Hello GCMG’s,

I think we are all happy to turn the page on September, and get to October. Last month’s MG Appreciation Day, GC Fair, and all of our regular projects made for an extremely busy month. Special thanks go out to those who organized and worked the special events. 410 MG’s attended Appreciation Day, and votes were cast for the favorite pumpkin/gourd contest at the fair. Winners will be announced at our meeting this month. The Fair Committee did an outstanding job decorating the building, and they sure appreciated all the MG’s who supported the fair and entered their plants and arrangements for judging.

The Garland County Judge and Hot Springs Mayor have issued a proclamation declaring October 11 - 17 as Arkansas Master Gardener Appreciation Week. They are very grateful for all we do for the City and County.

On November 6, GCMG’s will be hosting our first Advanced MG class since 2009. The topic is Southern Bulbs and Rhizomes - this will be a great class with wonderful speakers - sign up soon! MG’s who started in 2012 and earlier are eligible to attend.

Have a great month - see you around, Linda

PS: My new job next year is chairing the Mentoring Committee- sign up will begin at our October 15th meeting. Please consider becoming a mentor, it is crucial to our MG organization!
Hope everyone made it to the Garland County Fair and spent some time in the Horticulture Building. I know many of you spent many hours working that week. What a great job our group does every year with the Horticulture Building during the fair! The Arkansas Fair Managers Association has also noticed the wonderful job our group does, and has asked us to do a presentation at their yearly convention in January on how to decorate the Horticulture Building during the County Fair!

Lin was busy taking pictures and notes for a presentation. Thanks to Lin and all of you that helped during the fair.

I am getting many calls lately about armadillos’ damage to lawns and ornamental beds. Trapping is the best option within the city with a large live trap with 1x6 boards on both sides of the door to funnel them into the trap. It’s also a good idea to put something under the trap to prevent damage while detaining the armadillo.

The deadline for new Master Gardener applications is November the 30th, so help get the word out. Have fun!!

Allen Bates

Happy 27th Birthday Arkansas Master Gardeners!

Garland County Judge Rick Davis and Hot Springs Mayor Ruth Carney have both issued proclamations that the week of October 7 – October 11, 2015 will be “Arkansas Master Gardeners Week” in celebration of the 27th birthday of the Master Gardener Program. Garland County was one of the four original counties that participated in the first training classes. The other counties include Pulaski, Saline and Jefferson. Sixty-seven of the seventy-five counties in Arkansas now have Arkansas Master Gardener Programs. The initial training was started by Janet B. Carson, a horticulture specialist for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Janet, a well known person throughout the state, is still serving as the coordinator of the Arkansas Master Gardener Program.

Garland County Master Gardeners have an active group of approximately 200 members who provided 14,537 hours of volunteer labor to both our city and county during 2014 with a labor cost evaluation of $327,815.00. In addition, the Master Gardeners had 8,684 hours of education involving the members as well as our community.

L to R:
Carolyn Davis, GCMG, Publicity Chairperson,
Allen Bates, GC Extension Agent, and
Hot Springs Mayor, Ruth Carney.

OCTOBER Birthdays

Lynn Harris Oct 3
Mary Tom Taylor Oct 3
Don Turner Oct 3
Linda Hodges Oct 6
Kay Caldwell Oct 7
Karin Grisham Oct 9
Don Loveday Oct 9
Elizabeth McAnally Oct 10
Laurie Lovett Oct 11
Dolores Quade Oct 11
Marvin Burt Oct 17
Leslie Goff Oct 17
Debra Atchison Oct 18
Millie Van Brunt Oct 20
Judy Fields Oct 20
Carolyn Harris Oct 24
Linda Davis Oct 24
Marilyn Olson Oct 25
Dorelle Hogan Oct 26
Julie Dickson Oct 27
Joyce Field Oct 27
Frank Battese Oct 27
Arlene Hodgson Oct 30
WHEREAS, the Arkansas Master Gardener program is administered by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. The program started in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Garland County was one of the four original counties that started the program along with Pulaski, Jefferson and Saline counties. Sixty-seven of the seventy-five counties in Arkansas now have Master Gardener Programs with over 3,000 volunteers participating; and,

WHEREAS, the Garland County Master Gardeners provided 14,537 hours of volunteer labor to our City and County with a labor evaluation cost of $327,815.00 during 2014. In addition, the Master Gardeners had 8,685 education hours. It is anticipated the hours and labor cost will be approximately the same at the end of 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Garland County Master Gardeners are involved in 15 volunteer projects involving manual labor in addition to providing education for the community through learning events at the several Big Lunches held at the Garland County Library, the Ask a Master Gardener Booth set up weekly at the Farmer’s Market, work with students at the local schools through the Young Gardeners of Garland County, and have an annual spring plant sale; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener Program provides many avenues to continue education through a yearly state meeting, a yearly leadership training course, a Southern Regional Conference held every two years, and an International Conference held every two years,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK DAVIS, COUNTY JUDGE OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2015 as:

“ARKANSAS MASTER GARDENERS WEEK”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed.

Rick Davis
Garland County Judge

Date: October 11, 2015

Pictured left to right:

Carolyn Davis, Publicity Chair;

Linda Doherty, GCMG President;

Allen Bates, GC Extension Agent; and

Rick Davis, GC Judge.
Appreciation Day

AT

GARVAN WOODLAND GARDENS
The Garland County Master Gardeners chose the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jaime Cardenas on Cougar Terrace for the September Yard of the Month. On each side of the entrance into the house, there are large pots filled with lantana and mandevilla. In the flower beds at the front of the house, they have planted elephant ears next to the garage wall as well as a variety of plants including caladiums, impatiens, celosia, daisies, dianthus, coleus, liriope, zinnias. An array of trees and shrubs are found in their front, side and back yards including Japanese maples, magnolias, crape myrtle, a spruce tree and a weeping cypress of Lebanon. The back yard has a California style garden around the pool area. The plants in this area include banana trees, azaleas, hydrangeas, nandinas, crape myrtles, and a windmill palm tree. A tram has been installed for easy access to their boat dock and the lake front. Kim Cardenas was a former member of the Mint Julep Garden Club. As winners of Yard of the Month, they have been given a one year membership to Garvan Woodland Gardens.
The Garland County Master Gardeners chose Chicken Express on Albert Pike as the September Business of the month. This family business was started in August 2012. The owners, Bill and Stacey Little, along with their children operate the business. The landscape was designed by the father, and the planting was a family endeavor. There are several planted areas around the business in which you will find knockout roses, vinca, crape myrtle, daylilies, and ground cover. In addition, there are blue spruce trees, weeping willow trees, various ornamental grasses, and loropetalum. An unusual feature is the boat ramp that allows customers to come by boat.

Pictured left to right: Carolyn Davis, Master Gardener; Andrew Hodgson, Dustin Little, Parker Little, and Jennetta Sanders, Master Gardener.
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

Marilea Moore at 5 Algercia Lane was chosen by the Garland County Master Gardeners as the Hot Springs Village September Yard of the Month. As you enter her driveway, you are captured by all the colorful trees, plants, and ceramics in the landscaping and berms.

The yard is one of the Village “rock yards” and the placement and compositions of the berms scattered throughout the front and back are standouts! Crape myrtles, lantana, marigolds and Mexican petunias are among the colorful plant offerings in the front yard. Japanese maples, varieties of roses, large cannas and a black cherry tree add interest to the front landscaping. Marilea has selected plants that were truly made for and have thrived in the sun and heat of the summer season.

Marilea’s creativity and whimsy is evident in her use of ceramic statuary placed in the berms to complement the plants. There is a green vine painted on her back steps that reflects her individuality and the unique nature of her yard and garden areas. Marilea states that her daughter was instrumental in designing the entire yard.

From the back screened porch she has a great view of the berm filled with more colorful lantana, Cuban rugina, fragrant basil, petunias, an unusual contorted filbert, Miscanthus, calibrache, cannas, crape myrtles, and a pansy redbud tree. Along the perimeter she has planted many fruit trees which add variety and interest to the side yard.

As September Yard of the Month winner, Garvan Woodland Gardens awarded Marilea a one year membership. The Hot Springs Village Yard of the Month is judged by a volunteer group of Garland County Master Gardeners. Nominations are now being accepted for the October Yard of the Month for both residential and business yards. Contact Joyce Field at 226-5084 or Dianne Hardin at dhardin12@yahoo.com by October 3, 2015. October 8th is the last viewing for this year.

Shown in the picture:

Marilea Moore, homeowner;
Vicki Hartman, her daughter;
and standing behind them,
Joyce Field, Master Gardener
Members of the Garland County Master Gardeners and the Whitfield Garden Club met recently to continue clearing up the flower beds at the Hot Springs Xeriscape to prepare for the fall/winter season. With the warm weather we are having, it is hard to realize that fall will arrive soon.

In the photo left to right:
Whitfield Garden Club
Member:
De Ann Baker.

GC Master Gardeners:
Anne Fulbright,
Stephanie Ballard,
Karin Grisham,
Sunshine Spielvogle,
Burley Freeman, and
Tricia Freeman.

Not shown:
Jennifer Jennings,
Whitfield Garden Club.
Entergy Park Committee

The Entergy Park Committee held their monthly meeting at Entergy Park (surprise). There was a wonderful response to the work call with 14 eager Master Gardeners responding to the 1st Wednesday get-together. We missed last month due to heat, and the weeds and wild grasses were quite appreciative. In preparation for the Fall planting, we cleaned the flower beds of the above-mentioned grasses and weeds and the spent remains of many Summer flora species. A hearty thanks to Jeff Finney, Wayne Patterson, Anne Fulbright, Jodi Tooke, James Moore, Jr., Sheila McLarty, Don Sluyter, Burley Freeman, Larry Hardin, Jane Oliver, Jan Hodges, Paula Wallace, Mary Ann Schnipper, and Karin Grisham for continuing to make this the great committee that it has become.

Pictured in the photo below is Wayne Patterson who has served as chair and co-chair of this project for the past 8 years. Wayne will be vacating this position but will remain on the Entergy park Committee as a worker-bee. Jan Hodges has stepped up and will work with Jeff Finney as the new co-chair.

Habitat for Humanity Committee

Eight Master Gardeners and a guest from the Whitfield Garden Club met at the end of September and completed the landscape at 117 Watt Street. The flower bed that framed the front and sides of the home is where soft hollies were used as foundation plants and liriope as the border plants. Nandina, Encore azaleas and Stella D’oro daylilies were planted on both sides of the home. A hearty crape myrtle was also planted near the front edge of the lawn. We wish the new owner many years of happiness in their lovely new home.

Thanks to Master Gardeners and friends for their support.

Gene Lichliter, Chairperson
Evelyn Worsham & Lin Johnson, Assistants

Left to right: James Moore, Jr., Jan Hodges, Jim Moore, Lin Johnson, Sam Mullins, De Ann Baker, Kay Skoog, Gene Lichliter, and Jeff Finney. Not pictured: Evelyn Worsham.

Fall Back
The Garland County Master Gardeners recently met at Garvan Woodland Gardens where they pulled up the annuals to prepare for planting the mums. They also dug up caladiums that will be used in next year’s planting as well as selling some of them to interested gardeners. The Garden currently does not have many workers, so our help was truly appreciated.

In the photo left to right:

John Long, Wayne Patterson, Barb Bradstreet, Martha Dooley, Sheila McLarty, and Jane Oliver.

Not pictured, Kay Adams.

Courthouses/Police Memorial Committee

The second Thursday of September, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Courthouse/Police Memorial Committee, was also the Appreciation Day at Garvan Gardens for all Master Gardeners throughout the state. Get the picture? With many of our local members helping host the Appreciation Day – our faithful five, Anne Fulbright, Jodi Tooke, Kay Skoog, Sue Jacobs, and Carol Scrivner, a.k.a. THE FAB FIVE, came to mega weed and trim the beds. Four huge garage bags later, we completed the job. The Police Memorial was suffering from water shortage as was the Old Courthouse. The Fall planting of pansies will take place Thursday, October 8th. All members are invited to come and share in the fun. Hope to see you there. Until then.....Happy Fall Y’all!! Michael and Kay

Ouachita Children’s Center

Five Master Gardeners met recently to work at the Ouachita Children’s Center. We worked cleaning the beds in front of the center as well as pulling the weeds around the porch area. We are trying to get rid of the Bermuda grass so it won’t overtake all the new plants. Our goal is to establish a new bed in the Serenity Garden for the “kids.” Hopefully by next spring we’ll be ready for spring flowers.

Left to right: Anne Fulbright, Jodi Tooke, Carol Scrivner, Kay Skoog and Sue Jacobs.

Left to right: Carol Stanfill, Diane Murdock, Becky Pawelczak, Jan Hodges, and Laura Young.
Farmer’s Market/Triangle Committee

Our committee members met at the Farmer’s Market early in the morning to spruce up the beds and tackle the weeds and nut grass. We finished the 7 beds at the Farmer’s Market and then moved on to do the 6 beds at the Triangle at Malvern and Grand. Thanks to our 8 members who came to help. Next month will be the MONTH to pull everything out and redo the beds with fall and winter annuals. We will need all hands on board next month, so put the 3rd Wed. in Oct. on your calendar. Thanks, Michael, Gene & Lin

Langston Legacy Committee

Jim and James Moore, Jeff Finney and Jan Hodges recently met to work at the Langston Alumni Legacy Garden. They added several sprinkler to the garden, and after, just a little weeding and trimming. This area is nearly maintenance free and it looks great!

COMO Square Committee

Six members of the COMO Square Committee recently met and worked in the heat and sunshine to make the area look as close to perfect as we could. Due to the extreme heat we had not met to work since July, so the weeds and vines had grown quite large. Fortunately that problem was not too visible from the street. When you are downtown, be sure to drive by and enjoy this area.

EXTENSION OFFICE COMMITTEE

The following Master Gardeners installed an irrigation system in the back of the Extension office and performed minor maintenance work around the office. After completing a little needed weeding and trimming, the area is now nearly maintenance free, and looks great.
Garden Therapy Committee

For our September project, the Master Gardeners brought a decoupage project for the seniors. They pasted colorful napkins on small cardboard boxes and were able to take them home as small gifts for their own use as containers for keepsakes.

Rita Monsen, Chair

City Greenhouse Committee

The Garland County Master Gardeners recently met at the city greenhouse and Daryl Edwards, City Park Horticulturist, had lots of work planned. We cut back Persian Shield, tall coleus and had a lesson on cutting back green and purple fountain grass and Miscanthus grass. Some of the Master Gardeners worked on weeding the trees and monkey grass outside. We also cleared out plants that were growing under the benches. Not only did we learn a lot, but we also accomplished a lot. October will be our last working day for this year so try to be there.

Thanks, Michael and Lin, Co-Chairs

Education Committee

At the September Brown Bag luncheon held at the Garland County Library, the Garland County Master Gardeners hosted a program on identifying Arkansas native trees by Susan Hooks. Susan is a Ouachita National Forest Botanist, who works at the Forestry headquarters in Hot Springs. Her presentation included many trees found in Arkansas including the black willow, green ash and silver maple. There was a display of the various leaves available for the attendees to see. Residents of Hot Springs are invited to attend our Brown Bag educational presentations. Announcements regarding upcoming programs will be in our local newspaper.
## Calendar of Events

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<td><strong>Hot Springs Daylily Society, Christian Life Center at the First Methodist Church “Herbs in the Garden” by Mary Roark (President of the Arkansas Herb Society) Guests welcome.</strong></td>
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If you have any items to add please e-mail Lin Johnson at linjd@sbcglobal.net