

The Dirt

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Friday, May 2 – first day of annual plant sale. The two day event grossed \$2,681.00. Scott Thompson pictured above. Many CCMG members contributed to and helped with the successful plant sale.

I was informed that a king snake showed up for his picture – however – this is the only picture received of the plant sale.

Deborah Thompson reported that Saundra Kaye dropped off some yummy ham and biscuits with honey on the side sandwiches for everyone at the plant sale on Saturday. They went fast, Saundra! Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

<u>June</u>

7th Scott Thompson 10th John Wall

11th Ann Craig

16th Lee Monger

18th Patricia Dean

28th Fayette Schmutzler



2014 Master Gardener, Horticultural & Other Events of Interest



JUNE

14 CCMG Picnic at Veterans Park on Holiday Island



21 The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks present "Celebrate Summer Garden Tour 2014" on June 21, 2014. A full day of fun and education starting with registration at 8 a.m. at the Senior Center in Kimberling City. You will be able to drive on your own or ride in an air conditioned van for a small charge. Lunch will be served at Persimmon Hill Berry Farm from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may register on-line or use the attached registration form and mail to the Stone County Extension Center.

Highlights of this tour are:

Kimberling City Senior Center Garden
Art Walk and Children's Garden, Kimberling City Library
Storm Water Control/Beautification Kimberling City Shopping Center
Persimmon Hill Berry Farm, Lunch and Tour of Garden
Redfords Garden, Blue Eye
Big Cedar Lodge Gardens
College of the Ozarks Vegetable, Flower & Fruit Production, and Green Houses

Registration for the van are \$37/person and are due in by June 1, 2014. To drive on your own, registration will be \$22.00/person and are due by June 10, 2014.

21 First Day of Summer



- After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Junior Master Gardener Program – Spring 2014

Junior Master Gardener April 28, 2014

Master Gardener Merrily Ward presented a wonderful program on edible herbs. Students had many opportunities to explore the properties and characteristics of herbs through touch, smell, taste, and visual observation. Merrily prepared a great selection of snack items with different herbs and a mint-flavored water. Young gardeners also tried to tell the difference between a garlic and onion plant.





After the herb presentation, many weeds faced their final moments in the vegetable and butterfly flower beds, and the greenhouse floor. MG volunteers removed a pile of composting matter outside the greenhouse. JMGers checked on their individual broccoli, cabbage, and potato plants; planted zinnia and hyacinth bean vine seeds in flats; and watered green bean and squash beds in the greenhouse.

Thanks go to Merrily and the other master gardener volunteers: Dan Ward, Joan Rutz, Aaron Thompson, Lee and Wayne Monger, Eileen Raines, Karen Johnson, Karen Reeves, Anita Engert, Mary Knight, Faye Martin, Sam and Sue Davis, Jennifer Hudspeth, and agent Randy Forst. We will have our last spring meeting on Monday, May 12th.

Submitted by Sam Davis

Junior Master Gardener May 12, 2014

This week's Junior Master Gardener program was the final one for the school year. Eleven fourth graders and fifteen fifth graders participated. Randy prepared several delicious hot vegetable dishes of the types of plants students grew in the garden this spring. We sure have enjoyed Randy's cooking the last three years! Special thanks to Randy for his leadership in growing the JMG program during his tenure as agent.



Some early strawberries were harvested and promptly devoured. Students harvested broccoli and some greens plus vegetable 6-packs they raised from seed to take home. Milkweed plants raised in Sam and Sue's greenhouse were donated to the school for a Monarch Butterfly habitat. Wayne volunteered to till ground for the plants. Sam volunteered to assist classroom teacher Jared Wolfinbarger with student milkweed planting the last week of school.





Potato Weeding

And more weeds!

Submitted by Sam Davis



Eureka Springs Heritage Garden

Heritage Garden May 9

Linda Rogers and Mariellen Griffith planted herbs, marigolds and penstemon in the garden. Irises were blooming as well as native penstemon and nepeta.





Submitted by Mariellen Griffith

Richard Knight worked on the water system at the Eureka Springs Heritage Garden. Thanks to

him the plants are looking great.





Submitted by Mariellen Griffith

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

BERRYVILLE LIBRARY

April 25, 2014

Finally, Mother Nature graced us with some decent weather and James Garrett was able to deliver the topsoil to the library. With very short notice a work day was scheduled for April 25th.

Walt from the County Correctional Facility was there with 4 men who helped move the loads of topsoil. They were a great help! The master gardeners who were there to help out were Dan Ward, Aaron Thompson, Scott Thompson, Richard & Mary Knight, Karen Wall, & Michael Rissler. They helped load wheelbarrows, dump soil & rake the beds. Thank you everyone for your help. Special thanks go to Karen Wall for coordinating the soil delivery.

Karen Wall asked James to bring some more soil on Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning Walt came back with his men and completed the beds. Now for the planting!!

We will be going to Bear Creek Nursery next week to order our plants for the beds, and then I will call a workday to get the gardens planted.

Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Submitted by Karen Reeves

LITTLE LAKE EUREKA

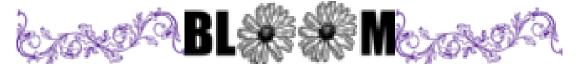
April 30, 2014



Master Gardeners met Wednesday April 30th at Little Lake Eureka. We weeded, trimmed and laid down compost from The Carroll County Public Works Dept. It is great to see all our little plants starting to come up from the soil and be a witness to their blooming. We also planted 6 plants which will attract butterflies and hummingbirds and we hope are deer resistant.

Those present were Faye Martin, Mariellen Griffith, Patricia Messer, Lee Monger, Doug Miller, Linda Rogers, Lillian Scott and I.

Submitted by Karen Welch



HERITAGE DAY

Kudos goes to Ginger Oaks who did a fantastic job of orchestrating the Heritage Day Festival on the Berryville Square. It was a beautiful day and the people really enjoyed learning and tasting the crafts of yesteryear.



The Star of the Show Butter Cup and Farmer Randy





Tammy McCance's nieces loving on Buttercup and learning to milk



Even Master Gardeners gave milking a try!

Thank you Randy and Butter Cup for making this fun opportunity for the children (and adults).

There were chickens housed in the cutest "chicken condo" that was donated by Tyson's. Karen Johnson was the lucky winner of the "Chicken Condo." Congratulations Karen!

Carroll County Master Gardener's had a great response to our booth. We had people interested in becoming a MG and lots of people wanting literature about plants, gardening and soil testing kits.

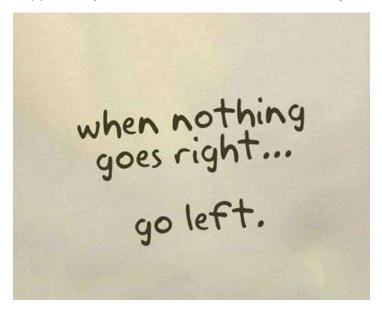
It was really a fun day meeting friends and making new ones. I want to thank these Master Gardeners for their help. It was great working with these lovely ladies as they were always smiling and lots of fun. This attitude spilled over to the people and attracted them to the MG booth.

A great BIG THANK YOU to Ginger Oaks, Kaye DeShields, Wilma Keller, Anita Rissler, Karen Johnson, Eileen Raines, Tammy McCance, Karen Reeves, and Joy Flake for their photography, Richard Knight for helping us get set up and tearing down. Faye Martin and Wilma Keller for making sun bonnets for us to wear.



Ginger Oaks and Mary Knight are visiting with Karen Wall who was working with Saundra Kaye (Golden Rod) who had a booth across from the MGs. Saundra was demonstrating how to make hypertufas. Saundra learned this craft from Karen when we were making them for Beyond The Garden Gate.

Master Gardeners were represented in many ways at the Heritage Festival. It was great PR for CCMG and a wonderful opportunity to meet the folks of Carroll County. Submitted by Mary Knight



FAIR GROUNDS On A Day In May

Thanks to a beautiful day and an excellent crew (Will and Lavonna Schell, Aaron, Scott and Deborah Thompson and Anita Engert); the building bed is back in shape. Not pictured is Ginger Oaks who came by to volunteer to spray the weeds along the edges after everyone had left. How nice is that!

Submitted by Anita Engert



"Thanks FORST the Memories!"

"CCMG wishes you the best FORSTevermore!" "Friends FORSTever!" "Thanks FORST your guidance and leadership!" "May the FORST be with you!" "We're very happy FORST you!"

Just a few of the quips that greeted Randy and 30 other CCMGers for Randy's Best Wishes Party on Thursday, May 22, 2014. This event was an opportune time to tell Randy how much his leadership has meant to Carroll County Master Gardeners. The food was exquisite (as usual), the evening coolness arrived just in time, and we all had a chance to wish Randy success in his new position in Pulaski County. Randy graciously accepted all the compliments and is confident we will run into him again as we attend Master Gardener events around Arkansas. Although we didn't, we should have sung, "FORST He's a Jolly Good Fellow!"

Submitted by Nancy Plagge









If a woman is upset, hold her and tell her how beautiful she is.

If she starts to growl, retreat to a safe distance and throw chocolate at her.

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