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A Note from the President

We are well on our way through summer, and the heat-based lethargy took hold of us early! There was no July Grapevine, because there were only enough contributions to fill one page! But this issue is a different story, we have reports from all over! There is so much going on, MGs are busy working and planning even more work. Be sure to check the calendar to see when you can join in.

A big thank you to Lynn McGinnis for taking on the role of newspaper article leader. She had barely accepted the request when she found herself up in Lindale, tracking down the editor of that town's weekly newspaper. She is such a charmer, our gardening columns will appear in every issue - starting with a nice one from Katy Barone this **past** week. And then Lynn gave a presentation to the current class, along with Greg Grant, in the Writing Workshop. It's great to have such a go-getter on the team!

Another big thanks to Debbie Taylor for assuming the lead on the greenhouse project. SCMG will benefit from her years of experience with her own greenhouse. She has already met with Greg and hammered out a plan for this coming fall - and she rescued the cri-nums and cannas that were baking in our untended facility - they will survive much more happily in a shady spot at Debbie's. We appreciate people who show such initiative!

Becky Wade has agreed to help lead Youth Programs, along with Katy Barone. Working with multiple agents, administrators, and teachers is a challenge not everyone will take on—not to mention working with kids! Thank you Becky, you are making the program possible!



And a huge thank you for those who stepped up and melted in the sauna-like conditions in the Tyler Rose Garden and the Tyler Botanical Garden this past Thursday afternoon. I don't know who was responsible for scheduling a conference to have a garden tour outing, in the afternoon, in East Texas, at the end of July, but some dedicated MGs came through! Susan Buntz corralled some Garden guides (Lenka Johnson, Becky Wade) to assist with the tour and haul water for attendees. Elizabeth Waldrop, Terri Gerber, Susan Seale, and I provided educational material and show & tell at tables that we tried to put in the shade! We got to witness one of the fabled garden tours ever!

And thank you to Debby Watkins and Linda Munn. Debby has taken on the Rose Rosette Warriors (she didn't have enough to do), a project near and dear to Greg. And Linda Munn (who thought she was retiring after the Home Garden Tours) - when the Mentor program came knocking - they had an emergency and she said YES! It's wonderful to be-

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Seed it and Reap

Seed Saving 101

Greg Grant

Annual: A plant that completes its life cycle (seed to death) within one year. Includes cool season annuals, warm season annuals, and reseeding annuals. Most are produced from seed. Examples: marigolds, petunias, and impatiens.

Cool Season Annual: An annual that is planted and grown during the cooler months (fall, winter, and early spring). These often die with the onset of warm weather in the South, Examples: pansies, ornamental kale/cabbage, and dianthus. Plant seed around October 1.

Warm Season Annual: An annual that is planted and grown during the warmer months (late spring, summer, and early fall). These often die with the onset of freezing weather. Also includes most tropical annuals. Examples: begonias, impatiens, and periwinkles. Plant seed around April 15.

Reseeding Annual: An annual that returns each year from self-sown seed without having to be replanted (includes both warm season and cool season types). Examples: larkspur, cockscomb, and poppy. Tall heirloom types generally reseed the best.

Harvesting: Seed must be completely mature and dry (brown seed pods) before harvest. Immature seeds in

green pods are not physiologically mature and will not germinate.

Storage: Store seeds cool and dry. Always make sure completely dry first. I use paper bags for several weeks. Then I use plastic zip lock bags and the freezer for storage. Germination rates go down with high humidity and high temperatures. Properly stored seed can last for years.

Some Reseeding Annuals for Texas:

Bachelor Buttons/Gomphrena (warm season)
 Bluebonnets (cool season)
 Celosia/Cockscomb (warm season)
 Cleome/Spider Flower (warm season)
 Cosmos (warm season)
 Larkspur (cool season)
 Periwinkles (warm season)
 Petunias-Old Fashioned (cool season)
 Poppy-peony/lace/bread seed (cool season)
 Zinnias (warm season)

Some seed sources: Baker Creek Heirloom Seed (rareseeds.com), Select Seeds (selectseeds.com), and Wildseed Farms (wildseedfarms.com).

The Education Committee



The Smith County Master Gardeners were approached by the City of Tyler to partner with them for the Pollinator Day Celebration and the dedication of the Observation Hive at the Rose Garden on June 26th.

It was a beautiful day and the attendance at the event was greater than organizers had hoped.

The Education volunteers staffed an information table, had an informal talk about pollinator gardening as part of the city's education schedule and manned an activity booth where kids created seed bombs with native wildflower seeds.

I want to thank everyone who helped out with that project and came out to support us. It was a pretty big undertaking and we pulled it together with only about 2 and a half weeks of formal planning.

I especially want to thank our amazing volunteers, Debby Watkins, Mim Hershey, Katy Barone, and Debbie Kober for representing the Smith County Master Gardeners with such energy and enthusiasm. I know we contributed to the success of the day and made some friends not only with City of Tyler and Rose Garden staff but with hundreds of visitors and happy kiddos.

The education events coming up are the East Texas State Fair, followed by the Bulbs 2 Blooms pick up day. Anyone who is interested in helping out with those projects can contact me at sevincrows87@hotmail.com.

Elizabeth Waldrop

REPORTS FROM THE GARDENS

IDEA Garden

“What happened to Spring? We jumped from wet, cool May into a summer furnace in June and still have to endure August and most of September. But the IDEA garden crew gathers every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. to tidy the garden by weeding, deadheading, watering and replenishing with heat-loving plants. Considering the heat, the gardens are especially lovely! We’ve seen some more new faces and invite all MGs to join us as we ‘whistle while we work’! (Hopefully, that will start a breeze!). Put on your hat, sunscreen and name tag, bring your tools and water and see you on Tuesdays! There’s always something to do!”

Laurie Graham

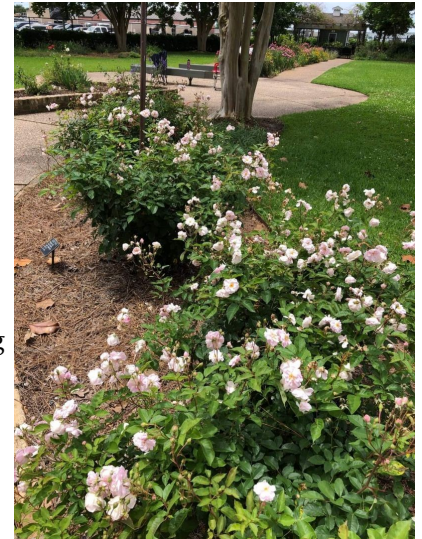
Heritage Rose Garden

Even though the Board of Directors has approved the Irrigation Project for the Heritage Rose/Shade Gardens, work has not started yet because Tyler Sprinkler Company has gotten behind on their projects due to the spring/early summer rains. Work is anticipated to start the first week of September.

In the garden we have been busy weeding and continue to thin out reseeding annuals and some vigorous perennials. The coneflowers, zinnias and black-eyed Susans are blooming their hearts out. The roses continue to amaze us with their beautiful blossoms. We’re watching the reseeding celosia and gomphrena get ready to bloom.

We have lots of ideas for renovation in the garden but need some help to do more than just maintenance. Come join us on Tuesday workdays!

Debby Watkins and Henry Burch

**The Shade Garden**

The Shade Garden team received approval from the Rose Garden Board to build a storage shed in the Shade Garden space. Upon approval by the Master Gardener Board of Directors, we will go forward with the project in the fall.

In other news, a new bed was added near the fountain. Plans are in the making for planting special species of Osmanthus and azalea. Many thanks to the cheery and able crew who came together to make it happen!

Katy & Liz

REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 17, 2021

The following items were discussed:



- Job Descriptions continued to be reviewed and revised.
- SCMG Attire and Accessories for purchase has been updated on the website.
- Discussion continued on the need for someone to step up to help with moving Farmer McGregor's House that has been used at the ETSF.
- Discussion continued on whether to have a 2022 Home Garden Tour - Someone needs to step up to lead it and gardens are needed.
- East Texas State Fair discussion continued – More information will be forthcoming as the Fair Committee finalizes plans for our involvement.
- Plans are underway for a Fall Educational Outing.

Debby Watkins

From Bulbs to Blooms Update

I feel as though I'm standing at the top of a hill with a very large and heavy ball right behind me. That's the nature of our annual bulb sale. The planning and details for the bulb sale are going to be ramping up during August with September becoming quite busy. The committee will be meeting later this month to finalize some details for the bulb sale. There is some pre-sale work that can be done this month and early next month. Opportunities and who to contact are:

- Signage committee to develop directional easy-to-read signs for the day of the sale as well as advertising—contact Elizabeth Waldrop
- Strong backs are needed! Help dig Ellen Bosanquet crinum on September 9. While these are deep and difficult to harvest, there are no competing plants and the ground is flat where they are located. If we have enough volunteers, we'll dig both these and some Johnsonii amaryllis the same day. – contact Anne Pattullo
- Use your computer skills and earn some volunteer hours in the comfort of your home! - Find non-copyrighted photos of the new bulbs that are in the sale this year. There are specific size requirements for each photo. – contact Brenda Strong

Brenda

Garden Guides Update

Our last Botanical Garden Tour was a group of 12 from the Gilmer Garden Club. Wow! They really enjoyed our gardens. Never heard such oooing and ahing, along with “look at this one!” A great time was had by all and that means the Garden Guides as well.

On August 26th, at 9:45am, the Garden Guides will be giving another tour for our very own interns. If you are not an intern, but are thinking you might like to get involved, join us! No obligation, but please let me know so I can expect you! See y'all in the Garden!

Susan Buntz



Hello Fellow Master Gardeners!

My name is Lynn McGinnis and I am a survivor of the Smith County Master Gardener Covid Class 27! I am honored to be a part of this amazing organization and I am honored to be your new newspaper article coordinator! I'm pretty new to gardening, because before I retired, my garden was pretty much a survival of the fittest kind of garden! I knew very little about soil, what plants go best where, let alone Texas Super Stars! But through Master Gardeners I learned so very much and my garden, while still in it's infant stage, is beginning to look like I might know what I'm doing! I know I have some big shoes to fill because Jean Smith, our former coordinator, did an amazing job and I hope to make you and her proud.

I recently spoke to the upcoming new class of master gardeners and their enthusiasm really got my wheels to turning on how we can get the word out about our common love of gardening. I know most of you long timers have written articles for the newspaper in the past, but I would love to see some articles from you regarding your expertise and the experiences that you've encountered through your Master Gardener journey. While working in the many gardens our organization maintains, I have found it absolutely amazing the knowledge you all have of all things garden! And you all are so generous to pass that knowledge on to us newbies, you all amaze me every time I work with you! So please consider sending me an article that is special to you and passes on some knowledge that might help a new gardener!

Also, while I was reviewing all the archive articles, I noticed that we could also use more fall gardening articles, vegetable growing articles and more how to articles. Everyone loves those how to articles and here in Smith County that local flavor is extremely popular with newspaper readers.

My latest news is that in addition to the Tyler Morning Telegraph Sunday paper section, we are now going to provide articles to the Lindale News & Times every Thursday! They are very excited and love the thought of local gardeners sharing common local garden ideas, tips, and general knowledge of our area gardening practices.

So please consider emailing me an article, if you do please send it to me in a word processing format to lynnmac@suddenlink.net. It would be great if you could also attach a jpeg picture, but if you can't find one, I'm happy to find one for you. Writing articles is an easy quick way to log volunteer hours and personally, I've learned so much from writing articles myself. I'm so excited about our newspaper articles projects and I'm so proud of this organization! Hope to hear from you all soon, hope you have a great rest of the summer and happy gardening!

Lynn McGinnis



Youth & Community Garden Update

Things are gearing up in the area of youth programming. The Caldwell garden team has kept things looking good and the flowers are putting on a show! We have added sweet potatoes and okra and, soon to come, a pumpkin patch! Becky Wade has agreed to serve as Youth Programs co-coordinator with Katy Barone and will be working with the school garden at Griffin Elementary this year. The two coordinators have met with Amy Shively, Better Living for Texans agent, to coordinate Learn, Grow, Eat, Go programming for the fall. If you think you would be interested in getting involved, contact Becky or Katy.

The Giving Garden at Pollard has been busy too. Chris Cochran and Mary Hamlin have been getting the garden in shape for programming and planting in the fall. A pollinator bed is also in the works. This community project will involve children at Kids Kaleidoscope at Pollard United Methodist Church, students at Andy Woods Elementary and a Tyler home school program. If you are interested in volunteering or have pollinator plants, starts or seed to share for this worthy effort, contact Chris Cochran.

Katy Barone





Rose Pruning Workshop

WHAT: In case you missed the previous workshops (or just want to do it again!), join your fellow master gardeners for a Rose Pruning Workshop presented by Greg Grant. Interns from the new class are welcome to join since you will be graduating September 2.

Learn how “one size fits all” does not apply to pruning roses. Greg will talk about different types of roses and how to prune each. Greg will look at the different rose varieties in the Tyler Rose Garden and the Heritage Rose Garden and explain how the pruning methods differ. Then, you will have an opportunity to work on roses.

Bring heavy gloves, loppers and hand pruners. You can enter into VMS one (1) Continuing Education hour for listening to Greg and (??) for Volunteer Hours - however much time is actually spent there listening to Greg and working on roses plus your travel time (except for interns, who are not eligible to claim travel time).

WHEN: Friday, September 3, 2021, at 9:00 AM - ??

WHERE: Meet by the picnic tables by the parking area next to the Heritage Rose Garden.

QUESTIONS: Contact Debby Watkins at debbyjwatkins@gmail.com.

YOU MUST SIGN-UP! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-rose1>

The link to sign-up can also be found on VMS and the members-only portion of the website.

Debby Watkins

August Monthly Membership Meeting August 5, 2021



IMPORTANT UPDATE for the August monthly membership meeting. It will be on August 5th by **ZOOM ONLY** this time. We are disappointed but it is out of our control because of last minute plumbing repairs at the Rose Garden and major parking issues due to the construction there. We did pursue other locations but because it is the week before school starts in Tyler, there are scheduled school events at all other city locations. Please plan to attend the remote meeting. Our program will be presented by our own Clint Perkins, Smith County's Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. For those who don't know Clint well, he is another great Aggie, earning his BS degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University and then on to Texas Tech University for his MS in Soil Physics. His experience is wide and deep from technical service representative, to teaching horticulture for a junior college and finally the past 18 years as an Ag Agent for Milam, Wood and now Smith Counties. We are blessed to have Clint and appreciate his never saying no to teach us and talk to us about the needs we have in agriculture. His topic for the program will be “Basic planting tips with soils, soil fertility, soil sampling, amendments, weeds and more. He would also like to have an interactive Q&A to follow. Be prepared with your questions for Clint. He would love for us to be interactive. We will use the chat for those questions.

Belinda Kromer

McGregor House

Another change for the update on our little house. One of our MGs, Brenda Clark and her husband, have volunteered to help us get it moved at 8am, Friday, August 6th.

We need muscle power to make sure we can finally get it moved, so please let me know if you will be able to help. Email or call me so that I can alert you if there are any changes in our plans. My email is kromerb@aol.com and number is 903-520-9936. We are hoping it will not take long. Thanks in advance!



HELP US GET TO 10,000 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



As of July 24 our SCMG Facebook Page had 9,388 followers, 612 people away from 10,000. Besides bragging rights, we do accrue benefits from hitting that magic number. Facebook will tweak our algorithm so our posts get exposure to more Facebook users and more engagement to our posts. We will also get more and better analytics on our posts, so we can make our content better and better.

Right now I am going through our posts every day & inviting people who have reacted to pour posts (like, love, smiley face, etc.) to like our page as well as paying to boost our more popular posts so they will be exposed to more people.

But you can also help. If you haven't already liked our page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/SmithCountyMasterGardeners> and click on the **Like** but-

ton. Also if you have Facebook gardening friends who do not know about our page, invite them to like the page. Lastly, If you see a post that you like, or feel is important – monthly things to do, plant profiles, SCMG events, our weekly Friday joke, or your very own article from the paper – **share** it to your own newsfeed so we can get more exposure and more followers.

With your help, we can get to 10,000 followers by our Fall bulb sale.



Andie Rathbone

East Texas State Fair

September 24 - October 3

The East Texas State Fair is on for 2021!

The exhibit for SCMG is going to look very different and we continue to work with the fair staff to determine just what role we will play in the “adult” horticulture education available at the fair.

There will be no school tours like we had in the past, so that is changing our way of decorating, manning an exhibit and total role in the event. As details are finalized, we will get the word out. We will definitely need your help to be successful. Watch this space!

Belinda G Delane



Rose Rosette Warriors

One of the latest projects to emerge in SCMG is the Rose Rosette Warriors led by Debby Watkins. Greg asked for a team to formally address the issue of Rose Rosette in Smith County. Several master gardeners have stepped up to join the team but other interested warriors are welcome. The team is still in the infancy, formulative stage and policies and procedures are in the process of being established. For the time being if you see activity that you suspect may be Rose Rosette, or if being part of the team is something that interests you, please contact Debby Watkins at debbywatkins@gmail.com.

SCMGA Fall Field Trip

The November Fall Fun Field Trip for SCMGA is in the planning stage too. Maury Hudson has agreed to co-chair this event and it will likely be the middle of November. Please watch this space for the actual date, where we will be going and the final details.

Belinda Kromer

VMS....VMS....VMS....VMS....VMS....



The developer says that the VMS system is up-dated, stable and good to use. We have reports that some people are missing a few hours, especially those hours entered around the 3rd and 4th of July so please double check what you think you entered vs what's showing. But please enter your data.

It's now 6 months into the year, and we still have 23 MGs who have not set up their accounts in the new VMS. VMS is **THE ONLY WAY** to register work hours and CEs, so we need you to get into the system and start inputting your information. Get with Mary Hamlin at mhamlin@flash.net to get a copy of the document that tells you how to do the first login. We have pulled a report of MGs who have zero or very few hours/CEs this far into the year, and most of those are MGs who are not registered in VMS. It will get harder and harder to get the needed CEs and work hours as the year goes on, so you need to make a plan on getting in the necessary requirements. A lot of those who have not gotten on the new VMS probably have hours and CEs, but we have no way of knowing that.

Certified Master Gardeners are required to have 24 Volunteer Hours and 9 Continuing Education Hours from Jan-Dec 2021. Those certified as Master Gardeners in April 2021 must have 18 Volunteer Hours from Apr-Dec

2021 and 6 continuing Education hours. MG Class 28 graduating in August 2021 (Interns) require 50 hours in designated areas from Aug 2021- Mar 2022.

Because of the VMS uncertainty of the last month, some members have expressed a desire to routinely keep a copy of the hours and CEs that they have entered. Here's how to do that:

Go to the **Your Information** tab on the home page

Click on the **View Your Hours** tab

Scroll down to the bottom left of the page, and where it says **View**, click on the **down arrow** in the box and set page length to # of records desired (the default is set at 10 records, most MGs will need more than that)

Scroll back to the top

Click **Export** (it will give you a choice of format: apparently exporting to PDF doesn't work yet, but exporting to Excel does if you want to save a copy on your computer. If you want a hardcopy, then choose Print)

Click **Print** for a hardcopy

Click **Current Page** (or leave it on Complete Report which will print every record ever entered in VMS if you want it all.)

Click **Black & White** (default is set to color)

Click **OK**

This gives you an on-screen report that has a **PRINT** button at the top. When you click on that Print button, it should communicate with your printer to print a copy.

Mary Hamlin

Programming Committee News

During a training session by a Toastmaster group, we learned how to be at ease and make an effective presentation to community groups. They stressed the importance of being prepared, addressing your audience, emphasizing your main points, appropriate use of gestures and managing pauses. We practiced. And, yes, I was found to make only one "uh" but say "so" four times in my spontaneous talk. We came away with six better trained master gardeners ready for talks to community groups. If there is interest, we can repeat this in the future.



First Tuesday in the Gardens programs are ready for the fall.

Sept 7th "What's bugging you" Terri Gerber will present a gardeners guide to understanding plant and insect partnerships and how they influence each other in a diverse ecosystem.

Oct 5th "Bulbs 101" Greg Grant will tell us what bulbs are, how they grow and which ones perform best in East Texas and the South.

Nov 2nd "Fall colors" Elizabeth Waldrop will tell us about the magic of color in our East Texas environment.

Paul Wick



Overton Field Trial – Ornamentals July 20, 2021

Dr. Brent Pemberton, a horticultural researcher at the Overton Texas A & M Extension office, conducted a project each year called the Overton Field Trial. The trial is run for the seed manufacturer and nursery industry to specifically test the appropriateness and hardiness of bedding plants to the East Texas growing conditions. The project is broken down to three distinct actions: planting seeds, transplanting seedlings and vegetative cuttings and finally field planting. Smith County Master Gardeners assist in this project in every step of the trial. This project has been run since 1994.

The first step is planting seeds. Each year, Dr. Pemberton will receive seeds of bedding plants from seed producers. Usually, seeds are received in January and February. The seeds are then planted in starter trays. The trays are put in some of the greenhouses at Overton. The plants will then grow in the starter trays for 3 to 6 weeks until seedlings are large enough and strong enough to be transplanted into larger containers. Sowing of the seeds is usually completed by the end of February.

The second step in the process consists of the transplanting of the seedlings in the starter trays into the larger containers. The larger containers are either 2" x 2" six packs or 4" pots. Also, Dr. Pemberton will receive vegetative cuttings from nurseries around the country at this time. The vegetative cuttings are also transferred to the six packs or four inch pots. Both types of plants will

be returned to the appropriate greenhouses for further growing until the time they are ready for field planting. This process usually runs from early March to Mid – May.

The last step is field planting. Currently, Texas A & M Overton maintains the "East Farm". This East Farm is about 100 acres of land on the east side of Overton about 4 miles away from the Extension office. The plants that have been grown in the greenhouses are then transferred to the East Farm and field planted. The field planting takes place over a period of about 6 weeks from Mid April until early June.

In past years, Dr. Pemberton assesses 50 -70 varieties of plants and over 700 iterations of type of plant, color, series, height etc.

The fourth Thursday of every June traditionally is the Overton Field Day. On this day, representatives of the seed companies, nurseries, plant publications, Master Gardeners and the general public are invited to observe the different plants. And everyone actually votes for their favorite plants. In the afternoon of Field Day, Dr. Pemberton would give an overall assessment of the prior year's planting. Because of the Covid-19 outbreak, the 2020 Field Day was done virtually on Dr. Pemberton's website as well as the SCMG website. This year Field Day was pushed back to July 22 also because of Covid. This project is expected to continue even though Dr. Pemberton is scheduled to retire at the end of 2021.

Charlie Colman

REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 15, 2021

The following items were discussed:

- Job Descriptions continued to be reviewed and revised.
- Discussion continued on the need for someone to step up to help with moving Farmer McGregor's House that has been used at the ETSF.
- Discussion continued on whether to have a 2022 Home Garden Tour - Someone needs to step up to lead it and gardens are needed.
- East Texas State Fair discussion continued – More information will be forthcoming as the Fair Committee finalizes plans for our involvement.
- Plans are underway for a Fall Educational Outing.
- Shade Garden was given approval to proceed with looking into placing a shed in the garden for their use.
- Terri Gerber will be contacting project coordinators in preparation for the 2022 budget.
- Allison Morrow, extension office secretary, will be starting a new position in Rains County on October 1. The process will start to find a replacement for her.

Debby Watkins



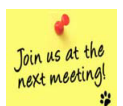
August Membership Zoom Meeting Link

Topic: SCMG Monthly Membership Meeting Time: Aug 5, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/96345399134?pwd=UWkzYndJaGhUV2pXUGZjREltckwwQT09>

Meeting ID: 963 4539 9134

Passcode: 237581



Greenhouse Volunteers

I would like to invite my fellow gardeners to come join us in the greenhouse this year. We will start up after the heat dies down a bit. We will schedule our days on Wednesday. The start times will be decided when we can get a consensus from our greenhouse group.

My hope is to get a group of folks who love to garden and eventually start plants from seeds. This can be flowers or food plants. We will also be doing plant propagation as well. I must say I start plants both ways based on the plant I'm working with. There's more than one way to create new plants. I want everyone to bring their expertise to the greenhouse. It will be great for all of us sharing knowledge and new ideas.

I have just had an introductory meeting with Greg Grant. I will report on that next time. Greg is our official leader as

he was instrumental in getting the greenhouse to use for the Master Gardeners and we are eternally grateful for that. Greg presented a lesson this past year on propagating Crinum, explaining all elements of where to cut the bulbs in order for them to reproduce. What a great lesson there that was.

So watch for more information coming soon about our plans made with Greg. I can't wait to do fun and educational projects where we end up with beautiful plants. What a great way to spend your volunteer time.

Thanks for listening.

Debbie Taylor

debbietaylor5639@gmail.com

Help Desk Question for the month:



Q: *When is the best time to plant wildflower seed?*

A: *Spring blooming wildflowers (as well as cool-season annuals like larkspur and poppies) are planted in the fall, around September/October, when we get our first cool season rainfall, and summer and fall-blooming wildflowers (as well as warm-season annuals like bachelor buttons, cockscomb, cosmos, and zinnias) are planted in the spring, around April/May.*

A Note from the President continued

long to an organization where you can count on your members!

Looking forward, the Calendar and Garden Guide is on schedule, and the bulb sale is gearing up. Plenty of opportunities to bring a shovel and help dig in the next 6 weeks! Watch for announcements about the Greenhouse. And soon we will be welcoming our new class of interns to toil amongst us!

There are some big holes in our leadership. If you feel that you can fill one of them, or if you want to recommend someone to fill one, please get in touch. The nominating committee will get going after our August Board of Directors meeting. They need to fill the VP position, a State Director position, and other officers. We are looking for a leader for the Help Desk, Garden Tour, Tech Committee. Lots of opportunities for you to get involved - please do! 🙏

And lastly, it's time to wish happy trails to some of our own. Paul Rountree is off to NW Arkansas. Mim Hershey is moving to the west coast in a couple of weeks. Susan Stone's last day of effort on our behalf is September 30, and I do believe she is serious this time. And Jean Smith is full time in Florida these days. ICYMI - Jean Smith and Martin Davis are our newest Lifetime members, and I'm sure you'll agree that they both really earned the honor!

See you in the gardens!

Mary Jo

The Calendar Committee



The 2022 calendar is well on its way to being completed. Our theme for this year is "Butterflies, Hummingbirds and the Plants They Love". It contains articles about 12 butterflies you will find in this area. There

are also articles about different pollinators we have in our gardens. You will see some amazing pictures that you will love. Be ready to buy yours at our September meeting. Plan to buy one for yourself as well as for all your friends. If you would like to help our next meeting is August 3 at 1:00 in room 116.

Sherri Matthews

August 2021

Smith County Master Gardeners

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 HRG/IDEA Garden Work Day 8:30 AM Calendar Comm. 1:00 PM, Rm 116	4 Shade Garden Work Day 8:00 AM	5 Monthly Meeting Via Zoom 11:30 New Class All Day Rm 116	6 State Directors Meeting via Zoom 9:00 AM	7 Shade Garden Work Day 8:30 AM
8	9	10 HRG/IDEA Garden Work Day 8:30 AM	11 Shade Garden Work Day 8:00 AM	12 New Class All Day Rm 116	13	14
15	16	17 HRG/IDEA Garden Work Day 8:30 AM	18 Shade Garden Work Day 8:00 AM	19 BOD Meeting 10:00 Rm 114 New Class All Day Rm 116 BulbSale Comm. 1:00 PM, Rm 114	20	21 Shade Garden Work Day 8:30 AM
22	23 <i>MG Grapevine deadline</i>	24 HRG/IDEA Garden Work Day 8:30 AM	25 Shade Garden Work Day 8:00 AM	26 New Class All Day Garden tours AM Rm 116 PM	27	28
29	30	31 HRG/IDEA Garden Work Day 8:30 AM				