Master Gardener Fundraisers

Mums for Sale

By Teresa Slack

Colors available are: Bronze, Orange, Red, White and Yellow

10-inch pots are $13 each
14-inch pots are $18 each

We will be taking orders at our September meeting. You must pre-pay for your order.

You will be able to pick up your mums on Friday, October 2nd, at the Gateway Farmers Market, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

100% of the proceeds will go to the Miller County Master Gardeners.

Farmers’ Market Tees

The Miller County Master Gardeners voted at our last meeting to sell tee-shirts at the Gateway Farmers’ Market in the spring. We are looking for a great design that would publicize our market. We want the design to be one color to put on the front of a solid color shirt.

Please bring your designs to our monthly meeting in September. If your design is chosen, you will receive a free tee-shirt.

Sanctioned Projects and Education

Bring your design for a tee-shirt to sell to the Sept. MG meeting.
If your design is chosen, you will receive a free t-shirt.

By Alice McMillan

Many Provisionals and seasoned members are still lacking hours for Sanctioned Projects and Education. This is not a complete list but consider some of the following suggestions.

Please don’t forget to document your hours on line or give them to Andrea Thomas.

SANCTIONED HOURS:

1. MILLER CO. COURTHOUSE BEDS – Sue Briley will be planning regular work days the rest of the year and anyone is free to pull weeds in ANY BED on any day you wish. Wear
I am pleased to announce that fall is officially on the way!! We have had an incredibly wet spring and a very hot summer so I think everyone is looking forward to Labor Day and the fall months coming up….

And one thing that reminds me of fall is college football. I promise you that I bleed burnt orange (as in Hook ’em Horns)!! Ron and I try to make at least one game in Austin each year, and I am lucky enough to get to watch my Horns almost every weekend on TV. Here’s hoping we have a great season. (Hey, stranger things have happened.)

Even with the summer winding down, we Master Gardeners have a lot of projects coming up. You can read all about them in this newsletter.

Nothing says fall better than mums … and we are selling them as a fundraiser this year. I hope you will all take advantage of this opportunity and remember that 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Miller County Master Gardeners!

So as we look forward to cooler weather, keep in mind how vital the Miller County Master Gardeners are to the community that we serve. As I always say, there is something in Master Gardener for everyone. Just find your passion and jump right in!!

Happy Master Gardening!

Teresa Slack

Willene has ALREADY put in enough hours to meet our requirements for recertification for next year!

Way to go! This trainee/seedling from the 2014 class completed the hour requirements and is now a Certified Master Gardeners – and she is just now getting started!

Gayle with the birthday bird feeders for the August birthday folks. Jeanette McCarter (right) made the birthday presents.
EDUCATION IDEAS:

1. MASTER GARDENER DAY AT GARVEN GARDENS- Andrea Thomas says we can count every single hour we are in the garden but you cannot count travel time. There will be brief educational presentations as you walk through the gardens.

2. PLAN A FALL TRIP to either Garvan Gardens (if you miss the MG Day) or any other nearby Botanical Garden. Do some research and coming to the end of the season too. Their exciting news is that in mid-to-late September they will be building a greenhouse as part of their project. There will be two Friday and Saturday workdays. Watch your emails for more information or an announcement at the September general meeting. A workshop about greenhouses will also be presented. So many sanctioned and education hours will be available. Contact Debra Bolding (870-557-2352) for more information. They can use a lot of help in Nashville.

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Red Dirt Master Gardener Minutes

August 13, 2015

REA BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Miller County Red Dirt Master Gardeners was called to order by Teresa Slack, president, at 6:15 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the REA Building. A quorum was present. In the absence of Kathy Boyles, Teresa Slack acted as secretary.

The minutes of the July 9, 2015 were moved to accept, as printed, by Andrea Thomas. Seconded. Motion carried. The Treasurers’ report was discussed by Teresa Slack; with no discussion, they will be placed on file for audit.

Andrea Thomas reported, and gave further explanation of ON-LINE REPORTING. She mentioned that many MG’s have not turned in time for the year, and need to get their time turned in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gateway Farmers

Market, Pamela Rayburn reported that the Market is going well, workers, vendors, produce, & customers. Thank you Master Gardeners!

Miller County Court-house Beds, It was discussed that there is still lots of work to do, please work your beds, when you can. The beds need a lot of work.

Fund Raising Committee. The organization voted to sell mums in October and have a Silent Auction for our Christmas party…. Nancy Biggar agreed to plan the Silent Auction.

Church Community Garden—Lynn Willing-Bond notified us that there was a meeting on Saturday at St. Edwards Church at 9:00 if anyone needed any information about the garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gayle Renfro, Birthday Chairperson, presented the August birthday gifts. A special thanks to Jeanette McCarter for designing the gifts.

The Membership voted to have an informational table at the Four States Fair. Suzann Howell volunteered to set the table up and see it was taken care of.

We had a sign-up sheet for everyone to sign up to help with Kid’s Day at the Fair which is September 16 and 17.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the REA Building. Announcements are on your Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned for the program: “Container Gardening” by Cheryl Turner. She had an excellent Power Point showing beautiful containers, and had lots of tips on how to plant in anything…..

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Stack,
Acting Secretary
Advanced Master Gardeners classes are open to MGs who have been in good standing in their county program for at least 3 years (since 2012).

HOST: Cleburne Co. MG Program

WHEN: Sept. 29, 2015, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Quality Inn and Conference Center, 3450 Hwy. 25 B North, Heber Springs, AR

On-site rooms available at $69.95 per night. Mention MG Advanced Training when registering.

COST: $65 – includes training materials/lunch

MGs will learn the ancient process of creating PaperCrete products. They will participate in two hands-on sessions; making both Basic & Advanced PaperCrete planters. They will take home both molds and the two containers they made.

MGS will also learn how to create their own unique molds and forms for future PaperCrete projects. In addition, MGs will be introduced to the world of Succulents. They will learn about perennials and annuals, hardy and tender varieties, how to propagate and over winter succulents. They will also be shown how to create succulent Topiaries and will witness the creation of beautiful succulent and PaperCrete pottery arrangements.


For more information, contact Sandy Mills at sbmills@hughes.net (501-205-0372) or Darlene O’Connor at garden.naked@aol.com (808-927-3201).

The “Best Dressed Master Gardener”

By Martha Bean

The Basic Training Committee will present the “Best Dressed Master Gardener” apparel and order form at the September meeting. Orders (and payment) will be taken at the September 10th and October 8th meetings, as well as the Basic Master Gardener Training days in OCTOBER. No orders will be accepted WITHOUT CHECK or CASH.

The “official” Red Dirt Master Gardener shirts are Kelley green, and you are asked to wear this color for “official” Master Gardener activities. The “Green Shirt” identifies you at the Farmers’ Market – you will hear a lot of “ask that person in the Green Shirt.”

Due to the number of shirts required for screen printing, we “gang” the order with the “seedlings in the new 2015 Basic training Class. October 30th will be the last day to order apparel.

Thanks and will see you at the meeting!

Your lawns can have one last application of fertilizer until mid-month, then no more until next spring. If you want to use a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent winter weeds, now would be a good time to apply. Continue to mow and water as needed.