



Master Gardener Meeting

November 17, 2020

A Moment in History

- Jane Gulley will be presenting a Moment in History at our upcoming meeting starting today.

2021 Proposed PCMG Officers

- **President – Sharon Priest**
- **First Vice President – Cindy Strauss**
- **Second Vice President – Carol F. Mendel**
- **Past President – Suzanne Potts**
- **Secretary – Sara Jordan**
- **Treasurer – Pam Gadberry**
- **Assistant Treasurer – Susan Stewart**
- **Board at Large 2nd Year – Ann Schweitzer**
- **Board at Large 2nd Year – Michele Wasson**
- **Board at Large 1st Year – Deanna Montgomery**
- **Board at Large 1st Year – Jody Mahoney**

Welcome New Members 2019

Kilan Agnew
Lynda Anderson
Vertina Banks
LaVenia Bell
Brooke Burton
Honor Canon
Jackson Canon
Jane Coonce
Debby Denton
Beverly Harrell
Amy Hatfield

New Members 2019 cont'd

- Alicia Herndon
- Daniel Koops
- Mabeline Lewis
- Anne Mitchell
- Penny Olinghouse
- Beverly Palmer
- Kate Spontak
- Rick Stanley
- Dorothy Taylor
- Susan Williamson

Welcome New Members 2020

- Ron Bearden
- Shannon Caldwell
- Tina Coley
- Kuganes Collins
- Minami Dzyndra
- Elizabeth Gordon
- Brianna Ham
- Lisa Hope
- Doug Hurst
- Jennifer Ivory
- Rose Ivory
- Ruth Ann Yancy
- Sam Yates

5 Years of Service

- Brenda Aycocock
- Barbara Baldwin
- Janet Beck
- Valerie Boyce
- Suzanne Brabston
- Janis Calaway
- Karen Henson Carter
- Elizabeth Devlin
- Cori Fetters
- Jane Fletcher

5 Years Service cont'd

- Becky Gibson
- Melanie Gibson
- Staci Grimes
- Dianna Harshfield
- Mary Ann Hodge
- Judy Hornibrook
- Ruth Landers
- Dianne Mauldin
- Joe Moore
- Terri Moore

5 Years Service cont'd

- Carole Nutter
- Sharon Priest
- Jim Rule
- Karen Smeltzer
- Lynn Smith
- Cindy Strauss
- Michele Wasson
- Karen Zap

10 years Service

- Lenore Arent
- Joellen Beard
- Bonnie Clough
- Cheryl Dunlop
- Jane Heaston
- Jean Hine
- Marianne Ligon
- Pat Luzzi
- Catherine Martin

10 Years Service cont'd

- Marylee Robinson
- Laura Sholes
- Valerie Smith
- Dale Webb
- Terry Wright

15 Years Service- Lifetime

- Dixie Atkins
- Carol Chappell
- Mary Freeman
- Marsha Friedman
- Robert Green
- Alan Hall
- Cindy Hancock
- Becky Hight
- Doyle Hughes
- Amelia Heung

15 Years Service – Lifetime

- Jane Diesing Lingo
- Jane Markham
- Susan Marsh
- Jeanne Rollins
- Tom Stramel

20 Years Service

- Sharl Hill
- Carol F. Mendel
- Merilyn Tilley
- Jackie Walker

25 Years Service

- Dick Blankenbeker
- Anne Jarrard

30 Years Service

□ Ann Cooper

2020 Master Gardener of the Year Laura Robinette

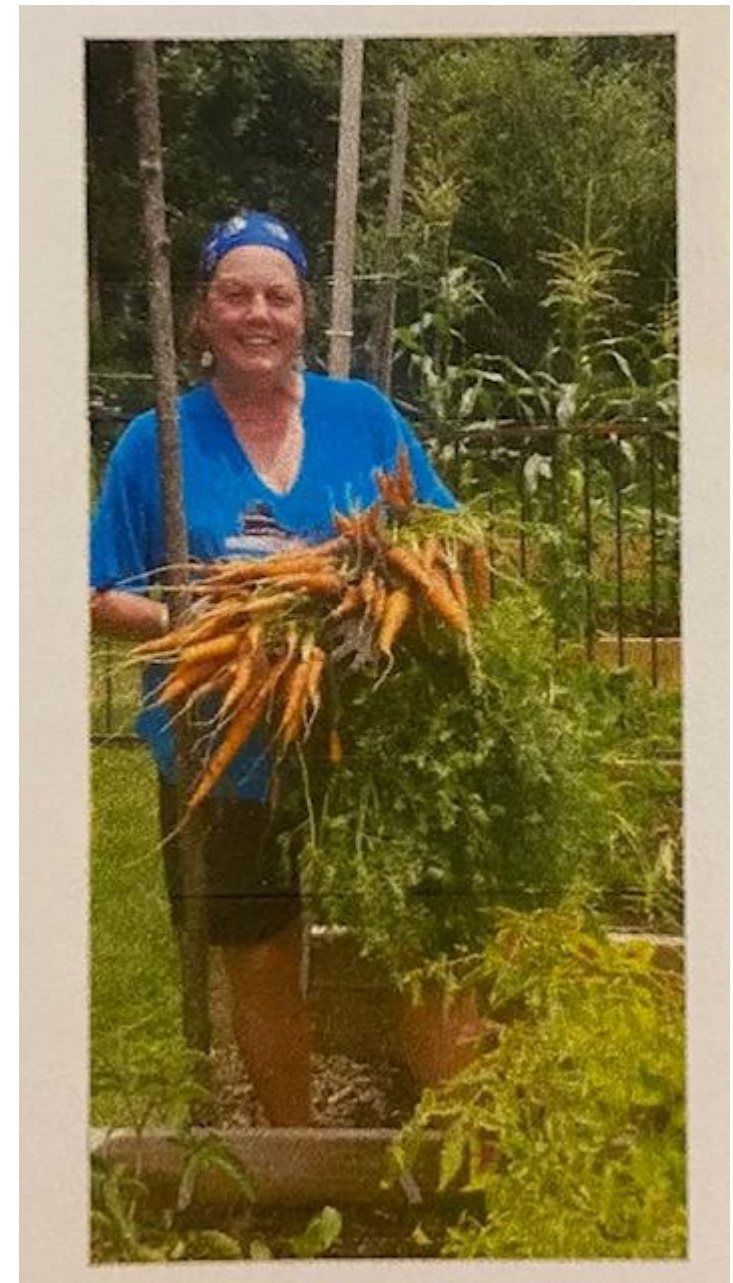
□ As chair of the Pathfinder Greenhouse Project Laura co-ordinates the ordering and sale of the plants, and when the plants arrive, she plans the timing and planting of the seeds and plugs. With the advent of Covid, Laura went almost daily to water/plant/transplant hundreds of seedlings and plugs that had been started in January. Because of her efforts the sale was successful and returned a nice profit to the MG program. A MG since 2004, Laura has also been on the Governor's Mansion project, the education committee, a County 76 member, and mentored 6 new master gardeners.



Laura Robinette as Chair of the Pathfinder Greenhouse.

2020 Rookie of the Year Tina Coley

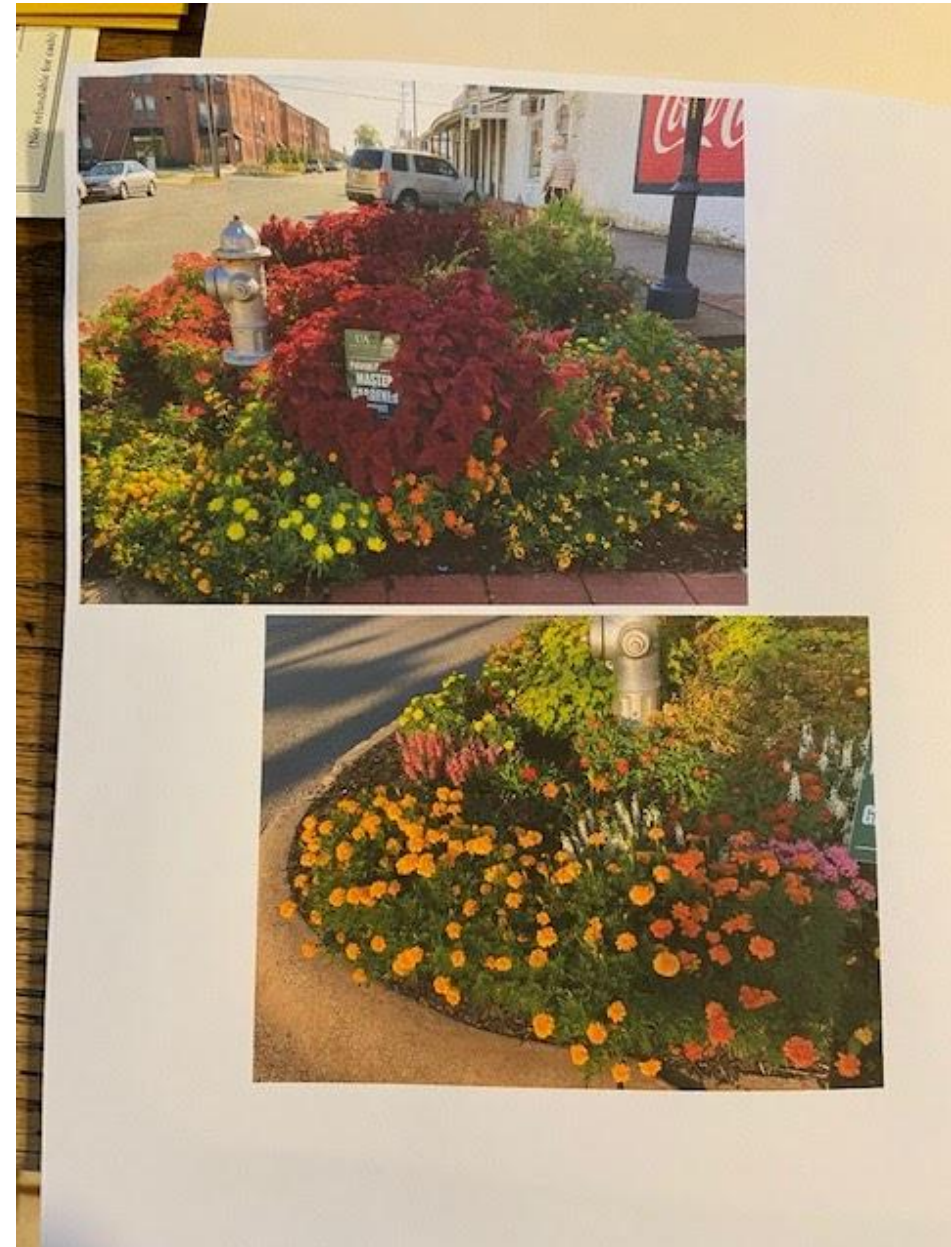
Tina moved back to Little Rock from Washington State in 2018 and quickly learned that gardening in the South is quite different from the Northwest. She began working regularly at the HAM gardens (her mother is a MG on that project) before she could start counting and recording her hours. She also helped at the LR greenhouse, helping plant the city's hanging baskets. Tina's work ethic is incredible, and she is always strong and willing. She is highly protective of the more fragile members and will not let them do the heavy lifting and bending. As if her smile and laughter were not enough...she also organized and documented the projects 150 plant labels with an alphabetized spreadsheet!



2020 Project of the Year Argenta

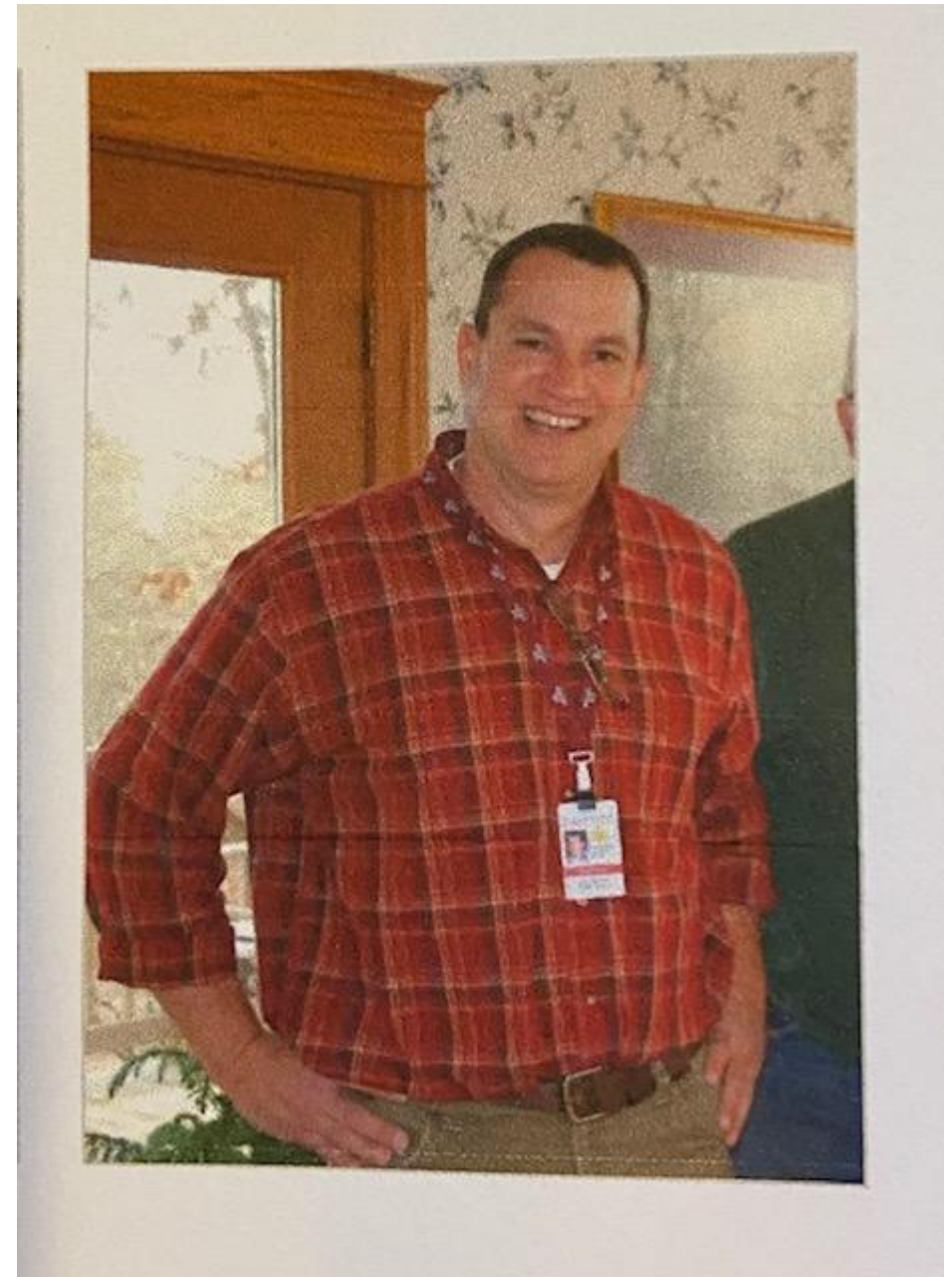
The Argenta project started in 2008 and consists of eight corners located at 4th and Main in downtown Little Rock.

Planters are changed seasonally, and plants and bulbs that are taken out are then shared with local residents. The 10 master gardeners on the project love getting the constant feedback and appreciation from local merchants and residents.



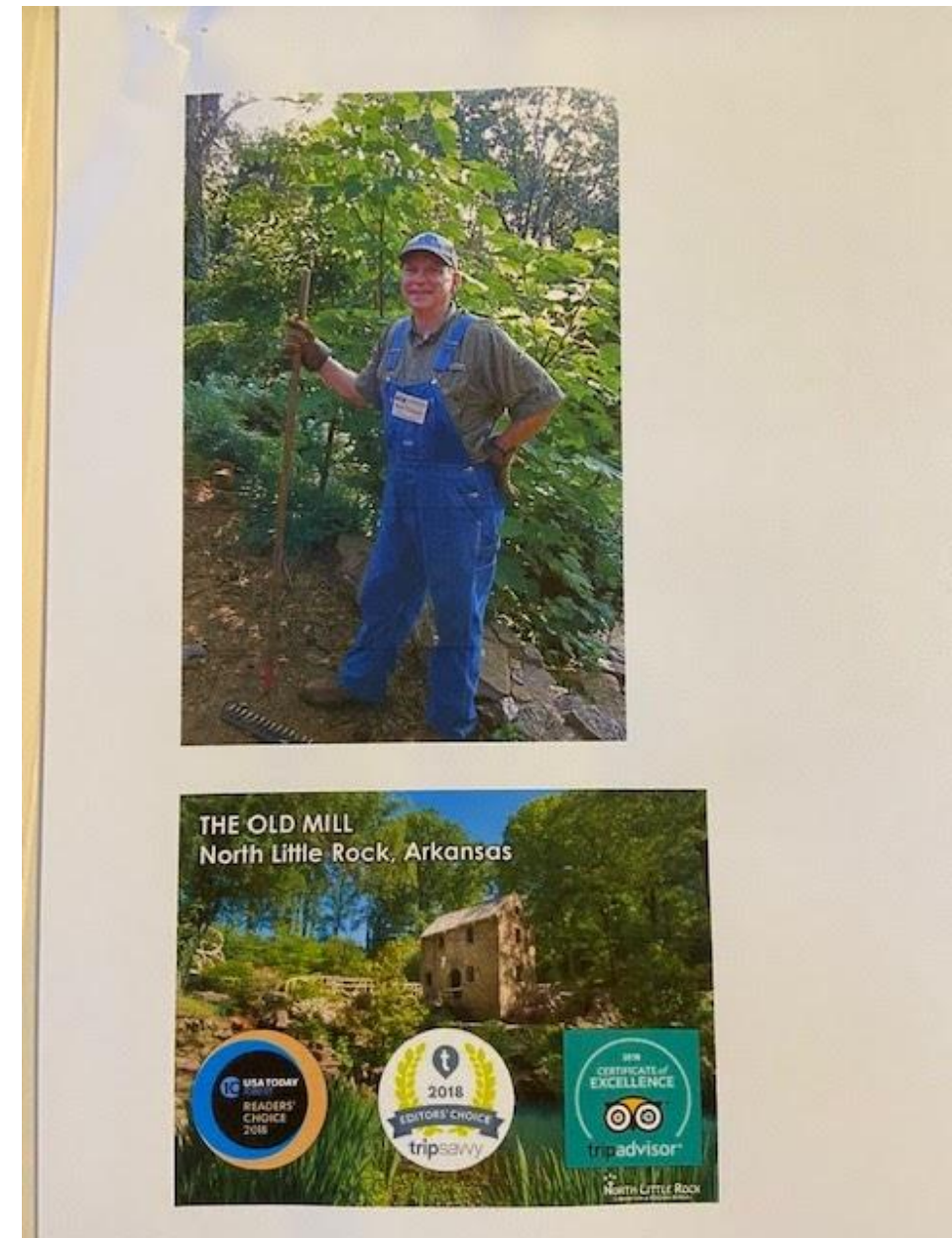
2020 County Agent of the Year Randy Forst

Pulaski County is delighted to nominate our own Randy Forst as County Agent of the Year. Randy has had a direct impact on the success and growth of the 550-member Master Gardener program. Since coming to Pulaski County, he has implemented the P.E.S.T. program (liaison between the projects and their host facility and a means for the Board to evaluate and support our 31 projects). He also was one of the original planners on the Demonstration Garden at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. Randy supports Master Gardeners by teaching statewide through zoom sessions and TV appearances. In his personal life, Randy is a farmer with herds of Dorper sheep, cows and various chickens. Randy is an exceptional human being, always cheerful and with an ability to encourage others to learn and grow.



2020 Friend of Master Gardener Bert Turner

As a volunteer fundraiser, Bert helps obtain grants for the Friends of the Old Mill which enables the Master Gardeners to purchase plants, rehabilitate planting beds and continue improvements to the grounds of the Old Mill. As a volunteer, Bert leads tours and promotes not only the architecture of the Mill but the gardens. He has no fear of getting dirty and can usually be found in the deepest muck! With his dedication and cooperation, he makes the job of the Master Gardeners easier.



Announcements

- **COUNTY 76 FUNDRAISING TOOL SHOPPING EVENT**
- If you have a question about an item or
- need help placing an order, please contact:
- Juanita Nesbitt: jnesbitt5512@att.net or 501-516-5556
- Karol Zoeller: karolzoeller@sbcglobal.net or 501-920-6242
- Pre-Order Forms are available

Ramblings with Randy

Gift

- Please send your check made out to PCMG and mail to:
- Susan Stewart
- 1440 Rockwater Ln
- North Little Rock, 72114

Happy Thanksgiving

