Hello Master Gardeners,

September is here already and I hope you all have plans to attend Master Gardener Appreciation Day on the 10th at Garvan Woodland Gardens. This has proved to be an enjoyable day and it is always fun to meet MG's from other areas. The Garland County Fair will be held the 14th thru the 19th. In lieu of our meeting this month, we ask that you attend the fair on the 17th; it is school day and should be very busy. Hope many of you will enter plants in the Adult Horticulture judging.

We have sure had a tough summer; the hot, dry conditions are wreaking havoc on our plants, which is very discouraging after working so hard this spring to create that fabulous garden we envisioned. While it is discouraging to lose plants, look at the bright side- think of all those new and different plants we can try out! The best thought of all at his time of year is that it is almost Fall!!

Linda
ALLEN’S CORNER

September, my favorite time of year, is here with the county fair, cooler weather and many Master Gardener activities. I hope each of you is making plans to attend the activities coming up. Master Gardener Appreciation Day at Garvan Gardens is September 10th and the Garland County Fair is September 14th to 19th. Monday afternoons with our new Master Gardeners have been fun. If you are thinking of signing up for a Monday afternoon, call Claudette Cooper soon. Fall is about here and, with our busy schedules; the end of the year will be here before we know it. So take a minute and, if you know someone that would like to become a Master Gardener, be sure they get an application to them. Deadline for applications is November 30th. Have fun!

Allen

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

SEP  1  Max Carter
SEP  2  Paula Page
SEP  5  Mary Ann Schnipper
SEP  6  Kahig Alesch
SEP  7  Carmen Felton
SEP  7  Heidi Haskins
SEP  7  Linda Hermani
SEP  8  Darrell Kennedy
SEP 10  Marianne Johnson
SEP 11  Carolyn Davis
SEP 11  Kay Holland
SEP 12  Anne Fulbright
SEP 12  Polly Barnett
SEP 12  Silas Turner
SEP 13  Gaye Harper
SEP 13  Henryetta Norman
SEP 14  Susan Deimel
SEP 15  Harry Marshall
SEP 15  Larry Hardin
SEP 16  Cathy Dresel
SEP 18  Kay Adams
SEP 20  Charles Harper
SEP 21  Linda Shay
SEP 28  Linda Doherty
SEP 29  Neil Thornton
SEP 30  Scott Allison
SEP 30  Stephanie Ballard
SEP 30  F. T. Eyre

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

GET WELL

Kay Adams
Marilyn Parks
Kathleen Cardinal
Polly Barnett
Henryetta Norman
Peggy Johnson

SYMPATHY

The Bill Staton Family
Shirley Williams
Even with no rain all month, we had lots of weeds and grass to pull at the Farmer’s Market. We cleaned those beds and headed to the Triangle to pull weeds there. We then changed out the plants in the front bed, pulled out the old flowers that looked bad after the hot summer and replaced them with coleus. All 12 (including 1 helper shown in photo) of our hard workers enjoyed a very cool day and we were all proud of our work when finished.  

Michael and Lin
The yard of Paula and Daniel Cook, located in Stonegate Shores in Hot Springs, was selected as August Yard of the Month by Garland County Master Gardeners. The Cook’s, who have lived in this house for approximately five years, designed and created the landscaping themselves with the exception of the annual plants in the large pot containers. The house, which sits upon a sloping hillside, is terraced with windmill palm trees, tree roses, and many containers. The large containers are filled with tropical hibiscus, vines, summer snapdragons, and verbena. An annual bed beside the drive is filled with zinnias, cockscomb, petunias and hibiscus. Alongside the home is a bed of banana trees and elephant ears. Large Leyland cypress trees and crape myrtles are included on the left side of the home. A large weeping willow tree was an original planting, as were the river birch trees at the entrance. Japanese maples accent the lawn and driveway.
The Garland County Master Gardeners Yard of the Month Committee has selected the Longhorn Steakhouse as the August Business of the Month. The landscape included numerous types of hollies, azaleas, and white and red crape myrtles. The oak leaf hydrangeas had evidence of prolific panicles of bloom. Large stones were incorporated into the landscape with loropetalum, maple trees, crape myrtles and groundcovers. The building was surrounded by rock groundcover with shrubs interplanted. Begonias and daylilies added splashes of color. Longhorn Steakhouse, managed by Mr. Rob Wilbanks, is located at 1470 Higdon Ferry Road in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
The unique garden of Scott and Valli Jensen at 70 Nubarron Lane was chosen as the Garland County Master Gardener’s August Yard of the Month. The Jensens moved to the Village 8 years ago from Iowa and began planning their garden shortly after arriving.

The front yard is composed of great garden art including an 8 foot wood carving with a cutout of the Jensen name. There were numerous boulders used throughout the landscape. In addition to the native trees on the property, the homeowners added a yucca tree, Deodar cedar and Japanese maples. In both their front and rear gardens, they included some unusual succulents in pot containers and in the ground. The gravel surface is inlaid with large varied flat stones artfully placed throughout the gardens.

Their use of outstanding, eye-catching boulders, some with protruding crystals, continued into the rear garden where their artistic talents are displayed including an 8 foot metal sculpture which hides their propane tanks.

The yard has a definite southwestern feel with plantings of cactus, yucca, and some unusual succulents. The water feature is the focal point of the backyard and overlooks the golf course. For color, there are dwarf crape myrtle trees.

There is a newly planted area under construction which contains large planted berms along with a garage which is being built to serve as a greenhouse when completed.

As the chosen Yard of the Month, Garvan Woodland Gardens provides the Jensens with a one-year free membership to the Gardens. Nominations are now being sought for the September 3rd Yard of the Month viewing. Contact Joyce Field at 226-5084 or Dianne Hardin at dhardin12@yahoo.com to nominate a yard.
Annual Master Gardener Trip

This year’s destination was to the St. Louis, MO, Botanical Gardens and the Chinese Lantern Festival.

The day we arrived, several of us ventured out onto Market and Washington Streets to visit the many public gardens, water fountain displays and museums within walking distance of our hotel. Several others hailed a cab and visited the St. Louis Arch for a bird’s eye view of the Mississippi River and the city below.

The group of 33, which included Master Gardeners, spouses, and friends, enjoyed the second day wandering through the Shaw Gardens, lunching at the Sassafras Café and shopping at the very large gift and plant shop at the gardens.

That same evening, the group returned to the gardens to experience the Chinese Lantern Festival. “Lantern” is really not a good word for what these displays were made of... Twenty-eight very large, detailed exhibits were made of wire, silk, porcelain, waterfalls and so much more, and all lit up.

Walking along the garden paths to stand before each display was magical!!
City Greenhouse

We had a great turnout of 18 Garland County Master Gardeners to help at the city greenhouse. We helped cut back mother plants and repotted small plants into larger pots to hold over for the winter. We cleaned up and pulled weeds, leaving lots more room for propagation. Daryl gave us lessons on repotting and propagation. We had a good time and learned a lot. Thanks to our hard-working crew. Lin and Michael
GEMS COMMITTEE

The GEMS were back to work at Garvan Woodland Gardens with some respite from the heat. We had several work day cancellations due to heat. The group was able to help the horticultural staff in the Nursery/Greenhouse area. They assisted in preparing this site for the annual appreciation day which will be held for all Arkansas Master Gardeners in September. All should be in good shape for this annual event that is enjoyed by Master Gardeners throughout the State. In the photo from left: Sheila McLarty, Bev Merritt, Jan Hodges, Alicia Fetters, Martha Dooley, Wayne Patterson, Carol Scrivner, Jodi Tooke, Lin Johnson. Not present for photo were: Carol Ann Stone, Loretta West, and Ruth Osborne.

XERISCAPE COMMITTEE

The Hot Springs Xeriscape met to clean up the dry, dead plants at the Hot Springs Xeriscape located at the Hollywood Friendship Park. Many plants have had problems with the hot weather but with some loving care the garden looks much healthier. Hard at work is Burley Freeman, Stephanie Ballard, and Jennifer Jennings (WGC)

Garden Therapy

The Master Gardeners led the seniors at the Caring Place at 101 Quapaw Avenue in Hot Springs in making note cards. We painted the backs of various leaves with acrylic paints and pressed them onto the note cards, making a pleasant pattern of natural shapes and veins.

Photo left to right: Kumar Maruthur, MD, Sue Tanner, Emily Stewart, Ellen Majestic, and Rita Monsen

Ouachita Children's Center

Even though the weather was very hot and dry, 3 faithful Master Gardeners, Laura Young, Ann Fulbright and Becky Pawelczak came for the work day at the Ouachita Children’s Center. We trimmed the perennials, pulled weeds and grass, and cleaned up the pots on the porch area.

The August meeting minutes will be sent with the October newsletter.
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<td>GWG “Mystic Creatures: Topiary Art Takes Flight” Members Free</td>
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<td>** GCL Brown Bag “Arkansas Native Trees--When, Where, What, and How to Plant”</td>
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<td>Sept. 5 Sat. 7 a.m. till all are gone, they go fast Hot Spring Farmer’s Market</td>
<td>Hot Springs Iris Society Plant Sale. Iris for sale below normal prices.</td>
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<td>Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Counts as education/work for GCMG</td>
<td>MG Day at Garvan Gardens. Please be sure to attend, if you or working or not. Free 2016 MG calendar.</td>
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<td>Sept. 12 Hort. Building at Fair Grounds Counts as work for GCMG 9-??</td>
<td>Set-up for Fair 9-??</td>
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<td>Sept 15 -19 all day Counts as work for GCMG</td>
<td>Garland County Fair, GCMGers will man the Hort. Building. You will be reminded of your time.</td>
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<td>Sept. 17 Thursday Counts as work for GCMG</td>
<td>No GCMG meeting, need extra help at the fairgrounds as it is school day!</td>
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<td>Sept. 20 Counts as work for GCMG</td>
<td>Clean-up Garland County Fair Hort. Building 10a.m. – 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>*GWG “A Tree in a Tray” Bonsai presented by Garden staff.</td>
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<td>IMGC meeting – Iowa</td>
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<td>September 24, 9:30 to 11 AM Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>*GWG Early Fall Interest + walk Members Free: Non-members $15</td>
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<td>Oct. 3 Saturday 9:30 refreshments 10 a.m. meeting Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>The Ouachita Hosta &amp; Shade Plant Society will be meeting at the Magnolia Room at GWG Guests are welcome!</td>
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<td>**GCL Brown Bag “Making Perfumes and Tinctures from Plants and Flowers in your Garden”</td>
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<td>27th AR MG Birthday more information later, Maybe MG week in AR.</td>
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<td>GCMG meeting lunch served 11:15 – 12:30 Meeting 1:00 Program: “Gardening with Dr. Essie Belle”</td>
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<td>PNG Leadership at Red Apple Inn, Heber Springs, AR</td>
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<td>Oct 31 Saturday 9:30 refreshments 10 a.m. meeting Counts as education for GCMG</td>
<td>The Ouachita Hosta &amp; Shade Plant Society will meet at the Magnolia Room GWG</td>
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<td>November 5, Thurs. 9:30 to 11 AM Docent training Counts as education for GCMG</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>Executive 10:30 Extension office Board 1 p.m. First United Methodist Church</td>
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<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 “</td>
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