



Washington County Master Gardeners Newsletter • June 2022



Please note! Your email provider may show an abbreviated version of this newsletter, so if you see the words "[Message clipped] View entire message" or something similar at the end of this email, be sure to click on "View entire message" so you don't miss important news!

However, *Garden Thyme* is best viewed in your browser (instead of viewing it within your email). Formatting within an email often gets messed up (sorry for the technical jargon there), which is a frustration for you and for your newsletter committee that works so hard to provide you with a newsletter lovely to behold. **So, to view *Garden Thyme* in its full glory, just click on the link at the top of this page that says "View this email in your browser."**

June Meeting: Ready for a Picnic?



Actual scene from a previous WCMG picnic. Coach Jim Sposato is back in the woods grilling. Ok, really it's *The Afternoon Meal (La Merienda)* by Luis Egidio Meléndez. *Courtesy [Wikimedia Commons](#)*

Our annual summer picnic is set for Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Agri Park on Garland Avenue in Fayetteville. [Here's a map](#). Park at Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center across the highway from Agri Park and use the trail and tunnel to access the park. If you can't make it at 6:00 p.m., come when you can! However, we must leave the park by 8:00 p.m.

It's a potluck picnic, so bring a dish to share and a serving utensil. Please bring your own plate and cutlery, as well as a non-alcoholic beverage and folding chair. You may invite one guest and bring plates, etc. for them, too.

Jim Sposato will be barbecuing meats and veggies on the spot. Please let the vegetarians have the first plates of veggies, while the omnivores start with the meat and the potluck dishes. Many thanks to Coach for providing this treat.

Since we did not give away all the goody bags at the conference, Chris Bell will be selling empty ones for \$5, cash only. These are very stylish and functional back-packs.

PLEASE RSVP TODAY and no later than Friday, June 3. Email Linda Morrow at uaprof@aol.com with your name and the number "1" or "2". It's that simple!

We're looking forward to the picnic and a chance to reconnect with our Master Gardener friends.

Taking Care of Business

We will vote on the following at our May 3 business meeting.

May 2022 Meeting Minutes

April 2022 Treasurer's Report

From Your President

KAREN HANNA-TOWNE

A Well Choreographed Event

Sometimes you're on center stage and sometimes you're in the wings. From May 18—21 we were definitely on center stage! After two and a half years of concentrated effort, monthly meetings, committee strategizing, fundraising, coordinated publicity, and countless communications—we welcomed more than four hundred Master Gardeners from near and far in Arkansas.



Here's a sampling of what was offered. The pre-conference tour on Wednesday included stops at the Arkansas Archeological Survey, the University of Arkansas Herbarium, the UA Arthropod Museum, Historic Cane Hill's *Habitat* exhibition from the Smithsonian, and Larry Galligan's Riverside Specialty Farm in West Fork. The day ended at Westwood Gardens where participants could stock up on their favorite plants to take home. In case you're wondering how these plants fared until it was time to head home, the Plant Holding Committee kept careful watch over them in the Ozark Room at the Holiday Inn until their owners could retrieve them.

The Special Events Committee was on stage on Thursday afternoon offering a look at the highlights of downtown Springdale, which is undergoing a renaissance. This included tours of the murals, visits to gardens, demonstrations at several of the craft shops, and a watering hole visit! Back at the hotel, the Meals Committee arranged for a wonderful buffet on Thursday evening, followed by an enthusiastic presentation by Charity Cox from White River Nursery.

Friday was the most intense day with simultaneous bus tours to gardens and speakers at the hotel. The Tours Committee organized three different tours, each with three gardens, offered in the morning and afternoon. At the same time there were a great variety of

session speakers, both morning and afternoon. Each tour and each speaker were assigned volunteers to make sure our guests enjoyed a seamless event. Friday included lunch and dinner. The dinner speaker was Tony Avent from Plant Delights Nursery in North Carolina, showing 100 of his favorite perennials.

Saturday morning found us all back at the Convention Center enjoying a delightful concert by local celebrities Donna and Kelly Mulhollan of Still on the Hill. They gave a wonderful performance of original songs about birds, sprinkled with bird sounds! The State Master Gardener Awards ceremony followed and we got to cheer for our own Colin Massey as he was recognized as Agent of the Year. Washington County also received the statewide award for Friend of Master Gardeners individual in a large county: Susan Donnangelo of Prairie Grove State Park.

Through it all, our guests remarked about the fabulous decorations provided by the Decorations Committee. Conference attendees received unique goody bags filled with treats, bought tee shirts and aprons, and got a free native plant from the Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists. Behind the scenes, thank you notes were prepared. The Garden Market offered plants and crafts for sale, a hospitality room treated our 100 volunteers and another committee kept track of all these volunteers. Signs were posted for directions at the hotel and on the tours. We even had a custom designed backdrop for the stage where the keynote presentations, concert, and awards ceremony took place. Committees organized registration, a state newsletter, and transportation, and County 76 hosted a silent auction. There was always something going on and we received many, many compliments.

I must take a moment to recognize the driving force behind this event: Patsy Louk. It was her vision that guided all the committees as they moved through the planning stages. It was her fortitude that kept us all going as details fell into place or didn't. Through it all she maintained a calm and cheerful demeanor, even when things weren't just right. When she was being pulled in many directions by anxious volunteers, she maintained her composure and made sure the job was done and done right. Congratulations, Patsy!

Very quickly I'll alert you to two more WCMG events in the near future. On June 4 we'll host the Garden Gate Tour. Please watch for information on where to purchase tickets or, if you've volunteered to help, where and when your assignment will be. On June 7 we'll host our first in-person picnic since 2019. Details for both events are in this newsletter.

There's no doubt: it's a great time to be a Washington County Master Gardener!

Yay Team!



"Teamwork." Fishhawk, photographer: [Flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/fishhawk/)

Thanks and congratulations to WCMG's State Conference Steering Committee. Our Ozark Adventure was a big success!

Co-Chairs: Patsy Louk and Steve Brizzi

County Agent: Colin Massey

Decorations: Doris Cassidy and Lynn Sheridan

Garden Market: Gayle Howard and Marilyn Misenhimer

Goody Bags: Chris Bell and Mike Wulf

Hospitality: Mariette Spidel and Geri Alvis

Meals/Snacks: Regina Gabel and Debbi Mohler

Merchandise: Dawn Fisher and Kim Hughes

Plant Gifts: Kitty Sanders and NWA Master Naturalists

Plant Holding: Darielle James

Registration: Annette Pianalto and Marsha West

Secretary: Mel Zabecki

Signage: Jim McGinty

Silent Auction: County 76

Speakers/Sessions: Gail Pianalto and Susan Young

Special Events: Kathryn Birkhead and Mary McCully

Statewide Newsletter: Judy Smith and Susan Young

Thank You Notes: Wilma Bonds and Anita Bukey

Tours: Joyce Mendenhall and Susan Young

Transportation: Mike Standrod and Jim Sposato

Treasurer: Jill King

Volunteers: Karen Hanna-Towne and Nancy Sloan

Special thanks to

- Berni Kurz and Julie Treat from the State office
- Jayne Laster and Jody Miskell for painting the stage backdrop and rain barrel that decorated the Convention Center
- Neta Winston for making her cool camper van the grand entrance to the Convention Center.

Scenes from the Conference

WCMG trainee Aileen Wilson took nearly 1600 photos at the state conference. We selected 60 to share with you in a YouTube slide show.

Thanks, Aileen, for sharing your photography skills!



Natives Naturally

SARAH SHELL TEAGUE



Monarda, aka Bee Balm. *Kitty Sanders, photographer.*

One Gardener's Wildflower: Bee balm is bursting to beautify your yard

You might see it peeking out from the edge of woodlands, where it benefits from filtered sunlight, but it also blooms in sun. That's the beauty of natives: they are happy and tolerant of many diverse conditions. We welcome Monarda, commonly known as bee balm,* another fabulous native Arkansas plant which checks off many boxes.

Monarda brings showy pink, white, purple, or red blooms, and will thrive in shady yards. It scores an ecological trifecta through the Arkansas Native Plant Society, which lists its appeal to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, who are drawn to its slender tubular blossoms. Monarda can definitely take the heat and the dry soil of late summer. The only planting caveat for this jewel is to avoid constant moist conditions; it prefers to be on the dry side, which is why you can spot it flourishing in untended areas. It is listed as deer resistant, although one source claimed deer browse the tallest genus (*Monarda fistulosa*).



Bradbury's Monarda. *W. D. and Dolphia Bransford, photographers. [Courtesy Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)*

Monarda has several varieties in Arkansas. I want to focus on *Bradburiana*, or Bradbury's monarda. This plant stays short and doesn't spread as much as other monardas, which in their lack of fussiness might gallop across your bed if allowed (and that would not necessarily be a bad thing!). Furthermore, this plant blooms about a week earlier than other bee balms, and is less susceptible to powdery mildew, which may occur when it is planted in moist areas. While one source cited a tendency for monarda to flop over, that wasn't noted in Arkansas, especially with the shorter Bradbury's monarda.

The previously mentioned *M. fistulosa*, or wild bergamot—a pinkish, lavender, or lilac plant—is recommended for the back of a garden bed, as it grows 2–4 feet (a cousin with white flowers is *M. stipitatoglandulosa*). Another interesting variety is dotted monarda or *M. punctata*, with seeming stacks of purple-dotted yellow flowers layered with purplish bracts, and its sibling *M. citriodora*, or lemon mint. Finally, the white *M. russeliana* is labelled horsemint in Carl Hunter's classic *Wildflowers of Arkansas*.

Outside of Arkansas it is known as Oswego tea, as the Oswego tribe of Native Americans brewed its leaves into a tea. A member of the mint family, its slightly minty essence is also a plus. It was named by none other than Carl Linnaeus, the father of modern taxonomy, for Dr. Nicolas Bautista Monardes, a Spanish botanist who died in 1588.

Thanks to WCMG Kitty Sanders for suggesting Bradley's Monarda as an appealing native plant, especially for shade yards in Washington County.

*variously listed as bee balm, beebalm, bee-balm

Sources: Carl Hunter's *Wildflowers of Arkansas* and the [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

Sarah Shell Teague is delighted to share Arkansas natives with WCMGs. She welcomes suggestions for favorites and looks forward to reporting on one gardener's weed, which is another's wildflower, from fellow gardeners' yards and memories. [Email Sarah Shell Teague.](#)

Sow Intentionally: Vegetable Garden Edition

DIANA OLIVER



From *Unearthed Comics*. Courtesy Sara Zimmerman, creator.

"The best form of pest control in the garden is a chair." — Jessica Sowards

While this quote may sound a little peculiar, I agree wholeheartedly. When you create a garden where you want to enjoy a cup of coffee in early mornings or stroll through after a stressful day in the evenings, you are more likely to steward that garden and not look at it as a chore.

It is just about to get into the peak of the vegetable gardening season and everything in the garden is now awake, and that includes the bugs. All gardens establish an ecosystem of beneficial bugs as well as pests that are just after a free meal. And whether you consider yourself an organic farmer or not, managing those pests will be important not only to the life of the garden, but to the size of harvest yielded at the end of the season.

If this is your first year gardening, chances are that the bugs do not know you are open for business . . . yet. This is a great opportunity to create and build up a healthy ecosystem that will both create a healthy growing space full of nutrients for your vegetables, as well as welcome the pollinators and beneficial bugs. By amending your soil and planting starters that encourage pollinators, you will create a great first line of defense to limit pest control.

When using pest control methods, even organic ones, it is important to concentrate on small areas. Avoid broadcasting over your entire garden. By focusing on small areas, you can target the actual pests and avoid harming the beneficial bugs in your garden.

Some organic pesticides are oil-based and can cause blight or burning of your plants if done at the peak of the day. Beneficial bugs and pollinators are also more active in the mornings, so if possible, evening treatments are a great idea.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you previously used chemical pest control and are choosing to make the switch to organic methods, know that it can take a few gardening seasons before your garden and the pest colonies balance themselves out and reestablish a healthy ecosystem.

Here are some natural forms of pest control, along with their purposes in the garden.

- **Spinosad.** Spinosad is a naturally occurring bacteria. This pest control is great for use on bagworms, borers, beetles, codling moth, gypsy moth, spider mites, loopers, leaf miners, tent caterpillars, thrips, and more. NOTE: Do not apply this product when bees are active. SOURCE: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
- **Diatomaceous earth (DE).** DE is the fossilized skeletons of microscopic single-celled aquatic organisms called diatoms. This pest control is great for use on slugs and snails because the silica skeletons are very sharp so the pests eventually dehydrate and die. DE also works on other soft-bodied insects, like caterpillars, aphids, as well as on those with hard shells, such as beetles. The tiny particles of DE get into the insects' joints, causing irritation and dehydration. SOURCE: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)

- **Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)**. Bt is a naturally occurring bacteria used as a pesticide for various pests that attack vegetable gardens, such as hornworms, larval stage bugs, caterpillars, and mosquitoes. Bt kills insects by destroying their intestines once it is ingested. NOTE: There are many strains of Bt. The kurstaki strain (Btk) is toxic to the larvae of many butterflies. SOURCE: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
- **Neem oil**. This oil comes from the seeds of the neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*) which is native to the Indian subcontinent. This pest control is great for use on aphids, spider mites, whiteflies, thrips, leaf hoppers, cabbage worms, leaf rollers, mealybugs, leaf miners, and vine borers. SOURCE: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
- **Blacklights** are a great way to spot pesky hornworms at dusk. (See photo below.) And if you're a gardener who doesn't like to touch pests, you can use a **hand vacuum** to suck pests off your plants!



Tomato hornworm under a blacklight. Courtesy giantveggiegardener.com.

Online Hours Recording is Back!



Actual photo of WCMGs recording their hours the old-school way. Ok, really it's a scene at the bowling alley in Clinton, Iowa, in 1940. Arthur Rothstein, photographer. Courtesy [Library of Congress](#).

The new hours recording site has launched and is ready to use! To access the site, go to <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/default.aspx>. (This is the page you want to bookmark or save as a favorite.) Once there:

- Look for the red button that says "Enter Hours" and click on it.
- Enter your email address. This will be your username.
- Click on "Forgot Password." An email will be sent to you. Follow the instructions in the email to set your password and write it down. You will now be able to access the system with your new username and password!

To enter hours, click on the button that says "Record Hours." This page works pretty much like the old one but is much faster and you will be able to edit entries if you make a mistake without having to delete the entire entry.

You will notice that there is not a summary at the bottom of your timesheet. We hope to have that feature added back sometime soon. You will also not be able to access your old timesheets. Unfortunately, they were not transferred over from the old website.

Please set up your password and enter some hours before the end of this month so we will know you were successful accessing the new site.

Thank you for your patience while we waited for the new website to be completed! If you have any questions or need help, email [Annette Pianalto](#) or [Kathryn Birkhead](#).

Meet the Trainees

OLIVIA HARRINGTON and LYNETTE TERRELL

Karen Smenner

Gardening has been a part of my life since my birth on a wheat and dairy farm in northwest Oklahoma. My mother grew a very large garden to use all summer and to can for use in the winter months. I remember picking huge tomato worms and dropping them in a can of kerosene. Because our only water supply was a windmill with a large storage tank, water was at a premium. My father designed a cement tile underground water system using large juice cans with a pipe running through them as a mold.



In 1991, I took the Master Gardener course in Sebastian County. There were eight members in the class, led by extension agent Massie Silva. After a field trip to the Little Rock Garden Show, I said to the other members, “We can do that!” It took a lot of organization, meetings, and connections, the help of extension staff Massie Silva, Bernie Kurz, and Janet Carson, plus \$400 borrowed from 4-H, but in March of 1994, we held the first Arkansas River Valley Lawn and Garden Show.

After taking the Master Gardener course and with the aid of our tractor, I started turning the area near our house into gardens. I built twelve raised beds for vegetables, a water garden, bog garden, herbs, eighty-one rose bushes, and a perennial garden. I have often said that gardening is a disease!

In 2001, we sold our place in Sebastian County and bought an RV to travel the United States, visiting state and national parks and many gardens across the country. Three and a half years ago, we purchased our retirement home in Johnson. I have since met several ladies who are members of Washington County Master Gardeners. They encouraged me to take the course again. I signed up for the 2020 class—then COVID hit. I am happy to have been included in the class of 2022. I am now tearing up our yard to make a place for new specimens without making too many areas for my husband to mow around!

Along with gardening, I enjoy making stained glass pieces, cooking, designing and creating most anything, and spending time with friends, my husband, and fur babies.

Nicholas Sammer

I was fortunate to grow up in the rich prairie soil of Kansas. We weren't farmers, but we were connected to the land. My parents and grandparents kept large vegetable and ornamental gardens, and I participated in this work with amazement and joy. I was also in 4-H and was able to study the geology and the fauna of the region. It was a wonderful and formative upbringing.



Fast forward a number of decades and life gets busy with work and kids, and it's easy to get disconnected from the land. But the garden always beckoned me as the place I wanted to spend my free time. My wife and I even got married in a garden—talk about a cathedral. As I've grown older, and hopefully wiser, the garden means even more to me. I've begun to understand a little more about why this is. I believe we are at our best when we are deeply connected to the soil, seasons, cycles of growth, and the larger natural system of which we are a part. It is a system that gives exponentially when we create with it.

We now live east of Fayetteville out in woods we share with lots of critters—deer, turkey, an occasional bear, and lots of woodland birds. I spend a lot of time in the woods working to slowly foster a healthy woodland ecosystem. This includes a lot of timber management, invasive plant removal, and re-introduction of native species. We also have several small ornamental garden plots around our house that I enjoy tending with my boys. When I'm not working in the soil, I run a brand strategy agency that I founded. We help brands scale and grow their businesses. The wonderful thing is that the principles from the garden apply to my work with brands. The earth provides free wisdom, and I'm happy to take all of it I can get.

As a Master Gardener in training, I'm really excited to get to know each of you, work with you, learn from you, and create with you.

April Photo of the Month *Flowering Trees and Shrubs*



FIRST PLACE
"Native Ivory" by Geri Alvis



SECOND PLACE
"Spring Arrives" by Chris Bell



THIRD PLACE
"Pretty in Pink" by Sarah Shell Teague

May Photo of the Month
Garden Art



FIRST PLACE
"Stop and Smell the Zinnias" by Kerry Fultz

A note from your Photo of the Month Committee: Are you aware of the awesome pictures our members take? Please share yours. [Go to this link](#) on the WCMG website for a look at the photography contest information. The theme for June is "Native Plants."

"Garden Gate" Tour Highlights

This is the fifth (and final) in a series of articles about the local gardens that will be featured in the "Garden Gate" tour on June 4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Washington County Master Gardeners have taken on the tour as a sanctioned project and this will be our first effort. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for Garden Gate volunteers) and can be purchased at [Sharum's Garden Center](#) in Springdale, [Westwood Gardens](#) in Fayetteville (both locations), and [White River Nursery](#) in Fayetteville, as well as at each garden on the day of the tour. See tour locations and map link at the end of this article.



Serenity Shade. *Courtesy Lee Anne Wiederkehr.*

SERENITY SHADE

Lee Anne and Mike Wiederkehr are the current stewards of Serenity Shade.

The Wiederkehers purchased this property in 2019 from the Carroll family, who were the second owners of the house built on two-thirds of an acre in 1963. Carolyn Carroll's design acumen is demonstrated in stone walls and paths, white flowering dogwoods, southern and tulip magnolias, Japanese maples, and boxwoods in the midst of an existing grove of oak trees.

A too-shaded front lawn area has been converted to a large moss garden. Boxwoods, Snow Kurume azaleas, and Girard's Pleasant azaleas were added to hide the street curb.

The northern edge of the property features a stand of bamboo supplemented by the addition of Bracken brown magnolias. Other plantings include arrowwood viburnum, Rose of Sharon, 'Christom' Blue Muffin viburnum, mountain laurel, 'Henry's Garnet' itea, and Japanese flowering quince. Kousa dogwoods and redbuds add to the naturalistic edge and provide a mid-story.

A stone path leads to a pergola covered deck. Plantings of dwarf Japanese maples, American elms, boxwoods, dwarf yaupon hollies, and groundcover green the path. The deck is framed by crape myrtles and two glorious red maples.

Forsythia frames the back lawn dappled with daffodils and Kousa dogwoods. Masses of Limelight hydrangeas, 'Summer Snowflake' doublefile viburnum and Savannah hollies add a green foil to quiet views of the structure to the west.

Every garden has challenges from nature. Not far from Serenity Shade is Deer Hollow where a herd of whitetail deer live and come to visit when they are hungry. What they don't eat, they attack with their antlers during mating season. Metal fencing protects established plants. However, "habitat" can be thrilling when a majestic eight-point buck wanders through, a turtle strolls by, hawks nest in the trees above, and playful birds and squirrels look like an animated scene from Snow White.



Beds along the front walkway of Headquarters House.

Courtesy Washington County Historical Society.

HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

The Washington County Historical Society owns and operates Headquarters House. Built in 1853 by Judge Jonas Tebbetts and his wife, Matilda Winlock Tebbetts, Headquarters House is one of the best examples of Greek Revival architecture still standing in Arkansas. The name of the house comes from its role as headquarters for both Union and Confederate armies at various times during the Civil War.

In 1996, the Washington County Historical Society asked the Washington County Master Gardeners to help design and plant twin perennial borders in the front lawn of Headquarters House as the plantings would have looked in the 1850s. In 1997,

Headquarters House became WCMG's first sanctioned project outside the Washington County Extension Service campus.

Over the years, the Headquarters House project has grown to include 16 different period-correct themed gardens, including perennial and annual plants, herbs, shrubs and trees for both sun and shade, rose garden, butterfly garden, moon garden, shady woodland, heirloom vegetables, and container garden. WCMG volunteers work closely with the WCHS Historic Gardening Committee to design and develop historically accurate gardens. Both organizations agree that the key to the continued success of this 24-year sanctioned project is "communication, communication, communication!"

GARDEN GATE TOUR LOCATIONS

Please support this, our latest sanctioned project, with your attendance and invite friends. Be sure to count your hours spent attending the tour as education hours.

[Here's a Google map showing the tour stops listed below.](#)

FAYETTEVILLE

Dingley Dell - Keith Blowers and Elaine Mills
1879 W. Archer Drive

Headquarters House - Washington County Historical Society/WCMG sanctioned project
118 East Dickson Street

Hosta La Vista - Judy Hyden
2853 Charleston Crossing

Serenity Shade - Lee Anne and Mike Wiederkehr
365 N. Olive

WINSLOW

Belvadere - Belvalee Jurkovich
12188 Bunyard Road

NEAR HINDSVILLE (MADISON COUNTY)

Natural State Flower Farm - Brenda Embry (free refreshments here!)
1654 Madison 7755

Did You Know?

WCMG has two Facebook pages. One is a [public page](#) where we share gardening news and WCMG publicity with the whole wide world. One is a [WCMG members only group](#) where you can trade plants, let WCMGs know about a great sale at a local gardening center, share photos (like Geri Alvis did with her Candid Camera shots from the state conference), brag

on your grandkids, etc. You have to answer a few basic questions to be accepted into the members only Facebook group.

Gardening and Community Events

PAM BUTLER

JUNE 2, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 pm. BUTTERFLY BEHAVIOR AND ECOLOGY. Hosted by Wild Ones Ozark Chapter. Free. No registration required. Fayetteville Public Library. [More information.](#)

JUNE 4. WCMG "GARDEN GATE" TOUR. See article in this issue of *Garden Thyme* for details.

JUNE 9, 12:00–1:00 p.m. GROW YOUR OWN GROCERIES: SUMMER SQUASH. Zoom program by UADA Extension Service staff. Free. [Registration information.](#)

JUNE 11, 9:00–10:00 a.m. PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOP. Compton Gardens Greenhouse, Bentonville. \$10. [Registration information.](#)

JUNE 11, 10:00–11:30 a.m. WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY. Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center, Springdale. Free. [Registration information.](#)

JUNE 17–19. MYCOLOGY WEEKEND WORKSHOP. Ozark Natural Science Center near Huntsville. Ticket prices vary. [Registration information.](#)

JUNE 18, 10:00– 11:30 a.m. NATURE JOURNALING. Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center, Springdale. Free. [Registration information.](#)

JUNE 18, 6:00 p.m. BASICS OF BOTANY SERIES, PART 3: THE BASICS BEHIND A NAME. Arkansas Native Plant Society. Held via Zoom. Free. Register by emailing ANPS.Programs@gmail.com.

JUNE 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m. NATURAL FABRIC DYEING. Appleseeds Teaching Farm, Fayetteville. \$70. [Registration information.](#)

Contact Information

The *Garden Thyme* email address is wcmgnewsletter@gmail.com. Please use this address for submissions and for questions and comments specific to the newsletter. For other needs, please contact the appropriate officer or chairperson as listed in your WCMG Member Resource Guide.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

[Judy Smith](#), managing editor/submissions; [Mary McCully](#), editor/submissions and videos; [Pam Butler](#), reporter; [Olivia Harrington](#), reporter; [Diana Oliver](#), reporter; [Sarah Shell Teague](#), reporter; [Lynette Terrell](#), reporter; [Susan Young](#), production assistant.

Send all newsletter submissions to Judy Smith or Mary McCully.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

[Karen Hanna-Towne](#), president; [Linda Morrow](#), vice president; [Lynette Terrell](#), secretary, [Jill King](#), treasurer; [Darielle James](#), assistant treasurer. Members at large: [Alfi Anderson](#), [Jenean Hill](#), [Dale Thomas](#). Ex officio: [Kathryn Birkhead](#), past president; [Randy Butler](#), parliamentarian; [Colin Massey](#), Washington County extension agent.

Banner photo of thyme courtesy [Lucy Meskill/flickr.com](#)



WCMG Facebook Group (private)



WCMG Facebook Page (public)



WCMG Website



UA Cooperative Extension Service Website

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information or any other legally protected status and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Copyright © 2022 Washington County Master Gardeners. All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails? You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#). Please note that if you unsubscribe from this list, you will no longer receive the *Garden Thyme* newsletter and WCMG email announcements.

