Congratulations to all who received awards at our April 18th meeting. Their dedication and good works are an inspiration to us all. With spring finally here, our committees are all working hard, especially Diane Daniel and those getting prepared for the Spring Sale. Thank you all for your tireless efforts. As I looked over our Committee Chairs and projects list, I was favorably surprised to note that we have over 40 different people in leadership roles. What a dynamic group we have. Please note all the upcoming events annotated in this newsletter and participate and enjoy all you can. See you around the garden.

Ken

MAY HOLIDAYS

Mother’s Day, which is officially celebrated the second Sunday of May, is a day people take as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Memorial Day, which is celebrated the last Monday in May, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation’s service. On January 19, 1999 Senate Bill S189 was introduced to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th instead of the “last day of May”. This bill was introduced in the House on April 19, 1999 (HR 1474). These bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform. To date, there has been no further developments on the bill.

Did you know ?????? May is American Bike Month; Asparagus Month; Flower Month; National Bar-B-Que Month; National Egg Month; National Hamburger Month; National Mental Health Month; National Photo Month; National Salad Month; National Strawberry Month as well as Older Americans Month.
Spring is here!!! Trees are putting on their leaves, azaleas are blooming and caterpillars are building their nests. I’ve been receiving lots of calls about the Eastern Tent Caterpillars. These hairy little caterpillars have a black and white stripe down their backs, brown and yellow lines along the sides, and a row of oval blue spots on the sides. These are not to be confused with the fall web worms that build their nests on the ends of the limbs in the fall. The Eastern Tent Caterpillars build their nests in the crotches of limbs in wild cherry, apple, and crabapple and many fruit trees. If you are having an infestation, the easiest control is to break up the nest by opening it up, therefore making them vulnerable to their natural enemies. I am truly enjoying Monday afternoons with the interns as I’m getting to know them individually and letting them familiarize themselves with our office and staff. I hope all of the interns will get the chance to participate in this endeavor.

Allen Bates
County Extension Agent – Agriculture

STUMP THE EXPERTS

Question 1 – I would like to know the name of this perennial. It does not bloom till second year. It loves sun. Heidi Haskins
**Answer 1:** It looks like Lunaria annua, also called honesty or money or silver dollar plant, which is a biennial. After it forms the seed pod, you can remove the outer thin tan layer of the pod to reveal a silvery translucent inner layer. The stalks are then used in dried flower arrangements. Once you have some plants growing, they usually reseed.

Yvonne

**Answer 2:** I would think that it is a Geranium of some sort...maybe a cut leaf. Chappy

**Answer 3:** I do not have a real guess here but the very strong stem makes it look like a vegetable plant. The profuse budding doesn't bear that out. Not many plants have only four flower petals and limited sepals so I would think we could identify this. The leaves are also distinctive. Ruth

**Answer 4:** I don't think I have ever seen this plant, but what a beauty it is. The color is eye catching, how tall does it get? Got me on this one. Marilyn

**Question 2:**

Experts can you tell me the name of this plant and some information about it? Jan Burt

**Answer 1:** It may be one of the new hybrid snapdragons – Chappy

**Answer 2:** Bloom looks similar to a columbine, but I can't see enough of the foliage to confirm the identity Yvonne

**Answer 3:** According to this seed catalog, it is a Columbine pink petticoat. Heidi

**Answer 4:** It looks like a Campanula to me. I can not see the foliage but it varies within the Genus anyway. This does certainly look like an invasive plant. Some can be invasive, especially Campanula-Elizabeth. This is beautiful. Ruth

**Answer 5:** It's so hard to tell from this picture but looking at the stems and leaves maybe this could be a clematis. If it is a vine, then that would be my guess. The buds also look like clematis. Marilyn

**Score Card to Date**

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**Dont Forget**

We are *always* looking for photographs and/or questions to be submitted for our “Stump the Experts” column. If you submit a photo, please give any available info. Please send direct to cid945@sbcglobal.net – subject “STE”
“Hunt and Find”

April NL WINNER

Helen Mosley

Runner Up “finders” Ellie Elsenheimer, Joanne Harms, Carolyn Sinderson & Ken Johnson

Our NEW object for May

As soon as you locate the item, send an email to cjd945@sbcglobal.net identifying the location. The first correct response will be our winner!!

SCHEDULE FOR LIBRARY CLASSES 2013

May 23 11:30-1:30pm Th Companion Planting
Aug 13 11:30-1:30pm Tu Good bugs/Bad bugs
Sept 26 11:30-1:30pm Th Decorative things in the Garden
Nov 12 11:30-1:30pm Tu Hanging baskets

Contact the library for reservations 623-4161. Or 922/4483

WISH LIST/TRADING CORNER

This is a new column in the newsletter for what you need or do not need anymore!! It is a way to share plants, seeds, items, or get information regarding gardening needs.

Wish List

Would like to know the name of this multi-color hydrangea, and where I can find one.

Jan Burt 282-9541

If you have an item to give away or need information, send your information to Carolyn Davis and mark subject line as Wish List. If you have a photo you want to include be sure to send as an attachment in jpeg format.

Send to cjd945@sbcglobal.net
COUNTY FAIR REMINDER

Spring planting time is near, so this is your reminder to plant something for entry at the County Fair in September. The Best of Show in potted plants for the last few years has been mixed plantings.

The categories for competition are:

- Potted plants-single variety
- Potted plants-mixed varieties
- Hanging plants
- Fresh floral arrangements
- Dried floral arrangements
- Individual cut flowers
- Small vegetables (such as tomatoes, peas, peppers, okra)
- Medium vegetables (such as cucumbers, corn, eggplant, squash)
- Large vegetables (such as cantaloupe, pumpkin, watermelon)
- Dried seeds
- Fresh herbs
- Nuts
- Eggs

Hope to see your successes at the Fair.

I AM GOING TO TRY THIS – THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE IF IT WORKS!!!! CD

When a cucumber is taken from the vine let it be cut with a knife, leaving about an eighth of an inch of the cucumber on the stem, then slit the stem with the knife from its end to the vine leaving a small portion of the cucumber on each division and on each separate slip there will be a new cucumber as large as the first.

From Pinterest

VEGETABLE GARDEN FORUM MEETINGS

Central Arkansas Vegetable Garden Forum invites you to its next two meeting scheduled for the spring and summer of 2013.

**First Meeting:** Friday, May 10 at the garden of Keith and Julie Dickson  9:30 – 1100 a.m.  **Location:** 179 Windsong Terrace, Hot Springs, AR. From Hot Springs go out Malvern Rd. (270 E) turn right at Industrial Park Drive. Drive past intersection with Hazel Loop, turn right onto Windsong Terrace.

**Second Meeting:** Tuesday, June 11 at the garden of Lyn Newton. 9"30-11:00 a.m.  **Bring a chair. Location:** 101 Chad Street, Hot Springs, AR. From Hot Spring, go out Malvern Rd. (270 E) turn right at Akers Road (there is a stop light), go about 1/4 mile and turn right at Ingram, then turn right again at Chad Street. His house is at the end of the street. Take dirt driveway around the house to the back and park on the grass.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING SOCIAL

JUNE 22, 2023

At the Elk’s Club

We will be serving appetizers, wine and beer starting at 5 p.m. to be followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Master Gardeners are free, guest $10.00. This year we will be serving Ribs (or if you prefer chicken), salad, baked beans, french fries, rolls and blackberry cobbler.

The deadline for your choice of ribs or chicken is June 15. Please let me know so we can have enough food to feed everyone. We ask you please pay for your guest in advance. You may mail me a check, Gaye Harper.

RSVP to cakelady@cablelynx.com

Hope to see everyone there,
The Hospitality Committee

TO ALL MASTER GARDENERS

As you know it is now Yard of the Month season. The Committee has requested that as you are traveling around in Hot Springs, please be on the “look-out” for gardens that you feel would be deserving of being chosen as our Yard of the Month.

Please send nominations to Gaye Harper, Chairperson for the Yard of the Month Committee at cakelady@cablelynx.com

Thank you for your assistance.

Yard of the Month Committee
Happy Birthday Wishes to our May GCMG – from “the gang”

Mary Ann Jarvis  May 5th  Dolores Offerman  May 19th
Barbara Gaunt  May 12th  Sue Hale  May 19th
Barbara Smith  May 12th  Nick Spencer  May 25th
Ellen Majestic  May 14th  Beverly Merritt  May 25th
Floy Montgomery  May 16th  Sherry Asbell  May 26th

REMINDER
In May, the GCMG meeting is a Garden Tour on Thursday May 23, 2013 from 9am to 1 pm at Driftwood Point in south Hot Springs. We will tour six lovely gardens. Please see the GCMG website for directions and further information.

Carmon Hayes
GARDEN CLUB GARDEN

We had seven volunteers plus Stuart Perry and myself working today installing the metal edging for the brick and completing final grades for over half the paved area. We also completed laying the first section of brick pavers on the east end of the garden. Should anyone happen to be at the garden and see the paving please do not walk on it yet. We have to have all the missing pieces that need to be cut and placed before we can compact the brick. I have attached a couple pictures taken today in case anyone is interested.

AL Edmonson

ENTERGY PARK

What is the old saying, "A one eyed man would be King in the land of the blind". Or something like that......

So while Fearless Leader #1 (that be Don) was out of town and Fearless Leader #2 (that be me) was under the knife at NPMC, the Entergy Park Committee did in fact meet on the rescheduled April 10th - 2nd Wednesday date. However, the parks department was not aware of the rescheduled meeting and did not show up. But not to be deterred, and despite the threat of rain, The Faithful Few were present and did the required Master Gardener duties of pulling a weed or two and generally policing up the area. So a very special Thank You goes out to Dani Kew, Karin Grisham, Lindy Holms, and Kay Shearer for their perseverance and dedication.

Wayne Patterson, Chair
GEMS

(Garden Essential Maintenance Support)

GEMS met on a chilly, late March day to pot up acorus, and dwarf mondo grass. They will be used for future planting projects and/or be sold at the Garden Shop. We welcomed 6 interns - 5 from Garland County and 1 from Hot Spring County. It was certainly a first (in March) to have to start late morning instead of 8:30, due to freezing weather! Our April meeting was much warmer, and we began the morning by digging up tulips. Yes, it seemed like they were just starting to bloom.....they will be taken to the Garden Shop for sale. In a short time, we had dug up about 2000 plants and Aaron said we could stop....they come out of the ground so much easier than they go in! We then moved on to the greenhouse and propagated several hundred mums (giant florist varieties) that will be used for fall color in the garden. Come join us on the 2nd or 4th Tuesdays of the month. Hats off to a great committee that Garvan very much appreciates! Linda Doherty, Chair

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE XERISCAPE

Xeriscape HSV has been busy tending the 40 year old garden at the Cortez Pavilion. New to our committee, Sharon Fickes has offered to write an article and recently took pictures to submit to the Village Voice...promoting our hard work to local Villagers -"thank you" Sharon). Nelson Ford has purchased a wonderful new "toy" from Works that's a trimmer/chainsaw/pruner all- in- one and has come in quite handy. Last fall we dug up some beautiful daylilies to save while we tackled a patch of liriope with vegetation killer. This year we transplanted the daylilies into the pavilion boxes and they are looking "mighty fine"! Wild garlic control is tackling the entry sign box where variegated liriope and soapwart (snotweed) are the stars, and actually the area is looking very nice. All-hands continue to tend the main island helping to keep weeds at bay. Mary Ann Jarvis, Chair
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Community Education Committee

Brown Bag - BUSY BUSY April for this committee. We hosted 2 classes this April starting with guest speaker, Aleen Petsoldt. Her program was very nice and her gardens were beautiful to see. She focused on garden art, seasonal colors in our garden, and plant placement. Our 2nd class was a first for a Saturday with the community children. We held a hands-on "Pioneer Kids & their Gardens". Forty plus kids and their parents were in attendance. Leslie Goff started the program with great story telling tales. The kids then experienced 9 hands-on stations with flour grinding, potato planting, making butter, grinding coffee, planting seeds, drying herbs, preserving foods, and making jelly and pasta. It was a busy morning, and fun was had by all.

Ask A MG/Booth - We begin our season June 1st, if you have not yet contacted Valerie Knuckles for a Saturday schedule please do so, the slots are filling up fast. This is a great place to spend a few hrs. with your interns and go shopping at the market!

Spring Plant Sale - DONE. Now to spend some time with you all at the other project sites! Enjoy the photos. We made ”LOTS AND LOTS”. The exact amount will be announced at the June meeting when all expenses are finalized. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard at such a busy time!

Photos from Fountain Lake Greenhouse showing preparation for plant sale. Photos by Nelson & Kay Ford.
COURT HOUSE/POLICE MEMORIAL

Thursday, April 11th, the Court Houses/Police Memorial Crew met to pull pansies and weeds to prepare for the spring and summer color. Several bags of pulled up pansies were given to people that work at the courthouse and others that were visiting. There were still a lot left over and they were blooming their little heads off! So they continue to make others happy.

We had 9 fabulous workers who showed up in spite of the cold temperatures, overcast skies, and wet flower beds due to the heavy rain 12 hours earlier. These members were so appreciated and did such a GREAT job removing color and planting the lantana and impatiens. Thank you Kay Holland, Sue Hale, Linda Doherty, Barbara Donathan, Barb Smith, James Moore, Jeff Finney, Kay Skoog, and Michael Carr. All your efforts were so appreciated and make a difference in front of these buildings. HAPPY SPRING Michael and Kay

CITY GREENHOUSE COMMITTEE

The Greenhouse Committee met to help the City employees with several things at the greenhouse. Some of us transplanted Prestige Scarlet Celestia, Amaranthus Illumination and Zinnias and propagated coleus that will soon be planted around the city. Others were busy mulching the hanging baskets that will be hung downtown about May 7th. Then as usual, there were weeds to pull. Thanks to the wonderful committee members who were willing to come out and help on a cool rainy day. Lin and Michael

Back: Ross Sedler, Sue Tanner, Laura Young, Becky Pauelczak, Barbara Donathan, Mary Ann Schnipper, Sallye Waddell, Lin Johnson, Henryette Martin, Janie Turner, Barbara Smith. Front: Sue Hale, Heidi Haskins, Kay Shearer and Don Turner.
YOUTH GARDENING COMMITTEES

FOUNTAIN LAKE SCHOOL

On Friday, April 21, Garvan Gardens was host to five classes of Fountain Lake third graders and some of their parents. Led by Marilyn Olson, Yvonne Becker, Claudette Cooper, Carolyn Sinderson and Rita Monsen, they were also accompanied by Master Gardeners Linda Hermani, Madalyn Harris, and Sue Tanner. The children seemed to enjoy the gardens and the visit to the chapel very much, but were especially thrilled by the Children’s Garden playground, the koi pond, the peacocks, and the train garden.

Photos by Madalyn Harris

OUACHITA CHILDREN’S CENTER

Garland County Master Gardeners began bed preparation for summer planting at the Ouachita Children’s Center, where they maintain both the flower bed and entrance to the beautiful historic building.

Picture l.f. to rt. Jan Hodges, Shirley Williams, Becky Pawelczak, and Laura Young.

Photo: Sarah Harris
LAKE HAMILTON SCHOOL

LAKE HAMILTON SCHOOL GREENHOUSE

A hard working group of Master Gardeners met at the Lake Hamilton School Greenhouse to prepare plants for the Spring Plant Sale.

Photographer: Sue Finley


Garden Therapy at The Caring Place

On Wednesday, April 17th, our committee led the seniors in preparing flower pots for planting impatiens in May. We decoupaged colorful napkin fragments onto the pots with Modge Podge glue. Everyone enjoyed themselves. The pots turned out to be very beautiful.

Rita Monsen
Garden Therapy, Chairperson
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity did not have any activity during the month of April. Stay tuned for when the next house is ready for landscape.

Thank you for your support.

Gene Lichliter, Chairman
Evelyn Worsham Assistant

COMMO SQUARE COMMITTEE

The threat of bad weather did not deter 6 hardy Master Gardeners from their jobs at COMO Square on Tuesday, April 8. We weeded and pulled pansies in order to get ready for spring planting and mulching for the next Tuesday. This committee, consisting of Laura Young, Rosemary Hany, Sue Bristow, Shirley Williams, Sunshine Spielvogle, and Mary Ann Schnipper, worked hard to make our little corner on Central Avenue look better.
TRIANGLE/FARMERS MARKET/GREENHOUSE COMMITTEE

These Master Gardeners made quick work of clearing out the old plants and replanting the central beds at Malvern and Grand. We will continue to clean and re-plant the other beds next month when the flowers at the greenhouse are bigger. We planted fountain grass and yellow lantana around the statue, and nicotiana and coleus in the beds around the circle. When that was finished and the area was cleaned up, we moved on to weed the Farmer’s Market beds. We will also change out the flowers there next month. Thanks to our wonderful committee members for all their hard work. If you would like to join us, we work the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Lin, Michael and Gene

Cards sent this month to those who were sick, recovering from surgery, or were in the hospital.

Charlotte Anthony  Ruth Siebels
Roger Giddings    Chappy Harper
Anna Sue McCoy
FALL PLANT SALE

The MG location at the fairgrounds Arts and Craft Fair has been paid for, and we are looking forward to another fabulous sale. The Fair will be held the first full weekend in October.

Further information will be provided as the time gets closer.

Hilde Simmons, Chair

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion as to where information is to be sent. If you are sending in a COMMITTEE ARTICLE AND PHOTO OF YOUR COMMITTEE – send to Rita Monsen at monsenr@ipa.net. Photos must be sent as a separate attachment in jpeg format for the newspaper to accept. You will send announcements for NL information page to Rita. Information regarding Stump the Experts and Hunt and Find are listed in the newsletter.

If anyone is sending a “special or feature article (not relating to our committees) and/or photos that do not accompany committee reports, these are sent to Patty Stranahan @ biopatty@comcast.net.

If you have any questions regarding this, contact Carolyn Davis @ cjd945@sbcglobal.net.

The Newsletter Committee

GOLD STAR to Como Committee– 1st article submitted for NL

SILVER STAR to GEMS – 2nd article submitted for NL

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