

Over the Garden Gate



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I think these words from Jeff Smith say it best!

“Elsie, we wish you the best. I think you have made a great Master Gardener President, navigating the association through some troubled waters, especially with the by-laws revision. Thanks for giving your time and talents to all of us.”

Now it's time for everyone get behind Rob Cherry and help him as he leads us through the next months of Master Gardener activities! We have an immediate need for someone to volunteer to serve as secretary in Jeff Blacklock's absence.

I know Rob will do a great job as he assumes the president's responsibilities!

Gail Elmore, Editor

Local Events

August 2, 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association will meet at Rolling Meadows. Ed Bond will present our program on Garden Ponds.

August 13, Farmer's Market: Fall Gardens. Always need seeds & plants to give away. Please label them!

August 18, 5:00 pm: The Burk Garden Club will meet at First Bank, in their community room.



Enter your volunteer (15) & Training (6) hours in the MG volunteer management system <https://vms.texasmg.org/>

Association Contacts: vacancy, President, Rob Cherry, Vice-president, 940-500-2675; vacancy, Secretary, Mary, Alfert, Treasurer, 940-782-9745.

State Directors: Dennis Dohrer and Anne Dohrer; alternates: Mary Barry and Marie Hoover.

WCMG Webpage: Michelle Howard, administrator **Newsletter & Facebook:** Gail Elmore, editor/admin

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Above: Prepping for the July Farmers Market. Lots of Stella D'oro day lilies.

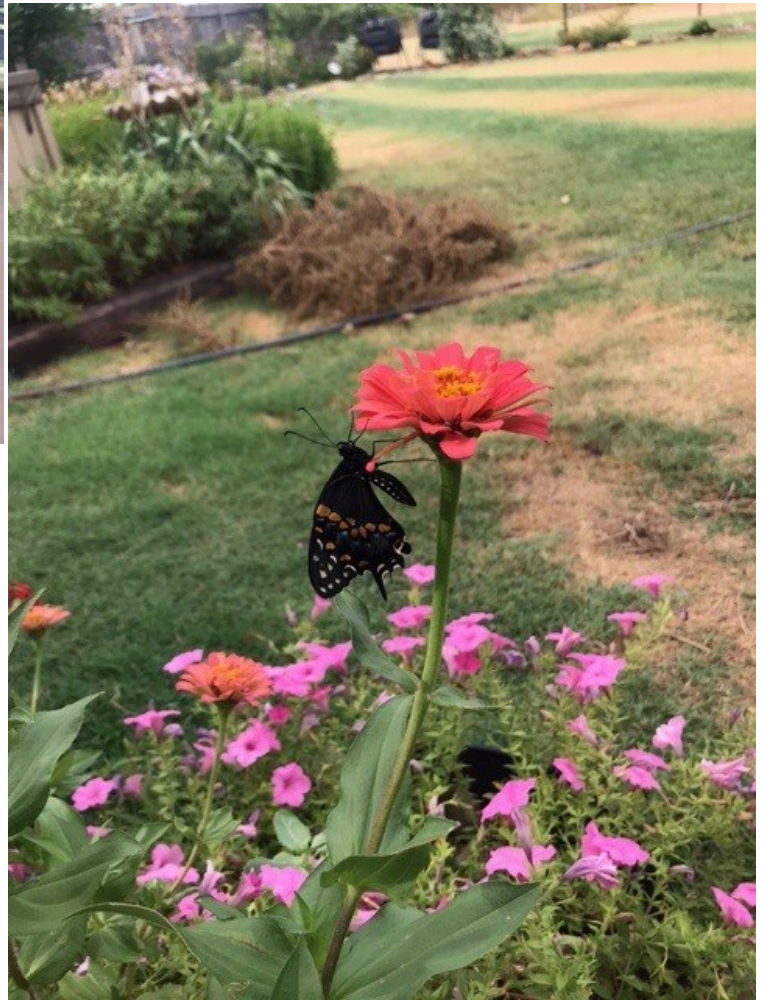
Below, left: These dog days of summer has our grasses looking like winter. We need rain!

Right: My newest helper and I are selling our goods at our local Farmers Market. Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore.





I've been raising lots of butterflies to increase the numbers. These new releases are Eastern Black Swallowtail butterflies. Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore



Left: Early morning sleepers. Lol

Sandy's Critters!

More barn swallows
ready!



Pretty visitor today!
Photos & comments
from Sandy Ledy



Mary Rhoads' Gardens

Texas star hibiscus (**top left**) and Rose moss (**center right**) enjoying the heat.

Photos & comments from Mary Rhoads.



Tiger lilies (**above**) and Day lilies and Texas poinsettia (**right**).



Farmer's Market

Even though temperatures were nearing 100 and we were moved to the "sunny side of the street", we visited with about 250 interested patrons. We passed out almost 300 iris and day lily bulbs.

Thanks to Ernie and Mason for digging up all those bulbs and many thanks to Pearl for her most generous donation. Thanks to Georgia for her lily bulbs and to everyone who made contributions.

The theme for August is "fall gardens". Seeds in small packs would be a good help. Photos & comments from Marilyn Putthoff.



Awards of Excellence Winners With their Awards



Elsie Berry, 1st Place, Project in Medium Class

Georgia Spoonemore, 2nd Place, Outstanding Individual in Medium class

Mary Rhoads, 3rd Place, Youth Category for Medium Class



Iceland

There is green grass somewhere! Bottom pictures are of turf houses. In Iceland they cut the turf and stack it (like the sod houses of the old west), but they have enough rain that the roof is also covered with grass. Photos & comments from Mary Rhoads.





Waterfalls and icebergs in Iceland



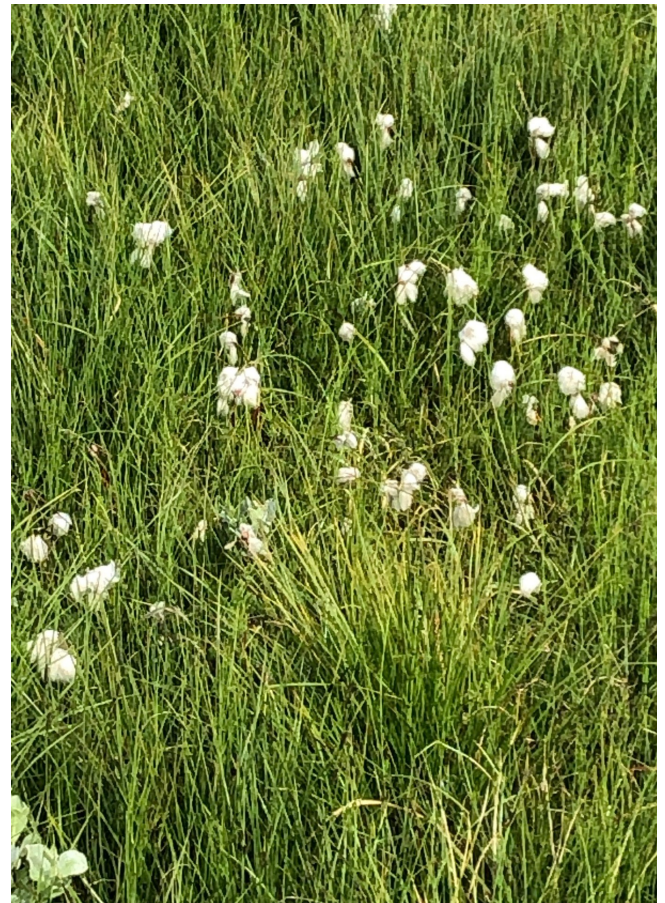


Left: Recent lava fields (1000 years) covered with moss. The moss is very fragile and grows slowly but is the first step in plant life on the lava flows.

Below, Left: Yellow lions foot, or ladies mantle, native Icelandic plant.

Right: Cotton grass - native grass in Iceland.

More Iceland





Left: Lupine—imported from Alaska around 1945 in an effort to hold the fragile soil. It has thrived and is now taking over the country. **Below:** Angelica, native Icelandic plant. It and lupine are vying for territory.



Bottom, Left: Dandelion

Right: Thyme, native Icelandic



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