Hello GCMGs,

Well, one thing we can be happy for with all our rain is that we have not had to water anything, I promise not to wash windows either - as it seems to be a rainmaking event! This month we can look forward to attending the state convention in Benton, our yard tours and photo expo in lieu of our monthly meeting, and our social to be held 2 days later on June 20. Looking forward to seeing everyone - Smokin in Style does a great BBQ and entertainment by Vince Duke - who has performed at the Elks Lodge previously, he does a little country, a little 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and of course, a little Elvis.

Facebook is in our near future, Patti and Allen will be setting things up as they will be the administrators. Watch later this month for participation and criteria information. Participation is strictly voluntary.

Have a great month! Linda

ALLEN’S CORNER

This year’s Field Day at the U of A Research Station in Hope is Thursday June 18th. This is a great opportunity to hear about the new things that are being developed at the U of A in the field of horticulture. There is a charge to attend and it is less expensive if you pre-register. Contact our office if you are planning to attend. I have received rose plant samples in the office that have rose slug (sawfly larvae) damage. The slugs damage the rose by feeding on the surface of the leaves, leaving the translucent layer of the leaf tissue, skeletonizing the foliage. They look very similar to a caterpillar’s damage. If only a few are present, picking them off is recommended, or using contact insecticides is effective. I am receiving very good reports of our new Master Gardeners’ involvement in our projects. Some are about to reach their required amount of hours already. Get out and enjoy the weather! -- Allen
**JUNE Birthdays**

Jodi Tooke       Jun  2
Ann Pegues       Jun  3
Jan Hodges       Jun  4
Elton Gray       Jun  5
Jerilyne Loy     Jun  5
Ellie Elsenheimer Jun 12
Charlotte Anthony Jun 14
Marty Lynch      Jun 16
Nicholas Palmese  Jun 17
Bernadette Christ Jun 18
Annie Crutcher   Jun 18
Chuck Clark       Jun 21
Dawn Boudreaux   Jun 23
Kay Skoog        Jun 24
Barbara Donathan Jun 27
Pat Witherspoon  Jun 29
Jan Burt         Jun 30

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**Ouachita Children’s Center**

The Garland County Master Gardener Ouachita Children’s Center committee met recently. We edged rock on the front bed to help with erosion. We also fertilized and tidied up the flower beds. We brightened up the beds with white vinca. We added more perennials to the Serenity Garden in the back. Master Gardeners who worked were Laura Young, Diane Murdock, Cathy Dresel, and Elizabeth McAnally. The committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month.

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**ENTERGY PARK ARTICLE**

WOW!
Was this group ever ready for Spring! If their energy carries over to the August - September time frame, we will have an absolutely gorgeous park. During our May work day, we cleaned out the remnants of Winter damaged plants and any remaining dead plants plus removed the pansies and of course the inevitable weeds. In their place we planted coleus, chicken gizzards (Hey, that’s what Daryl called them) and other plants that were brought from the Greenhouse.

Assisting today were Jeff Finney, Don Sluyter, Paula Wallace, Anne Fulbright, Karin Grisham, Betty Fortner, Ellen Majestic, James Moore Jr., Larry Hardin, Marry Ann Schnipper, Carol Scrivner, Sheila McLarty and Lin Johnson. (Burley Freeman and Wayne Patterson not shown.) Thanks to all for a job well done.

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**Sympathy**
Joyce Field

**Get Well**
Max Carter
Ann Pigues
Carolyn Davis
Diane Daniel
Charlotte Anthony

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**Newsletter Articles**

**DEADLINE**
21st of each month
Contact Carolyn Davis if you need more time.
The Carpenter Professional Office Park located at 307 Carpenter Dam Road was chosen as Business of the Month for May by the Garland County Master Gardeners. During the months of May through September a home and a business are chosen for their landscape endeavors. The May selection committee chose the Office Park as a whole because all of the businesses have done an outstanding job. The knock out roses were all in bloom and just lovely. The other plants include Stella de Oro daylilies, variegated liriope, nandina shrubs, loropetalum, tall grasses, crape myrtles, red Japanese Maples, native palm trees and bright colored annuals. To enjoy the beauty of all these various landscapes, you will need to drive around the parking lot to view each office building with their various plants and stonework.

The Professional Office Park is composed of the following businesses: The Baum Law Firm; Simmons & Assoc. PLC; Janet K. Moore PLC; Alliance Insurance; Chiropractic Health Clinic - Dr. Larry Grinder; Central Ark. Pain Center - Donald Boos M.D.; The Irwin Agency; Tri Lakes Physical Therapy - Jon T Hardy PT, Jason Wagon PT, Frank D. Warren PT; Stuart A. Fleischner, DDS, Richard W. Van Bebber DDS, W. Nicholas Van Bebber, DDS; Hot Springs Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic - Eric D. Monte MD.

Pictured in photo to left, back row L to R:
Tenney Schmidt, Debbie Rodgers, Clair Tryon, Dr. Stuart Fleischner, and Samantha McDaniel


Pictured in photo to right, back row L to R:
Tracy Moss, Dr. Stuart Fleischner, Master Gardener Lin Johnson, Bill Saunders, and Tammy Scheer

Front row L to R: Master Gardeners Gaye Harper and Linda Doherty.
May Yard of the Month

The Garland County Master Gardeners May Yard of the Month was awarded to Kay and Charles Shearer.

The Shearer home is located on three acres at 754 Carpenter Dam Road. Kay and Charles purchased the property in 1997. They have been improving the bare open yard which consisted of rough turf and a few neglected fruit trees ever since. Their yard posed many limitations to gardening due to the terrain and lack of good soil on the major portions of the property. There was little top soil near the house. All the good soil had slid off the hill in the lower part of the back yard. Kay, jokingly, states she suffers from "CHAD", Compulsive Horticultural Acquisition Disorder, resulting in a hobby garden that has run amuck. Charles has never claimed to be a gardener, who proudly tells all that he is just the "Hole digger with an attitude". Their years of hard work have paid off.

Passersby enjoy thousands of daffodils heralding the arrival of Spring each year. The Shearer’s have been collecting daffodils for over 18 years. Their collection now consists of over 600 varieties of specialty and historic daffodils. There are numerous large sweeps of naturalized daffodils throughout the acreage. Their property was a featured tour garden for the National Daffodil convention held in Little Rock in 2014.

There is a lovely shade garden in the front yard, consisting of Azaleas, Hostas, Hellebores, Hydrangeas, and other shade loving perennial plants. The sunnier fringes of the shade beds have Knock-out Roses, daylilies, and flowering annuals.

The main garden beds are located in the “Outback” which is constantly changing to meet their needs. There are 2 large plantings displaying a wide variety of flowering trees, shrubs, and perennials including Crape Myrtles, Irises, and Peonies. Then there are the Daylilies; hundreds of them! The Shearer’s began collecting daylilies 15 years ago at the suggestion of a friend who commented "What a wonderful place to grow daylilies!" Kay started with a few plants purchased at the Hot Springs Daylily Society plant sale that spring. Their collection has grown to over 450 varieties. It consists of a wide variety of cultivars, many of which were hybridized by the late Pauline Henry of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Their yard has been a featured garden tour for both State and Regional daylily tours.

Kay and Charles welcome visitors to take a leisurely stroll through their yard and flagstone garden paths to enjoy the beauty of their gardens.

In the photo left to right – Homeowners, Charles and Kay Shearer, Master Gardner Lin Johnson, Kristin Mangham from Garvan Gardens (who presented the homeowners with a one year membership to Garvan), and Master Gardener, Gaye Harper.
The month of May has seen rain most every Tuesday. Our GEMS were ready and willing but sloshing in the mud was not encouraged by the Garvan Gardens staff. Therefore, the GEMS group was rained out of working this month. Linda Doherty, Carol Scrivner, and Kay Adams were able to go out at an alternate time to help clean up the nursery area from the hail damage. Also, Sheila McLarty, Alicia Fetters, and Kay Adams helped plant summer annuals on a Thursday morning before the rains again descended at noon. Hopefully June will have weather that allows the GEMS to once again work in the beautiful gardens we call Garvan.

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**Extension Office**

The Master Gardeners replaced the pansies with begonias in the planter boxes and performed minor maintenance work around the landscape. Suggestions were made among the MGs as to what should be placed on the stump of the tree that was cut down. Jim Moore built a new planter box that was placed on the stump. Thanks Jim.

Pictured are James B. Moore, Jr., Jim Moore, Ross (Doc) Sedler, Sam Mullins, Jan Hodges, Deb Skelton, Larry Hardin, and Don Sluyter.

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**Xeriscape**

The Hot Springs Xeriscape met, in between the rainstorms, to weed and clean up the Xeriscape down by Hollywood park. The plants look beautiful! Stop by to check them out. Members attending were: Anne Fulbright, Karin Grisham, Tricia Freeman, DeAnn Baker (Whitfield Garden Club), Stephanie Ballard, and Jennifer Jennings (WGC) and Burley Freeman. Not pictured: Sunshine Spielvogle

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* I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.

- David Hobson
COMO Square Committee

Twelve Garland County Master Gardener Members met recently at the COMO Square met to pull weeds, and there were many. Then we spread 40 bags of mulch to make the Square look nice. Many car passengers and drivers told us how happy they were we were making the area look good. That is what we work for.

Those present were Doris Ayers, Sue Bristow, Sharon Dent, Judy Fields, Burley Freeman, Larry Hardin, Sue Jacobs, James Moore, Jr., Vicki Scheddel, Mary Ann Schnipper, Shirley Williams, and Laura Young.

Lake Hamilton Greenhouse

Plants at the Lake Hamilton Greenhouse were loaded for the plant sale by the faithful committee members and taken to Transportation Plaza. The plants were SOLD.

Now the Master Gardner tables are clean and bare and waiting for another round of plants when school begins at Lake Hamilton School District in the Fall.

THANKS to Lake Hamilton Greenhouse Committee for your wonderful work!
Barbara Smith and Sue Finley, Co-Chairs
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**Master Gardener Spring Social**

*You're Invited.....*

**Where:** Elks Lodge  
**When:** Saturday, June 20, 2015  
**MG Cost:** FREE  
**Guest Cost:** $10 (Prior to June 10)  
**Cocktail hour:** 5:00 p.m.  
(beer, wine and snacks)  
**Dinner:** 6:00 p.m. (Smokin' in Style)  
**Entertainment:** Vince Duke (Elvis impersonator)  
**Deadline:** JUNE 10 (Reservations and/or Cancellations)  
**Contact:** Barbara Bradstreet  
501-844-4475  
harvbarretired@aol.com  
385 N Hwy 171, Malvern, AR 72104  

***If you make a reservation and do not come to the event you will be expected to pay for the meal.***

Hope all of you will come and enjoy this fun event !!!

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