



The April CCMG meeting opened with a program by Ann Woods on “Plants That Have Changed the World”. She informed us that our “Paper” money is 75% cotton and 25% linen – maybe this is why sometimes folded money will survive the washing machine!

The group voted to set dues in November to be payable in January of each year. It was also voted to increase the amount allowed for speakers to \$1200 per year.

CCMG has been asked to participate in the May 3rd Heritage Day on the Square in Berryville. We will hand out information, answer questions and provide boxes for soil sampling.

The big item on the agenda was the vote to host the State Convention in 2016. This is a huge undertaking and will require the efforts of all members. Master Gardeners from adjoining counties may be asked to help in this project. Be prepared to volunteer – preparations will start soon!



OUR “SEASONED” GARDENERS

Lavonna and Will Schell joined the Carroll County Master Gardener's in 1998. They saw a newspaper ad of a class for Master Gardeners. Both were retired and wanted to do something for the community, as well as, learn more about gardening. The Schells enrolled in the class and became actively involved with the CCMG and remain active today.

Will tells about borrowing a two wheel trailer and going to Oklahoma to get all the plant and shrubs the little trailer could haul for the fairground, Berryville school and other projects. All we need to do now is to get Will a bigger trailer.

Good work and congratulations on



receiving your 15 year pens, Lavonna and Will Schell!
Submitted by: Dan Ward

(My apologies – I thought I had put this in the March newsletter. Neta)

2014 Master Gardener Events & Other Events of Interest



May

3 Herb Spring Extravaganza and National Herb Day Ozark Folk Center State Park Mountain View

Slip away to the Ozarks for an herb-filled Saturday to hear some old-time folk music, find food for thought, enjoy a plant sale and savor spring flavors during the Committee of 100's Country Tea. Come celebrate Artemisia, Herb of the Year! For more information, including registration costs and a detailed schedule, visit www.ozarkfolkcenter.com

9 CCMG PLANT SALE at Cornerstone Bank 8:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

10 CCMG PLANT SALE at Community First Bank 8:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

13-16 & 20-23 Garden Glory Days Ozark Folk Center State Park Mountain View

This event consists of daily garden tours beginning at 11 a.m. An excellent herbal workshop will be held at the Herb Shoppe each day. On Friday, a musical tea will be held at 3 p.m. on the Dr. Bessie Moore Deck. Normal admission charge to the Craft Village applies. \$12 adults, \$7 children ages 6-12, children under age 6 free. Combination ticket \$19.50 adults, \$10.25 children ages 6-12, children under age 6 free. Call 870-269-3851 or email ozarkfolkcenter@arkansas.com for more information.

17 Master Gardeners' Work Day & Garden Tour Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Prairie Grove

Join volunteers to learn about soil preparation and heirloom varieties. 9-11 a.m. Tour the heritage garden, which teaches cooking methods and the diversity of foods used in the 1860s. 10-10:30 a.m. Free. For more information, call 479-846-2990 or email prairiegrove@arkansas.com.

18 "Books in Bloom" Crescent Hotel Gardens Steven Foster will be speaking



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"Gardening on the Edge;" Texarkana, TX. We can take 500 and we have over 400 general registrants and 58 volunteers already registered. It is going to be a fantastic conference so register.

State MG Conference,

JUNE

14 CCMG MEETING AND POT LUCK AT HOLIDAY ISLAND

Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness.

EARTH DAY 2014

Carroll County Master Gardeners were invited to set up a booth in Basin Park to celebrate Earth Day. The Master Gardeners who sat at the booth and provided educational information were Donna Sartoris, Brenda Webb and Mariellen Griffith. Two people from Eureka Springs showed interest in becoming Master Gardeners.
Submitted by: Mariellen Griffith



Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:
I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

Junior Master Gardener Program – Spring 2014

Remaining Schedule:

Week 6 Monday May 12, 2014
Topic: Harvest

Junior Master Gardener Program

It was a windy overcast day at the outdoor classroom March 31st for Junior Master Gardeners, and with the side walls flapping in the breeze, Margaret Wallace gave a talk about one of her loves - watching birds in our state. She discussed the needs of birds, and how birds can be a complement to the garden. She also explained how some birds in the U. S. have become extinct, and how the actions of man have contributed to their demise. She stressed that we must all do our best to protect birds, and make sure that their needs are met. The discussion ended with listening to a variety of birds' calls. Then Sam Davis showed the students several of the abandoned nests he has found over the years. There were nests from a hummingbird, a robin, a chickadee, a blue jay, and a house finch. The kids were busily looking up the birds in their new AGFC 'Arkansas Backyard Birds' booklets. He told the gardeners that "taking" nests harms the bird population because in many cases birds re-use the same nests from one year to the next.





After the lessons about birds, the kids all went into the greenhouse to help Karen Wall make replacement bowls for the broken bird bath. Karen had brought sand that she mounded up on two pieces of plywood. Over the mounds the children pressed artificial elephant ear leaves, and then concrete that Karen had mixed. These will be dry and ready for use at our next meeting.

At that point it was time to head outside. Some of the kids harvested spinach, other students trimmed herbs and weeded in the heirloom plant beds, and a third group thinned out the strawberry plants.

Thanks goes to the volunteers - Faye Martin, Lee and Wayne Monger, Aaron Thompson, Carl Ward, Jennifer Hudspeth, Sam and Sue Davis, Eileen Raines, Sandra Kaye, Margaret Wallace, Karen Wall and Randy Forst. Photos by Sam Davis Submitted by Sue Davis

A MountainWings Moment
 Issue Number 14114
The Law of Diminishing Intent

The longer you wait to do something that you have decided to do –
 the less probability of you actually doing it. ~John C. Maxwell~

Potting Party

A Potting Party was held March 31st at the Berryville High School attended by Plant Sale committee members and Kendra Woodlee's classes. 400 plugs were potted, as well as donations of iris bulbs, day lilies and Echinacea. Randy gave a lesson to the students on how to identify and get rid of aphids and mealy bugs.



Master Gardeners present were Loretta Hoeffner, Brenda Webb, Aaron and Deborah Thompson, Wilma Keller, Ann Craig, Paula DuPont, Karen Welch and Shirley Clark.

MORE PICTURES OF PLANTS FOR CCMG PLANT SALE





Law of Logical Argument-Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.



The following plants will be available at the CCMG Plant Sale: Raspberry Angelonia, Giant White Bacopa, Calibrachoas Can-Can - Rose Star and Terracotta, Sweet Potato Vine – Marguerite, Redhead Coleus (sun loving) and Rocky Mountain Dark Red Geraniums.

Master Gardeners bringing plants to the sale on Saturday the 10th should be mark EACH pot with kind, name, sun/shade and mature size. Example: Annual – Petunia – Sun – 12”
Members are responsible for pricing their own plants using the following sticker color code:

\$1.00 – GREEN **\$2.00 PINK** **\$3.00 – ORANGE** **\$4.00 BLUE** **\$5.00 AND UP - WHITE**

Please use pots, Styrofoam cups or 6 packs – NO BAGS! Bulbs could be displayed in a box with label or sign as to variety.

The committee will be setting up between 6:30 and 7:00 am each day – Friday the 9th at Cornerstone Bank and Saturday the 10th at Community First Bank.

Everyone come out and support this important project and get a few plants to replace those which have been beaten by the recent wind and hail.

Green Forest Square

We worked hard Tuesday evening April 22nd preparing the Green Forest square to look its best for the upcoming Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon. This event starts Sunday, April 27.

Thank you to Jan Scheel, Tammy McCance, Richard and Mary Knight, and Roudy Lambert (City of Green Forest) for weeding, raking, planting new hostas, and turning over ALL the mulch on the square. Everything looks fabulous! It looks like all new mulch was brought in. Can't wait until the dragon wing begonias get planted in a few weeks!

I apologize but I didn't get a picture of these CCMGs working on this sanctioned project. It's a good thing for me personally there are no pictures because Tammy was kind enough to tell me I had a very dirty face after the work was completed and she wanted to be sure I was going straight home! Now that's what I call a friend!

I will share pictures of this project later in the spring when everything else is planted and the City has their wonderful hanging baskets on the gazebo.

Thanks again everyone for your assistance! Hope other CCMGs drive around the square and see how beautiful it looks.

Submitted by: Nancy Plagge, Chair

Ready, set... Snap that photo

It is time, once again, for our Master Gardeners to submit their photos for our 2015 Calendar. The cutoff date for entries will be June 1, 2014.

Please pay close attention as the guidelines have changed from previous years...

Any picture that is submitted **MUST** contain the following information in the title in order to be eligible for judging & printing in the calendar & also to receive a free copy of the completed calendar.

The .jpg file of your photo **MUST** be named as follows:
first & last name .. two letter County (i.e., Faulkner would be FA)
and the subject matter in the photo..
for example: **GlendabellFAazalea.jpg** would be the name of my picture,
if it was submitted.

The file **must be from 1Mb to 5 Mb in size**. We must have high resolution photos in order to reprint with clarity.

We receive so many entries and are thrilled to get them, but the jpg files are hard to keep up with when they don't have a proper name to them.

Remember we need Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall photos!

Please send all entries to gkbell08@att.net

Thank you to everyone who participates in making this outstanding Master Gardener calendar.

Glenda Bell Co 76 Comm. Project. Chair [501-258-4951](tel:501-258-4951)

Eureka Springs Heritage Garden

Four Master Gardeners (Wayne and Lee Monger, Linda Rogers and Mariellen Griffith) worked at the Eureka Springs Heritage Garden on April 11, 2014, Friday morning. Mariellen's husband also assisted with the work. Tasks that were completed are: raking leaves and adding mushroom compost to the garden. Daffodils, tulips, Lenten Rose, forsythia and redbud are blooming at this time. Deer tracks were seen in the upper garden. This year we will be growing nepeta and other mint in the vegetable garden since deer do not eat mint or other herbs.

Submitted by: Mariellen Griffith, Chair



Carroll County Master Gardeners (Wayne Monger, Brenda Webb, Donna Sartoris and Mariellen Griffith) worked and planted herbs at the Eureka Springs Historic Museum Heritage Garden on Friday, April 25. Other work projects were weeding and raking leaves.

Submitted by Mariellen Griffith, Chair

BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE OZARKS PLANT SALE

Friday evening April 25th, CCMG members Mariellen Griffith and Neta Sue Stamps attended the opening day of plant sales sponsored by the BGO. This evening was for BGO members only. Alice King of Pine Ridge Nursery with native Arkansas plants and other nurseries were also represented.

Neta is holding her "Prize Buy" – 2 Ozark chinkapin trees.

Submitted by Mariellen Griffith and Neta Stamps

Note: the spelling of the tree is from Pine Ridge Nursery catalogue



Speaking of Chinquapins – (notice the change in spelling?) – On April 19th a group of volunteers met at Hobbs State Park with the goal of planting about 50 Chinquapin trees from seeds! This is a continuing effort to save our native tree from extinction. Once found from here to the East Coast, blight has basically wiped out the tree. An occasional tree can still be found which has withstood the blight. These trees are the source of seeds which are being used to attempt to bring back this important tree to wildlife. (And “us old timers” remember how good they taste, too.)
Submitted by Neta Stamps

A MountainWings Moment Issue Number 14079
Sweaty Genius

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Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration.
~Thomas A. Edison~

from The Mountain:
Too often we forget this simple truth and think that it is all what we are gifted with. It is usually not so much what we are gifted with, but what we do with the gifts that we do have.

BERRYVILLE LIBRARY

Master Gardeners assisted by Carroll County 504 prisoners moved five (5) dump truck loads of dirt Friday, April 25th. President Dan said there will be MUCH more work to be done.



A group of Master Gardeners made a trip Saturday, April 26th to Kings River Nursery near Marble. Pictured are Jennifer Hudspeth, Tammy McCance, Richard & Mary Knight, Sandra Kaye, Donna Sartoris, Lee Monger and Karen Reeves. Other members who had joined the outing were Aaron, Scott and Deborah Thompson, Karen Wall and Jean Ericksen. Karen Reeves reported that all had a great time and probably bought way more plants than we should have. Hopefully we'll do this again in the future.
Submitted by Karen Reeves



DO YOU HAVE “TIRED” POTATOES?

Have you ever thought of planting your potatoes in tires? Well, Cleveland County Extension Agent Les Walz is giving it a try. After filling an old tire with dirt and mulch, potatoes are planted. When the plant grows above the tire, a second tire is added and a few more inches of dirt is added. This can be repeated up to four tires. When it is time to harvest, just remove the tires from the top down. What do you think of this experiment? Maybe it will and then again, maybe it won't work.

From Arkansas Democrat Gazette, April 26, 2014

GOT AN OLD LOG LYING AROUND?



Submitted by Mariellen Griffith

There are two books that I highly recommend to all Master Gardeners who are interested in native plants and herbs.

Peterson field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs by local herbalist and photographer, Steven Foster. The latest 2014 edition has just published. I purchased it through Amazon. The other

book is, *Arkansas Wildflowers* by Don Kurz. With spring flowers beginning to bloom, these two books help in identification of the plants.

Submitted by: Mariellen Griffith



May:

4th John Hutchcroft

19th Anita Engert

Master Gardeners of Carroll County PLANT SALE Mother's Day Weekend May 9 & 10



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May 9 – Cornerstone Bank of Berryville

May 10 – Community First Bank in Berryville

LOOK FOR MASTER GARDENER SIGNS! Close to Wal Mart on Hwy 62, 8am-2pm.

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This is going to come as a big shock to some of you BUT...
Reality shows aren't reality.

~A MountainWings Original~

FROM DR. BEY – HARMONY GARDENS

My regular free, open-to the public Garden Tour will be June 21, three sessions 9-10:30, 10:30 - noon, and 1:00 - 2:30.

If you are an Organic Natural Foods Coop member, I have a Garden tour here on May 17, 10:00 - Noon. Sign up at ONF.

A few folks have asked about tomatoes and tomato cages, I will have 10 or more (if demand is there) cages. They will be 30 inches in diameter, 5 feet high, made with reinforcing wire. They last for many years. \$13.00 each.

I also have about 20 tomatoes (four different varieties) in 4 -inch pots... They need to go this week.. \$2.00 each... Email if you want some.

I also have paramagnetic rock.

Please respond pronto so I can plan re the cages. I will be making some today...

NO rush on planting tomatoes yet... Ground is cool, and still have nights coming below 40 degrees.

Blessings, Calvin

Calvin and Doris Bey

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Fayetteville, AR 72704

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Neta Stamps, Editor