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**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
January 20, 2004**

The January meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. Nancy Kirsch called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Nancy welcomed members and thanked the Howdy Duty Club (Sue Ellen Roberts, Jim Tyler and Sandy Harrison.) Also, the Social Committee was thanked for the Holiday Dinner and snacks at orientation. It was all greatly appreciated.

Nancy had new Committee Chairpersons stand as well as the retiring Chairpersons.

Sandy Harrison was recognized as Second Vice President.

Lois Corley introduced Mr. Donald Webb with the CDC who presented the group with a sign.

Lois Corley announced that azaleas for projects had to be ordered by the end of January. Work will start the first Tuesday in March thru the last of April for her Committee. Violas must be ordered by April 1st.

Travel Committee will meet after the General Meeting today. Let committee know of trips or ideas for this year.

Social Committee will meet after the General Meeting in March.

Mary Evans needs a tall table and stools with 50's theme and someone to do calligraphy for the Flower and Garden Show.

Stuff orders are due by February meeting.

Gift and Talent surveys were turned in.

Nominations for State Advisory Committee took place. The Board nominated Carolyn Newbern. There were no other nominations. Carolyn was approved.

Nominations for State Master Gardeners' Project were Curran Hall and State Hospital. The members voted for and approved Curran Hall.

Friends of Master Gardeners' nominations were Chris Olsen and Home Depot. Chris Olsen was voted and approved for the nomination.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to the State Hospital and Home Depot.

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

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**Highlights for the Master Gardeners' General Meeting
January 20, 2004**

- ❖ President, Nancy Kirsch thanked the Howdy Duty gang for helping get everyone parked and into our new meeting space and the Social Committee for a wonderful Winter Holiday Party.
- ❖ Nancy Kirsch Recognized new and retiring Chairpersons.
- ❖ Sandy Harrison was introduced as new Second Vice President. Sylvia Orton had to resign.
- ❖ Lois Corley introduced Mr. Donald Webb (CDC) who presented us with a sign.
- ❖ Time to pay dues.
- ❖ Lois Corley announced that the greenhouse needs projected pansy and viola orders no later than April 1st. She orders early take advantage of early order savings.
- ❖ Travel Committee will meet today. If anyone has any ideas, call the Brays, Bob or Wanda.
- ❖ Lynn Phelps announced that the Social Committee will meet after March General Meeting.
- ❖ Mary Evans needs a tall table and stools with a 1950's theme and someone to do calligraphy for the Flower and Garden Show.
- ❖ Stuff orders are due by next month's meeting.
- ❖ Everyone was reminded to turn in their Gift and Talent surveys.
- ❖ Carolyn Newbern was nominated for the State Advisory Board.
- ❖ Curran Hall was selected as Pulaski County Master Gardener Project of the Year and Chris Olsen for Friend of Master Gardeners. Both will be nominated for state awards.
- ❖ Master Gardeners will participate on the Two Rivers Park Project. Those interested in being involved were ask to let Beth know.
- ❖ Beth Phelps thanked the membership the holiday gift and gift basket sent to the Pulaski County staff.

Members were reminded to register now for the Heirloom Gardening Seminar and that the seminar was open to all Master Gardeners and the general public.

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- ❖ Cheryl's Garden Party Committee has chosen the Old Mill as Garden of the Month.
- ❖ Beth Phelps gave the program on "Gardening in the Zone".

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

Feb 04

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
February 17, 2004**

The February meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. President Nancy Kirsch called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Nancy Kirsch welcomed members and thanked St. James, Suellen Roberts, Jim Tyler, and "Howdy Duty" gang.

Committee Announcements:

Social Committee-- Lynn Phelps told members to reserve May 6, for PCMG annual picnic at Lakeside Country Club.

Travel Committee--Bob Bray announced that plans were still pending.

Other Announcements

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show--Ray Sarmiento reported volunteers are still needed. Mary Evans requested a tall table and stools for event.

MG State Meeting--Nancy reminded members to mail their registrations soon, and asked for members to donate items for silent auction event for the state meeting.

Gift & Talent Survey--those that have been turned in are now in a searchable database for committees who may need "special talents". If you have not turn a survey in please complete your survey and mail to Beth.

Nancy announced that chairmen were still needed for Cammack and War Memorial Projects, and asked for volunteers to notify her or Beth.

Heirloom Gardening Seminar--Carolyn Newbern urged members to register for this wonderful opportunity to learn more about historic Arkansas landscaped design and heirloom plants.

Master Gardener Garden Tour--Jan King requested names or location of interesting gardens in Maumelle. Tour is June 1st.

Beth's announcements included:

- 1) L.R. Arbor Day Festivities--Committee needs a chairman, who with other members will plan an educational program and children's activities for event.
- 2) Leave of Absence Applications for 2003 are due now and dues must be current.
- 3) Adult Health Risk Survey sponsored by Pulaski County Health Dept. and St. Vincent's will be conducted by phone soon. Please participate.
- 4) Check the bulletin board at the back of room for other announcements and events.
- 5) Orders for MG "Stuff" are being taken today, please check on "Stuff" you have ordered and take it with you

Sandy Harrison introduced the program speaker, Jim Robbins of the State Cooperative Extension Office who presented a program "Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring."

Sandy Harrison For:
Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

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**Highlights for the Master Gardeners' General Meeting
February 20, 2004**

- ❖ President, Nancy Kirsch welcomed members for great turn out
- ❖ Social Committee has set Thursday, May 6 for PCMG Annual Picnic.
- ❖ State Master Gardener Meeting--Registration Forms should be completed soon and Auction Items are needed for this meeting. If anyone would like to donate item, please contact Beth.
- ❖ Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Ray Sarmiento still needs volunteers and Mary Evans needs a tall table and stools with a 1950's theme.
- ❖ Gift and Talent Survey results are now in a searchable database if committees are looking for special help. If you have not turned your survey in send to Beth.
- ❖ Cammack and War Memorial Project Committees need chairmen. Volunteers can contact Beth.
- ❖ Heirloom Gardening Seminar, March 18th registrations are due by March 16th. This event is open to the public. Don't let friends and neighbors miss this opportunity to hear nationally known speakers on the topics of Arkansas Historic Landscape Designs and Heirloom plants.
- ❖ Stuff orders are due today. Please check the "Stuff" table and take your orders home.
- ❖ Jan King asked for the names or location of any interesting gardens in Maumelle for the Master Gardener Gardens tour on June 1.
- ❖ Beth Phelps reminded members of the Arbor Day Festivities this fall and asked for a volunteer to chair this event. This would include working with a committee to plan educational program and children's activities for this Little Rock event.
- ❖ Leave of Absence applications for 2003 are due now and those applicants must be current with dues paid.
- ❖ Beth announced an Adult Health Risk Survey conducted by Pulaski County Health Dept. and St. Vincent's would begin soon. This is a telephone survey and she encouraged all members to participate.
- ❖ Jim Robbins with State Extension Office presented program, "Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring."

Sandy Harrison for:
Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

March 04

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
March 16, 2004**

The March meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. President Nancy Kirsch called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Kirsch welcomed the members and announced the passing of Ann Morgan, who will be greatly missed. Individuals can make a contribution to the PCMG Memorial Fund.

Members were reminded to use the Sunshine board to add others that we want to send cards and be in our thoughts.

New Project Chairs:

Cammack – Jim Dyer, Fran Ables and Mary Vancura

War Memorial – Shirley Gunnels

Ray Sarmiento thanks everyone who volunteered at the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. It was a great success!

Beth Phelps thanked everyone that helped prune the Crepe Myrtles at the church.

Lynn Phelps reported that the Spring Picnic will be held Thursday, May 6th at the Lakeside Country Club. The cost is \$12.00. RSVP forms with a map will be sent out to members.

Beverly House, travel committee, announced that on Wednesday, May 5th, a tour of Marlsgate will be held in Scott with cookies and punch. The cost is \$10.00. RSVP by April 26th. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at Marlsgate.

The Greenhouse will have their spring sale on April 17th from 8 a.m. until Noon.

Mary Evans announced that Beth Phelps was named Arkansas Flower and Garden Show Volunteer of the Year – Congratulations Beth!

T-shirts from the Flower and Garden Show are available (see Mary Evans). A few books are also left (see Marilyn Tilley).

Proposed By-law changes concerning the terms for Members-At-Large will be in the next Master Minutes and will be voted on at the April Meeting.

Please pay your dues. See Mary Freeman, Treasurer.

March 04

LR City Greenhouse needs workers to transplant on March 25th and 26th from 8 a.m. until Noon. It is located at 33rd and Gaines. They supply plants for the Contemplation Garden, Art Center and War Memorial projects.

Herb Society luncheon tickets are on sale now.

Members were reminded to check the sticky board on the back table to find out about upcoming garden events around Arkansas.

Sandy Harrison introduced our speaker: Sean Reynolds of Reynolds Greenhouse in Hot Springs. Topic: "What's Hot in Arkansas".

Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

March 04

**Highlights for the Master Gardeners' General Meeting
March 16, 2004**

- ❖ President Nancy Kirsch welcomed members and announced the passing of Ann Morgan. Individuals can make a memorial contribution. She will be greatly missed.
- ❖ New Project Chairs:
Cammack – Jim Dyer, Fran Ables and Mary Vancura
War Memorial – Shirley Gunnels
- ❖ Thank yous went out to all that worked at the Flower and Garden Show and to those who helped trim Crepe Myrtle trees at the church.
- ❖ Spring picnic will be Thursday, May 6th at the Lakeside Country Club. RSVP forms will be mailed. The cost is \$12.00.
- ❖ Marlsgate Tour is Wednesday, May 5th at 10 a.m. for \$10. Cookies and punch will be served. RSVP by April 26th.
- ❖ Greenhouse sale is April 17th from 8 a.m. - Noon.
- ❖ Congratulations to Beth for Arkansas Flower and Garden Show Volunteer of the Year Award.
- ❖ T-shirts are available from the Flower and Garden Show (see Mary Evans). Books are also for sale (see Marilyn Tilley).
- ❖ Proposed By-law changes concerning the terms for the Board Member-At-Large positions will go out in next month's minutes.
- ❖ Please pay your dues. See Mary Freeman, Treasurer.
- ❖ LR City Greenhouse Work Days are March 26th and 27th, 8 a.m. – Noon at 33rd and Gaines Streets. Plants for the War Memorial, Art Center and Contemplation Garden projects.
- ❖ Herb Society luncheon tickets are on sale.
- ❖ Members were reminded to check the sticky board in the back to find out about upcoming garden events around the State.
- ❖ "What's Hot in Arkansas" presented by Sean Reynolds was the program.

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April 14

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April 20, 2004**

The April meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. Dick Blankenkaker called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The Dick Blankenkaker announced the appointment of Carolyn Newbern to the State Advisory Board. Congratulations to Carolyn.

Dick Blankenkaker announced that on Saturday, May 1st, at 9:00 a.m., St. James Methodist Church is having a garden day and would love the Master Gardeners to help..

Carolyn Newbern gave a report on the Heirloom Seminar. 164 attended with the unexpected profit of \$887.09 due to attendance by the general public and book sales. Next year, the topic of the seminar will be tropical plants

Lynn Phelps reported on the May Picnic. It will take place on Thursday, May 6th at Lakeside Country Club. Wear your nametags. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, April 30th.

Dick Blankenkaker announced that the By-Law changes regarding the Member-at-Large positions on the Board will be voted on at the May meeting due to Master Minutes being delayed by the Postal Service.

Bob Bray of Travel Committee announced the May 1st deadline for Marlsgate Tour, which is May 5th. Cost is \$10.00 per person and it begins at 10:00 a.m. Also, he discussed a trip to Subiaco to tour their pepper production and making of sauces. This tour will be June 17th. Included in this trip will be stops at local wineries of the area.

Lois Corley announced the next plant sale, which is Saturday, May 1st.

Nancy McCowan of Stuff Committee will place another order in May the deadline for orders will be May 18th.

Steve Lopata asked for volunteers to serve as garden experts during the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tours being held this Saturday, April 24th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 25th, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Contact Steve if you are interested in volunteering for either or both days.

Dick Blankenkaker asked for a show of hands of those who will be attending May's meeting. He announced that the meeting will be held at the same time and place, even with the State Master Gardener meeting on the same day.

Beth Phelps announced Kite Festival for Saturday, April 24th, 2004.

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Sandy Harrison announced that due to a medical condition that Susan Purvis would not speak on "The Gardens of Japanese Relocation Camps in Arkansas". This has been rescheduled for October.

Sandy Harrison introduced Beth Phelps who spoke on the Arkansas Select Program.

Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

May 04

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
May 18, 2004**

The May meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. President Nancy Kirsch called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy welcomed the members and thanked those involved with the Marlsgate Tour, St. James Clean Up, the Spring Picnic and Pulaski Day.

Bob Bray, co-chairperson of the Travel Committee, announced the Subiaco Tour on Thursday, June 17, 2004. If interested in attending, meet at the Second Presbyterian Church on Pleasant Valley Drive and Cantrell Road at 9:00 a.m. There will be a car pool at no charge, but a head count is needed before hand. Lunch will be Dutch treat at Wiedeker Village. Send in your RSVP by June 15th.

Lost and Found – a black jacket was found. Please call Nancy if you are the owner.

Lois Corley, Chairperson of the Greenhouse, said that the May 1st Sale was the best second Saturday sale ever! Potting soil is available - only you must load it yourself. Corley encouraged the Project Chairs to plan on using lots of pansies this fall. She has ordered more than ever for the greenhouse committee to grow.

Stuff Committee will be ordering soon so turn in your orders today.

Sue Ellen Roberts thanked the members who helped at the church landscape workday. Also, the church is providing coffee for us. Have a cup before or after the meeting on them!

Carl Hunter announced the Wildwood Performing Arts Festival is sponsoring a seminar series to be held each Saturday in June.

Carolyn Newbern, Curran Hall Project Committee Chairman, announced that Curran Hall was chosen "Project of the Year for 2004" at the Statewide Master Gardener meeting. She thanked Anne Jarrard, Co-Chair and Jackie Wright who made the project scrapbook for the competition. She also asked for all those who have worked on Curran Hall to stand. Carolyn Newbern reminded every project that it is important to keep records of your projects because it will help when putting together applications.

Nancy Kirsch read to the membership the proposed changes of Article IV, Section 4(a) and Article IV, Section 5(f). Carolyn Newbern made the motion to accept the proposed changes with Nancy Wolford seconding the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Beth announced the next State meeting will be held in Bentonville in May 2005.

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A second workday is planned for St. James United Methodist Church on Friday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m. We will need help weeding and mulching. Hopefully this one will not be rained out.

Beth Phelps announced that anyone who needs volunteer hours that do not involve anything physically demanding can help stuff Master Minutes once a month.

Six members were recognized at the Statewide Master Gardener Meeting for their 15 years of service Pat Green, Sally Garrison, Jane Gulley, Don Thompson, Gail Roberson and Ruth Owing. These Master Gardeners and our 5 and 10 year Master Gardener will be honored at our November meeting.

The Tour of Master Gardener Gardens is Tuesday, June 1st. Meet at the Second Presbyterian Church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Homes to be seen will be those of Frank James and Nancy Wolford in Maumelle. Sack lunch will be at White Wagon Farms. Bring a lawn chair and your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Sandy Harrison introduced Fran Ables who gave a program on Cultural Influences on Southern Gardens.

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May 04

**Highlights for the Master Gardeners' General Meeting
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- ❖ President Nancy Kirsch welcomed the members and thanked those involved with the Marlsgate Tour, the Spring Picnic, St. James Clean Up and Pulaski Day.
- ❖ Subiaco Tour, Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Second Presbyterian Church to carpool. No charge. Send RSVP by June 15th.
- ❖ Lost and Found – a black jacket was found at the picnic. Please contact Nancy.
- ❖ Greenhouse Sale on May 1st Sale was the best second Saturday sale ever!
- ❖ Extra pansies have been ordered for fall. Project committees should request as many as they can use.
- ❖ Potting soil is available at the greenhouse but you need to load the bags.
- ❖ Wildwood, as part of their annual festival, is sponsoring a series of garden seminars each Saturday in June on the plants of the Ouachita Mountains.
- ❖ Congratulations to all those who have been involved with working on Curran Hall. It was voted "Project of the Year for 2004" at the State meeting.
- ❖ Proposed By-Laws changes, voted and passed Article IV, Section 4(a) and Article IV, Section 5(f).
- ❖ The 2005 State Meeting will be held in Bentonville in May.
- ❖ St. James Work Day will be Friday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ Need hours but have physical limitations? Contact Beth to help stuff Master Minutes once a month!
- ❖ Congratulations to the six members for their 15 years of service- Sally Garrison, Pat Green, Jane Gulley, Ruth Owing, Gail Roberson and Don Thompson
- ❖ Tour of Master Gardener Garden is Tuesday, June 1st. Meet at the Second Presbyterian Church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Homes to be seen will be those of Frank James and Nancy Wolford in Maumelle with picnic lunch at White Wagon Farm. Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair.
- ❖ Program by Fran Ables on "Cultural Influences on Southern Gardens."

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PCMG Secretary

June 04

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
June 15, 2004**

The June meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock. Sandy Harrison, Second Vice President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Sandy welcomed the members and made the following special recognitions:

- Curran Hall – 2004 Project of the Year;
- Jan King – Organizer of Master Gardener's Tour;
- Nancy Wolford, Frank James and Mary Evans for tours of gardens;
- To all Master Gardeners who helped with St. James' clean-up day; and
- Ray Sarmiento and members for planting a new bed at the State House Convention Center with Arkansas select plants.

Bob Bray, co-Chairman of Travel Committee, announced today's date as being the final day to RSVP for the Subiaco Tour on Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Travel Committee working on a trip to Austin, Texas, via Amtrak in the spring of 2005.

Lois Corley, Chairperson of the Greenhouse, asked that all Chairpersons let her know the list of flowers you will need by September/October. More irises will be available this fall. If you need potting soil, please see Lois.

The next order for "stuff" will be this fall.

Sharon Davis of 3P's thanked the photographers.

Beth announced a sign-up sheet for the "Mentor Program". Applications for new Master Gardeners will be mailed next week. Please call Rochelle Greenwood, Chairperson of Mentor Program, if interested as well.

The Audit Committee (Bob Bumgardner, George Harper and Carlee Adams) turned in a report, there were no discrepancies or recommendations made to said report.

A reinstatement policy was recommended to the Board and adopted that will allow former Master Gardeners to regain Master Gardener status. The policy report will be sent out in the Master Minutes. Thank you to Jane Gully and Retention Committee.

Project Chairs will be receiving a copy of project descriptions and evaluation forms either via e-mail or regular mail.

Beth announced that there was a ticket for sale for the Southern Region Cruise from Anita Chamberlin if anyone is interested.

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No meeting in July and August.

Please contact Kandy Jones if you can donate vegetables or food to the summer program to aid high-risk children.

Sandy Harrison introduced today's speaker, Ed Levi with the Arkansas State Plant Board who spoke on "The Effective Use of Chemicals While Protecting Beneficial Insects in the Garden".

Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

June 04

**Highlights for the Master Gardeners' General Meeting
June 15, 2004**

- ❖ Second Vice President Sandy Harrison welcomed the members and thanked those involved with the following:
 - Curran Hall – 2004 Project of the Year;
 - Jan King – Organizer of Master Gardener's Tour;
 - Nancy Wolford, Frank James and Mary Evans for tours of gardens;
 - To all Master Gardeners who helped with St. James' clean-up day; and
 - Ray Sarmiento and members for planting a new bed at the State House Convention Center with Arkansas select plants.

- ❖ Bob Bray announced Subiaco Tour on Thursday, June 17, 2004. He needs all names by today. Committee working on a spring 2005 trip to Austin, Texas on Amtrak to view area gardens.

- ❖ Give Lois Corley a list of flowers needed by September/October for ordering. More irises will be sold this fall.

- ❖ Next order of "stuff" is this fall.

- ❖ Sharon Davis of 3P's thanked photographers.

- ❖ Audit Committee Report - no discrepancies or recommendations were given to said report.

- ❖ The Retention Committee recommended to the Board and it was adopted that policy be put into place to allow former Master Gardeners to regain status. A copy will be in the Master Minutes.

- ❖ Project Chairs will be sent by e-mail or regular mail project descriptions and evaluation forms.

- ❖ Contact Beth or Rochelle Greenwood to sign-up for the PCMG Mentor Program. Applications for new Master Gardeners will be mailed next week.

- ❖ Contact Kandy Jones to donate vegetables or food for the summer high-risk program for children.

- ❖ No meeting in July or August.

- ❖ Program given by Ed Levi for the Arkansas State Plant Board on "The Effective Use of Chemicals While Protecting Beneficial Insects in the Garden".

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PCMG Secretary

Sept 04

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners' General Meeting
September 21, 2004**

The September meeting of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners was held at St. James Methodist Church in Little Rock.

President Nancy Kirsch welcomed members and asked Sandy Harrison to introduce today's speaker, Janet Carson, who spoke on "Fall and Winter Color".

Special recognition was given to the following:

- Carl Hunter for High Profile (Thanks to Don Ford, George Harper and Mackie Hamilton);
- Master Gardener Volunteers at Greenhouse;
- Dedication of the gardens at Curran hall as the Marjem Ward Jackson Historic Arkansas Gardens. The gardens were dedicated to the city by the children of Mrs. Jackson and their families including Marjem Ward Gill and her husband, John, both Pulaski County Master Gardeners;
- Loss of Carolyn Morton, (contribution made to Memorial Fund); and
- 2003-2004 Board for their past year of service.

Tom Stewart of the Travel Committee presented possible trips:

- Van Buren to Winslow (mid-October) – Leave Van Buren at 10:45 a.m. by train arrive at Winslow at 12:10 p.m. Back to Van Buren at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$35.00. Box lunches will be available for \$7.00.
- Memphis – spring 2005.
- Austin, Texas – Spring 2005. By Amtrak train from Little Rock. Round trip will be \$120.00. Leave Little Rock at 4:30 a.m. and arrive in Austin at 8:00 p.m.

Contact the Travel Committee to sign-up for these trips.

Lois Corley announced the Fall Greenhouse Sales will be Saturday, October 16th 8 a.m. until Noon, and Saturday, October 23rd 8 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Committee Chairs were asked to give Lois their committee's plant orders for spring. Fall plants will be available to projects on October 11th. Lois will call Committee Chairpersons.

Orders for "Stuff" will be taken at October and November meetings. Nancy McCowan also told members that a fashion show of "Stuff" would be presented at the new class on October 27th.

Sharon Davis of 3P's announced group pictures after meeting.

Rochelle Greenwood thanked Master Gardener mentors.

Lynn Warren with City Beautiful Commission spoke on the "Eye of the Beholder" Awards for residential yards. Applications forms are available.

Sept. 04

Old Mill will work next Tuesday and have social on October 14th.

Sandy Harrison announced that Susan Purvis will speak at October meeting on gardening in the Japanese interment camps in Arkansas during World War II.

Announcements by Beth Phelps:

- New Master Gardener Class starts Wednesday, September 29th at State Extension Office. Help is needed each session in the morning from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. with registration. If you are interested let Beth know today. Lunch orders for experienced Master Gardeners attending the training need to call the Extension Office by Monday afternoon of the week they plan to attend. The cost is \$6.50 per session for lunch.
- Native Plant Workshop is October 12th at 4H Center.
- English Ivy plants available from Little Rock Parks. Call Marilyn Mason at 413-9956.
- Gardening Day at State Fair on Friday, October 15th. Workers are needed from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and Noon until 3:00 p.m. Call Carolyn Newbern if you can help.
- Ballot issues information will be given to Master Gardeners and others who are interested. Beth mentioned the "Speak Up on Taxes" project and asked anyone interested in participating to let her know.

Nominating Committee Chairperson Carolyn Newbern submitted the Slate of Officers for 2004-2005. The President asked for nominations from the floor. With no other nominations, a motion was made to accept the slate; it was then seconded, voted and approved.

2004-2005 Officers elected were:

Dick Blankenkaker – President
Sandy Harrison – 1st Vice President
Marilyn Tilley – 2nd Vice President
Jackie Wright – Secretary
Mary Freeman – Treasurer
Don Davis - Member-At-Large

Ila Newberry, serving a second year term as Member-at-Large, and Nancy Kirsch, serving as Past President, will also continue on the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Susan Crisp
PCMG Secretary

Oct 04

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
October Meeting

The Pulaski County Master Gardeners met on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at 11 a.m. at St. James United Methodist Church. Dick Blankenkemper, President, presided.

Officers for the 2004-2005 year were introduced:

Dick Blankenkemper, President
Sandy Harrison, 1st Vice President
Merilyn Tilley, 2nd vice President
Jackie Wright, Secretary
Mary Freeman, Treasurer (absent)
Don Davis, Member-at-Large (1st year)
Ila Newberry, Member-at-Large (2nd year)

Reports were given by standing committee members. Lynn Phelps reported that there will be a reception for new Master Gardeners in the meeting room in November and that the meeting will be in the sanctuary of St. James Church.

Tom Stewart gave the travel committee report. We will have a trip to Northwest Arkansas to ride the train on Friday, Oct. 22. Each member received information in a flyer mailed with the Master Minutes. He stated that there is still room if others want to participate.

Lois Corley announced that there will be a sale at the Greenhouse on Sat. Oct. 23. She thanked the chairs who retrieved their plants in the rain. She thanked Beth for the nice flyer.

Jan King announced that today is the deadline to submit orders to the "Stuff" committee.

Sharon Davis announced that door prize winners would have their picture made after the meeting.

Dick recognized Cheryl Kennedy and thanked her for her hard work on the new brochure. There were copies on the back table for distribution to members.

Beth made the following announcements.

- Check the announcement board and the calendar in Master Minutes for special events.
- Public issue fact sheets are available. They are research-based, tell the pros and cons of the issues and what a "yes" or "no" vote will mean. There are more copies available at the county office
- Please turn in your hours and if you need hours call Beth. Fall plantings will be your last chance.
- We will recognize Chris Olsen and our 5 and 10 year members at our next meeting.
- Plants for exchange should be left outside the building.

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- Please pick up your "Stuff."

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ray Sarmiento announced that on Oct. 28th there will be a planting work detail at the State House Convention Center at Markham and Main for the garden that is maintained by the Flower and Garden Show Board.

David Werling asked us to forward to him, recent (last Year) project photos, MG sponsored tour photos, workshop photos or photos of any MG events of note for a monthly display that he will have at the meetings. His e-mail address is: "David Werling" <dewerling@comcast.net>

INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM

Sandy Harrison introduced our speaker. Susan Purvis presented a slide show, "Gardening in the Japanese Internment Camps in Arkansas."

Door prizes were awarded.

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Suggested Reading and Websites

- Daniels, Roger. *Prisoners Without Trial: Japanese Americans in World War II*. New York: Hill and Wang, 1993. (excellent, readable overview of history)
- de Cristoforo, Violet Kazue. *May Sky: There Is Always Tomorrow*. Los Angeles: Sun & Moon Press, 1997. (collection of poetry from the Arkansas camps)
- Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston. *Farewell to Manzanar*. New York: Bantam Books, 1973. (based on Jeanne's family experience; great for secondary level students and adults)
- Inada, Lawson Fusao, editor. *Only What We Could Carry: The Japanese American Internment Experience*. Berkeley, California: Heyday Books, 2000. (wonderful compilation on this WW II story)
- Kim, Kristine. *Henry Sugimoto: Painting an American Experience*. Berkeley, California: Heyday Books, 2000. (well researched, well written exhibition catalogue)
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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' GENERAL MEETING
November 16, 2004

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Reports were given by standing committee members. Lynn Phelps reported that the Christmas party will be on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. We will receive a notice in the mail.

Tom Stewart reported on the recent Master Gardener train trip through Northwest Arkansas.

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Nancye McCowan announced that there was "stuff" ready for pickup.

Sharon Davis announced that door prize winners would have their picture made after the meeting.

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University Park: Rebsamen Tennis Center and Adult Leisure Center; 12th Street west of University Avenue.

War Memorial Park: entrances at Markham and Fair Park and at 12th and Jonesboro; Louisiana iris on creekbank and island; golf course tees #1, 3, 9, 17, and pro shop; entrances to the zoo and to the fitness center.

Gardens Around State or County Buildings:

Arkansas School for the Blind: herb garden; 2400-2600 West Markham, Little Rock.

Arkansas State Capitol: rose and iris gardens, arbutum; 7th & Woodlane, Little Rock.

Decorative Arts Museum: butterfly garden and arboretum, in cooperation with the Little Rock Garden Club; Seventh Street at Rock, Little Rock.

Pulaski County Courthouse: rose gardens; 401 West Markham, Little Rock.

Statehouse Convention Center: Arkansas Select Plants featured in Arkansas Flower Show Garden; Statehouse Plaza, Markham at Main, Little Rock.

Additional Landscaped Areas:

William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park: 1200 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

Heifer Project International Headquarters: President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock (completion 2005).

Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Center: Kavanaugh between Lee Avenue and Martin.

Oasis Renewal Center: meditation vistas on trails, lakes, and woods; 14913 Cooper Orbit Road, Little Rock.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park: arbutum; 11901 Pinnacle Valley Road, off Hwy. 10 west of Little Rock.

Wildwood Center for the Arts: five gardens, including Oriental garden, willflower glen, and arbutum; 20919 Denny Road, Little Rock.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK:

Burns Park: gardens at information center, Union Pacific caboose and tennis center.

City Services Building: 120 Main Street.

Emerald Park: hiking trail with native woodland plants, Levy.

Faucett Gazebo Park: across from NLR Riverfront Hilton.

Faucett Memorial Park: JFK Boulevard at "A" Street.

Heritage Park: 22nd and Franklin.

Lakewood Lakes and Parks, including the Old Mill and historic landscape sculpture.

McCain at North Hills Boulevard: planters with seasonal color.

Main Street Argenta: plantings in the historic district.

Medians on JFK and McCain Boulevards.

Northshore Riverwalk Park and perennial beds at the seawall.

Riverfront Drive medians.

13th -15th Street Park.

JACKSONVILLE:

City Hall: annuals, perennials, and shrubs; W. Main Street.

List prepared by Pulaski County Master Gardeners



Master Gardeners plant fall annuals at the State Cooperative Extension Service Office in Little Rock.



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Master Gardeners and Pulaski County Gardens

Many garden projects in Pulaski County are maintained by Master Gardeners, whose program is coordinated by the Pulaski County Extension Service. The gardens belong to the public through city, county or state government, and government personnel do the basic manual labor of preparing a site and furnishing supplies and some plants. Then Master Gardeners design and maintain the gardens throughout the year, planting perennials and seasonal annuals for color and interest.

A Cooperative Arrangement

In Little Rock and North Little Rock, the municipal departments of parks and recreation own the gardens. In Jacksonville, the gardens are at City Hall. In Sherwood, the Library is a branch of the Central Arkansas Library System. In addition, some of the gardens are at Pulaski County and State of Arkansas locations.

Master Gardeners use the State Hospital greenhouse to grow plants for many of the projects. Furthermore, some local nurseries supply plants for special occasions at project sites.



Which Plants Where?

Each site's characteristics dictate the choice of plants. Some locales require plants that tolerate sun, such as willflower meadows full of rudbeckia and coreopsis. Others require plants that are shade-loving, such as hostas and impatiens.

In the fall, plants that tolerate cold, like pansies, are used. Bulbs provide additional spring color. The contrast of color and evergreen lends visual interest and drama to the gardens.

Knot gardens such as the ones at the Old State House and the Pulaski County Extension Office herb garden and the garden at Corran Hall provide the lasting structure sorely needed in vigorous herb and perennial gardens.

The Master Gardener Program

The International Master Gardener program began in 1972 in the state of Washington. In Arkansas, the first Master Gardener class was trained in the fall of 1988. The concept is that highly motivated volunteers who already have an interest in gardening can be trained to serve school and civic programs, serve as speakers and carry out other community activities promoting good gardening practices.

Pulaski County Master Gardeners work with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture cooperative Extension Service and the governments in Pulaski County to provide demonstration gardens and horticulture-related information to the residents of the county. In 2003, these volunteers gave more than 15,000 hours of service.

MASTER GARDENER PROJECT GARDENS

Little Rock

Arkansas Arts Center, contained several gardens, south entrance, courtyard gardens and two planters at the west entrance, 9th Street in MacArthur Park.

Cammack Fruit Demonstration Garden, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, and grapes developed by the University of Arkansas, U.A. Cammack Campus, North University Avenue at Hawthorne.

Contemplation Garden, shrubs, Louisiana iris, and seasonal plants around a pond, MacArthur Park.

Corran Hall, beds in the garden, grasses per ground, a restored 1842 house, the Arkansas and Little Rock Visitor Center, 615 East Capitol Avenue.

Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden, vegetables for use at the Mansion, also an herb garden maintained by the Herb Society, 17 & Center Streets.

Historic Arkansas Museum, herb garden and historic plantings, 200 East Third.

Mount Holly Cemetery, heritage roses and other historic plantings, Broadway at I-630.

Oak Forest Community Garden, neighborhood cooperative with L.R. Parks and Recreation, Corran-Conway Park, Monroe at 27th Street.

Old State House, plantings around the fountain, New Dawn roses on rear fence, 300 West Markham.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park, native plants and flowers only in visitors center, meadow, and front gate gardens, also butterfly hummingbird garden, off Hwy. 10.

Pulaski County Extension Office, herbs, shrubs, and seasonal beds, 2904 W. Roosevelt Road.

State Cooperative Extension Office, lawn, shrubs, and seasonal beds, 2507 South University.

State Hospital Administration Building, butterfly garden, UAMS campus, West Markham at Rose.

War Memorial Garden, shrubs and seasonal plantings, West Markham at Bear Park.

North Little Rock

Old Mill, extensive beds around mill, ferns and historic architecture and sculpture on Lake #2, Lakewood Park, Hill Water Works, beds around three Art Deco buildings, 8427 Magnolia.

Patrick Henry Hayes Senior Center, seasonal color with annuals and shrubs at 401 Pershing Blvd.

Jacksonville

City Hall, flower beds which reach a peak for the fall festival.

OTHER GARDENS TO ENJOY IN PULASKI COUNTY

Little Rock and Pulaski County have many public landscaped areas. Each season will showcase different annual and perennial flowers, shrubs, and trees. Consult a map and visit these gardens.

Community/Neighborhood Gardens:

Dunbar Community Gardens, vegetables and flowers cooperative with Little Rock Public Schools, L.R. Parks and Recreation, Heier International and Arkansas Urban Gardening and Educational Resources (AUGER), Chester and 38th Street, Little Rock.

Oaktooke Elementary School Junior Master Gardener Project, 2200 Franklin, Shempood.

Pulaski County Garden Center and Two Rivers Park, large garden plots for individuals to rent, park includes scenic trails for walking (park gardens planned for the future), off Highway 10.

Pulaski Heights Elementary School Junior Master Gardener Program, butterfly garden, trees, 319 North Pine, Little Rock.

South End Community Garden, neighborhood cooperative with South End Art Center and L.R. Parks and Recreation, 33rd and Ring, Little Rock.

Woodruff Community Garden, neighborhood garden, Lemay Park, Field Brown at 7th Street, Little Rock.

Little Rock City Parks (Some are maintained by the Adopt-a-Park program):

Also **Park** entrance on Cedar Hill Road at Cantrell, also Promenade on Kavanaugh Street, Cantrell.

Benny Craig Park, entrance at Sun Springs Road and Rosemont Drive.

Boyle Park, beds and historic C.C. architecture, Boyle Park Road entrance and at the Springhouse.

Cedar Hill Road at Cantrell, traffic islands plus wildflower plots, project areas.

Grandview at Science, tranqua island above the Arkansas River.

MacArthur Park, several lakes plus the Arkansas Arts Center and Contemplation Garden.

Murray Park, two entrances on Rebsamen Park Road.

Prospect Terrace, entrance and shrub beds on Crestwood west of Kavanaugh.

Rebsamen Park Road, Scape near Serrill Drive also, triangle garden at golf course.

Riverfront Park, extensive trees, shrubs, and beds with seasonal plantings, water features.