

The Dirt

C C M G E-Newsletter

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Chris Wyatt from the Arkansas Forestry Commission spoke to the C C M G members gathered at the Outdoor Classroom on September 13th. Sam Davis presented the decisions of the Website Committee meeting.



Karen Johnson reported a profit of \$211.60 from the booth at the county fair.

The education booth won the reserve championship with a \$65.00 prize. Thank you Merilee Ward!



Jennifer Hudspeth and Sam Davis presented information about the classes in the Outdoor Classroom and requested milkweed plants and \$100.00 for supplies. Members toured the facility.

A seed exchange was proposed for the October 11th meeting which will be held at Freeman Heights Baptist Church.

2014 Master Gardener, Horticultural & Other Events of Interest



October

- 11 CCMG Meeting 10 a.m. Freeman Height Baptist Church. Seed Exchange postponed until November meeting.
- 6:00 p.m. meeting at ECHO clinic with Janet Carson to discuss the 2016 State Convention. She will begin laying the ground work for committees and give information on where we need to start on our preparation. ALL interested members are urged to attend.

November

Carson/Byers Workshop: Adding Color to Your Fall Garden 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Magnolia Room Garvan Woodland Gardens 550 Arkridge Rd Hot Springs How do you keep your garden looking great through fall? Janet Carson of the U of A Cooperative Extension Service and Bob Byers of the Gardens will explain how to keep the color going until the first hard frosts and beyond. From annual color through the best trees and shrubs to make your fall more beautiful, learn what to plant and how to care for it so your garden ends every year with a burst of color! Class registration begins at 9 a.m. with lecture starting at 9:30, so there's a little time to view some beautiful fall color.

A box lunch will be provided by the Chipmunk Cafe. You will be given lunch options when you register.

\$35 Members | \$45 Non-Members | Reservations required | Call <u>501-262-9300</u> to register. Space is limited!



Southern Region Master Gardener Conference 2014

October 21st through October 24th Baton Rouge Louisiana

Preparations for the 2014 Southern Region Conference <u>www.southernregionmgconf2014.com</u> are progressing well and excitement is building as conference registrations are beginning to come in!

To help promote the conference, we have put together a slide-video presentation and placed it on YouTube. In viewing the video I believe you will see we have put together and planning for a fun and educational event for all to enjoy. If you would, please pass the YouTube link on to your MG volunteers and gardening clientele throughout your great state. Here is the link to the SRMG Conference video. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj5bymY-ng.





Please join us! 2015 Arkansas Flower & Garden Show I Dig Arkansas!

February 20-20, 2015 Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock



2015 State Master Gardener Conference June 4 – 6 The Benton Event Center





September 22 – 25, 2015 Mid-America Center Council Bluffs, IA

Hosted by Iowa & Nebraska Master Gardeners



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A Place In The Sun

If you want a place in the sun, you have to put up with a few blisters.

~by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Dear Abby

October Birthdays:



5th Sheila Whiteley 11th Sherri Plumlee 14th Karen Wall 24th Barry Stuart 27th Tammy McCance 27th Lavonna Schell

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

August 31, 2014

Ten MGs tamed 20 wheelbarrows full of "misplaced plants" at the Outdoor Classroom Saturday. Intrepid weeders included Karen Reeves, Eileen Raines, Jan Scheel, Jennifer Hudspeth, Lee and Wayne Monger, Mary Knight, Sue and Sam Davis, and Scott Thompson. We got a break with some clouds and cooler weather assisting the volunteers. After two workdays we still have a little bit more to get the plant beds and grounds up to speed. The Junior Master Gardener Programbegins fall sessions Monday, Sept. 15th. Thanks to all!

Submitted by: Sam Davis











'Nuff said!!

FIRST FALL SESSION September 15.2014

The Junior Master Gardener after-school program at Berryville Intermediate School held its first fall session. Thirteen MGs volunteered to assist 30 fourth and fifth graders, including: Lee and Wayne Monger, Aaron Thompson, Deborah Thompson, Mary Knight, Faye Martin, Jennifer Hudspeth, Brenda Webb, Sherri Plumlee, Karen Reeves, Kaye DeShields, and Sue and Sam Davis.

Young gardeners learned about the needs of seeds and plants, how to read a seed packet, and planted several beds of fall vegetable seeds.

A monarch butterfly habitat cage was started with hungry caterpillars feasting on milkweed. We will be following their life cycle in coming classes.

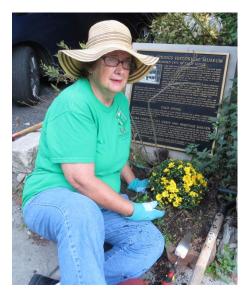
The second session is Monday Sept. 29th 2:45-5:00.



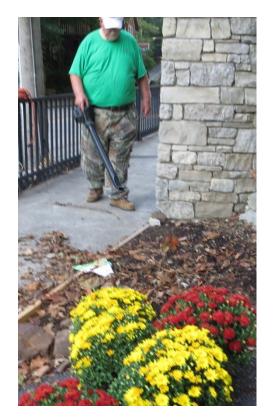
Eureka Springs Heritage Garden September 5th

Mums were planted in the garden Friday, September 5th. Lee Monger, Doug Miller and Mariellen Griffith, Master Gardeners, planted mums, pulled weeds, and picked up leaves.











Faye Martin, Brenda Webb and Linda Rogers worked at Little Lake Eureka Friday morning, September 19th. They replanted mums that had been pulled out, trimmed and weeded. *Submitted by Linda Rogers*





BERRYVILLE LIBRARY

The morning of Saturday, September 6th dawned not bright & clear but cloudy & rainy but that didn't stop 6 master gardeners from doing weeding, pruning & general cleanup at the Berryville Library. Thanks to Linda & Barry Stuart, Jan Schell, Tammy McCance, Anita Rissler & myself (Karen Reeves).





As you can see Linda continued to pull weeds under the tree protected from the rain, while the rest of us took shelter under the library awning! Thanks again to everyone who showed up!

Submitted by Karen Reeves

FALL GARDEN IDEAS

If you plan to make new beds or expand existing beds, why not save time and start this fall. You can make a lasagna bed or just cover an area of grass with thick newspapers and mulch. In the spring the area will be ready to amend and plant.

Be sure to carefully check your potted plants before bringing in for the winter.

REQUEST FOR ONGOING FUNDING

We have been asked to consider a budget item to help pay for MG awards. Please consider the request and be ready to discuss at the October 11th meeting.

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The Things You Need

The things you REALLY need in lifeare not things.



Neta Stamps, Editor

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