“GET THEM WHILE THEY’RE YOUNG”
Growing the Next Generation of Master Gardeners
by Joyce Mendenhall

By the time you receive this newsletter, Gail Pianalto and I will have already given our presentation to the Master Gardener Leadership Conference in Hot Springs so this is for those of you who did not get to attend. As you already know, Gail and I are both passionate about gardening and kids and getting kids outdoors, interested in nature and away from TV, video games and spending hours on a computer.

Did you know there is new endangered species that we should be concerned about? No it’s not a bird, bat, fish or plant. It happens to be children.

“Children are disappearing from the outdoors at a rate that would make them top any conservationist’s list of endangered species if they were any other member of the animal kingdom.” This quote by Tim Gill should make us all stop and think. We all need a healthy dose of Vitamin “N” i.e. “time spent in nature.”

As Master Gardeners we are already aware of the health benefits of gardening, but just having direct contact with nature in any form can benefit children and adults alike.

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Dawn Denton, teacher, author, business woman, landscape design artist and Benton County Master Gardener will speak and share her latest books at the October 1 WCMG meeting. She will sell and autograph her children’s garden books. Her most popular title is "Ruby and Rocket". It is about a brother and sister hummingbird pair with life lessons to share with you, your child and/or your grandchild.
MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS
General Business Meeting of September 3, 2013
Kitty Sanders for Patsy Louk, Secretary

PRESENT: 81

President Gloria McIntosh called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Motions were made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August Meeting as printed in the Garden Thyme. The minutes were approved as posted. Motions were made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Gloria reviewed the announcements which were available for viewing beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Master Gardener Birthday Celebration held October 14th: A bus has been reserved; bus cost is $40. The group will be leaving at 6 a.m. for Little Rock and will arrive in time for the 10 a.m. Southern Living Presentation. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the bus will leave for P. Allen Smith’s farm at 12:30. The bus will stop for dinner at Calico County and is scheduled to arrive in Fayetteville between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

BGO Announcements:
Butterfly Gardening Class, Sept. 5
Chefs in the Garden, Sept. 12. Tickets $45 for this great fall event at the Gardens.
Butterfly Days, September 19-20 and 26-27. Volunteers needed for both morning and afternoon sessions. E-mail Judy Smith jsmith@bgozarks.org
Free Fall Concert with 3 Penny Acre, September 24, 7 p.m.
Brent Heath of Brent and Becky Bulbs will hold three presentations/workshops the weekend of October 11-12.
Oct. 11 – 7:30; Oct. 12 – 9:30;
Oct. 13 – 12:30 workshop
The BGO office needs subs for the office. Contact Robin Selman or Judy Smith if you can take an office shift.

Master Gardener Leadership Conference, September 23-24, 2013: The conference will be held at The Clarion on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs. All active master gardeners and county agents are encouraged to attend as this conference is not limited to current or newly elected officers. The fee of $80 includes lunch and dinner on the 23rd, and breakfast on the 24th.

Master Gardener Day at Garvan Woodland Gardens (Hot Springs): It will be held September 24th from 10:30 – 6:00. Experts will be in the Garden until 2:00. All Master Gardeners get in free with nametag; guests may attend, but must pay admission. Lunch is available for $10. (Smoked turkey or pimento cheese, chips, and drink.) Need to let know by September 20th. The Splash of Glass display of Pine Bluff artist James Hayes will still be in the Garden.

Ask a Master Volunteers Needed: No experience is needed for this easy and fun way to earn hours in air conditioning.

Washington County Fair: Mary Crumley shared information about the showing at the Fair. There were 1500 entries this year, and Horticulture Division made the newspaper before the Livestock Division. The sales booth made $311. Mary recognized and thanked all who helped with this year’s county fair.

Recycle Project for Bikes, Blues, and Barbecue, September 16-22: Anyone wishing to help with this project should contact Mary Crumley. There will also be opportunities to work at the gate.

Seedlings from Forestry Commission: John Gilbreath has information regarding seedlings for those who want to order (March delivery).

NEW BUSINESS:
Gloria reminded the group of the process for selection of officers. After the nominating committee contacted people about their nominations, the slate of officers for 2014 was introduced at last month’s meeting. Gloria provided time for nominations from the floor; none were made. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Motion seconded. No discussion. The slate of officers was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

SANCTIONED PROJECT OPPORTUNITY REPORT - Arkansas Air and Military Museum: Glenda Patterson made a presentation about the project at the Arkansas Air and Military Museum on South School. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays and works 2 – 4 hours. There is much more to do than pull weeds. New beds have been developed, and the current project involves the creation of a bed with the outline of a plane to draw the attention of those traveling by.

Gloria shared information about the service for Beverly Melton who died August 6. Beverly was awarded her Life Membership in the weeks prior to her death.

At 7:01 p.m., the meeting was adjourned so that the panel for gardening questions could begin.

WCMG MEMBERSHIP DUES
We will begin collecting dues at the October WCMG Meeting.
Dues will again be
$15 if paid by Tuesday, December 3
or
$20 if paid after December 3

Washington County Master Gardeners
WHO’S WHO IN WCMGs

by Terry Smyers

Your name:  Peggy R. Ford

Place of Birth:  I was born August 12, 1936, at "Cook Place".  The farm house, my parents lived in while my father oversaw "Elmy Plantation", is ten miles south of Jonesville, Louisiana, on Highway 124.

Why and when you became a Master Gardener?  Gardening has always been a part of my life. In 2003, other work responsibilities cleared so that I applied for the 2004 class of Master Gardeners and was accepted.

What is your gardening style?  Casual. My goal is to have a variety of plants show up all season long.

My favorite plant: Azaleas. My azaleas are mostly old varieties that have come from established gardens in the area.

My favorite thing to do in the garden: Walk through my yard and find new plants that have survived my casual gardening techniques.

The best garden spot on earth:  My parents bought the "Best Gardening Spot on Earth" when I was about 3 months old. I became a “Farmer’s Daughter” in every sense of the word. You name it; we grew it, at some time, on the 286 acres we bought on the Black River, four miles south of Jonesville, LA. My earliest recollection of gardening is sitting at the end of the garden row sifting that rich soil through my hands as my parents gathered produce to be sold locally. As the farming operation grew, my dad directed his attention to southern crops and dairy cattle. My mother directed us in maintaining the "Best Gardening Spot on Earth" for our family consumption and for our faithful customers who bought our products. From this experience, my family was able to serve a community need and afford me a college education.

My father assured me, when I married Miller, an Arkansas native, that he was not going to haul that rich Louisiana soil up here for me to garden with. I would have to learn to garden Arkansas style. Fifty plus years later, I still have not mastered Arkansas gardening. I grew up on the "Best Gardening Spot on Earth" and still own it.

What do I always grow in my garden?  Plants that are from the Master Gardener Plant Exchange have a special place in my garden. They are planted near my back steps where I can care for them and enjoy them daily.

Something you learned in your own gardening experience that you would like to share:  Make a garden plan!

What piece of advice would you give a new gardener?  Start with a small project.

A gardening triumph I’ve had:  This year it is my tomato crop!

One word to describe my garden:  "Overgrown"

Do you have a dream garden in mind?  NO! Then a flock of birds swarm to our feeders and I know it is right here at 859 Peel St.

Have you visited a particularly memorable garden that you could say a few words about?  How about a couple of local ones?  I like the Peel House and Compton Gardens in Bentonville. I enjoyed both of them at the State MG meeting.

What is being a MG mean to you?  Meeting new people, renewing old friendships, learning new skills and enjoying volunteer experiences that are worthwhile.

FROM TERRY SMYERS:

Peggy was one of the first Master Gardeners I worked with and that happened to be at City Hospital. She was most welcoming and gracious with her experience and congeniality. That southern accent rang familiar to me; and I had to ask where she was from. As our conversation over work at City Hospital rambled, I learned that Peggy went to Block Elementary School, in Jonesville, LA, under the principal, Eldon Doughty. Mr. Doughty, a gentle and kind man was my brother’s father-in-law. It is, indeed, a small world we live in. Spending a good portion of my childhood in Louisiana, I know well that rich soil she loved, the thrill of a bank of azaleas in brilliant bloom, and that soft and comforting southern drawl of hers. Thank you, Peggy, for your friendship and "taking me back" to Louisiana!

Need a New Nametag?
Nametags will be ordered for the New WCMG Trainees (who have completed their hours) in November. If other WCMGs have a lost or damaged nametag, this is your chance to purchase a new one. Call 444-1755 or email jmendenhall@uaex.edu and let Joyce know if you want to order.

Magnetic is $10        Pin-on is $8.
These pictures were made at Peggy Ford’s Home garden in early August. Peggy’s neighbor, the Wilson Park Sitter, brought her group of summer students for a garden tour. There were interesting sights such as the rain barrel, flowers, herbs, and blackberries!
Washington County Master Gardeners
Treasurer’s Report
August 1 through August 31, 2013

Bank Balance 8/1/2013 $11,120.71
MG Balance $7113.58

Income
  Ask a MG 48.00
  T-Shirt 8.00
  Total Income 56.00

Expenses
  Bank Fee 5.00
  Memorial 25.00
  AR MG State Conf. 100.00
  County 76 25.00
  Newsletter 81.20
  Total Expenses 236.20
  MG Balance 6933.38

Designated Funds
  Jr MG 1512.84 – 165.87= 1346.97
  Compost 938.25
  Fair Improvement 761.25
  Fair Premium 794.79 + 170.00 – 190.00= 774.79
  West Fork Library Fund 218.00
  MG Funds 6933.38

Bank Account Balance 8/31/2013 $10,972.64

Washington County Extension Service holds $994.04 of WCMG funds and owe an additional $450.00 for Class of 2013 bringing total in account to $1444.04.

Prepared by Berta L. Seitz
9/11/2013

Arkansas Forestry Commission Seedlings
by John Gilbreath

Place your orders early to be sure you will get them.

Order for February Delivery
John has order sheets at 479-300-6200 or at the AR Forestry Commission Office
2752 N. Garland Avenue
Fayetteville, AR
11 varieties of Oak
2 varieties of Pine
9 varieties of other hardwood

Joyce Starr, Jody Miskell, Judie Branson, Glenda Patterson, Steven Skattebo, and Jason Millett (guest from Tri-Cycle Farms)

MASTER COMPOSTER PROJECT UPDATE
by Steven Skattebo

On September 14th, a group of Master Composters toured the City of Fayetteville’s compost facility. Recycling Attendant Jeff Brenaman and Nina Prater from Energy Corps served as guides on the walking tour, explaining the process of converting residential yard waste into mature compost, which is sold at a very reasonable price to Fayetteville residents. Also, keeping yard waste out of landfills frees up space and reduces the amount of harmful methane released into the atmosphere. Finally, of course, the compost is a wonderful soil conditioner for us.

It was an enjoyable and very educational experience!

Nina Prater (with future composter on her back) and Jeff Brenaman from Energy Corps, explaining the composting process.
2013 WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR
HORTICULTURE RESULTS
by Mary Crumley

The Washington County Fair Horticulture Building was a huge success this year. For this year we had 156 adults enter 774 items; and last year we only had 495 entries and 116 people. The youth had 760 entries with 165 people and last year 700 entries with 119 people. The total entries were 1534. Great year!!!! The Adult Field Crops entries were down and the Youth Flower Arrangements, Field Crops, and Entomology were down. But the other departments were up which helped our numbers go up.

These Master Gardeners entered plants this year: Mary Loftus, Cindy Lester, Pam Johnson, Joyce Mendenhall, Diane Standefer, Mary Crumley, Peggy Ford, Debbie Anderson, Lois Slusarek, Ginny Stamps, Delcina Cunico, Deloris Stamps, Susan Gardner, John Gilbreath, Cindy Lester, John Borbas, Jody Miskell, Calvin Bey, Jane Bryant, Jan Judy, Tom Cantrell, Nancy Luther, and Truman Stamps. There were 291 entries by Master Gardeners out of the 1534. We need to work harder next year on entering. PLEASE!!!!

There were two Grand Champions from Master Gardeners. Congratulations to Delcina Cunico in flower arrangements and Calvin Bey in horticulture.

There were some outstanding youth who won Grand Champions. Chloe Mabry, granddaughter of Dian Holmes, won for her potted plants and won the 4-H Award. Cade Cox, grandson of Mary Crumley, won for his Entomology collection plus he won the 4-H Award. Isabella Norsworth won in horticulture plus the 4-H Award and she is a member of the Jr. Master Gardener 4-H Club.

The sale table made a little over $300 which will fund our prize money for next year. Thanks to everyone who brought resale items this year. Remember to save for next year's table. We need gardening magazines, gardening books and anything that would help us raise money for next year.

We are redoing and adding several classes for 2014. So check next year’s catalog or go on to www.mywashingtoncountyfair.com later in the year and check classes.

Now for the big thing, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED AND MADE THE 2013 HORTICULTURE BUILDING A BIG SUCCESS. We could never have done all the work without the help of the Master Gardeners. Thanks to Sunny Hinshaw, Ginny Stamps, Debbie Anderson, and Jody Miskell for helping the 4-H youth in the petting zoo. There were several who helped man the Farm Bureau Booth. Thank you for your extra help.

Master Gardeners also helped with the Bikes, Blues and BBQ. Master Gardeners make a big difference in our community but makes a big difference at the Washington County Fair Projects. THANK YOU,
Mary Crumley

ASK A MASTER PHONE LIST
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Please call Joyce Mendenhall at 444-1755 for Changes or Additions

ASK A MASTER PROJECT
Master Gardeners
PLEASE note all the open times for the month of October
Final Month for this project for 2013
We need your help!
Ask a Master is a very important part of the Master Gardener program. Having Master Gardeners available in the office to help answer the horticulture questions is a huge help. Please consider signing up for one of the ten two-hour shifts each week (10 a.m. – 12n and 1-3 p.m.)
Call Joyce 444-1755 or email her at jmendenhall@uaex.edu to schedule a time.
This project runs from March 1, through October 31.

Wash. Co. Fair Pictures on Pages 8 & 11
THE BULB DOCTOR
by John Gilbreath

Page 3 - Planting

Planting bulbous plants in our area is quite easy. You should have ordered your spring blooming bulbs by now; if not do so soon. Your fall bloomers should be in the ground as you read this. I checked today and most of the nurseries have their spring bulbs in stock now; get them fresh and don’t wait for the Box stores to get them in the spring. You can plant bulbs ANYTIME the ground is not frozen. I would store the bulbs in the crisper of the refrigerator until mid to late October. If they were pre-cooled, they will flower now thinking it is spring. You can transplant or thin others today and replant.

Most planting depth charts are wrong for here (they are made for Iowa) and “X” times the size of the bulb is also wrong. I can see a need for a bulb depth chart for Zone 6a & b. If you keep reminding me, I will make one. Until then, if you are unsure of the depth, please call me. I grow Zone 3 thru Zone 8 bulbs right here with very few problems.

ALL bulbous plants must have a well-drained location to survive fungus. Never put fertilizer or the like in the holes or trenches with the bulbs. Lightly press the soil down around them and water them in good and walk away. I provide top fertilizer in the spring (about March 15) and in the fall (about October 15). I hand mix mine as no one makes a good one and it has a ratio of 1:3:4 of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium. Remember that less is better than more. When I grow bulbs in containers, I use (1) ONE TSP. per gallon container twice a year -- NO more.

Please get a free soil test for your beds or yard plantings. I grow bulbs in 12-inch raised beds in the yard, various containers and bulb troughs and 6-inch raised commercial production beds in the field.

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Here are just a few of the benefits for kids (can also apply to adults):
1. Fosters empathy and wonder
2. Teaches patience and tolerance
3. Aids in stress reduction and the treatment of AHD
4. Fosters creativity
5. Helps them grow into adults who care about environmental stewardship
6. Gives them a sense of place (children know more about the rain forest than they do about their own backyards)
7. Reduces obesity

For an adult, being in nature is rewarding; but when in the company of a child, the rewards are multiplied. When sharing nature with a child, you find yourself rediscovering with them the joy, excitement and mystery in the world we live. If you would like to have this great experience of working with children in nature, come join the Junior Master Gardener project on the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning at 1 p.m.
2013 Washington County Fair Horticulture Entries and Winners

Delcina Cunico’s "Grand Champion" Arrangement

Pam Johnson’s Blue Ribbon Prize Pickles & Purple Potatoes

More Wash. Co. Fair News continued on Pages 7 & 11

PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – SEPTEMBER 12

Martha Ward, Tanya Collins, Marguerite Abowitz, Joyce Mendenhall, Berni Kurz (not pictured) and Ruth Cohoon received Appreciation Certificates. Berni and Ruth received Irish Moss plant gifts.

Martha Ward, Roseanne Barnhill, Lisa Netherland and Neil Sloan at Walker Park

The Annual Parks and Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is provided by the City of Fayetteville and honors all the city’s volunteer groups. Mayor Lioneld Jordan hosted the event held at Walker Park.
A WEEKEND WITH BRENT HEATH AT BGO

by Judy Smith

The Botanical Garden of the Ozarks will present "A Weekend with Brent Heath" on October 11 and 12. Brent will present two programs and one workshop over the two days.

Brent Heath is the owner, with wife Becky, of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Virginia. The Heaths have generously given thousands of bulbs to the city of Fayetteville, the Botanical Garden and the Washington County Master Gardeners through Fayetteville in Bloom.

Brent Heath is a third generation bulb grower who grew up on his parent's daffodil farm. Becky, as a child, spent a lot of time on her uncle's farm and also helped her dad with their vegetable garden. Each has grown up with dirt under their fingernails and each has a background in teaching. Both Brent and Becky enjoy sharing information from their wealth of knowledge about bulbs.

Brent and Becky have co-authored Daffodils for North American Gardens and Tulips for North American Gardens. Brent was also a consultant for Timelife's book, Complete Gardener: Bulbs, Ortho's All About Bulbs, Organic Garden's Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening, The American Horticultural Society's Flower Finder and numerous other books with chapters on bulbs. Brent and Becky have both been featured guests on national television programs; Brent on 'The Victory Garden' and 'Karen's Garden' and Becky on 'Martha Stewart.'

"A Weekend with Brent Heath" is being sponsored by the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville in Bloom and Washington County Master Gardeners. Proceeds from the weekend's programs and workshop will benefit the Botanical Garden and Fayetteville in Bloom.

For full details on the weekend's presentations, consult the calendar in the Garden Thyme, the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks website at www.bgozarks.org or contact Judy Smith, jsmith@bgozarks.org; 750-2620.

Registration and payment in advance are required.

Turn Down the Radio

by Pam Johnson

I don't mind the rainy days of Fall,
Forcing colors to the ground.
Fallen leaves and hidden dampness,
Will soon be raked into a mound.

I just love the music that is played,
As I dance across the leaves.
Crunching sounds are like a radio,
If I close my eyes and just believe.

Love the tunes played on my dance floor
But when it must go, the time I'll take
I don't want to hear my neighbors' "music"
Just because they didn't rake.

Neighbors' leaves are an untuned radio
And it isn't just automatic
To hear music when stepping out upon them,
For all I hear is just some static.

I don't mind the chilly autumn wind
But unraked yards blowing into mine
Raise the volume of the static and
I must rake a second time!!

Washington County Membership photos for WCMG Volunteer Workbook will be taken at our next regularly scheduled meeting - Tuesday, October 1st. I will be there at 5:30, so please come early to get your picture taken.
If time allows, I can take pictures after the meeting also.

Thanks

Judie Branson
Publicity Committee
Pumpkins are now available in a range of colors at garden centers and local farmers markets. Look for ones that are firm and unblemished and have their stems still attached. Keep in a cool, dry spot to extend their use outside.

Begin planting pansies in your beds to get roots established before colder weather sets in. Set out transplants in a sunny location in rich, well-drained soil. Use ornamental cabbages or kales as a backdrop for the blooms.

The average first spotted frost for our area is Oct 19 and we can expect the first killing frost (below 28 degrees F) the first week of November. Protect and extend your flowers and vegetables by covering them with blankets or floating row covers.

Keep up with leaves falling onto the lawn and hard surfaces. Use a mulching blade to mow over leaves and let bits decompose into the lawn. Add a bag to your mower and gather leaves as you mow, tossing chopped pieces onto the compost pile or around perennials as mulch.

Collect seeds from plants such as four o'clocks, cleome, and morning glory. Clip whole flower heads of cosmos, zinnia, and Tithonia and dry them on screens. Remove seeds from dried flower heads, and store in a cool, dry place in tightly sealed containers.

Continue to feed fish in water gardens as long as they remain active. Keep falling leaves out of water by stretching a net across the surface.

Destroy -- do not compost -- diseased leaves of plants: rose leaves with black spot, hollyhock leaves with rust, and all vegetable plant leaves with fungal diseases (tomatoes, squash vines, etc.).

Sketch out where you planted various vegetables in your garden. This will come in handy next spring when you plant, so you can rotate your crops to help prevent disease.

Begin to lift caladiums for winter storage, if you plan to replant them next spring. Any time from now until the first frost, they can be lifted. Cut the foliage off; allow the bulbs to air dry (out of direct sunlight). Once dry, store them in a cardboard box with a layer of dry peat moss or perlite under them. Make sure the bulbs are not touching each other, and then cover them completely with more peat moss or perlite.

Other summer bulbs such as cannas and elephant ears, normally overwinter fine, provided the leaves are cut off following the killing frost and they are mulched with leaves, pine needles, etc. They also can be lifted if you want, but it is much easier to leave them in the ground.

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The following 2013 WCMG trainees have completed and recorded their required 40 work AND 20 education hours!

Lois Archer
Cathi Cody
Beverly Didier
Susan Gardner
John Gilbreath
Carole Jackson
Pat Mills
Lynn Phillips
Jim Sposato

If you have any questions about your work or education hours or how to record them, please contact Annette Pianalto at pianacjp@cox.net.

We look forward to adding more names to the list next month!

Berni Kurz
County Extension Agent
Staff Chair

Congratulations!
Tree-minder. This is a message from your side/front/backyard trees and bushes. "In case you have not noticed we are in stress! Our leaves are changing color and our tops are dying--the direct result of you not watering us. We gave you shade and beauty, and now we need water in return and lots of it. It is urgent or we could die! The chances of significant help (a rain of 4 inches) are nowhere in sight. Just get out the hose and turn on the faucet. Thank you very much."

Water Your Garden Too. As you phase down your gardening activities, remember that many wonderful things go on in the soil throughout the year. Keep the soil moist and the good bacteria and fungi will stay active, helping to build good soil structure (resulting in better tilth). Adding winter cover crops will help too.

Water Challenges. Despite the many rains and floods, water shortages and good quality water have become serious problems in the U.S. Farm wells, that provided good quality drinking water for farm families are now mostly polluted. The same can be said for the streams and rivers. Chemical fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and pharmaceuticals are the culprits. Until we stop using the soil and streams as toxic dumps, cleanup will not do much good. It is not just the farmers; it is what also goes on in our yards. We owe it those who come after us to leave a healthy environment. Start now by discarding all the toxic materials on the shelf in your storage area.

Structured Water. Water, perhaps the most common thing on the earth, and sometimes viewed as a simple H2O molecule, is in reality very complex. Rainwater (in the absence of pollutants), and water that has flowed down a mountain in a complex pattern of many vortexes is quite different. It has measurable biophotonic energy. Its cluster size of H2O molecules is greatly reduced, thus reducing surface tension and enhancing hydration. In essence, structured water functions more effectively in plants, animals, and humans. It has cleansing, protecting, and energizing properties that are not found in regular tap water.

A little known fact -- every substance that water comes in contact will pick up the vibrational frequency of that substance and holds it -- like water has a memory. When water becomes structured, it neutralizes the frequency of the toxic substances, and enhances the properties of the desirable substances. Structuring is a powerful process, and it is something we need to learn more about and apply to many things in our lives.

I have a manufactured flow form device that produces structured water. In my structured water experiments with plants, rooting and growth rate are accelerated. It does a lot more than that -- with plants and with animals and humans. See my website article on water for details.

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Nancy Umiker, Peggy Ford, Ruth Chapman and Jan Judy help with record-keeping at the Fair

Calvin Bey's "Grand Champion" award-winning "Food Basket of Plenty" contained over 20 different fruits and vegetables
DATES TO REMEMBER

October
Tue., Oct. 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
WCMG Mtg. –
“Garden Design” by Dawn Denton
Mon. – Oct 14th - 25th Anniversary of Arkansas Master Gardener Program Celebration – Little Rock
Sat. – Oct. 19th @ 9:30a.m. - FGNS Mtg. – “Indians of the Ozarks” by George Sabo, UofA Professor of Anthropology – Springdale

November
Tue., Nov. 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
WCMG Mtg. –
“Birds and Butterflies” by Mike Martin

December
Tue., Dec. 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
WCMG Christmas Potluck and Entertainment

Tue.- Wed. – Nov. 12-13 – “Blooms for Sun and Shade” – Advanced MG Class – Searcy
Sat. – Nov. 16th @ 9:30a.m. – FGNS Mtg. – “The Effects of Native and Invasive Plants on Insect Life” by Dr. Don Steinkraus, UofA Professor of Entomology – Springdale