NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Never a month goes by that I am not amazed at all of the activities that are accomplished by members of our group. In addition to doing the gardening tasks on 32 different projects, so many of you made our participation at the County Fair a tremendous success. Mary Tom Taylor, Judy Preuitt and all who helped out deserve our admiration and appreciation for a job well done. On the immediate horizon is P*N*G (formerly Leadership) Conference all day on Monday, September 23 and finishing Tuesday morning September 24 at the Clarion Hotel here in HS. GCMG will have 19 in attendance. Close behind is MG Appreciation Day at GWG on Tuesday, September 24. Then, don't forget our Fall Plant Sale on October 4, 5, and 6 at the GC Fairgrounds. Thank you all for your exceptional volunteer service. Once again, I encourage you to please note all the upcoming events annotated in this newsletter and participate and enjoy all you can. See you around the garden.

Ken

Halloween became widely practiced in the United States during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Traditions included the carving of pumpkins into Jack-o’-lanterns, going door-to-doordisguising or trick-or-treating in costume. Many superstitions about the holiday continue to this day. Coming in a close second to Christmas in terms of recognition and spending, Halloween is a major commercial holiday in the United States today. People spend well-over 2.5 billion dollars every year on candy, costumes, and decorations for the holiday annually - See more at: http://historyofhalloween.net/page1.html#sthash.NeMt3S5s.dpuf
Wow!!! What a busy September. Dividing my time between the horticulture building and 4-H events kept me hopping at the county fair this year. It makes me very thankful for such a wonderful and dependable group of Master Gardeners we have in Garland County. My thanks go out to all who worked to keep things running smoothly on those hot long days at the fair in the horticulture building, as well as those who worked the entire week before the fair. Committee chairpersons Mary Tom and Judy did a great job. I attended my first Master Gardener County 76 leadership conference held here in Hot Springs, and enjoyed it very much. Meeting Master Gardeners from around the state and sharing ideas on how to make our organization grow and more enjoyable made for a fun two days. The weather was perfect for Master Gardener day recently held at Garvan Gardens making it hard to find a parking place. I haven't heard exactly how many attended, but there was a large group to be sure. Fall is here and with our busy schedules, the end of the year will be along before we know it. So take a minute and if there is someone you know who needs a Master Gardener application now would be a perfect time to make sure they get one.

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STUMP THE EXPERTS

Photo 1 – Picture of flowers that were in florist window – states vivid color, Submitted by Charlotte Anthony
Answer #1: We don't have any reference to size, but they look like artichokes. Yvonne

Answer #2: These are flowers of the artichoke. We eat them before they open. The flower is a purple like thistle. Here they look like they got spray painted. Heidi

Answer #3: I don’t recognize this. Ruth

PHOTO #2 Wooly leaf – prefers shade. Submitted by Charlotte Anthony

Answer #1: Rex begonias – Yvonne

Answer #2: is a Begonia don't know exact name. Heidi

Answer #3: This is a Rex begonia. It may be ‘Ring of Fire’ though the red is not as red as Ring of Fire. That may be due to light conditions. Ruth
PHOTO #3: Wooly mountain wildflower Yellow flower has fuzzy white bracts Kin to a sunflower

Answer #1: I'm stumped - hard to guess without a size reference or time of bloom. Are they growing in a gallon pot?? Yvonne

Answer #2: Edelweiss grows high in the Alps above the tree line out on hard to reach ledges. Many have lost there lives trying to collect them. Is not in the sunflower family. Heidi

Answer #3: I felt that I may have seen this before but could find nothing in any of my books to identify it. Ruth

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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 cjd945@sbcglobal.net – subject “STE”
“Hunt and Find”

September NL WINNER
Valerie Knuckles

Our NEW object for September

(this is NOT the pumpkin on page 1)

I DID MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE!!!!

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

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO YOUR 2013 ROSTER

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FT. LAKE GREENHOUSE REMINDER

we are not taking ANYTHING to the FL/GH at this time.

We have not heard from the school regarding their schedule for taking the GH down and re-building a much smaller greenhouse.

At this time I am taking the approach that we will NOT HAVE the GH for the Spring Plant Sale and will have to go with plants that come from all MG's like we do with the Fall Plant SALE.

I will keep everyone up-to-date as I hear from the school.

thanks  Diane Daniel
GARLAND COUNTY FAIR

Another Garland County Fair is complete and it was a great year. We had 12 interesting exhibits, over 400 competition entries and more than 3500 visitors to the building. A huge thank you goes out to the volunteers who set up, manned the building and cleaned up, to those who entered plants and farm products in the competition and to those who created such interesting scarecrows.

Two of our GCMG were Best of Show winners. Janice Boyes won best plant for her table fern and Lin Johnson won best cut flower for her dahlia. Our scarecrow winners were Laura Young and Becky Pawelczak for "Pearcy the Hunter".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FALL SOCIAL

OCTOBER 12, 2013

DE SOTO CLUB – HSV

4:30 p.m.

Menu – Mexican Food

If you did not sign up at our September meeting and plan to attend, you MUST RSVP to Gaye Harper at cakelady@cablelynx.com no later than Monday - October 7th. There is no charge for members, but if you bring a guest you must pay in advance - $10 per guest.

It was voted at our last meeting, if you sign up to attend a social but decide not to come, you must cancel 3 days prior to the event or you WILL BE CHARGED $10 (our cost). The club cannot continue to pay for members who sign up and don’t show up. (At our last Social we had 20 members who signed up, but did not attend or cancel and the Club had to pay an additional $200. This will no longer be permitted).

Thanks for your cooperation.

The Hospitality Committee
Happy Birthday Wishes to our October GCMG – from “the gang”

Patty Stranahan Oct. 2nd
Lynn Harris Oct. 3rd
Mary Tom Taylor Oct. 3rd
Don Turner Oct. 3rd
Betty Bibb Oct. 5th
Linda Hodges Oct. 6th
Kay Caldwell Oct. 7th
Larry Averill Oct. 9th
Karin Grisham Oct. 9th
Don Loveday Oct. 9th
Gina Eidson Oct. 10th
Elizabeth McAnally Oct. 10th
Dolores Quade Oct. 11th

Marvin Burt Oct. 17th
Leslie Goff Oct. 17th
Debra Atchison Oct. 18th
Judy Fields Oct. 20th
Carolyn Harris Oct. 24th
Linda Davis Oct. 24th
Marilyn Olson Oct. 25th
Julie Dickson Oct. 27th
Joyce Field Oct. 27th
Cathy Slaton Oct. 28th
Anna McCoy Oct. 31st
Judy Preuitt Oct. 31st
ENTERGY PARK
The Entergy Park Committee met on the 1st Wednesday in September. Yes it is September already, and we performed the typical garden functions for this time of year – weeding and generally tidying up flower beds. Because of limiting factors, some beyond our control, our main focus during the year is the flower beds at the rear of the park. However, at this get together, we were able to devote much needed time to the park entrance. We cleaned and filled many bags of weeds and grass. Unfortunately bamboo has started to invade the area in front of the entrance sign. Hopefully the Parks Department will have a spray to control (aka kill) this invasive grass.

Because of the Labor Day Holiday week, I was expecting a turnout of four maybe five tops. What a pleasant surprise when we had a crew of eight, and a hard working crew at that.

Those present were (from the left) Sallye Waddell, Mary Ann Schnipper, Paula Wallace, Jeff Finney, Michael Carr, Jan Hodges, James Moore Jr., and not shown the photographer Wayne Patterson.

Wayne Patterson
Committee co-chair

EXTENSION OFFICE
The following individuals finally completed the watering system at the Extension Office. Special thanks to Bill Staton (not pictured) for his expertise and knowledge in the installment of the system. The individuals listed also performed minor maintenance work at the office such as pulling weeds, raking leaves and spraying some of the shrubbery for scales. Again, thanks to: Jim Moore, Twila Brown, Jan Hodges, Greg Watts, Jeff Finney, Ross Sedler, and James Moore, Jr.
FARMERS MARKET/TRIANGLE

The Triangle and Farmers Market Committee met for the September weeding and trimming session. Darrel was there to spray nut grass and ants. Thanks goes to Sallye Waddle, Kay Skoog, Paula Wallace, Mary Ann Schnipper, and Michael Carr (aka) The Magnificent 5 for taking care of business even when Lin was not there. The maintenance of the beds have been taken care of all summer and look really good. Thanks to all the efforts of the committee for the previous months. Next month will bring a change when the fall and winter flowers will be planted. Everyone is invited to join us as more hands will be welcomed and appreciated.

Lin and Michael

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The next house will be ready for landscaping in late October. You will be notified of the date, time and place by email. If you do not have email we will call you by phone.

Thank you for your support.

Gene Lichliter, Chairman
Evelyn Worsham, Assistant
THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This September 26th will mark the 8th Brown Bag Lunch Program the committee has held this year. The Garland County MG Gardening Expo was a collection of over 18 booths, each with demonstrations, handouts and MG’s available to answer questions and offer information. This September program wraps up another very successful Brown Bag Season at the library. Thanks to Everyone who assisted in making this program a BIG SUCCESS again!

Diane Daniel -chairman
Ann Flueckiger -co-chairman

HOT SPRINGS YARD OF THE MONTH

Terri and Robert Morphew have taken a small lot and transformed it into a wonderful garden using potted plants. Robert brought back the Mexican pots from Laredo, Texas and Terri has added palms, banana trees, and pineapple plants to create a lovely tropical feel to this small hillside lot. The stamped concrete driveway was done by Robert in his spare time and at the end of it, they have added a gazebo with a fire pit and a seating group for entertaining. The yard is terraced, and from the upper level you can access the pool by a water slide. The pool area is decorated with Mexican pottery and planted with impatiens, moss roses, angel wing begonias and added a decorative mask on the large tree shading the yard. The side yard is planted with canna, moon flowers, elephant ears, pampas grass, marigolds, and also has several bird baths. The front porch is decorated with a fall theme of scarecrows, mums, pumpkins and straw bales. The hanging fern and tropical plants will be stored indoors this winter from the cold weather. Terri and Robert have inspired several of their neighbors to landscape their own yards. The Morphews live at 209 Ramble Street

Shown in photo are home owners Robert and Terri Morphew and Gaye Harper, Master Gardener.

Photo by Carolyn Davis
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – HS

The Garland County Master Gardeners choice for the Business Yard of the Month was The Spring Street Inn located at 522 Spring Street. This home was built in 1889 and was a single family home until August Ericson purchased it in 1997. He began work on the landscaping and house and opened it as a bed and breakfast in 1999. The inn features 4 private guest rooms in the main house, and 2 private guest rooms in the carriage house. This unique location is in the historic downtown/bathhouse row area with views of north Mountain and has hiking trails that begin from their front gate.

The owner, August, has had a hand in the landscaping from the beginning. He has built the stacked stone terraced beds and planted several trees and shrubs. Most of the gardenia shrubs have been propagated from the original ones and planted around the property. The 3 acres surrounding the Inn feature two small ponds with fountains and koi fish, and a gazebo with a seating area that is tucked behind a stone wall and fountain grass. The cherry trees, large magnolias, crape myrtles, Bradford pear and Japanese maples shade the home and yard. The mums, roses, tulips, varigated liriope, loropetalum, jasmine, nandina, and grape vines add seasonal interest and color.

COURTHOUSE/POLICE MEMORIAL

On a really warm Thursday, September 12th, ten members showed up to weed, sweep, and cut the lantana, impatiens, and lillies. This will be the last month for the spring and summer flowers at the Court Houses and Police Memorial beds. Next month, October, will bring the planting of the pansies for fall and winter. Hopefully the weather will be a bit more comfortable. Thanks goes to: James Moore, Jr., Michael Carr, Mary Ann Schnipper, Jeff Finney, Wayne Patterson, Anne Fulbright, Barbara Smith, Shelly Sims, Kay Skoog, and Kay Holland for being there and doing a great job. Your work and attitudes are all so appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10th, everyone is invited. Michael and Kay
HSV YARD OF THE MONTH

John and Marilyn Willms at 10 Esplandar Lane are the September winners of the Yard of Month presented by the Garland County Master Gardeners.

Beginning with the cheery stacked mosaic pot planter containing blanket petunias and Mexican heather sitting next to the mailbox on the street and continuing down to the winding backyard paths leading to Lake Cortez, the Willms gardens are a true labor of love. Seven years ago Marilyn and John began transforming the yard, and under a high shade canopy, the front garden was created by filling “valleys” in the ground with topsoil and free compost. Marilyn then transplanted several beloved hostas from her previous Village home to the newly created areas. After getting that good start, the Willms added Japanese maples, hydrangeas, astilbe, and varieties of ferns, ginger, camellias, pieris, Solomon’s seal, and shade coleus to this serene front yard garden.

Making a welcome entry their home, the perimeter beds are planted with azaleas, sun impatiens, vinca minor, orange crossandra, yellow and variegated oregano, creeping Jenny and periwinkle. Along the side of the house, a patio area bursts with color from potted plants, including tall, yellowish-red amaranth and brilliant yellow esperanza contrasting with a small succulent dish garden. Red firebush plants flank either side of this patio area.

The bedding and potted plants on the side yard lead down the gravel path to the back gardens that overlook Lake Cortez. In this side area are sweet potato vines, purplish-pink globe amaranth, diamond frost euphorbia, and ruellia along with orange profusion zinnias that provide an eye catching touch.

The shade filled back gardens have winding gravel paths leading down to the boat dock. Potted and bedded plants abound in the back garden areas. There are ferns, azaleas, shamrocks, begonias, zinnias, caladiums, vinca, party time and 4 o’clocks planted in the back perimeter beds. A porcelain vine with its pink, blue and green berries climbs on one side of the stairs leading to the back deck with a Black-eyed Susan vine climbing on the opposite side. A spiraled star jasmine plant and red mandevilla compete for attention along the upper path. Some of the plants in the garden areas include crossandra, Althea bushes, petunias, hostas, hydrangeas, ferns, and ivy. Additionally, spinach vine, coleus, and Mona lavender complete for attention with “Celeste”, the chicken shaped topiary that stands guard over the moss garden growing in the lower backyard bed. There is an added touch of whimsy in the old boots used for planters that climb up the side of one of the trees.

Pictured in the photo are the home owners, John and Marilyn Wilms, and Kristin from Garvan Gardens.
SOUTHERN INSPIRATION GARDEN

A half dozen workdays at Garvan Woodland Gardens have resulted in significant progress on the site of the new garden within Garvan, which is the combined efforts of 20 gardening organizations and a number of contributing individuals. The garden now has a name: The Southern Inspiration Garden. After a break during the hottest days of summer, construction recommenced in August. Initially, the focus was on finishing the irrigation/sprinkler system. Then in September, the volunteers started work again, by filling in the trenching for the underground drainage. The next step was to add more planting soil to the beds.

Vines that had intertwined themselves in the boxwoods were removed and treated. Handling of the vines was a most delicate process as poison ivy was among the invading vines. A couple of trees got some minor pruning, sand was added to the cracks of the brick walkways and the footings were installed for the entry trellis.

Additional donations by individuals of plant collections have been made, and several commitments toward the funding for benches and plant markers have also been made. These contributions are most appreciated, and will mean a more lovely garden.

By Sharon Dent

Layout of Garden – showing completion to date
Photo by Carolyn Davis

Work Day
Chappy Harper & Roger Giddings in yellow shirts
Photo by Carolyn Davis
GEMS

GEMS met late August to upgrade Japanese maples from 4" pots to 1 gallon containers. It was a pleasant morning in the shade of the nursery area and we repotted over 750 trees - they were happy to stretch out. These trees will be ready for sale in several years at the garden shop. We also have 2 new sprinkler experts, they worked with the horticulture crew and learned how to clean and fix the heads. A picture was not taken, so thanks to: Martha Dooley, Wayne Patterson, John Long, Jeff Finney, James Moore Jr., Ross Sedler, Lin Johnson, Caroline Suggs, Linda Doherty and Hilde Simmons.

September 17, we met to tidy up the Pavilion and the Train garden areas in anticipation of the Master Gardener Appreciation Day at the Garden.

Garden Therapy at The Caring Place

This month’s project at the Caring place was to decoupage boxes. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Rita Monsen, Chair
FALL PLANT SALE

Hi Master Gardeners,

As you know, newsletter submissions are submitted to the newsletter editors by the end of the previous month. So I can't tell you a thing about the fall sale other than to say by the time you read this, it is still ongoing OR OVER.

I hope it will be or will have been a rousing success.

Thank you all, who planted, dug, potted, watered, schlepped (it is a Yiddish word from the German word which means to drag or to haul), advertised, cleaned, priced, and sold all those plants. If I forgot one activity or two you "might could" have done, you know I meant to include it.

Just think of it, no more begging on my part. How refreshing.

Thank you all, Hilde Simmons

CITY GREENHOUSE

The City Greenhouse committee met to help work on plants that will be planted around the city. We had two groups working, and together we up-graded: silver mound artemisia, Texas laurel, lamb's ear, sage, lavender, Chinese pistachio, columbine, echinacea, daisies, and Carolina jasmine. We had a great time and finished all of these by 11. Thanks to our great crew. Lin & Michael

Front: left to right, Sue Tanner, Don Turner, Lin Johnson, Janie Turner, Shelly Sims, Barbara Smith

Back: Laura Young, Barbara Donathan, Michael Carr, Mary Ann Schnipper, Charlotte Anthony, not shown: Sallye Waddell.
HOT SPRINGS XERISCAPE

On one of the recent cool mornings, Dani Kew and I (Lindy Holmes) decided to pull a few weeds at the Hot Springs Xeriscape instead of doing our usual walk. You know how that goes, "I'll just work in the garden a few minutes" you tell yourself and finally quit an hour or two later. Dani and I planned to pull just the sticker weeds growing so happily in the garden, but soon we had the back of my SUV full of weeds!! While we were working Dani said someone had told her that Lowe's had chrysanthemums on sale for a dollar. Since we needed some fall color, we went to Lowe's and found we had missed the big sale, but they had a few yellow mums left that they were discounting to .25 cents each. We bought all they had. The saleslady, LuEllen, heard us talking about planting the mums in the garden and began looking around for other plants that were to be discounted that morning. She brought them to us and ask if we wanted them. We ended up with astibe, Final Touch Day Lily, yellow mums, Winston Churchill Aster, Tiny Padhye Asiatic Lily, a variegated grass and Bandana Lemon Zest Lantana. So, back to the garden to plant. Before we finished we had our first visitor, a beautiful yellow butterfly. That "few minutes pulling weeds' turned into a wonderful few hours.
HSV XERISCAPE

Dear Gardening Friends:

I'd like to "thank" all the people who attended Hot Springs Village Xeriscape "Mulch Day". We moved way more mulch than anticipated as you can see by the pictures. It was hot, we were sweaty and there were lots of breaks and water taken in. Know that you are ALL appreciated for your very hard work. A special "thanks" to Carmon Hayes for her tenacity in working to get the mulch from the POA -- that was a special job all in itself.

Sincere gratitude, Mary Ann Jarvis
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<td>Oct. 25-28 Fri.-Mon.</td>
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