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## Deconstruction, Reconstruction By Susie Gillihan



Photo of azaleas on LRCGC Tour courtesy of Lynn Winningham completely closed off the view of a most beautiful pool. It was just not her taste.

The garden was beautiful in the spring. Lovely old Azaleas bloomed in a solid mass across the back of the house. It was picture perfect. When spring was over however, the new owner was not impressed with a mass of green all across the back and side of her home. It was lovely, but

What to do? It is almost too much to take out lovely old plants that are well established and replace them with new ones. Careful consideration had to be made about the look of the house and how long it would take before the home had that perfect look again.

After much thinking and planning the old plants were removed and a new bed was placed. The new owner preferred a mixed bed of lower growing plants that would bring color during all seasons.

The bed was widened to allow the new plantings to grow to maturity further away from the edge of the pool. The height of the plants was also a consideration.

The new owner wanted a feeding station for birds and a bird bath, inside the new garden area.



Photo of Koros Garden courtesy of Lynn Winningham

A big concern was the existing watering system that was buried just below the surface of the earth about six inches. Buried there also was an underground lighting system for the garden. It seemed that every spade turned was near one or the other of these. A deep turning tiller was out of the question, so each spade needed to be turned by hand.



Photos of violas at Curran Hall Courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

The new home owner now had the task of selecting just the right plants for her garden. Among her selections were ornamental grasses\*, hostas\*, and ferns\*, and *Helleborus niger*\*. For fall color a narrow bed was arranged around the larger one to plant pansies, and violas.



\**Hosta 'Northern Exposure'* 18"-24" height and width. Photo courtesy of Frida's Hosta.com. <http://www.hosta.com>

\**Hosta 'Aristocrat'*, 14"height - 20" width. Used for border plantings.

\**Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'*, Japanese Painted Ferns. 12" height 18" width. Photo courtesy of White Flower Farms. <http://whiteflowerfarm.com>.

\**Helleborus niger*, Hellebores Used for fall and winter color.

\*Fountain Grass, weeping habit, 24"- 3'. Used for the birds near bird bath and feeders.



The work is now nearing completion and is looking great. It was not easy to replace beautiful old azalea plants that were healthy, and beautiful, but with gardening, as with all things change is part of the circle of life.

## After Hours: Oneal Dedman By Susie Gillihan



Oneal Dedman is a man of all seasons. His hands and mind are never idle. He is a worker on the North Little Rock Water Department and works on the Amy Sanders Library project in Sherwood. He and his wife, Tink, also work to maintain

a beautiful garden at their home in Sherwood.

Last spring Oneal saw a need for work to be done at his church and set to get it done. Oneal build a wall of Windsor stone and then with the help of a group of gardeners planted a beautiful garden that is a credit to the church and to the city of Sherwood. Later a water feature was added.

It was the skills of a craftsman like Oneal that leveled the spot and set the wall. Oneal used his engineering background to make sure each and every stone was placed perfectly.

*Photo courtesy of Tink Dedman*

Oneal and his wife are members of the First Christian Church of Sherwood. They have 9 children between them, which keep the household busy. Their youngest son, Matt, is serving in Iraq.

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New Master Gardeners in Training  
 Photos courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

Ferns  
 By Susan Rose



In the classroom...



Cooperative Extension Office



at the Greenhouse



at Old Mill



at State Hospital

Ferns are truly remarkable plants. They have been on earth for more than 350 million years. Types of ferns measure from 2 inch to 65 feet. Some leaves are long and lacy and consist of hundreds of tiny leaflets. Others may have simple rounded leaves or fronds.

There are about 10,000 species of ferns worldwide. They grow well in damp, shady areas. They are nonflowering and do not produce seeds. They reproduce by spores that grow on the underside of the leaves. The individual spore is extremely small and some gardeners may think this is some sort of insect on their plants. The spore germinates into a flat leaf-like body called a prothallium. Sex organs develop on the underside of the prothallium and fertilization occurs. Depending on the type of fern, it may be 2 to 6 months before a tiny leave appears. Most gardeners reproduce indoor ferns by separating the roots or root division.

Common names of ferns reflect how they look; staghorn resembles a stag's horn or antlers, rabbit's foot has rhizomes that resemble a rabbit's foot, sword fern resembles a sword. There is even a tree fern that grows in the tropics that looks like a tree. The Boston fern is probably the most common fern around today. It has been used on porches since the early 1900's. Fern stems usually grow slowly and may live for 100 years. The roots may also live a long time. The leaves of a fern usually live only 1 or 2 years. A new set of leaves grows from the tip of the stem every year.

Ferns offer a quiet, graceful beauty by softening landscapes indoors and out. Some are used in flower arrangements in weddings and funerals. They can even be used in Christmas decorations.

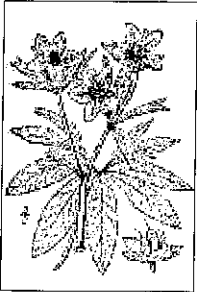
Ferns require small amounts of fertilizer and in fact obtain some nutrients from decomposition of sphagnum peat moss. Packaged liquid fertilizers can be used and should be applied at about 1/2 the recommended rate. They will not tolerate high fertilization and frequently show leaf scorch when fertilized to heavily. They grow best in partial shade outside. Indoor plants should receive light but not direct sunlight. They do like to be "misted" every once in awhile. They are free from most insect and disease problems. They can also be taken outside and sprayed with water to remove insects on the leaves. Since they don't tolerate insecticides very well it is noted that it is sometimes easier to just pinch off the dried or infected area and the rest of the plant should be fine. Ferns are truly a remarkable plant that has been around a long time.

References:

- "Growing Ferns". Thomas PA, Garber MP, Univ. of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Services Cooperative Extension Service
- Fact Sheet ENH-18, Florida Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, Oct. 2003
- The World Book Encyclopedia, 1990

Susan Rose is a guest writer for Master Minutes. She is on the Baptist Rehab Committee and the Speakers Bureau.

## Hellebores By Beth Phelps



After resting quietly in the garden during summer's heat, hellebores come to life as cool temperatures settle in, and they bloom only as we reach the peak of winter's doldrums. The hellebore most commonly found in Arkansas gardens is *Helleborus orientalis* or the Lenten rose. The names

Lenten rose and Christmas rose are often, and mistakenly, used interchangeably. Christmas rose, *H. niger*, is another species, which is less common. Neither

is truly a rose but both names do correctly give the gardener an indication of when these plants send forth their blooms.

The showiest and most common of the hellebores is the Lenten rose, producing graceful flowers that humbly nod their heads to passersby. Newer varieties have been selected for their upward facing flowers, but the flowers of the traditional Lenten rose face down hiding a cluster of bright yellow stamen and often elaborate color patterns. Efforts by breeders working with *H. orientalis* over many years are now paying off with an explosion of new varieties and reliable flower color - shell pink, plum, burgundy, lime green, yellow and even a rare "black" flower, really an extremely dark purple. Picotee - white flowers with pink or purple margins, reversed picotee and double flowered varieties will soon to be available. Many nurseries carry the traditional Lenten rose, but you will have to comb through the cutting edge mail order catalogues in search of these new treasures. The new hybrids will be more expensive than the traditional plants whose flower color cannot be guaranteed unless purchased when in bloom.

The Lenten rose produces a mound of evergreen foliage two feet wide and 12 to 15 inches tall. The flowers are borne on stalks, which emerge from the underground rhizome and yield their blooms just above the leaves. With our mild southern winters, expect the white flowers of the Christmas rose in late December to early January. Unlike the Lenten Rose, the flowers of the Christmas rose are outward facing. The sepals, there are no true petals, bloom white and slowly fade to a russeted pink.

There are many other species of hellebores that grow well in the southern garden and are worth a try: *H. purpurascens*, as the name suggests this hellebore bares purple flowers; *H. atrorubens* bares its purple flowers very early and *H. viridis* has delightful green flowers. These species are often deciduous; so do not be alarmed when the plant disappears for a short period in the winter. It will soon return.



The stinking hellebore, *H. foetidus*, gets its name, not from its flowers, which have no fragrance, but from the foliage, which releases an unpleasant odor when handled. The stinking hellebore produces large clusters of white flowers and the leaves are almost strap-like adding a feathery texture to the garden.

The bold, coarse textured evergreen foliage of the Christmas and Lenten rose gives an impression that is correct for these plants - tough, problem free, long-lived perennials in the garden. While the silver dollar sized flowers

which appear dainty and delicate, make it hard to believe their beauty can endure winters cold, but they can and they do.

The hellebores make a wonderful addition to any shady woodland garden; in fact, they should be considered a must. Deciduous shade is best, which provides sun in early spring when these plants put on their new growth.



Plenty of sunlight at this time results in a fuller plant and more prolific blooming. As late spring arrives, the deciduous trees have a new crop of leaves offering protection as temperatures rise and the sun becomes more intense. The mound of clean, evergreen foliage provides structure to the landscape all year and mixes nicely with other shade lovers - hosta, fern, columbine, impatiens, hydrangea and toad lily.

Hellebores prefer humus-rich woodland soil, but they adapt easily to many soil conditions, except poorly drained or wet soils. They also prefer a slightly alkaline soil. Most of our native Arkansas soils are slightly acidic which does not seem to bother the hellebores at all, but a light application of lime every couple of years will be rewarded, especially by the Christmas rose.

The petals of hellebore flowers are not really petals at all but sepals. The sepals will last for more than a month in the late winter garden, adding to the charm of these plants.



Although hellebores are unfamiliar to many gardeners the Lenten rose has a long history in U.S. gardens, being widely grown since Colonial times. Throughout history the poisonous roots were used to treat a number of ills. Even the sap in the leaves and stems

cares some alkaloids and can be a skin irritant; care should be taken when handling the plants, especially by gardeners with sensitive skin. A benefit of these toxic alkaloids is that hellebores are not a favored food of deer and are often left standing when hostas are but a memory.

Who could ask for more than the hellebores add to the garden - tough, problem free plants that provide structure and whose flowers that last for a month or more when little else is blooming but the hope of spring to come. Needless to say hellebores are a must for any Arkansas garden.

Beth Phelps is a University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Agent in Pulaski County.

1. *Helleborus viridis* Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *Illustrated flora of the northern states and Canada*. Vol. 2: 87. Courtesy of Kentucky Native Plant Society. see <http://plants.usda.gov/>

Photos courtesy of Graham Rice. See <http://www.hellebore.com/species>

1. *H. foetidus* buds and flowers, in the wild in Gloucestershire, UK
2. *H. atrorubens* collected by Brian Mathew and growing in Graham's garden
3. Clump of *H. niger* 'Blackthorn Strain' growing at Blackthorn Nursery, showing the flowers changing color as they age.



## Calendar By Ruth Jones

**October, 2004**

- 1- 2 Herb Harvest Fall Festival, The Ozark Folk Center State Park, Mountain View, 879-269-3851.
- 5 Green Thumb Gardening: Custom Border Basics (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 7 Fall Bloomers: Mum's NOT The Only Word. (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 8-9 October American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, Garvan Gardens 501-262-9300.
- 10 Central Arkansas Rose Society Show, University Mall.
- 12 Wild Gardening - A Native Plant Workshop - 4-H Center, Ferndale. Info: Janet Carson 501-671-2174
- 12 Green Thumb Gardening: Custom Border Basics (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 15- Unusual plant sale and seminars, Garvan Woodland Gardens 800-366-4664.
- 17 Gardens 800-366-4664.
- 19 Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting. 11:30 a. m. at St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley Dr.
- 19 Green Thumb Gardening: Custom Border Basics (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 26 Green Thumb Gardening: Custom Border Basics (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 30 Fall Foliage River Cruises, Pinnacle State Park. Advanced payment required. 501-868-5806.

**November, 2004**

- 2 Green Thumb Gardening: Custom Border Basics (AELC) Call 666-0759.
- 4 Bulbs with Janet Carson at Garvan Woodland Gardens 800-366-4664.
- 6 Mushroom Workshop 10am to 4pm. Pinnacle state Park. \$10 advance payment required. 501-868-5806.
- 6 Christmas Decorating Seminar at Wildwood.
- 16 Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting. 11:30 a.m. At St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley Dr.

**December, 2004**

Master Gardener Christmas Party

**February, 2005**

- 8 Spring Planting Frenzy! (AELC). Call 666-0759.
- 25 - 27 Arkansas Flower and Garden Show



Speaker for October Master Gardener meeting on October 19, 2004 at St. James Methodist Church will be Ms. Susan Purvis to speak on the "Gardens of WWII Japanese American Relocation Camps."

**Master Gardener Training**

- Wed., October 6 - Basic Plant Science, Soils and Pesticide Safety
- Wed., Oct. 13 - Plant Diseases, Composting, Herbs and Pruning
- Wed., Oct. 20 - Turfgrass, Weed Control, Small Fruits and House Plants
- Wed., Oct. 27 - Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Annuals, Perennials and Bulbs, Wildlife
- Wed., Nov. 3 - Tree Fruits, Vegetables
- Tues., Nov. 9 - Insects and Insect Control, Fertilizers, the Final Reminder and Graduation

If you are an experienced Master Gardener and plan to attend a session, please call or e-mail Beth by noon on the Monday of the week you plan to attend. Also, if you plan to join the new class for lunch, let Beth know. Cost of Lunch is \$6.50.

Thanks, Beth Phelps. (340-6650 or bphelps@uaex.edu)

**Master Gardener Greenhouse Fall Sale**

October 16: 8 am until noon

October 23: 8 am to 11 am.

At the Greenhouse, 7<sup>th</sup> and Palm

Just east of War Memorial Stadium

A variety of annuals and perennials to be planted in the fall will be sold. Potting soil will also be available.

Proceeds fund Master Gardener Projects.

**Master Gardener Train Excursion****Boston Mountains**

Friday October 22, 2004

The train will leave at 10:45 a.m. from the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad Depot (813 Main St, Van Buren, AR); we will arrive at Winslow, AR at 12:10 p.m. The return train will depart at 12:25 and arrive in Van Buren at 1:30.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00. Reservations required (A & M R.R. is 1-800-687-8600). 24-hour cancellation notice. A group discount of 10% if we have at least 15 people, and a senior discount of 10% is also available; discounts are not combinable. When making your reservation by phone, please identify yourself as a Master Gardener, so you will be eligible for the group discount. In addition, please wear your M.G. shirt or name tag, so we will all know who is there.

Box lunch available for \$7.00, reserved in advance. Light snacks and drinks are available on the train, or you may brown bag. Please allow plenty of time to arrive at the depot by at least 10 a.m. Mileage is about 150 miles.

Contact Tom Stuart, (501) 227-6659, if you have any questions.



## October Checklist By Linda Moyer

### Annuals



Billie Sanders planting plugs  
courtesy of Lynn Winningham

Our Master Gardener Greenhouse will be having their annual fall sale during October (16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup>) and this is the perfect time to buy and plant winter annuals, perennials, and biennials. There will be plenty of pansies, violas, snapdragons, and foxgloves available. Winter annuals and perennials can be planted now through December but try to plant before the middle of November for a stronger plant. Be sure to fertilize at planting and sidedress during the winter. If you have any summer annuals you want to save for next year, take cuttings instead of trying to dig up the entire plant. Plants that root well are Dragonwing Begonias, pentas, scented geraniums, coleus, etc.

### Indoors

Houseplants, that have been outside all summer, should be brought indoor when the outside temperature and the indoor temperature are about the same. Check for insects and diseases before taking inside. Reduce the amount of water and don't fertilize until spring. Many of them wouldn't be happy about the drier air so group them together in bright light and mist to generate more humidity.



Photo of gardens at Oneal Dedman's church  
courtesy of Tink Dedman

### Lawns

Mowing season is almost over but leaf raking is just starting.

### Perennials & Bulbs



Lantana, *Ruellia brittoniana* (Mexican Petunia)  
and *Tradescantia pallida* 'Purple Heart' at the  
Amy Sanders Library. Lynn Winningham

Now is the time to clean up the garden. While you are cleaning, it is a good time to plant new perennials and divide any perennials that bloom in the spring or summer. When the plants start to shed their leaves or die back, dig up, separate, and replant. For other plants you are not dividing, just cut back and mulch.

They will be ready for the spring.

Spring bulbs can be planted now through December. A general guideline is to plant your bulbs two to three times the size of the bulb deep in the ground. The smaller the bulb, the shallower it is planted, and the larger the bulb, the deeper. Make sure that soil drainage is good, or the bulbs will rot.

### Trees & Shrubs

*Hibiscus mutabilis*,  
Confederate rose, grown  
from a cutting at the  
Greenhouse  
Photo courtesy of  
Cheryl Kennedy



This is the time to move shrubs and trees in your garden and to add new

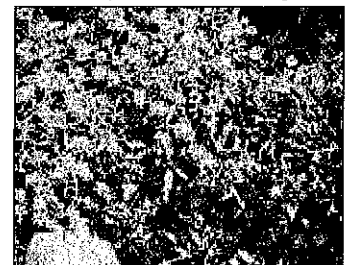
plants. They are dormant or going dormant. Be sure to keep any new or transplants well watered and mulched during the winter. If you are adding new plants, think native plants. The Beautyberry (*Callicarpa*) has outstanding purple or white berries in the fall.

### Vegetables & Herbs

If you have tomatoes and other tender vegetables in your garden, watch the weather closely. They can't take even a light frost. Cover when the weather is threatening and they will last a couple of weeks more. Cool season vegetables can take a light frost. Garlic can be planted now through early February. Cool weather annual herbs such as cilantro and parsley can be planted now. Warm weather herbs such as basil and dill should be gathered now and dried.

### October Color

Abelia, ageratum, sweet alyssum, asters, barberry, beautyberry, bittersweet vine, buddleia, ornamental cabbage, calendula, camellias, cannas, celosia, chelone, Chinese pistache, chrysanthemums, clerodendron, crape myrtle, dahlias, dianthus, dogwood, *Elaeagnus pungens*, euonymus, eupatorium, four o'clock, gaura, ornamental grasses, gums, hibiscus, kale, kerria, lantana, larkspur, lobelia, maples, marigolds, Mexican sage, nierembergia, sweet peas, petunias, poppies, roses, rosehips, salvia, scabiosa, snapdragon, solidago, stock, torenia, tricyrtis, verbena, viburnum, viola, Virginia creeper, wisteria, and zinnias.



Zinnias and pentas at the Contemplation  
Garden courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

## Committee Reports

### Greenhouse Committee

A big thank you from the greenhouse committee is sent to all the other Master Gardeners and the residents at the CDC building for all their help in transplanting nearly 20,000 plants. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lois Corley



Sprinklers going in... Dick Blankenbekker, Charles Emerson and Steve Corley installed a new sprinkler line for the top shelf at the Greenhouse. Check out all those pansies! Remember the sale on October 16th and October 23rd at 7th and Palm.

*Photo courtesy of Libby Thalheimer*

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### State Hospital Committee

The committee is just now starting back after pretty much floating all summer. Our normal work days are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, but in the summer we come when we can. We have a mouse that makes an appearance often enough that someone named him...Perkins... and on our last workday we spotted a rabbit. Amazing since we are completely surrounded by concrete and tall buildings.

As far as our project is concerned, we continue our interest in bringing butterflies into the garden and at the same time making it a place where the State Hospital employees can enjoy the view from their windows and, of course, using the garden for a place to take a stroll or eat lunch.

Merilyn Tilley



Terri Landers, Merilyn Tilley, Carol Mendel, Stewart Bell, Margie France, Linda Chakales, Mac Huffman, Carma Boyd, Marcia Kelly, June Owens, Sandy Harrison

*Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy*

### Pulaski County Extension Service Committee

In early summer we gathered at Cathy Martindill's home for a potluck lunch and a tour of Cathy's gardens. It was an inspiration to all of us to see what one person can accomplish. We also enjoyed being together in a relaxed setting with no work lurking in the background for us.

Our committee feels a responsibility to excel since we are the home of the Master Gardener program in the state. This month we'll greet members of the new MG class as they arrive for their first session. We have divided the garden into several areas and pairs of members are in charge of a specific area. The grounds offer a great variety of plantings with shady and sunny plots and an herb garden.

We are looking ahead to the regional meeting in 2007 when we will have lots of new visitors from out of state. We want to give a great first impression and one that will be lasting. Of course we are most fortunate to have Beth to answer questions and give us support.

Cathy Muren



Bernice Johnson, Joan Humphries, Julia Loyall, Jenny Jackson, Chris Oxner, Cathy Muren, Betty French, Debby Sanderson, Ann Cooper.

*Photo courtesy of Lynn Winningham*

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### Continuing Education Committee

The committee is working on a seminar on tropics on June 23, 2005 to be held at the Vines 4-H center. At this stage of the planning we are just deciding on speakers. Details should be worked out by January or February 2005.

Meg Fox

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### Cammack

The demonstration garden has very little to report. The garden is in great shape and we will be planting pansies in the fall. The committee has had a great summer.

Four of my watercolor paintings are hanging in the hallway of St. James. They were put up Tuesday of this week and will be up for a month. The watercolor students at Life Quest of Arkansas are displaying this month.

Jim Dyer

### Committee Photos By 3Ps

#### Arkansas Art Center Committee

Jim Tyler, Don Henderson, Jean Kuelpman, Faye Hanson, Jim Campbell, Mary Freeman, Nell Stephens, and Jenny Smith

Jet Cuffman, Suellen Roberts, Shirley Acchione, Dorothy Hobbs, and Bonnie Nicholas



#### Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden

Claudia Utley, Joe Reed, Pat Green, Claudia Stallings

Debbie Mickel, Elizabeth Dillon, Aleta Newell, Mildred Walton

#### Old State House Committee

Jody Allison, Fran Searcy, Dolores LeCompte, Susan Garner, Patty Wingfield, John Prather, Pat Boggess



#### Mount Holly

Mickey Elmore, Jim Gray, Nancy Wade, Joy Broach, Vicky Kessel, Laetitia East, Darla Lavender, Jim Wierdsma





## What Works!

### All about persimmons-

The fruit may be eaten fresh, frozen, baked or dried. "Before fruit ripens, it is famous for puckering the mouth... This astringency is due to high tannin content which is visible sometimes as black, ebony spots (Ebonecea Plant Family) and alum. The astringency may be broken down by freezing. Speed ripening by placing in a plastic bag in a warm room with bananas for 7-10 days. Persimmons are very high in Vitamin A & a good source of Vitamin C, potassium, and soluble fiber during September - December when there are few other growing fruits in Arkansas... To Dry: String & dry Hachiyas when firm. Slice & dry on stainless steel screen in warm place Or in lowest oven with door propped open Or slice thin with electric meat slicer & process in an electric or solar food drier for about 20 hours. Similar to dates, don't sulfur."

The leaves may be used to make tea.

Mary Douglas, as presented to a 'Persimmon Lovers' Gathering To learn more about persimmons, Mary suggests the following:

- Persimmons for Everyone by Eugene & Mary Griffith, 1982, NAFEX.
- Uncommon Fruits Worthy of Attention by Lee Reich, 1991.
- [www.nafex.org](http://www.nafex.org)
- [jwlehman@aol.com](mailto:jwlehman@aol.com), Jerry Lehman, Terre Haute, In
- [www.doityourself.com/garden/fruit](http://www.doityourself.com/garden/fruit)
- [www.ces.uqa.edu](http://www.ces.uqa.edu)
- [www.egroups.com/wildedibles](http://www.egroups.com/wildedibles)
- [www.thecokkietin.com](http://www.thecokkietin.com)
- [www.epersimmons.com](http://www.epersimmons.com), Rhodes Family Farm
- [www.crfg.org](http://www.crfg.org), CA Rare Fruit Growers
- [www.starkbros.com](http://www.starkbros.com), 1-800-325-4180, Stark Brothers Nurseries

*What Works is a Master Gardener forum to share the wealth of our gardens. Give your tips or list your produce on the clipboards circulated during the monthly meetings; or write to:*

*Sharon Davis @ [sedavis@aristotle.net](mailto:sedavis@aristotle.net), or @ #6 Alanbrook Cove, Sherwood, Ar. 72120.*

*Although not required, if you sign your name you will be credited.*



Winners at the September, 2004 General Meeting: Gena Norris- book, Bonnie Wells- license plate, Don Henderson- bouquet, and Kelly DeBusk- bromeliad

*Photo courtesy of Lynn Winningham*

## Upcoming Opportunities

### 3 P's Committee New Project

David Werling of the 3P's Committee has an idea for a new photo project. We hope you and your project members, who we know take pictures, will help us create a collage/montage of each project.

The collages will be:

- featured at meetings,
- included in our group memory book,
- and may even get shown off at the state meeting,
- And these photos can, of course, be used in your project books, as well.

If you have pictures or would be willing to take pictures on your project work days, etc. please contact:

David Werling, 227-0242, [dewerling@comcast.net](mailto:dewerling@comcast.net)  
or Lynn Winningham 758-5793, [blwinnin@swbell.net](mailto:blwinnin@swbell.net)



*Thalia pods at the Contemplation Garden pond  
Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy*

### Contemplation Garden

We are adding heritage roses this fall to the garden, and also are contemplating (sorry about the pun!) adding a waterfall to the pond next spring. Any Master Gardener with waterfall or electrical experience would be greatly welcomed to join us.

Kathy Scheibner

### Wildwood Park Seminar

Christmas Decorating by Chris Olsen  
Saturday, November 6, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

Open to Master Gardeners for one hour education credit.  
For more information, contact Warren Boop 225-3418, [WBoop@aol.com](mailto:WBoop@aol.com).



Vivian Davis, Warren Boop, Cathy DuPont, and Mary Roark

*Photo courtesy of Lynn Winningham*



## Pulaski County Master Gardener Meetings' Highlights By Susan Crisp

### Board Meeting, August 2, 2004

- ❖ Minutes approved from the June meeting.
- ❖ Treasurer's report of June and July was approved.
- ❖ Two applications for inactive status approved – Rebecca Camp and Helen Hronas.
- ❖ Approval of additional funds, \$200, for the Curran Hall project.
- ❖ A slate of officers for 2005 was presented from the Nominating Committee:
  - President – Dick Blankenkober
  - First Vice President – Sandy Harrison
  - Second Vice President – Marilyn Tilley
  - Secretary – Jackie Wright
  - Treasurer – Mary Freeman
  - Member at Large – Don Davis
- ❖ A list of names of potential chair and members for the 2007 International Master Gardener Meeting Tour committee was compiled for Janet Carson.
- ❖ City Beautiful Award nominations due by September 1, 2004.
- ❖ Reprinting of brochures & volunteer manuals was approved.
- ❖ Leadership Conference is October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Four-H Center. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ More envelopes will be purchased for Master Gardener note cards.
- ❖ A donation was made to the Memorial Fund in the name of Carolyn Morton.
- ❖ Janet Carson will be the speaker for the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, "Winter Color in the Garden".
- ❖ Thank you letter from Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center for donation of the Junior Master Gardener books and \$100.00 for garden supplies was read.
- ❖ Judge Villines has requested Master Gardeners be involved with the landscaping at Pinnacle Valley Road and Cantrell Road intersection once the changes in the intersection are made. The Board agreed to have limited involvement with design and plant recommendations at this time.
- ❖ Project descriptions and evaluations were reviewed. No new project requests were received. All current projects will continue in 2005.
- ❖ Applications for the 2004 fall Master Gardener Class were reviewed, and interviews will be conducted by the Board.

### Board Meeting, September 21, 2004

- ❖ Minutes approved from August meeting.
- ❖ Treasurer's report of August was approved.
- ❖ Leadership Conference for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at 4H Center. New Board members will attend along with inviting one representative from the Master Minutes and 3P's Committee.
- ❖ Cost of Training for 2004 Class is \$110.00 per person. This does not include 2005 dues.

- ❖ Extension Office new name: *University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service.*
- ❖ Revision of color brochures for printing.
- ❖ There will be two workdays per year (Spring/Fall) at St. James Methodist Church in appreciation of using their facility.
- ❖ Exchange of notebooks.
- ❖ Nancy Kirsch thanked the Board.

### General Meeting, September 21, 2004

- ❖ Janet Carson was the speaker, "Fall and Winter Colors".
- ❖ 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 of Pulaski County Master Gardeners;
  - Loss of Carolyn Morton, contribution to Memorial Fund; and
  - 2003-2004 Board.
- ❖ Travel Trips:
  - Mid October – Van Buren to Winslow
  - Spring 2005 – Memphis and Austin, Texas
 Contact Travel Committee if you are interested.
- ❖ Plant sales are Greenhouse on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. until Noon, and October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Spring seed orders are due. Fall plants available on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ "Stuff" orders will be taken at October and November meetings.
- ❖ "Thank You" given to Master Gardener Mentors.
- ❖ "Eye of the Beholder" – City Beautiful Commission applications available.
- ❖ Old Mill – Social on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ New Master Gardeners Class Slate on September 29<sup>th</sup> – Beth needs help in sessions from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Lunch orders needed by Monday afternoon if attending. Pay at door (\$6.50).
- ❖ Native Workshop is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4H Center.
- ❖ English Ivy plants are available. Call Marilyn Mason @ 413-9956.
- ❖ Gardening Day at State Fair is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Need workers for 9 a.m. until Noon and Noon until 3:00 p.m. shifts. Call Carolyn Newbern if you can help.
- ❖ Beth will be informing the group on Ballot Issues.
- ❖ Election of Officers 2004-2005.

## Classifieds

3Ps - Thanks for the Smiles!

November:

After the meeting:

Prize Winners

After the meeting, please come toward the front left corner and left hand wall, to let the crowd clear before the pictures are taken.

### Sunshine Board

If you have information about Master Gardener members who have concerns to be shared please contact the Retention Committee, Jane Gulley, Chair, 225-2072.

### Pulaski County Master Gardeners' Memorial Fund

Donations to the fund may be specified for a particular use (i.e. trees on public property; gardening books; MG projects: benches, birdbaths, or other hardscape); or for General Master Gardener program support and made "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" anyone.

Donations should be sent to:

PCMG Memorial Fund

2901 W. Roosevelt Road, LR, AR 72204

### Volunteer Opportunities for November:

Cammack: Thursdays @ 9:00am (except 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

Curran Hall: Mondays @ 8:00am

Governor's Mansion: Mondays @ 8:30am

Master Minutes: At your convenience:

Research qualifies for education hours;

Writing for volunteer hours

Old Mill: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 8:30am

PC County Extension: @ 9:00am

State Hospital: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 9:00am

### City Beautiful Nominations

Little Rock and North Little Rock want to promote public interest in the appearance of their city. They plan to recognize homeowners whose landscapes are exceptional and visible to the public. Nomination forms are available in the County Extension Office. Or you may contact the City Beautification Commission of each city.

## Dig In Here...

For answers to your gardening and horticultural problems, try these helpful resources:

- Master Gardener Website:  
<http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/mastergardener/mastergardeneronly>  
Username: mastergardener,  
password: compost
- PC Cooperative Extension Service Website:  
<http://www.uaex.edu/pulaski/mastergardeners/default.asp>
- U of A Cooperative Extension Service Website:  
<http://www.arhomeandgarden.org>
- Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Service  
2901 W. Roosevelt Road,  
Little Rock, Ark. 72204  
340-6650

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Pulaski County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers working with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Service and Pulaski County Government to provide demonstration gardens and horticultural – related information to the residents of the county. In 2003, these volunteers gave more than 10,000 hours of service.

Elisabeth J. Phelps, County Extension Agent,  
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## News & Notes

Everyone is encouraged to submit interesting information, committee reports, newsworthy photos, etc. to the newsletter.

Bring your information to the Master Gardener meeting, or send it to: Libby Thalheimer  
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663-1151

The deadline is the third Tuesday of each month. For late breaking news after the deadline, send information to:

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