

2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Project of the Year Award

Submission Deadline is Sunday, January 15, 2023

MG Program Name: _____

MG Program Size: 50 members or fewer _____ OR 51 members or more _____

Name of MG Contact Submitting Nomination: _____

MG Contact Email Address: _____

MG Contact Phone Number: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Inception Date: _____

Number of MGs who worked the Project in 2022: _____

Total MG Project hours worked in 2022: _____

Project Chairperson Name: _____

Project Chairperson Email Address: _____

Project Chairperson Phone Number: _____

MG President Name: _____

MG President Email Address: _____

MG President Phone Number: _____

County Extension Agent Name: _____

Agent's Email Address: _____

Agent's Phone Number: _____

**County Extension Agent or
MG President Signature:** _____

Date of Signature: _____

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Guidelines. This award is open to all sanctioned projects within a MG program EXCEPT those that have won in the last 5 years. Renomination of a previously winning project 5+ years ago requires significant changes to warrant a new nomination. Statewide Master Gardener events (e.g., hosting the AR MG State Conference) are NOT eligible for this award.

The **nomination must not exceed 800 words**. Please submit the following information:

1. Give a description of the project including how it started and its evolution to today, the project's location, intended audience(s), and current project goals. List the number of MGs who worked the project and total MG project hours. Be sure to identify all project partnerships, their roles and contributions to the project. (40 points)
2. Identify the project's impacts on the intended audience(s), MG program, Extension Service and county. Be sure to include how the project impact was evaluated. (40 points).
3. Discuss the ease of replicating the project, how the project was funded and how much it cost to implement and maintain. (10 points)
4. Submit a maximum of four (4) high-resolution action-oriented digital images in JPEG format embedded at the end of your nomination. Identify via captions who is in the image, the project name and site, and MG work being performed. Images should provide support, clarify and enhance the understanding of the nomination narrative. Digital images may include newspaper clippings, garden layouts, etc. (10 points)

Winning nominations will be presented as a video at the AR MG State Conference, then made available statewide. The video requires an approximate 300-word script, which will be taken from the nomination. Please have numerous additional action-shot images available to enhance the video.

The chairperson or a designee of the winning Project of the Year Award in each size category MAY be asked to give a PowerPoint presentation at the County 76 Plant-Nurture-Grow (P-N-G) Leadership Conference. Master Gardener programs with a winning project presented at P-N-G Leadership Conference will receive \$100 to help defray the cost of presenting. These funds will be processed following the P-N-G Leadership Conference.

Ensure all nomination forms are completed, signed and dated before submitting.

All entries must be sent electronically with 2 attachments in one email. (Create a separate email for each award category.)

1. The completed and physically signed application form (may be submitted as a PDF or image). This application form is used by RRR to verify nomination authenticity. The application form is not sent to the judges.
2. The completed, clearly labeled (2022 [category], [nominee] and [county]) nomination form, including images with captions, as a Microsoft Word or Google Doc attachment. **This nomination document is forwarded to the judges.**

RRR prefers all program nominations be submitted on the same day.

For guidance in writing effective entries (based in large part on judges' comments), see:

1. 2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Awards cover letter.
2. Checklist for Writing an Effective 2022 Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.