For the first time in our Master Gardener history, we hosted an Advanced Training Class in Greene County, Oct. 21st, 2016. The topic we chose on Monarch Butterflies couldn’t have been more enticing. We had eighty two registered attendees from across the state; and with five speakers, two guests, and eight helpers; we filled the room with ninety seven!

Our speakers included Lori Spencer, Arkansas’s Butterfly Lady, a Master Gardener, book author, and Mt. Magazine Park Interpreter who presented Masters, Monarchs, and Our Metamorphosis

Jack Singleton, North Little Rock, a retired minister, 22 year Lifetime Master Gardener Member, and member of Monarch Watch introduced Visiting Monarchs in Mexico & When a Monarch Touches You;

Janet Carson, U of A-LR Horticulture Specialist and Master Gardener State Coordinator shared, Design Your Own Monarch Habitat using the Right Host & Nectar Plants.

Ruth Andre, Butterfly Enthusiast and grower of milkweed, Tilly, AR, presented Monarchs: Their Role in the Ecosystem. Our final speaker was Dr. Don Steinkraus, U of A-Fayetteville, Full Professor of Insect Anatomy; Apiculture; Biological Control; Scientific Photography; and General Entomology, who gave an enlightening and educational power point on Ecology of Monarchs and Milkweeds

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**Presidents Notes**

As the year end is quickly approaching, I want to take a moment to thank you to Joy Gatlin for her service as Secretary these last 3 years, and Ken Fletcher for serving as 2016 Treasurer. Your dedication has been amazing, and with the many challenges you’ve faced throughout this year you’ve continued to serve in spite of them. That is the sign of a true leader.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as President for another year. I will continue to work to grow and promote our organization for the wonderful program it is. Thank you, Bonnie Hamilton for stepping up as Vice President, Holly Fletcher as Treasurer, and Libby Christie as Secretary.

2017 will be here before you know it. Let’s continue to look for ways to share, educate, and enhance Greene County Master Gardeners! See you at the Holiday Dinner!

Connie

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Respectfully submitted 11/15/16

Kenneth E. Fletcher, Treasurer

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**Events Calendar**

- **Nov. 29:** Holiday Dinner Potluck, GC Library Legacy Room, 6 pm
- **Jan. 10:** BBL. GC Library Legacy Room 12-1
- **Jan. 21-Feb. 18:** MG Training: Craighead County Extension Office, 8:30-4:30
- **Jan. 24:** MG Meeting, GC Library Legacy Room, 6pm
- **Feb. 1:** MG State Meeting
  Registration Begins

**Presidents Notes**

Helpers for ATC were Libby Christie, Nancy Rogers, Linda Glickert, Sue Gilmartin, Jean Crossno, Kathy Graber, Brenda Barr, and Donna Jones.

They stayed busy throughout the day registering members; keeping the refreshments going, serving lunch; distributing door prizes to lucky winners, emceeing; handing out plants and certificates at the end of the day; and cleaning up afterwards. Our helpers were an important component to making the day the success that it was! Thanks, helpers!

The highlight of the class was the tag and release of 15 live monarch butterflies Ruth Andre brought with her. Jack Singleton used them during his presentation to demonstrate how to tag a butterfly and attendees were thrilled to be able to participate in this.

At lunch, as the weather warmed up, everyone went outside to release the butterflies. That was the “aha ha” moment for sure, and everything we had been preparing for this last year had finally come full circle.

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**Presidents Notes**

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Minutes of October 25, 2016

Greene County Master Gardener Minutes
Monthly meeting
October 25, 2016 at Greene County Library Legacy Room

Wanda Howerton and Patti Roberts provided refreshments, and Donna Jones provided a MG 28th anniversary cake.

Connie Whitman, president called the meeting to order and noted that this is the last official meeting of the year. With no additions or corrections to the September minutes and treasurer report printed in the newsletter, they will stand “as-read” and approved by the membership.

A follow up on the Advanced Training Class was provided by members that attended. Compliments were made on the food, facility, project boards and the layout for the breaks and lunch. The enthusiasm that the speakers projected was also noted by another attendee.

Patti Roberts reported a recap on the ATC offerings and the benefits of using the thumb drives that Dusty Kennemore provided for use on taking training on the Monarch and other pollinators back to their county. Color handouts were provided, as well as a color cover for the book.

The butterfly tag and release was very popular and exciting. Jack Singleton issued a “Masters for Monarchs” challenge to the counties. Helpers to the ATC were acknowledged and thanked.

An Arkansas Master Gardener’s Week Proclamation was signed by Mayor Mike Gaskill and Judge Rusty McMillon. A celebration was included at Centennial Park during the Tree Sale. Cup cakes were given away and a group picture was made. $147.50 was made from the sale. This amount was considered a good amount since there was little business downtown that day. Cora Flanery encouraged that going forward, members be responsible for the plants they donate. If they leave before the sale is over, and their plants don’t sell, they need to return to pick them up afterwards or make arrangements to disperse of them. Holly Fletcher will over-winter the gingko trees that did not sell. Crepe myrtles should over-winter well per Cora. Carolyn Palmer stated she also has wandering Jew left from the Spring Plant Sale that needs to find a winter home too.

Linda Glickert booked the Harvest Fall Craft booth. She is requesting help in assembling more wreaths for the craft fair. Paulettta Tobey helped with assembling 6 – 8 wreaths and 4 containers last week. Linda is requesting additional yellow flowers, preferable goldenrod. She still has lots of dry materials and containers. Cora Flannery and Paulettta Tobey are working on pine cone wreaths. Sue Gilmartin has bird houses that she will bring to the craft fair. Marilyn White will try to bring gourds (if she can find them). Paulettta Tobey has made some bonsai trees out of some of the left on gingko trees.

Holly Fletcher reminded everyone that all items purchased must be paid for at the end of the day. There can be no IOU’s. The community center will pass out tax packets during the fair and all sales tax will have to be paid by the end of the day. A member asked about Richard Yeazel and if he might donate any items. Carolyn Palmer updated the membership that Richard was busy helping kids get animals ready for showing at State. He may not have time to work on any items for the craft show.

Linda Glickert updated the membership on the November BBL speaker, Jason Wolfenberger. He is the manager of the Greene County landfill and will be discussing the process of dealing with yard waste. Linda emailed Sherrie Smith about a Pest Control BBL and has a locked in date of April 11th. Sherrie works at the Disease Diagnostic Lab. Linda has also talked about a BBL on water conservation by Katie Teague, Washington County Extension Specialist. There is an additional opportunity for a workshop creating and using rain barrels. Libby Christie is gathering barrels to use for the workshop planned for the spring.

Patti Roberts announced a workday for the Greene County Courthouse on Thursday, November 3rd at 10:00 am. Be sure to post hours for education and service by next month. Patti also announced that the link to post hours on the web page has moved to the center of the page from the side bar.

Office nominations by the Nominating Committee were presented and accepted by the membership. The officers for 2017 are: President: Connie Whitman, Vice President: }

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Project Updates

Rainbow Garden: Joy Gatlin & Eric Alexander Chairs: The Rainbow Garden is just resting up for the winter time. The lantana has bloomed so beautifully all summer and is ready to be laid by for now. The other tiers are looking good with Eric’s good pruning and trimming.


Centennial Park: Bonnie Hamilton & Marilyn White Chairs: No report.

East Sign: Paulett Tobey & Dr. James Laird Chairs: Sweet potato vines still look good. Planting pansies and mulching in near future. A workday will be called. Watering about every week.

Main Street Caboose: Tacie Huffman & Jean Crossno: No report.

Brown Bag Lunch
November 8th

Jason Wolfenberger, Executive Director of NEA solid waste management district, spoke to us about gardeners Yard Waste - from Curbside to Landfill. He welcomed questions and we had plenty! He was extremely knowledgeable and entertaining. We even had two visitors who saw the announcement in the paper and came to hear him.

Linda

Greene Garden News

Historical Courthouse
Herb Garden: Donna Jones & Holly Fletcher Chairs: Garden looks and smells good-rosemary, sage, and thyme. Thanks to whoever pulled the last of the petunias & lantana.

South Sign: Brenda Barr & Paulett Tobey Chairs: The roses and mums have been blooming great. The beds are ready for winter except for watering if the drought continues.

GC Fairgrounds: Connie Whitman & Joy Gatlin Chairs: Weeded the east and west side entrance beds.

Trellis Garden: Dr. Laird & Paulett Tobey Chairs: Is looking really good! Have cleaned, put cardboard down and mulched about 3/4. The American Legion is sharing information as they progress and should know something by next meeting. Watering about every week.

GE VI: Executive Board Chairs: Dusty Kennemore has been added as a speaker and will share information on Bats as pollinators.

GC Courthouse: Patti Roberts & Nancy Rogers Chairs: Met with Paul and spoke with Diane to set 2017 budget. Work day cleaned beds removed summer plantings. Planted urns with kale and pansies. Beds have mass planting of pansies at two corners. Knock Out and Ms. Drift roses trimmed. Beds and urns watered,


Airport: Kathy Graber & Tabitha McFadden Chairs: Looks good.

GC Library: Ann Bowers & Brenda Carr Chairs: Hostas and Bermuda grass removed from the driveway bed & added a butterfly bush; relocated a azaleas to a corner of the crepe myrtles bed.

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Thanks for donating door prizes for the Advanced Training Class: Donna Jones, Butterfly Book; Cora Flanery, Butterfly Necklace; and Tabitha McFadden, Monarch Stepping Stone.

The Forgotten Side Trip Made Oct 10 by the Four Amigos

While on our way home, Cora suggested a stop at a shop in Jasper nestled in the Ozarks outside of Harrison. She said it was interesting and that we would enjoy the shopping. One the main selling items is homemade soap. So off Linda set off down the mountain road, and down and down we went. We eventually arrived in the town of Jasper: population 498 (during off season of Elk hunting.) In fact the town is a step back in time. Small shops, stone buildings, interesting little

Committee Comments

Sunshine: Joy Gatlin, Lead, & Cora Flanery: We continue to send our birthday, get well and sympathy cards to our members and others who are in need.

Advanced Training: All expenses have been paid and ATC 2016 is a wrap!

Scrapbook: Carolyn Palmer, Lead: Work continues on the scrapbook. Hope to have it available at the Jan. meeting.

If you have pictures or other materials we can use please bring them to the Nov. meeting.

Plant Markers: Martha Chiles, Lead: Need Plant Lists.

Membership: Connie Whitman, Lead. “Recruit, Retain, Recognize” Need MG applications for new members.

Publicity: Paulett Tobey, Lead: No report.

Hours Management: Patti Roberts, Lead: Dec. 31 is the last day to post hours for 2016. Please have them posted well in advance. This will be helpful for LR year-end reports. The holidays are fast approaching and posting your hours now will free up your time to enjoy them. See you all at the holiday pot luck dinner 6 p.m. 29 Nov.

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Emma’s Museum of Junk is a capsule of time within itself. The Emporium (I like that better than the Junk Shop), has something for everyone. Even if someone does not need something, it is something that your grandmother had in her house so someone is bound to want that something!

Paulett found a bright red bird cage. Cora purchased more homemade soap, and Linda and I both purchased soap as well. As we were leaving I found an

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African Violet Society of America

While the three years and over were involved with the Advanced Class on Friday, Tacie Huffman and Pauletta Tobey took an educational trip to North Little Rock to see the first ever African Violet Show in Arkansas.

A trip worthwhile, we learned a lot about African Violets and other Gesneriads and got to see some of the top award winning violets! What a show.

Also got to purchase babies and supplies which were going fast! Always, on a trip to Little Rock, if we have time we stop off at a nursery in Bald Knob. It has beautiful plants and hardscapes. We purchased an African violet there. She thought it was funny that we had just come from a show and bought a violet from her. It goes to show, a plant can be desired no matter where you find it!

Pauletta Tobey

October 10 Master Gardener Day at Botanical Garden of the Ozarks was well organized with venders that sold garden art, native plants, handmade ink

Pens, goats to rent to eat your poison ivy, handmade craft, and other garden theme items.

Entering the gardens you could pick up your butterfly shirt if you had ordered one and a map of the gardens and the different activities planned for the day. On the way to my favorite part of the garden there was a sensory garden all plants with bright colors and wonderful smells. There were so many monarch butterflies they could not be counted. At the back of the garden is the butterfly house. We saw monarch caterpillars, chrysalis, monarchs, and many different butterflies. I have visited butterfly houses but none to compare to this one that had the different stages of the butterfly.

Cora enjoyed the chicken garden and all things chicken. Linda was able to get flowers from the garden for her craft projects for the fall craft sale. Pauletta was nowhere to be found. She was deep in the garden with some of the other MGs that came from all over the state.

Lunch was catered by Atlanta Bread. Everyone enjoyed their pre-ordered lunches. Then back for more garden adventures.

Pauletta drove us back in the dark and chose a nice restaurant overlooking Norfork Lake where she comes to scuba dive during the summer. What a wonderful trip and Janet Carson can really plan a Master Gardener Appreciation Day. Hopefully more Greene County MGs will go next year.

Patti Roberts
Greene County Monarchs & Other Butterflies

(L-R) Jean Crossno, Marilyn White, Wanda Howerton, Bo Rogers, & Weldon Roberts, October 29th

ATC Speaker Janet Carson & Dusty Kennemore

(L-R) Linda Glickert, Donna & David Jones, Oct. 29th

Marilyn White putting on the Ritz at ATC

Dave Freeze enjoying the cookout October 29th

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