations, James, from all your fellow Master Gardeners!!!
**Plant Nurture Grow = MG Leadership**

PNG is open to all MGer’s in good standing. The name was changed to PNG so that it wouldn’t be seen as for officers only. It is a good way to see what other counties in AR are doing and find out things that will help our county continue to grow. Whether you are an officer, a chair person, or a member you will find classes there to serve you well. These are some comments from Janet Carson:

“This will be an impressive meeting for MG’s for learning and sharing ideas to make their programs stronger, more visible and interactive. You will learn more about such things as social media, parliamentary procedures, conflict resolution, effective meetings, recruiting, audio visual tricks, and motivation.”

This will be a great chance to network with your fellow Master Gardeners as you enjoy motivating, constructive and timely topics at the Oct. 19-20, 2015 PNG at Red Apple Inn. There will be fun and entertaining evening activities for you to participate in as well.

If you would like to attend, the form is found on the uaex.edu website. Go to Yard & Garden/Master Gardener/Mgonly. You will find information about the PNG and the form. If you are interested in going, GCMG will pay the registration but **not** travel or hotel expenses. Please **READ** information there. The Red Apple Inn may be full but there are other hotels.

**Mail completed registration form to Dianne Hardin, 23 Coraza Circle, HSV 71909 before July 31.**

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**Master Gardeners’ State Convention**

Thirty nine Garland County Master Gardeners, along with our County Extension Agent Allen Bates, recently attended our state convention which was held at the new Convention Center in Benton. Not only did we have a large number of our members attending, one of our members, James Moore, Jr. was selected as the Arkansas State Master Gardener for 2014. Members seen in the photo are as follows:

ARKANSAS MASTER GARDENERS FRANCE CRUISE

One hundred and sixteen participants of the Arkansas Master Gardener program, along with 29 friends and family recently returned from a trip to France with a cruise down the Seine River. Thirteen of the Garland County Master Gardeners went on this trip. There were members from 8 other states who traveled with the group. The trip started in Paris, France. Some arrived earlier and took a pre-tour of Paris. Everyone met on the ship for our cruise down the Seine River. Our first stop was in Giverny, France, where we visited the home and gardens of the Impressionist Master, Claude Monet. To many on the ship, this was their favorite stop. The ship then continued down the Seine where we visited the beaches of Normandy where the largest amphibious invasion to ever take place occurred during WWII. This was a very moving experience. We then returned to Paris where some returned home, and others stayed for a post-tour.

We were blessed with good weather with approximately 3 hours of rain and a couple of hail storms. The blue skies prevailed. There was no humidity, and the temperatures were much cooler than expected. This was a very interesting tour.
JUNE RESIDENCE OF THE MONTH
The Garland County Master Gardeners chose the home of Chet and Karen Lauck as their Yard of the Month selection for June. Mr. Lauck is the son Chester Lauck who portrayed Lum on the “Lum and Abner” network radio comedy program that was aired from 1931 to 1954. The Lauck’s two story residence is 115 years old and is located on Circle Drive. It sits on the top of their property that slopes down to both Park Avenue and Circle Drive. A brick pathway leads around the house. They have a visible hedge from both streets composed of red knockout roses. You will find crape myrtles and camellia bushes visible from Park Avenue. On the sloping lawn from the entrance on Circle Drive, you will find flowering yucca, magnolia trees, and azaleas. There is a three tiered water fountain in the flower beds close to the house along with quince, daylilies, and pansies which will be replaced with petunias shortly. There are container pots of geraniums. Japanese maple trees and boxwood bushes are planted close to the front of the house.

In the photo L to R: Chet and Karen Lauck, Homeowners; Diane Murdock, Master Gardener; Kristin Mangham, Garvan Gardens Membership and Special Events Director; and Deb Skelton, Master Gardener.
The Coakley Company, Inc. is an underground utility business that has been operating in Hot Springs for over thirty years. Their new office is located in Mid America Park. As you approach the building you will find an area of decorative rock with a Japanese maple tree and daylilies. There is another identical bed at the outside gate by the office. Groupings of ferns are across the front of the business as well as small spruce trees. On one side of the building, there is decorative rock with concrete benches. At the front of the office, you will find a unique signage consisting of a decorative pipe trellis with climbing confederate jasmine. The landscaping was done by The Garden of Eden.

In the photo left to right: Kevin and Lisa Coakley, owners, Sean Lewis, Sean Coakley, and Master Gardeners Deb Skelton and Diane Murdock.
HOT SPRINGS & HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN TOURS

Rain, rain, go away…and for most of the day it did just that!

The Garland County Master Gardeners enjoyed visiting 6 amazing gardens (3 in Hot Springs and 3 in Hot Springs Village) on an unusually cool June day (only 76 degrees!). It was a fast and crazy day to try and reach all the gardens, and some actually did get around to all 6!

Afterwards, many members ended the tours by going to the Garland County Library to view the photography display “Through the Eyes of a Gardener.” Over 30 framed photos created by 18 Garland County Master Gardener members were on display. This display was enjoyed by 75 members. A reception at the library was held with a wide variety of homemade treats and a lemon/strawberry punch!
Working Day At Entergy Park
Working Day at Courthouse and Police Memorial
Triangle/Farmer's Market Committee

Because of the weather, the Garland County Master Gardeners were not able to work last month at the Triangle or the Farmers Market – so we had a lot of “catch up” work to do. We started at the Farmer's Market where we cleaned the beds and then proceeded on to the Triangle at Malvern & Grand where we weeded and cleaned up this area. Thanks to our 10 hard-working committee members we left both projects looking great. Stop by and see them.

Left to right: Wayne Patterson, Sue Bristow, Jennetta Sanders, Sallye Waddell, Cindy Bright, Loretta West, & Mary Ann Schnipper

Front row: Michael Carr & Lin Johnson.

Not shown: Sheila McLarty

City Greenhouse

The Garland County Master Gardeners met recently at the Greenhouse where we re-potted many different plants. We also, cut back the coleus in the greenhouse. Darrel Edwards gave us instructions on propagating and taking care of mums.

Left to right, front row: Linda Shepard, Lin Johnson, Michael Carr, Loretta West, Kay Adams.

Back row: Katie Gibson, Sallye Waddell, Heidi Haskins, Rick Chaney, Cindy Bright, Jodi Tooke, Laura Young, Mary Ann Schnipper & Carol Scrivner.
GEMS COMMITTEE

Divide and Conquer...that is what 11 Master Gardeners did one hot Tuesday morning at Garvan Gardens. The horticulture crew each took a group of workers into different areas of the garden, some to weed and others to plant the wildflower meadow. On hand to help out were Linda Doherty, Martha Dooley, Ross Sedler, Jeff Finney, Sheila McLarty, Dorelle Hogan, Bev Merritt, Wayne Paterson, Loretta West, Marty Lynch, Carol Scrivner, and guest Pam Hall.

COMO Committee

The COMO MGs met recently to pull lots of weeds that have grown up so quickly. Then we mulched the beds in hopes of never again encountering a scene like we witnessed today. It was hot (there is no shade at COMO) but the group did a marvelous job; we were proud of what we had accomplished. Members working included Sue Bristow, Frank Battese, Karen Battese, Sharon Dent, Susan Deimel, Judy Fields, Burley Freeman, Karin Grisham, Sue Jacobs, Becky Pawelczak, Vicki Scheddel, Mary Ann Schnipper, Mary Tom Taylor, and Laura Young.

Xeriscape Committee

The Garland County Master Gardener HSV Xeriscape Committee worked hard since Spring arrived in April. We have worked to spruce up and enhance the gardens as a regular task twice a month and prepared for the MG State Pre-tour Visitors on June 3. Allen Bates, our wonderful extension agent, assisted in mid April with a hands-on shrub workshop in our gardens. He helped us focus on immediate concerns, and establish an agenda with all the fast growing shrubs and faster growing weeds. We also had a great Mulch Work Day on Friday May 22 to haul and spread out 26 cu yards of mulch provided by HSV POA onto our beds at the Cortez Pavilion. Luckily for us the day was overcast and the rain held off until evening. Our mulch workers included many of our committee and some wonderful extra hands whose help was so needed to complete this mulch project by Noon! Our workers came prepared with wheelbarrels, shovels, pitch forks, and energy... Nelson and Kay Ford, Barbara Mueller, Vicki Scheddel, Dee Offerman, James Arce, Conley Henderson, Loretta West, Karen Geiger, Pat Witherspoon, Hilde Simmons, Mary Ann Jarvis, Peggy Johnson, Sharon Fickes, and Sherry Asbell who also brought along her husband Greg for encouragement, his muscle, and trailer backing expertise. Sorry if I overlooked anyone but Thank you to all.

Garden Therapy

The Garland County Master Gardeners met recently with the seniors at the Caring Place located at 101 Quapaw in Hot Springs. Our project this month was to make pound leaf note cards. The seniors always enjoy our programs and participate enthusiastically.

Rita Monsen
Chairperson
### 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

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<td>GWG “Mystic Creatures: Topiary Art Takes Flight” Members Free</td>
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<td>9:30 – 6:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>July 16 Thursday</td>
<td>*GWG Janet Carson “Gardening with Heirlooms” garden ever with Southern heirlooms $45 for members $60 for non-members call 800- 368-4664</td>
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<td>*GWG “Herbal Gifts &amp; Seasonal Décor” make your own festive piñata, $20 members $35 non-members</td>
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<td>July 13 Monday 9:30- 2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Executive 10:30 Extension office Board 1 p.m. First United Methodist Church</td>
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*If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net*