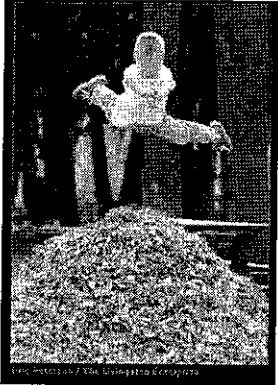


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Eric Peterson in *The Livingston Enterprise*.

Leaves, Leaves, Leaves By Susie Gillihan

My yard has thirty two oak trees. I love them. In the spring and summer there is nothing as beautiful as the canopy of shade over my house and garden. I love the filtered sunlight that allows me to grow both sun lovers and shade loving plants in my garden.

Eric Peterson in The Livingston

These lovely old trees are a haven for all kinds of birds and squirrels. I find great delight in seeing all the flurry of birds coming to the feeder and to the bird bath. In the evening hours there is always a concert in my back yard of crickets, frogs and other insects chirping away. Ah yes, the beauty in the fall when the leaves turn from green to gold and yellow and the beautiful red of the Sumac.

Yes, I love my trees; however, I feel that there must surely be more in the fall than in the spring and summer, than was on those very same trees all summer. It makes my back hurt to look at all these leaves. My husband tries to assure me that same number of green turn brown and come raining down in the fall.

Just what does one do with tons of leaves each fall? Rake and put into bags at the curb, mulch into the grown with a mower, rake into piles and set them aflame? That option is only open to those that live in the country of course.

One good option is to build a great compost pile. Nothing is as wonderful in the spring as going to your own compost pile and dig out you own home made compost. Mulch with leaves is a good option if your leaves are not too heavy and wet. Yes there are some wonderful uses for all those wonderful leaves rather watching them go up in flame. Good compost is having black gold in your back garden.

Making compost is not difficult. Just a little extra effort is needed. I have found that having the compost pile too far away from my kitchen is not good for me. On those cold rainy mornings some times it is just too easy to turn on the disposal than walk that distance. Now is that lazy or what?

I will include some advice found about composting that I think you will enjoy. Composting is like a making a layer cake. The more good ingredients you put in the better the cake.

1. Leaves of all kinds, shredded if possible. What a wonderful way to use these products of nature. Never use poison oak or ivy.

2. Grass clippings and weeds.

3. Soil added to compost is a great amendment. I usually buy some good top soil to add to mine. If rotted horse manure is available I add a good shovel or two. If not, I buy some composted cow manure.

4. Scraps from the kitchen; tomato, potato and lettuce for example. Never add meat or shell fish to compost or you may have unwanted guest in your compost pile.

5. Moisten compost to help with the action. Turn every few weeks.

When everything looks like dark earth with a good clean earthy smell you have good compost. Spade it out and spread around all those prize plants that you love so much, stand back and watch them grow.

CL Garvin/ The Register Herald



Never use weeds with seeds or you will be pulling weeds all next summer.

Photos courtesy of CNET, among Editors' Choice for Best Photographs of 2004

You are invited...

to a reception honoring
The 2004 Class of
Master Gardener Trainees
Tuesday, November 16, 2004
Immediately following the
Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting.
Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.
in the *sanctuary*.
St. James United Methodist Church
321 Pleasant Valley Drive

Join us in welcoming these new volunteers to the
Pulaski County Master Gardener Program.

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My Freedom Lawn/ Alternative Lawn By Mary Douglas

The organic story of my front lawn transformation from bermuda to a surprise alternative lawn began after years of bemoaning watering, fertilizing, and precocious weeds! My first guide to new awareness was Redesigning the American Lawn whose authors, F. Herbert Bormann, Diana Balmori, Gordon T. Geballe, point out that the traditional lawn is entrenched in our psyches as the perfect green carpet symbolizing home. However, in our current times of dense population, fossil fuel pollution, and an Arkansas climate unlike Britain's (where the love affair with the green-acred mansions began), I was persuaded the grass lawn had an inorganic, "industrial" look that did not appeal to my sense of natural beauty.



I investigated those innovators who had made a new way before me, the citizens of a small town in Milford, Connecticut where a resolution was passed in 2002 requesting voluntary non-use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers; information was provided on alternatives; and an annual contest is held for the best freedom--from watering, micro- managing, mowing, expense, and freedom to play with more free time--lawn. See www.green-ct.org, www.ci.milford.ct.us, www.organiclandcare.net.

Next I researched perennial ground covers that would be suitable for climate zone 7, (see list). I wanted a light-weight technique to get rid of my bermuda and weeds before new planting. I found a hands-on horticulture professor in Lee Reich, author of Weed less Gardening (available at the public library). In August, I covered my southeast-facing lawn with corrugated cardboard from furniture and large-appliance-store dumpsters to deprive the lawn of light. After 6 months, I removed the cardboard and spread ground leaves, rock phosphate, compost, and dry grass clippings on the ground and recovered it with the cardboard.

I had West Tree Service deposit a free pile of tree grindings in the yard. Spreading it with plastic trays over the 25 x 30-foot area was the slowest stage of the transformation so friends helped. I planted 3 gourd seedlings in the soil. Summer and Fall I now have a uniformly green lawn with large yellow flowers every day, plus no work (no watering, etc) and lots of compliments and awe for nature from neighbors. I experienced the growing power of an annual and would be happy to share 18-inch, tubular gourds with master gardeners!



Photo of a *Cucurbita foetidissima* Kunth, Missouri gourd, courtesy of <http://plants.usda.gov/> Brother Alfred Brousseau, of St. Mary's College of California. ©St. Mary's College of California.

To contact West Tree Service, located at 6300 Forbing Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209:
Telephone number: 501- 568-5111; fax: 501- 568-WEST (9378);
or e-mail: http://www.westtree.com/html/Contact_Us.htm

Groundcover Planning

- 1) Culture compatibility: sun; soil type; drainage; moisture level; etc.
- 2) Basics: survival--temperature zone: Arkansas' Zone 7, Height Max: 18 Inches
- 3) Structural companionship:
 - of foliage: soft/leathery, etc;
 - stems: soft/wiry, etc;
 - growing style: clumps, creeper, vine, invasive, self-propagating, rate (fast--slow);
 - length of season 'looks good", dormant until, etc.
- 4) Design considerations/ beauty:
 - color combinations: complementary/analogous. etc.
 - contrasting elements of foliage and/or flowers: large/small, soft/hard, etc.
- 5) Do-able: physically by gardener; available source of plants, tools, soil, etc.
- 6) Bio-diversity: 2 or 3 plants minimum

For example, evergreen Confederate jasmine, *Trachelospermum jasminoides*, would be too invasive for a 10 x 20- foot area unless contained by walls or sidewalk, as it is commonly used in downtown Little Rock and quickly trimmed with a weed eater.



Photo courtesy of www.floridata.com

Groundcover Resources

Nurseries:

- White Wagon Farm: I-40 Morgan/Maumelle exit 851-4608. www.wwfarm.org
- Pine Ridge Gardens: London, Ar 501-293-4359
- Missouri Wildflower Nursery: Brazito, Mo. 573-496-3492. www.wildflrs@socket.net

Organic gardening supplies and research:

- Pulaski Co Landfill: off Dixon Rd 888-5806; 888-4299
- Jacksonville Wastewater: exit I-167 at Redmon Rd 982-0581
- Positive Growth: 223-2237
- Worms: Sarah Ewing near Bonnerdale, Ar 870-356-2239. www.wormdigest.org
- www.cityfarmer.org
- www.wormsway.com, 800-274-9676
- www.floridata.com
- www.pesticidefreeyards.org
- www.google.com + scientific name of plant.

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My Freedom Lawn / Alternative Lawn By Mary Douglas

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Perennial Groundcovers for
Shade/Part & Full (Ar)

Atrichum, Moss
Brachythecium, Moss
Convallaria--Lily of the Valley
Chrysogonum virginianum, 'Pierre',



Meehanian cordata 1

Green & Gold

Chrysogonum australis
Cyclamen coum, 'Album'
Cyclamen hederifolium, Ivy-Leaved Cyclamen
Cyclamen purpurascens
Dennstaedtia punctilobula, Hay-Scented or Boulder Fern
Dryopteris intermedia, Evergreen Wood Fern
Dryopteris marginalis, Leatherleaf Wood Fern
Iris Cristata, Dwarf Crested Iris
Liriope muscari, Blue Lily Turf or Monkey Grass
Lotus corniculatus, Crowfoot Trefoil
Meehanian cordata, Creeping Mint
Ophiopogon japonicus, Mondo Grass
Ophiopogon planiscapus, 'Arabicus' and 'Nigrescens'
Parthenocissus quinquefolia, Virginia Creeper
Polytrichum juniperus, Hairy Cap Moss
Rhytiadelphus loreus, Moss
Rhytiadelphus triquetrus, Moss
Thelypteris kunthii, Southern Shield Fern
Vinca Minor, Periwinkle or Myrtle
Viola 'Jool', Viola
Viola sororia, Woolly Blue Violet
Viola odorata, 'Princess of Wales', 'Sulphurea', Sweet Violet
Viola glabella, Yellow Violet
Viola x wittrockiana 'Maxim Marina', Pansy

Perennial Groundcovers for Full Sun
(Ar)

Achillea tomentosa, Woolly Yarrow
Achillea ptarmica 'Boule De Neige'
Achillea 'Schwellenburg'
Anacyclus pyrethrum var. depressus 'Garden Gnome', Mt Atlas Daisy
Bignonia capreolata, Cross Vine
Chamaemelum nobile, Chamomile
Chamaemelum 'Treneague'
Fragaria chiloensis, Wild Beach Strawberry
Geranium sanguineum var. striatum 'Lancastrense', Wild Geranium
Geranium sanguineum 'Prostratum'
Geranium richardsonii
Geranium endressii, 'Johnson's' Blue'
Geranium macrorrhizum, 'Album'
Herniaria glabra, Rupture Wort
Juniperus horizontalis, 'Blue Rug', 'Bar Harbor', Creeping Juniper
Juniperus horizontalis 'Admirabilis'
Juniperus horizontalis 'Douglasii'
Parthenocissus quinquefolia, Virginia Creeper
Parthenocissus tricuspidata, Boston Ivy
Potentilla tabernaemontani, Cinquefoil
Potentilla verna
Potentilla alba
Potentilla aurea
Potentilla nepalensis 'Miss Wilmott'
Stokesia laevis, Stokes' Aster
Teucrium Chamaedrys, Dwarf Germander
Teucrium Prostratum

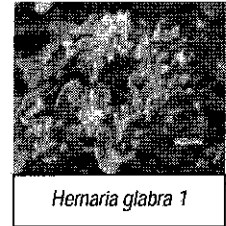


Thymus praecox

Thymus praecox Opiz ssp. *arcticus* (Dur.) Jalas, Thyme
Thymus doerfleri
Thymus serpyllum

Perennial Groundcovers for
Part Sun (Ar)

Aegopodium L., Goutweed
Aegopodium podagraria L., Bishop's
goutweed
Ajuga reptans, Bugleweed
Antennaria, Pussy Toes
Artemisia stelleriana 'Silver Brocade',
Wormwood
Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound'
Campanula portenschlagiana 'Garden Gnome', Dwarf Dalmatian
Bellflower
Campanula poscharskyana
Campanula carpatica
Dianthus gratianopolitanus, Cheddar Pinks
Dicranum flagellare, Moss
Dicranum scoparium
Duchesnea Indica, 'Harlequin', Indian or Mock Strawberry
Gelsemium Sempervirens, Carolina Yellow Jessamine
Hedera helix, English Ivy
Hedera colchica, Persian Ivy
Herniaria glabra, Rupture Wort
Hosta lancifolia 'Thunbergiana', Plantain Lily or Funkia
Hosta 'Ground Master',
Hosta 'Bold Ribbons',
Hosta 'Pandora's Box',
Hosta 'Swoosh'
Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon'
Hypericum calycinum, St. John's Wort
Liriope muscari, Blue Lily Turf or Monkey Grass
Mazus reptans
Michella repens, Partridge Berry
Ophiopogon japonicus, Mondo Grass
Parthenocissus quinquefolia, Virginia Creeper
Parthenocissus tricuspidata, Boston Ivy
Polytrichum acrostichoides--Hairy Cap Moss
Rhytiadelphus squarrosus, Moss
Saxifraga stolonifera, Strawberry Geranium
Sedum 'Acre'
Teucrium chamaedrys--Dwarf Germander
Teucrium chamaedrys 'Prostratum'
Trachelospermum asiaticum, Jasmine
Trachelospermum jasminoides, Jasmine
Vaccinium crassifolium, 'Well's Delight', Wild Blueberry



Herniaria glabra 1

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1. *Meehanian cordata*. ©Thomas G. Barnes, Barnes, T.G. & S.W. Francis. 2004. Wildflowers and ferns of Kentucky. University Press of Kentucky.
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Herniaria glabra courtesy of:

http://www.sandmountainherbs.com/rupture_wort.html

Mary Douglas is a guest writer for Master Minutes. She serves on the Baptist Rehab committee.



Calendar By Ruth Jones

Planning for 2005 By Beth Phelps

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.
Reception for new members.

December, 2004

- 14 Master Gardener Christmas Party. Trinity United Methodist Church, Martin Hall. Mississippi at Evergreen. Contact Lynn Phelps with questions.

January, 2005

- 14-15 Eagle Awareness Weekends. Bull Shoals - White River State Park. 870-431-5521
- 15-16 Eagle Awareness Weekends. Petit Jean State Park. 501-727-5444
- 28-30 Eagle Awareness Weekends. Bell of Ozarks 800-552-3803
- 29-30 Eagle Awareness Weekends. Cane Creek State Park 870-628-4714

February, 2005

- 8 Spring Planting Frenzy! (AELC). Call 666-0759.
- 19-28 Daffodil Days, Garvan Woodland Gardens. 501-262-9300
- 25 - 27 Arkansas Flower and Garden Show

Master Gardener Training

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)

We are approaching the end of the 2004 Master Gardener year. Just a reminder that requests for Sustainer Status to be granted for 2005 must be made by December 1, 2004 according to Arkansas Master Gardener policy. A Master Gardener who has been a member in good standing for a minimum of seven years may apply to be a Master Gardener Sustainer. Master Gardeners granted Sustainer Status must still pay annual dues. Those Master Gardener who have already been granted Sustainer Status do not need to re-apply.

There is also still time to make a request for a Leave of Absence for 2005; again the deadline is December 1st. According to Arkansas Master Gardener Policy a Leave of Absence can be granted when circumstances arise such as illness, family emergency, or other unique circumstance. Normal work circumstances do not constitute a valid reason for a leave of absence. Leave of absence status will be good for one MG year.

While on leave, the Master Gardener will not be responsible for any work or learning hours, but may retain the option to participate in events as conditions permit. Master Gardeners on leave of absence will not be allowed voting rights, but will remain in county roster. If these members wish to register for Master Gardener events that have limited space, priority will be given to active Master Gardeners, and those on leave will be accepted as space allows. Time spent on leave of absence will not accrue towards active years of MG service, and therefore will not count for 5, 10, or 15 year pins. Master Gardeners on a leave of absence must still pay annual dues.

If you need more information or a application form for either Leave of Absence or Sustainer Status you can call Beth at the Extension Office, 340-6650, or e-mail, bphelps@uaex.edu. Master Gardeners who need a Leave of Absence for personal or family health circumstances are encouraged to apply as soon as the need arises and not to wait until the end of the Master Gardener year.

For fall foliage information, go to:
<http://www.arkansas.com/> or call 1-800-NATURAL.

The Arkansas Flower and Garden Show Board could use your help planting pansies.

When: Friday, November, 12th beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Where: The Statehouse Convention Center Garden.
The garden is located behind the glassed entry.

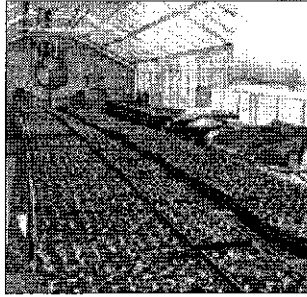
Bring a hand trowel. There are 25 flats of pansies to plant!

Any questions, call Ray Sarmiento 835-2890.



November Checklist By Linda Moyer

Annuals –



Pansies at the Greenhouse. S Corley

For vertical interest, try mustard, kale, collards or chard. If you didn't get any plants from the Master Gardeners Greenhouse, check out the local nurseries for other winter annuals.

General Yard –

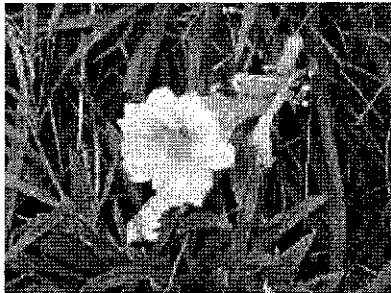
Rake leaves and compost. Keep your water gardens and fishponds free of debris. Putting a net over the water can help catch any leaves when they fall. This is a good time to send in a soil test because labs are less busy now. Soil test kits are available at the Pulaski County Cooperative Extension office. Before putting your tools away for the season, clean and lightly coat with oil to prevent rusting.

Indoors –

After Thanksgiving, stores will be filling up with poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and amaryllis bulbs. Poinsettias will last for several months if given the right conditions - warmth, bright light, and even moisture. Amaryllis bulbs should be potted at least six weeks in advance for holiday use. Larger bulbs usually have bigger flowers and multiple bloom spikes. If you buy bulbs, select a pot slightly bigger than the bulb. Amaryllis prefers to be crowded.

Perennials & Bulbs –

Are you cleaning and dividing your perennials? Don't throw the extra plants away, pass them along. Put an ad in the Trading Post. (Call Libby, 663-1151 or email smell34@aol.com) After a killing frost, mulch your beds 3" deep. Plant any bulbs now through December. Planting in masses looks better than planting in rows.



Daylilies in the Greenhouse beds. S Corley

If you didn't get all of your winter annuals planted, now is the time. They must have their root system established before it gets too cold. Be sure to fertilize when you plant and side dress during the winter on warm days. In addition to pansies, consider dianthus, dusty miller, snapdragons, and violas.

Trees & Shrubs –

If you have a question about when to plant or when to prune. A good general rule is "Fall is for planting and spring is for pruning". Do you have any trees and shrubs you want to move to new locations? This is the best time to relocate them. The soil is warmer now than it will be in the spring and the roots will have time to establish new roots and will give them a good start next year. Want new plants? Try some of our native trees and shrubs (dogwood, fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), sourwood, and hawthorn) or plant for edible fruit, such as persimmons, figs, serviceberry, pomegranates.

Vegetables & Herbs –

Fall and winter are quieter times in our vegetable gardens but there are still things to do. After you have planted the winter vegetables, cleaned up, and composted, try to prepare some of the beds for spring planting. Then in February instead of waiting for the soil to dry out, you can plant sugar and snow peas. Plant a cover crop on the other beds.

Monthly Color –

Asters, ornamental cabbage, camellias, chrysanthemums, clerodendron, dahlias, English daisies, dianthus, dogwood, euonymous, eupatorium, gaura, ginkgo, ornamental grasses, gums, oakleaf hydrangea, kale, larkspur, maples, poppies, roses, rosehips, snapdragon, solidago, sourwood, stock, torenia, tricyrtis, verbena, viburnums, viola, Virginia creeper, wallflowers, and witch hazel.



Virginia Creeper courtesy of <http://www.naturehills.com/>

Wanted... Read or Contrived...
your gardening ideas, interests, and information.
Think about writing or researching for your
volunteer and education hours in 2005.
Join the Master Minutes staff.

Committee Pictures By 3Ps

Master Minutes

Sharon Davis,
Lynn Winningham,
Ruth Jones,
Cheryl Kennedy,
Libby Thalheimer,
Linda Moyer,
Betty Deere,
Helen Hronas,
and Julia Loyall



Old Mill

Jerry Quick
Mickey Barsocchi
Martha Basinger, Co Chair
Judy Woodard
Patsy Knodel
Anita Chamberlin, Co Chair
and Pat McDonald

Park Hill Water Works

Nancy Barber
Peggy Gay
Gena Norris
Lois Clifton
Linda Harkenreader
Wanda Bray
Cindy Somervell
and Michael Stobel.



Social Committee

Front - Wincie Hughes, Betty Henderson,
Susan Crisp, Dena Dixon, Susan Garner,
Linda Chakales, Cathy Spivey, Sharl Hill,
and Bernice Johnson.
Back - Donald Henderson, Carolyn France,
Lynn Phelps, Jim Dyer, Ann Cooper, and
Sandy Harrison.

War Memorial

William Bowen
Jan Bowen
Shirley Gunnels
and Karen Potts

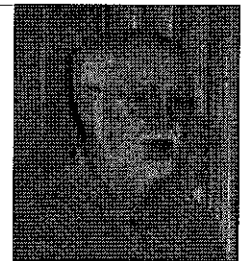


Pulaski County Master Gardener October Meetings' Highlights By Susan Crisp

Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 19, 2004

- Present were Nancy Kirsch, Don Davis, Beth Phelps, Dick Blankenbeker, Ila Newberry, Marilyn Tilley, Jackie Wright, and Sandy Harrison.
- The balance in the treasury as of September 30, is \$15,223.35.
- Judy Chapman will be liaison with St. James to arrange workdays at the church two times a year, the next to be in the Spring.
- We will provide membership cards to our members. Mary Freeman will take care of the paperwork.
- Nancy Kirsch will keep our Volunteer Management Guide up to date.
- Marilyn Tilley reported that she contacted all of the standing committee chairs. All will continue to serve, except Sharon Davis as chair of the 3Ps, for 2005.
- The board will purchase the book, The Amphibians and Reptiles of Arkansas, for the county office.
- Members of our chapter will help entertain the Quorum Court at dinner before their next Tuesday meeting. We will provide salad and bread. Beth Phelps, Ila Newberry, Sandy Harrison and Nancy Kirsch will help serve the meal.

- Announcements included: Public issue fact sheets are available about the proposed constitutional amendments and the referred legislation. Copies available at the county office
- Please turn in your hours.
- 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.
- 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: dewerling@comcast.net



General Meeting, Tuesday, October 19, 2004



Susan Purvis speaking on Gardening in the Japanese internment camps

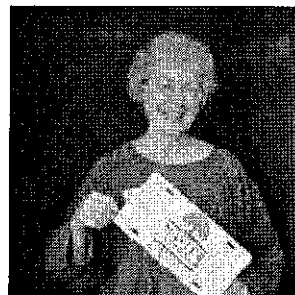
- Officers for the 2004-2005 year were introduced:
 Dick Blankenbeker, President
 Sandy Harrison, 1st Vice President
 Marilyn Tilley, 2nd vice President
 Jackie Wright, Secretary
 Mary Freeman, Treasurer (absent)
 Don Davis, Member-at-Large (1st year)
 Ila Newberry, Member-at-Large (2nd year)

- A reception for new Master Gardeners will be in the meeting room in November and that the meeting will be in the sanctuary of St. James Church.
- The travel committee arranged a trip to Northwest Arkansas to ride the train on Friday, Oct. 22.
- The Greenhouse sale to be on Sat. Oct. 23.
- Today is the deadline to submit orders to the "Stuff" committee.
- Cheryl Kennedy was recognized for her hard work on the new brochure. Copies were distributed to members.

- Susan Purvis presented a slide show, "Gardening in the Japanese Internment Camps in Arkansas."
- Door prizes were awarded.



Winners: Terri Julian and Suzanne O'Donoghue - Bromeliads, Mary Francis- watering can, and Anita Chamberlin - 'Love Lies Bleeding' bouquet.



Carolyn Newbern- license plate

Photos courtesy of Lynn Winningham and David Werling

Classifieds

Thanks for the Smiles!

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.

City Beautiful Nominations

Little Rock and North Little Rock are recognizing homeowners with exceptional and publicly visible landscapes. Nomination forms are available in the County Extension Office, and the City Beautification Commission of each city.

Pulaski County Master Gardeners' Memorial Fund

Donations to the PCMG Memorial Fund may be made "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" anyone. Gifts may be specified for a particular use (i.e. trees on public property; garden books for library; Master Gardener projects: benches, birdbaths, statues, or other hardscape); or for General Master Gardener program support.

Donations should be sent to:
PCMG Memorial Fund
2901 W. Roosevelt Road,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

Reminder: All magazines sold at Master Gardener meetings are 50 cents. This helps fund our projects. Consider recycling your magazines by bringing them to the next meeting for our resale.

Arrive early for Master Gardener Meetings for better parking and door prize tickets. No tickets are given out after the meeting begins. However, you may still sign in for credit.

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,
Staff Chair

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
5005 Crestwood
Little Rock, Ark. 72207
Smell34@aol.com
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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