

## Pulaski County Master Minutes

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### June Meeting



Shane Reynolds with Reynolds Greenhouse in Hot Springs will be speaking at the June meeting on "Summer Survivors".

No Master Gardener Meeting in July. Instead join us for a Garden Tour and Ice Cream Social July 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. till Noon. It is never too early for ice cream!!

We'll tour 4 gardens and have Ice Cream at Hillcrest Hall thanks to the Social Committee.

Christiana Pittenger - 423 N Palm

Jet Cuffman - 321 N Palm

Beth Phelps - 4720 B St.

Hillcrest Hall - 1501 Kavanaugh Blvd. To tour the garden and enjoy ice cream.

You can tour the gardens first or eat your ice cream first - you decide. The Pittenger, Cuffman and Phelps Garden are all within a block on one another. As with most Hillcrest locations parking is on the street. Park and enjoy a leisurely stroll.

Beth's garden is between Spruce and Palm one block north of Markham at the Health Department. Jet's Garden is just around the corner north on Palm. The Pittenger garden is a few houses north on the corner of Palm and Lee. Hillcrest Hall is east on Lee in the triangle where Lee and Kavanaugh meet. At Hillcrest Hall there is limited parking in the back of the building (Lee) and on Kavanaugh at the front of the building. There is no on street parking on Lee.

Hope to see you there!

The trip to Paula Adlong's rose garden in Conway Friday, June 12th is turning out to be a really neat trip.



We will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the Crystal Hill Commuter lot arriving at the garden at 9:30 a.m. We are going to the Faulkner Co. Museum, which is beside the courthouse. We will be met there by Faulkner Co. master gardeners with a tour of their garden with a short talk by the museum guide and then we will be served refreshments by the master gardeners.

If we wish we then can visit the Natural Resources Bldg. which houses the extension office and see their gardens which is a master gardener project, or we can stop to eat lunch. I think this will be a quite nice trip and I hope we have a good turnout for the master gardeners in Faulkner Co. who are really excited about our visit.

For more information contact

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### Attention Project Chairs!

Please turn in your forms to Carol Randle so that we can feature your project in the next Project Spotlight. Thank you so much!!

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*Sponsored by the ladies of the MORE  
Group\**

*Third Saturday morning June through  
October 2009*

*9:00 A.M.*

*\$5.00*

*(Suggested donation to benefit Mount Holly  
Cemetery)*

*Mount Holly Cemetery  
Broadway at 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Little Rock, AR*

*Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join area garden experts for a brief and educational class or demonstration. Areas of interest will include roses, iris, orchids, container gardening and many more topics. Following in the Victorian tradition of Mount Holly, guests are encouraged to bring your pass-a-long plants, seeds, bulbs, cuttings, fruits and vegetables to share with other attendees. We love to share from our garden! Access to the Mount Holly will only be allowed at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street gate, which is handicap accessible. The lecture series will be held at the Bell House in the center of the cemetery. Light refreshments will be served by the ladies of the MORE Group.*

*Dress casual or wear your prettiest garden hats. Socialize with neighbors, friends and Master Gardeners. Learn a thing or two about gardening while enjoying the beautiful natural beauty of the historic plants and flowers of Mount Holly Cemetery. Mount Holly is a Pulaski County Master Gardener project! For MORE information please call Amber Jones at (501) 376-6180 or Kay Tatum at (501) 375-5197*

*\*The MORE Group: A group of ladies dedicated to beautifying and preserving the historic Quapaw Quarter.*

## Lifting A Parent And More

By Lorraine Hensley

Moving any living thing causes trauma---and that includes plants--which is why we all try to be really careful when dividing or moving our plants. The move doesn't have to be a big one to cause stress and trauma and we just need to be careful as we divide our perennials. Taking care during the whole process means less time is required for the plants to get comfortable in their changed surroundings and that means healthier plants for the gardener to enjoy.



A spading fork is ideal for lifting almost any kind of parent plant. Dig down deep about 4/6 inches from the plant on all 4 sides. They pry underneath and lift the entire clump that needs division. You may need to use a sharp shovel to cut the clump into several pieces if it's too big to lift out of the ground. Then either shake or hose off the loose soil and remove all the loose foliage and stems. It's much easier to see what you are doing with the root balls with all that stuff out of the way.

Now for the good news--perennials have several different kinds of root systems and they are all treated differently.

We have *spreading root systems* that have slender matted roots with no discernable pattern. Some can become invasive unless divided frequently. What's nice about this division is that it can be done with a sharp paring knife or simply pulled apart by hand. However, those plants with this kind of root system that are large and vigorous will most likely need a bit more forceful separation with spading forks. Place 2 forks back to back in the plant's center and force the pieces apart.

I've used this method before with some really huge clumps and it required one person on each fork to pry it apart. Then divide the clumps into 3/5 healthy shoots each. Discard the small or weak divisions including those clumps with weak centers.



*Clumping root systems* originate from a central clump that has many growing points and some have thick and fleshy roots. Think astilbes, daylilies, hostas, and ornamental grasses. Sometimes it's possible to cut through the crown with a heavy sharp knife or you can again use those back-to-back spading forks. Be sure to keep at least one eye or bud with each division.

*Rhizomes* have some of the strangest root systems around from my perspective. Those things grow horizontally at or above the soil level with numerous roots growing into the soil from the rhizomes. When we think rhizomes the bearded iris generally comes to mind. These plants can be divided anytime between a month after they flower or until early fall. Any rhizome sections that are older than a year need to be cut and discarded, as do those sections badly damaged by disease or insects. You may save some that are not be badly damaged by trimming or treating them. Each division should have a few inches of rhizome and one fan of trimmed back leaves. It's really important to plant the rhizome with the top showing just above the soil level. Otherwise all the work you have done to divide these plants will be wasted for they absolutely do not like to be covered with soil.

*Tuberous* root systems require the gardener to use a sharp knife to cut them apart. Every piece cut must have a piece of the original stem and a growth bud attached. Following division they can either be replanted or stored for spring planting.

Those plants with large, tough and vigorous root systems such as red-hot poker and ornamental grasses may be more easily divided by using a shovel, saw or ax. Use a hose with pretty good pressure to get most of the soil out of your way so you can more easily work with the roots.

Some plants don't like being divided so it's best not to try it. Those plants that make the list of naysayers include the butterfly weed, oriental poppies, baby's breath, gas plant, and columbine. If your Lenten or Christmas roses are a few years old they can be quite difficult to move. The small seedlings around the plant's base are easy to pot. You may want to move those rather than try to move the parent plants.

Several perennials are actually small woody shrubs and should not be divided. Candytuft, lavender and rosemary

are in this category. These plants can be planted by a process known as layering. Branches that have been on the ground for a while can develop roots while touching the soil and these can be cut off then dug up and replanted. Nature generally has a method of one kind or another to propagate herself.

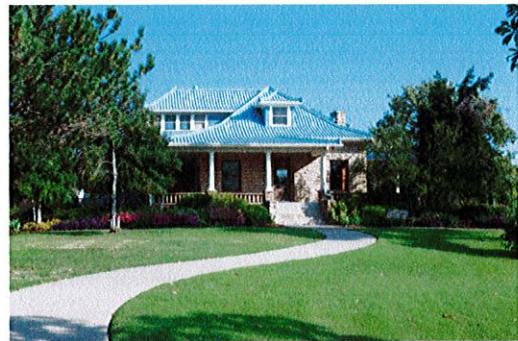
Now it's time to actually plant your divisions. First rule is to keep those divisions wet. Keep a pail of water nearby so it's handy to use for that purpose. Trim or prune broken roots before replanting and replant right away—doesn't matter if it's in the garden or containers. Plant them, as you would any other plant, no deeper in the soil than it was originally planted then firm the soil and water thoroughly. When those divided plants begin to flourish you'll know it was worth it.

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## Gilcrease Museum Tulsa, Oklahoma

1400 North Gilcrease Museum Road  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127-2100  
<http://gilcrease.org>

By Cheryl Kennedy



The Gilcrease Museum lies in the Osage Hills just within the Osage Indian Reservation on the northwest city limit of Tulsa. While the Museum appears deceptively small from the outside, it is home to one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive collections of fine art and artifacts of the American West, as well as an excellent collection of Native American art and artifacts, historical manuscripts, maps and documents of the Americas. We spent nearly all day wandering the grounds and the exhibits and we could have wandered several more hours if our legs had held out.





There are a number of wonderful gardens at Gilcrease, and many can be enjoyed from inside the museum, for example from the floor-to-ceiling plate glass in the Vista Room and the Osage Restaurant. The gardens are a masterful blend of rhythm, textures, colors and plant materials that provide interest - even excitement - in any season.

Perhaps the most romantic and sensual is the *Rosemary Titus Reynolds Victorian Garden* on the east lawn of the former home of Thomas Gilcrease. Both permanent and seasonal plantings are those typically available from 1837 to 1901. The patio, on the relatively flat hilltop, commands a panoramic view of the city skyline and beyond. The patio is separated from the expansive lawn by a lovely Victorian wrought iron fence. Wrought iron trellises arch over each gate entrance, and there is a long trellis covered with wisteria. The sandstone used in the garden wall and patio and throughout the grounds for benches and tables was quarried on site, as was the stone for the lovely residence and the original museum building.

The *Mary Ingerton and Carl Francis Lea Floral Garden* surrounds the remaining three sides of the sandstone residence. You'll find clematis, wisteria, forsythia, climbing and hybrid roses, winter jasmine, witch hazel and hydrangea, ferns and caladiums, as well as wrought iron benches that add and blend with the colors and textures in the garden.

*The Gillies Garden*, honoring museum volunteers, is at the entrance to the museum. It includes dogwoods and shoulder high azaleas that must be spectacular in spring. Crape myrtles with peeling cinnamon bark line the sidewalk. As in most of the gardens, sculpture is prevalent. Here, *The Messenger Bird* symbolized the carrying of hopes and prayers to God. The curved bench with its east-facing entrance represents the altar of the Native American Church. Nine other bronze sculptures grace the grounds, ranging from Semón Bolívar, to an

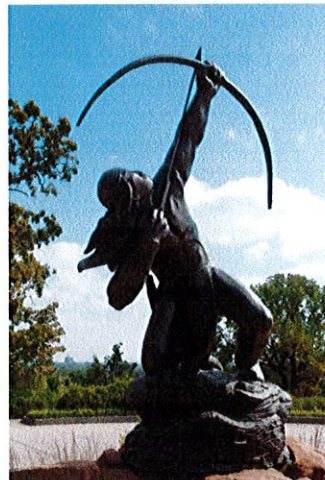
Indian and frontier women, to a Plains grizzly and herons. On a more casual note, Stuart Park visitors will also discover woodland animals created by chain saw sculptor Clayton Coss.



*The Friendship Garden* beyond the Gilcrease Mausoleum is planted out with azalea, varieties of hosta, and Christmas, cinnamon and ostrich ferns.

*The Byron and Audray Boone Grove* includes Austrian pines with canopy trees, dogwoods and native redbuds. The grove extends from the north entry to the Rock Garden along the eastern edge of the grounds.

*The Garland Kilmer Colonial Garden* across from the museum entrance is a parterre typical of the 1700s. The symmetrical planting areas along the running bond brick walkways are anchored with circular boxwood topiary in the center. Culinary herbs, heirloom vegetables and annuals provide ever-changing seasonal color and attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Framed with yaupon holly, each side of the garden is graced with pink flowering dogwoods that replace the fruit trees of Colonial times, to provide spring blooms and autumn radiance.



The *Pre-Columbian Garden* is another of the five historic theme gardens. Inspired by settlements of the ancient Osage, the *Pre-Columbian Garden* features plants that were either cultivated or gathered by tribal members for food and fiber or ceremonial and medicinal purposes.

Among the plants are coneflower, wild onion, prairie button snakeroot, pawpaw and sumac. Two typical Native American structures, a long house and a brush arbor, are in this garden.

Looking southwest, visitors will see the *Sister Cities Garden*, in which a tree is planted in honor of each of Tulsa's international sister cities. A sidewalk meanders through the garden.

Vast *Stuart Park* was once savannah - grassland sprinkled with trees. Buffalo no longer graze over the land, nor do fires prevent young saplings from thriving, but plants found in the woodland include big bluestem, blazing star, Mexican hat, American elm, and blackjack, pin, shumard, chinkapin and post oaks. A boulder-lined trail leads from the north parking lot to the wood gazebo and bridge by the ponds.

The museum is an easy drive from Little Rock, and the gardens are well worth the visit not only for their beauty but also as instructional fodder for our own gardens - most of these plants will grow equally well here in Central Arkansas.

*The Gilcrease is operated by The University of Tulsa in partnership with the City of Tulsa. In addition to the exhibits and programs, the museum also has a delightful full-service restaurant and gift shop. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday 10 am to 5 pm, closed Mondays and Christmas Day. Admission is \$8 for adults, children 18 and under free, seniors 62 and older \$6.*



**Welcome new Pulaski County Master Gardener,  
who transferred from Jefferson County**

Nao Ueda  
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She will be working on the Art Center Project.

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"It is the month of June  
The month of leaves and roses,  
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,  
And pleasant scents the noses."

Nathaniel Parker Willis



The *Gannaway Vista Garden* provides an excellent view of the Osage Hills. The garden itself mingles red, pink and white azaleas with forsythia, dogwood and redbud. Burning bush provides scarlet foliage in autumn, and southern magnolia offers winter greenery and early summer blooms.

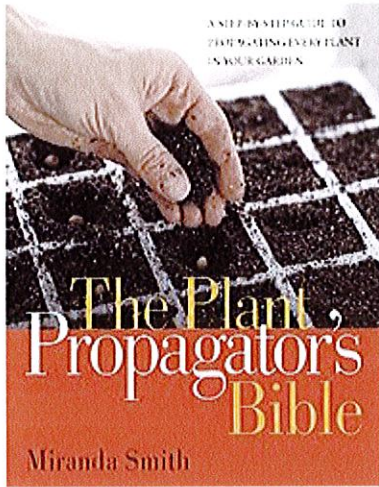
Around the corner, the *Patricia Wheeler Rock Garden* is terraced in native sandstone boulders. The steep slope contains ground-hugging plants such as bleeding heart, columbine, sedum, creeping phlox and spring-lowering bulbs, with a backdrop of azaleas.

The *Pioneer Garden*, complete with a hand-built shed, recreates a typical homestead of the mid-1800s. Among the few treasures early pioneers brought with them were favorite plants and seeds. In this garden, trumpet vine, wild ginger, crested iris, sassafras, blackberry, and Jerusalem artichoke flourish.



Logan County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held June 26 & 27 at Mount Magazine State Park, next to the pavilion across from the Visitors Center. This plant sale is held in conjunction with the Butterfly Festival each year. We sell trees, shrubs, perennials, houseplants, bulbs, rhizomes, etc. We have even had garden vegetables some years!

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**Debra's Book Club**

The Plant Propagator's Bible

Miranda Smith

To me, plant propagation is one of the most enjoyable and certainly one of the most exciting parts of gardening. This comprehensive guide explains techniques for cultivating new plants from seeds, cuttings, budding and grafting. Each method for different types of plants with detailed step by step instructions and photographs. An A-Z directory of over 1,000 plants with recipes for propagating a huge range of aquatics, ornamental plants, houseplants, shrubs, trees, vegetables and wildflowers. This is one of my most loved gardening books and I know every gardener will enjoy it.

Miranda Smith has been teaching horticulture for over 30 years and has written 13 books. She lives and gardens in St. Petersburg, Florida.



**Bletilla /Hardy Ground Orchid**

By Earline Zahn

"Pass-along-plant" are a great tradition kept alive by generous gardeners and compulsive gardeners like me who cannot resist dividing, transplanting, and making cuttings of anything with roots, so I have to give them away. I have such a plant that my sister-in-law gave me a few years ago, the Bletilla striata (hardy ground Orchid).

Bletilla orchids are native (remember Jane Gulley's talk about native plants) to North America, China and Japan and grow in well drained, humus rich soil in partial shade. They are hardy in zone 7 and can be grown as houseplants. Mine are in a flowerbed with orchid colored native phlox and Siberian iris (native to Siberia?) Maybe the Iris society can help me with where the Siberian iris originated.

Bletilla have iris type strap leaves that are deciduous, so after they bloom; I leave the stem all winter to prevent me from disturbing them since they recover slowly from transplanting.



Woodland Orchid

The initial bloom stalk which is about 8-10 inches high will have one bloom, but gradually that increases to up to 5 blooms about 1 inch in size on each stalk. These are striking little jewels that are worth putting out and watching early in the spring when their foliage shows up until April when they



begin to bloom. They are small and close to the ground so put them where you know they are and where you can enjoy them.



They are supposed to increase in number but that is a very slow process so since I will not be digging these up to send home with you as "pass-along-plants" anytime soon, I have found a couple of sources for you to get your own.

White Flower Farm  
P.O. Box 50  
Litchfield, CT 06759-0050  
1-800-503-9624  
whiteflowerfarm.com

k. Van Bourgondian & Sons, Inc  
P.O.Box 200  
Virginia Beach, VA. 23450  
1-800-552-9916  
www.kvbwholesale.com

**Garden Tours**  
By Bren Coop

*Dateline: Friday, April 24, 2009 - Joy Wheeler and husband Frank were gracious hosts as they guided us through their large, relaxing gardens which were filled with beautiful plants presented creatively! Joy told delightful stories about many plants and areas of the garden, and shared propagation tips for roses and other plants. She and Frank have a great solution for plant tags - he has taken pictures of each plant during its bloom season, and the pictures attached to stakes provide the name of the plant and let you see it at*

its peak. (The dwarf peach tree in full bloom on the tag is now covered in small peaches!) Not only is Joy a former Master Gardener, she is also a painter, and evidence of her work is visible throughout the garden - from the painted bench on the porch to the old painted tea kettle being used as a planter to the beautiful paintings she had lined up to be taken to her first art show.

Following an opportunity for shopping their plant sale (where else could we have bought tansy plants for 50 cents or a large pot of Dutch iris for \$2!), the Wheelers offered punch and cookies and a rest stop before the group of about 30 MGs moved on to our next garden visit of the day.

**Wheeler Garden**

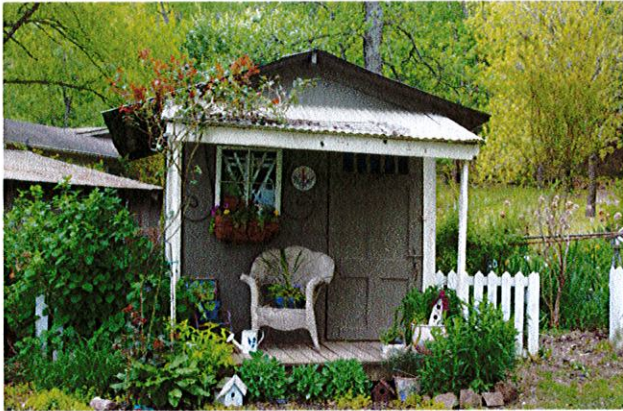


*Duchess of Edinburgh Clematis*



*Faces in the Dirt*





*Garden Shed at Wheeler's*



*Joy Wheeler talking to Master Gardeners*

*A railroad garden was featured at Earline and Doug Zahn's, but the trains and all the delightful "villages" around the rails were only a small portion of this large garden. Earline began our tour by showing us a wren nest UNDER a flowerpot! (The wren and her five babies had flown from the nest just the day before our visit.)*

*In her butterfly garden, she showed us a tiny Monarch caterpillar on its host plant, Asclepias (butterfly weed). For those of you who remember Jane Gulley telling us about the "English Dogwood," Earline had one of those too - a magnificent Mock Orange in full bloom.*

*Earline's husband, Doug, was on hand to visit about the trains and to show pictures of the building process from empty lot to verdant garden with multiple vignettes around the train tracks.*

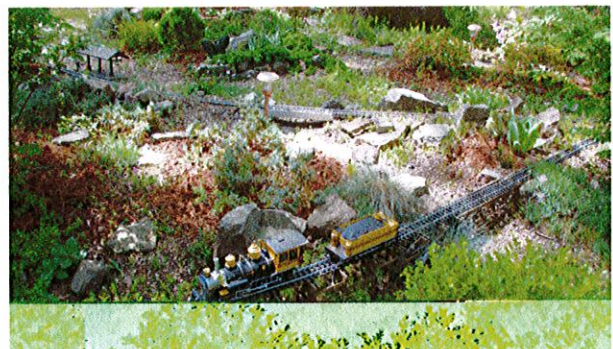
*These delightful gardens and wonderful hosts have added "feathers in the caps" for the Travel*

Committee as we begin touring and sharing beautiful garden experiences this year.

### Zahn Garden



Doug Zahn and gardeners



*Special steam engine train, complete with log wagon & conductor*

### Pulaski County Master Gardener Meetings' Highlights By Debra Redding

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 10 a.m. St. James United Methodist Church.

Members Present: Don Davis, Mac Huffman, Jet Cuffman, Beth Phelps, Judy Woodard, Debra Redding and Martha Basinger

Minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

1. Pulaski County Courthouse Landscape Design Plan- Beth Phelps stated that the plan is ready to present to Judge Buddy Villines. Jet Cuffman, Martha Basinger, Merilyn Tilley and Judy Woodard worked on the design.
2. St. James Work Day is today. Judy Chapman is organizing.
3. Results of Advanced MG Training Class- Judy Woodard and Martha Basinger reported that the Class went well and was attended by 85 people.
4. Award Nomination packets for Project of the Year - Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden and Friend of Master Gardeners Ed Garretson were submitted.
5. Budget Committee- Mac Huffman presented the proposed budget plan for 2009. The plan was approved by the Board. Don Davis thanked Mac and committee for their hard work.
6. Master Gardener Spring Picnic will be May 14 at 6pm at Burns Park Hospitality House with special guests Pulaski County Judge Buddy Villines and NLR Mayor Patrick Hayes.

New Business:

1. Special Funding Request- Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden requested \$127.45 to purchase permanent support structures for vineing crops. Request was approved.
2. Leave of Absence- Janice Lee request a leave of absence for 2009 do to a back injury. Leave was approved by the Board pending payment of dues.
3. Resignations: Judy Johnston and Marcia Kelly.

General Meeting Announcements:

1. Congrats to the Advanced MG Training Committee.
2. Spring Picnic May 14 6pm at Burns Park.
3. MG annual dues \$15, after May 1 \$20
4. Pick up orders for MG Stuff and Nametags

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 11:30am St. James United Methodist Church

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and announced that the Annual MG dues are due and are \$15 now but if paid after May 1 they will be \$20. Please see Judy Woodard today or mail your dues to her.

Carol Chappell- MG Continued Education thanked all who helped make the Advanced MG Training Class in Little Rock last month a success. Attendance was 85.

Mary Wildgen stated that garden experts are needed for the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour on May 2 and 3. Please see me after the meeting to sign up.

Jeanne Spencer announced that she had tickets for sale for the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour on May 2 and 3. There will be 10 gardens in the Heights/Hillcrest area and tickets are \$20 per person.

Carolyn France announced that the Social Committee invited everyone to the MG Spring Picnic on May 14th at 6pm in Burns Park at the Hospitality House. Entertainment by Ron's Trio, dinner catered by Honey Baked Ham and Happy Hour by Clark Trim and Colonial Wines and Spirits. Door Prizes and Plant Exchange will be part of a fun evening and tickets are \$10 per person. Jane Dising announced that the Park Hill Water Works project will have a garden/project tour on May 31 2pm-4pm. Refreshments will be served. In the event of rain, the tour will take place on June 7.

Marcella Grimmett stated that handouts were passed out regarding future plans of the Travel Committee for 2009. The next trip will be April 24 to the Railroad Garden on Crystal Valley Road. President Don Davis announced that there are 2 garden tools in the lost and found. He reminded everyone that after the meeting we'll have a workday at St. James. Judy Chapman is organizing so see her by the front door for further instructions.

Don Davis announced that if you have ordered any MG stuff or a nametag please pick those items up today near the sign in table.

Don Davis announced that there will be a MG Plant Sale at the State Hospital Greenhouse Sat., April 25 and May 2, 8 am--11am.

President Don Davis congratulated the Pathfinder's Greenhouse and the Continued Education Committee for jobs well done!

Beth Phelps reminded everyone to support our MG Plant Sales as the proceeds support our projects. She also reminded all that dues are due, today for \$15, after May 1 \$20.



Beth Phelps announced that if you need to order a new nametag they are \$7 and the order form is in the welcome area before each meeting. It was announced that the BRI committee will have group photo taken after the meeting. Jet Cuffman introduced our speaker and fellow MG Jane Gulley. Her topic is "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". Handouts were available.

### Greenhouse Plant Sale

By Andrea Bevernitz

Master Gardeners held the Spring Greenhouse Sale on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Plants are raised for projects and are also sold to the general public in spring and fall each year. The money raised by the sale supports the Greenhouse project. Here's a quick photo review of the 2009 first sale day.



Flowers, Trees, Vegetables Galore!



A beautiful day for a sale



Collecting money at the gate



Laura Lasiter and her helpers





## Checklist By Carol Randle

### ANNUALS

Keep your annuals deadheaded. Especially in the heat of summer your annuals (and all plants) need to be watched for signs of wilting. Be sure your plants get enough water. Plants in containers will need watering daily to maintain their good looks. Mulching flowerbeds will help to conserve moisture and keep your plants looking pretty. Water early in the morning so your plants will be fresh in the hot afternoon sun. Fertilize annuals, Peonies and Camellias early in June.

### ROSES

Feed Roses with a complete fertilizer in June. Weed well. Remove faded blooms and clean up around the plants. Watch for Aphids, Mildew, and Blackspot and spray when necessary. Cut Roses above a five-leaf cluster to encourage growth. Plant Chives or Garlic in between Roses to discourage Aphids.

### GENERAL YARD CARE

Pick up all leaves and faded flowers and add them to the compost pile. They are a favorite spot for slugs and snails to hide. Turn and dampen your compost often. Flies will breed in the grass clippings if you do not turn it regularly.

### BULBS

In early June divide Narcissus bulb clumps. If you decide to store bulbs rather than leaving them in the ground, remember to replant in late summer or early fall. Wait until the foliage of spring-flowering bulbs turns yellow before removing. Lift and replant Lycoris as foliage yellows. This prevents it from getting too deep as it multiplies. Iris should be left alone for 6 weeks after blooming. Then lift and divide and cut back foliage to 3 inches.



### VEGETABLES AND HERBS

Harvest your Lettuce, Peas, Carrots, Radishes, and Onions now. The time of day vegetables are harvested can make a difference in the taste and texture. For sweetness, pick Peas and Corn late in the day. That's when they contain the most sugar. Other vegetables, such as Lettuce, and Cucumbers, are crisper and tastier if you harvest them early in the morning before the day's heat has a chance to wilt and shrivel them. Blossom End Rot on Tomatoes, caused by calcium deficiency, can be treated with "Stop Rot". Dust Corn and Potatoes with Sevin.

### LAWNS

Water lawns regularly. Watch for yellow patches, leaf curl, or poor growth. Increase watering if you notice any of these signs. Set your lawnmower at a higher level. Taller grass will shade the roots from heat. Don't forget to save your clippings for the compost pile. Never add your cuttings after a weed treatment. Install new edging around borders and beds and check existing edging after storms. Don't install edging after long periods of rain because the ground will swell and once it dries the edging will move.

### JUNE BLOOMS

Alstroemeria, Artemesia, Asters, Astilbe, Balloon Flowers, Beautyberry, Blackberries, Buddleia, Cannas, Columbine, Coreopsis, Daisies, Day Lilies, Delphinium, Dianthus, Hydrangeas, Japanese Iris, Lantana, Magnolia, Mint, Monarda, Nandina, Oxalis, Petunia, Phlox, English Primrose, Roses, Rudbeckia, Salvia, Spirea, Strawberries, Sweet Peas, Sweet William, Thyme, Verbena, Yarrow, and Yucca.





### DIG IN HERE...

For answers to your gardening and horticultural problems, try these helpful resources:

- Master Gardener Website:  
<http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/mastergardener/mastergardeneronly>  
Username: mastergardener  
Password: compost
- PC Cooperative Extensions Website:  
<http://www.uaex.edu/pulaski/mastergardeners/default.asp>
- U of A Cooperative Extension Website:  
<http://www.arhomeandgarden.org>

Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Service  
2901 W. Roosevelt Road  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
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Pulaski County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers working with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Service and Pulaski County Government to provide demonstration gardens and horticultural – related information to the residents of the county. In 2008, these volunteers gave **23,000** hours of service.  
Elisabeth J. Phelps, County Extension Agent,  
Staff Chair



Everyone is encouraged to submit interesting information, committee reports, newsworthy photos, etc. to the newsletter.

Bring your information to the Master Gardener meeting, or send it to:  
Jennice Ratley  
22 Cobble Hill Road  
Little Rock, Ark. 72211  
gardenrat@comcast.net  
412-8299

The deadline is the **second Friday** of each month. For late breaking news after the deadline, send information to:

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