

## Pulaski County Master Minutes

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### Highlights from the 2005 International Master Gardener Conference, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 24 -27, 2005 By Carly Meins



Thirty two Master Gardener's (and spouses) attended the Conference in Saskatoon. The weather was nice and cool, in the 60's and 70's most days with lows in the 40's and 50's. Sunday afternoon most went on garden tours or tours of local attractions and the following three days were full of tours, seminars, local food and fare. The seminars were good showcasing both local and international talent. The colors in the gardens were brilliant and really packed a "wow". Saskatoon has a much shorter growing season than us---only about 4 months so all of their color happens at once and it was gorgeous.

We stayed busy talking with MG from all over the US and Canada. Each day we handed out things to promote Arkansas and our event in 2007. We passed out "little rock" pins, Arkansas the Natural State pins, Riceland Rice, Peabody duck soap, Peabody rubber ducks, and crystal key chains. Each day we had something new to give and it was a big hit! We also wore our t-shirts with the 2007 logo and everyone wanted one.

All in all, we had a great time and gathered many ideas from our MG's as well as other MG's from across the country. 459 MG's attended the conference, and we feel confident that all of them are coming to Arkansas in 2007!

To keep conference participants up to date with new info and to promote things going on in the Natural State, we now have a website at [mg2007.uaex.edu](http://mg2007.uaex.edu). We will be continuing to add information on a weekly basis and will even have a plant of the week to showcase plants in bloom or of interest at that particular time of year!

If you have any suggestions for plant of the week, or if you have a great photo to share, you can email them to me at: [cmeins@uaex.edu](mailto:cmeins@uaex.edu).

We are also looking for Committee Members. If anyone is interested in being on a Committee please email me or call me at 501-671-2231. I will need your name, email address, phone number and county. Here are the committees and chairman we have and need volunteers for:

- Special Events
- Special Events- Wednesday night opening dinner
- Special Events- Taste of Little Rock night
- Meals
- Seminars
- Sponsorship- Chairman Catherine Johnson
- Tours- Chairman Pat Green
- Tours-Transportation
- Goody Bags
- Trade Show
- Registration and Information
- Public Relations- group photos, etc.
- Public Relations- Daily newsletters
- Merchandising- Chairman Beth Stewart
- Decorations
- Programs and Handouts/Mail-outs
- Web site
- Volunteer Committee
- Hospitality
- Hospitality- Coordination of Invited Guests
- Hospitality- Transportation from Airport
- Hospitality- Transportation between Hotels
- Pre & Post Tours- Chairman Brenda Foramo

Our 2007 IMGCC Chair is Mary Wells of Faulkner County and Co-Chair is Beth Phelps, CEA Pulaski County. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know!

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*Photo courtesy of Carolyn Newbern*

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## Saskatoon By Carolyn Newbern

Thirty-two Arkansas Master Gardeners were in Saskatoon! From Pulaski County were Janet Carson, Carly Meins (Stuttgart but works with Janet Carson), Pat Green, Jane Druff & Fritz (actually now at Drasco), Catherine Johnson, Debbie Michel, Marilyn Tilley, Carol Mendel, Hilda & Jim Boger, Joy Bennett (now of Hot Springs), Mary Evans, Shannon Chamberlin, Gail Roberson, and me. We had so much fun promoting Arkansas in general and the 2007 conference in particular! We wore the "official 2007 International Master Gardener Conference" t-shirts, gave away "Little rocks from Little Rock" (stick pins), Arkansas is a Natural State pins, Hot Springs crystal key chains, Peabody duck soaps and rubber duckies, refrigerator magnets, plus lots of information about Pulaski County Master Gardener and Arkansas. Everyone there left knowing much more about Arkansas than when they came! We all spread out to sample all the tours, workshops, various extra activities so that we could help plan our own. We found many things we want to copy, a few things to improve upon.

Saskatoon itself was blissfully cool. They kept apologizing that the weather was only up to 75 degrees! We loved every shiver! Several of the activities spotlighted the history of the Canadian Plains, both the "First Nations" and immigrant white populations. The city of Saskatoon is divided by a big river and has a good park/trail system started, more to follow. It was more "natural" that Little Rock/North Little Rock's Riverfront Parks but very nice.

## Mentors By Beth Phelps

Interested in meeting a new Master Gardener? Volunteer to be a mentor. We need 50 volunteers. As a mentor, you are not expected to be the gardening expert or the Master Gardener expert, just a friendly gardener helping new MGs feel welcome and comfortable as they join us. As the training proceeds, these new Master Gardeners may have questions about the "Final Reminder", a specific project, monthly meetings, how to report volunteer hours, etc.

You may want to:

- Join your trainees for lunch during one of the training sessions.
- Introduce them to other experienced Master Gardeners at the reception for the Master Gardeners after our November meeting.
- Call them in early January to remind them about the Master Gardener meeting and invite them to attend or even meet you there.

If you are interested in being a mentor, contact Rochelle Greenwood (753-7853) by September 16th.

Thanks for helping to keep the Pulaski County Master Gardener Program strong and growing.

## Project Green-Fed

UNICOR and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality are pleased to announce "Project Green-Fed", an e-scrap recycling program for all Arkansas residents at zero cost. "Project Green-Fed" is a simple, safe and convenient program. This one year pilot project will provide a cost effective, environmentally sound, e-scrap recycling program covering the entire state of Arkansas that meets EPA guidelines of material management.

The National Safety Council estimates that within the next five years, more than 250 million computers will become obsolete and will need to be disposed of properly. Land-filling and discarding this equipment improperly is harmful to the environment and many states do not allow electronics in landfills today. UNICOR's Recycling Business Group and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) have teamed to ensure the success of "Project Green-Fed".

Private residents that want to recycle their obsolete computer equipment should call: 1-866-896-8528.

Recycling Business Group  
320 First Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20534  
[www.unicor.gov/recycling/](http://www.unicor.gov/recycling/)  
(202)305-3884 or (202) 305-3768

UNICOR will ship residents a box, packing material, and a return label at no charge. After the computer equipment is packed, residents will call Federal Express for a pick up from their home.....at no charge to the resident. Federal Express will deliver the packed material to UNICOR who will recycle it properly in their ISO-9001:2000 Certified recycling facility.

UNICOR and ADEQ are seeking additional partners for "Project Green-Fed" to expand services. Based on the results of "Project Green-Fed" pilot, UNICOR plans to offer this service on a nationwide basis.

UNICOR accepts the following items:

Computers	Monitors
Laptops	Printers
Cell Phones	Fax Machines
Peripherals	Power Supplies

For additional information, contact:

Arkansas Department Of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)  
ADEQ Recycling (501) 682-0814  
ADEQ Helpline (501) 682-0923

## Greenhouse Planting

The pansy, viola and fall planted perennial plugs are due to arrive at the Master Gardener Greenhouse soon. There will be over 10,000 plugs to be transplanted as quickly as possible. It is not physically hard work but it does take time and the Greenhouse Committee could use extra help. Right now the plan is to have a work morning on Friday, Sept. 9 & Saturday, Sept. 10 beginning at 7:00a.m. until it gets too hot. I will send out a confirmation e-mail when then plants arrive. So check your e-mail and come join the fun!

Thanks, Beth Phelps

## Greenhouse Committee Gets Great Review

August 18, 2005

Dear Lois and Master Gardeners,

On behalf of the Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks for the generous donation of plants from your greenhouse this spring! I was so excited when Beth Phelps spoke to me on the phone and said you would be willing to share with us your surplus of vegetable plants and herbs. This was my second season to begin a gardening program here at the detention center and my director still had not provided me with any funds to accomplish my goals of bringing the gardening experience to these inner city youth. My own pocket book does not always stretch as far as the dreams I have for making some of my programs a success. I also shared some of your plants with another local community youth program called Inner City Future Net and the social worker at Pinnacle Point Hospital so none of the plants went to waste and all were appreciative of receiving them.

Being a novice gardener, I am making mistakes and learning about gardening right along with the kids. Our Director, a seasoned gardener from his youth, always gets a hearty laugh out of my mistakes. When he learned that I had planted over 60 tomato plants he was wondering how on earth we were ever going to consume the tomatoes that would grow. What he didn't know was that we would get Spider Mites and early blight and the actual yield would only result in a few bowls of salsa and hot sauce. Each year I learn a little more about insects and diseases and how to recognize them in time to take corrective actions. Unfortunately, I usually learn the hard way first!

One of the new plants we grew as a result of your donation was the tomatillo tomato plant. The juveniles really enjoyed learning about this kind of tomato that they had never heard of before. We researched it on the Internet and found some interesting history about its origin in Mexico. The Chinese - lantern-looking husk and little green sticky tomato inside was fascinating to them. We also had fun finding recipes to produce from it. Their favorite was spicy guacamole sauce.

The gardening experience has provided the juveniles with creative opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education. The fennel plants you provided helped to provide a food source for the caterpillars in the butterfly garden we began this year. The garden will allow the kids to experience the wonders of metamorphosis and landscape horticulture. The vegetable plants have allowed us to teach life-skills classes and bring hearty, homegrown snacks and meals to kids whose diets usually consist of fast-food and junk food. I hope the lateness of this letter will not negate in any way the heart felt thanks I have for your generosity in supplying me with plants from your greenhouse. I am available every year to accept any unsold plants you would like to donate. Enclosed I am sending you a few pictures to allow you to see our gardens and know that the fruits of your labor and ours were labors of love. Plants and flowers and the spirits of our youth bloomed in this garden!

Planting seeds of Friendship,

T. Denise Pearson, Pulaski County Juvenile Detention Center Counselor

### Memphis Area Master Gardeners present speaker Dan Heims

When: Thursday, September 15 - Doors Open at 6:00 P.M. - Program Begins at 7:00P.M.

Where: The Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove, Memphis, Tennessee 38120

Cost: \$5

Well-known horticulturist, Dan Heims will be at the Agricenter International in Memphis on September 15 to speak to the Memphis Area Master Gardeners and the public is invited to attend. Heims is the president of Terra Nova Nurseries in Canby, Oregon and he'll be speaking on 'New Perennials from Around the World'.

Heims has been deeply involved in horticulture for the last thirty years. Horticulture, Fine Gardening, Martha Stewart Living, Southern Living and many other magazines have featured articles about Dan Heims and Terra Nova Nurseries. His perennial breeding programs have produced many international gold and silver medal winners. He has traveled the world over on plant collecting and research trips and has spoken in the United States, Japan, England, New Zealand, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Tasmania, Australia, and Canada. You can find more information about Dan Heims, Terra Nova Nurseries and their beautiful plants on their website: [www.terravanurseries.com](http://www.terravanurseries.com)

The doors at the Agricenter will open at 6:00 P.M., with the program starting at 7:00 P.M. This program is open to the public, so bring your friends, neighbors and spouses. There will be a small fee of \$5.00 for non-members of the Memphis Area Master Gardeners. Dan will be available to sell and sign his recent book, Heucheras and Heucherellas, prior to and following the program. Dan West Garden Centers with Jim Crowder and Sunny Creek Nursery with Leigh Ballard will be on site to offer a selection of Terra Nova plants for sale. The Master Gardeners will have a booth set up to sell plants and crafts. Food and refreshments will also be available.

*If you have any questions or need more information on Dan Heims, feel free to call the Master Gardener Office at the Shelby County Extension Office: (901) 387-1928 or Juli Scobey: (901) 497-5659.*



## September Calendar By Ruth Jones

### September, 2005

- 3-5 Wings of Wonder, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Mena, Ark. See the butterflies in the Zola C. Casbeer Memorial Butterfly Conservatory outside the lodge on Rich Mountain.
- 10 Great Arkansas Cleanup. Trash bags provided, but bring work gloves. Free cookout lunch & door prizes sponsored by our supporters. Admission: Free. Contact: 501- 727-5441, [petitjean@arkansas.com](mailto:petitjean@arkansas.com), [www.petitjeanstatepark.com](http://www.petitjeanstatepark.com)
- 10 Edible and Medicinal Plants Program - Pinnacle Mountain State Park Visitor Center: 1 pm. Park interpreters reveal traditional uses for some common Arkansas plants. Reservations are required. Admission: \$10 Contact: Pinnacle Mountain State Park, 11901 Pinnacle Valley Rd, Roland, AR 72135. Ph: (501) 868-5806 [pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com](mailto:pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com)
- 10 Haynesville, Louisiana Celebration of Butterflies, Claiborne Parish Fairgrounds. Contact: Loice Kendrick-Lacy at (318) 624-1929 or (870) 234-4910. Mailing Address: 203 Troy St., Magnolia, AR 71753. E-Mail Address: [klacy@magnolia-net.com](mailto:klacy@magnolia-net.com)
- 14-15 Water Quality Starts at Home, Knoxville, Tn
- 15 Memphis Area MG program at the Agricenter, 7:00pm Contact Juli Scobey, Shelby Co Extension Office. 901-497-5659
- 20 Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting. 11:30 a.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley
- 20 River Valley Master Gardener Tour to Tulsa, OK to visit the new Philbrook grounds. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch.

### The Arkansas Daylily Society Annual Auction

Saturday, September 17

St Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock

10:00 a.m. presentation, auction follows

There will be a presentation by Mark Carpenter of San Antonio, Texas on his uncle Jack's (Carpenter) hybridizing program, as well as his experiences as a hybridizer, grower, and leader in his local club. Both men are recognized as leading hybridizers, and leaders in recognizing and understanding the demands of daylily growers throughout the U.S. Mark's presentation will begin at 10:00, with the auction following.

There will be a broad assortment of daylily varieties in all price ranges and colors in the auction, including the complete Fall 2005 introductions of Jack Carpenter and 2005 introductions from David Kirchoff of Sanford, FL, and Frank Smith, of Apoka, FL.

For more information, contact Bob Stassen of Fayetteville ([coolplanter@hotmail.com](mailto:coolplanter@hotmail.com)); include "Arkansas Daylily" in the subject line.

### Herb Harvest Fall Festival – Ozark Folk Center State Park September 30 - October 1, 2005

Leading herbal authorities conduct seminars and workshops. Herbal vendors will be on hand with plants, seeds and herb products. Call the Park at (800) 264-3655 for instructors and fee information or watch our website's Upcoming Events column for updates on this and other events throughout our season. Contact: Ozark Folk Center State Park, P.O. Box 500, Mountain View, AR 72560. Ph: (870) 269-3851, <http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com>, [ozarkfolkcenter@arkansas.com](mailto:ozarkfolkcenter@arkansas.com)

### Water Quality Starts at Home: Creating Healthy Landscapes Workshop

September 14-15

Knoxville, TN

Registration is limited, 100 spaces remain. This training opportunity has been funded by CREES and Southern Region Water Program. Training resources will be provided as reference materials to participants. These reference materials may be helpful in writing grants and providing community educational programs related to water conservation and protection.

Each Southern Region State has one \$200 scholarship to cover travel and expenses, for more information please contact George Smith ([gsmith@utk.edu](mailto:gsmith@utk.edu)).

Click here for more information:

<http://economics.ag.utk.edu/waterworkshop.html>

All attendants will receive resources to conduct local healthy landscape programs.

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<http://mastergardeners.tennessee.edu>

### 2005 Master Gardener Training Schedule

- 9/ 28 - Tour of Master Gardener Projects  
10/ 5 - Basic Plant Science, Soils and Pesticide Safety  
10/ 12 - Vegetables, Plant Pathology, Herbs  
10/ 19 - Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Insects & Controls, Composting  
10/ 26 - Turfgrass, Weed Control, Attracting & Living with Wildlife, Pruning  
11/ 2 - Fruit Crops, Annuals, Perennials & Bulbs  
11/ 9 - House Plants, Fertilizers, the Final Reminder & Graduation

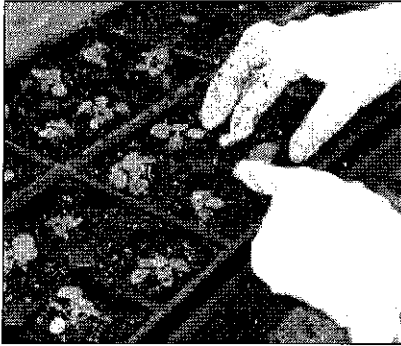
If you plan to attend a session and/or join the new class for lunch please call or e-mail (340-6650 or [bphelps@uaex.edu](mailto:bphelps@uaex.edu)) Beth to let her know by noon on the Monday of the week you plan to attend. Cost of lunch is \$6.50.



## September Checklist By Linda Moyer

### Annuals

Set out pansies and mums for fall color. Calendulas, snapdragons, and other cool weather lovers are great, too.



(Remember that the greenhouse committee will be having a sale in October. It is a wonderful place to buy plants for the fall at a good price! Plus you will be supporting Master Gardener projects.)

Volunteers set out plugs at the Greenhouse – photo courtesy of Lois Corley

### General Yard

It might not rain much this month or next, so keep on top of watering.

### Indoors

Dig up your begonias now and bring them indoors as a houseplant. They will bloom all winter so you can use the cuttings outdoors next spring. Feed your houseplants less frequently as the days get shorter.

Bring houseplants back inside before it gets chilly. Spray them with insecticidal soap before you bring them in, and once again after they are in, to control hitchhiking bugs.

### Lawns

Start mowing your tall fescue regularly. Keep it tall (3 1/2 inches) so it can out compete weeds.

Warm season grasses such as Bermuda do not need a feeding this month, because they are winding down for winter dormancy. Over-sow a crop of winter rye toward the end of the month for winter green. But remember that means you will be mowing during the winter.

### Perennials & Bulbs

It is time to buy spring bulbs for the best selection but don't plant until it gets cooler. Keep in a cool place for another few weeks before planting.

Mid-September through October is the ideal time to divide peonies. Herbaceous crowns are set 1-2 inches below soil level; tree peonies planted at 4-7 inches deep.

### Trees & Shrubs

The next couple of months are the best time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. Prepare holes now and start planting when you have an opportunity. Take advantage of any end-of-summer sales you happen upon.

If you are planning to move any woody plants this fall or winter, now is the time to root prune. Determine how big of a root ball you want to move (bigger is better). Then, using a spade, cut straight down in a circle around the plant.

Pick your pears and apples when they are easily removed. Muscadines and table grapes are ripe now. Pick the muscadines one at a time. Pick grapes by the bunch.

You can do a final summer pruning on fruit trees early in the month, so they have time to recover before the weather gets cold. Be careful not to prune fall and winter bloomers or berry producers such as winter honeysuckle, Japanese camellia, or winterberry holly.

### Vegetables & Herbs

For your fall garden you can plant leaf lettuce, Swiss chard, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Asian greens such as bok choy and Chinese cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, kohlrabi, mustard greens, onions, turnips, spinach, parsley, and radishes.

Continue harvesting, watering, and weeding your summer garden, or you'll end up like me with lots of weeds. Mike mowed and tilled our garden last weekend because the weeds were so bad.

### Monthly Blooms

*Ageratum*; *Alcea rosea*, althea; *Antigonon leptopus*, coral vine; *Asters*; *Begonia grandis*, hardy begonia; *Buddleja davidii*, buddleia; *Callicarpa*, beauty-berry; *Campsis*, trumpet creeper; *Cannas*; *Caryopteris*, bluebeard; *Celosia*, cockscomb; *Chrysanthemum*; *Clerodendron*; *Crotalaria*; *Dahlias*; *Desmodium*, beggar weed; *Dianthus*, pinks; *Echeveria*; *Eupatorium*, Joe Pye weed; *Gaura*; *Gladioli*; *Gordonia alatamaha*; *Hedychium*, ginger lily; *Hibiscus*; *Ipomoea*, morning glory; *Kerria*, *Justicia*, jacobinia; Japanese rose; *Lagerstroemia indica*, crape (or crepe) myrtle; *Lantana*; *Linaria*, toadflax; *Liriope*, monkey grass; *Lycoris radiata*, spider lily; marigolds; *Mirabilis jalapa*, four-o'clocks; *Miscanthus*; *Nierembergia*, cupflower; *Ophiopogon*, mondo grass; *Origanum*, oregano; *Oxalis*, wood sorrel; *Pennisetum*, fountain grasses; *Persicaria amplexicaulis*, mountain fleece or polygonum; *Petunias*; *Phlox*; *Physostegia*, false dragon head; *Rosa*, roses; *Rosmarinus*, rosemary; *Salvias*, sage; *Sedum*; *Solidago*, goldenrod; *Spirea*; *Tanacetum vulgare*, tansy; *Torenia*, wishbone flower; *Tricyrtis*, toad lilies; *Verbena*; *Veronia*, ironweed; *Veronicas*, speedwell; *Vinca*, periwinkle; *Viola*; *Vitex*, chaste tree; *Yucca*; *Zephyranthes grandiflora*, pink storm lilies; and *Zinnias*.

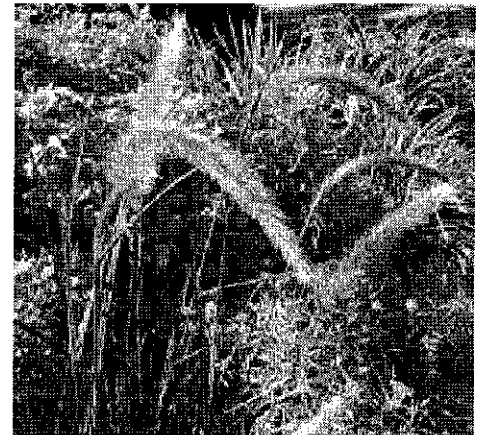


Photo of the Contemplation Garden grasses courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

## Hosta By Lorraine Hensley



*Hosta 'Stripease'*, photo courtesy of the American Hosta Society, 2005 Winner of the American Hosta Growers Association Hosta of the Year Award [http://www.hosta.org/Major\\_Awards/Hosta\\_of\\_the\\_Year/Stripease.jpg](http://www.hosta.org/Major_Awards/Hosta_of_the_Year/Stripease.jpg)

Never thought of comparing *Hosta* and daylilies before but the hosta, as with the daylily, grows almost anywhere. Not only grows but flourishes. Plant them, give them a little water and stand back while you watch them grow. In just a few years, as with the daylily, your hosta is ready to divide and share with your friends and neighbors. Because hostas are easy to grow and adapt quite well to many different environments they are common plants in almost any shade garden you see. But new varieties, those that are pest-resistant, are currently being introduced.

The hosta is native to Japan and China but plant breeders have improved and expanded the original species and hostas are now available in a wonderful carnival of color, size and shape. Some hosta produce blooms but this plant is primarily valued for its foliage rather than for its flowers. Leaves are now blue, blue-green, chartreuse, gold or variegated. Variegated foliage includes combinations of green on white, gold on green or chartreuse on blue. Stems and petioles are burgundy. Some hosta are huge at 4 feet tall and 7 feet across while others are rock garden size of about 4 inches. So wherever your shade garden has space there is probably a specific hosta to fill it with beautiful foliage.

Smaller hostas, especially in massed plantings are great for bedding and border plants and also make wonderful ground covers. *H. 'Francee'* and *H. 'Patroit'* both green with bright white margins are midsize hostas while 'Ginkgo Craig' is a good edging plant of green and white.

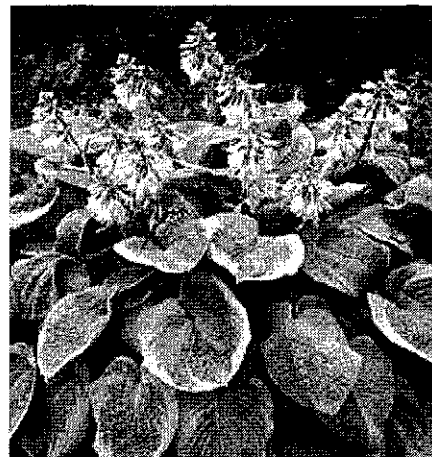
The major problem for hostas is the ubiquitous garden slug. Favored by many, the non-toxic method is to put out a container (about 3 to 4 inches deep) full of beer and just let the pests drown. Seems there is also a secret ingredient, ¼ cup flour added to one can of beer, interferes with the slugs' digestive tract and they drown faster. These pests visit your daylilies early in the morning when summer is just beginning and change their location as the weather heats up. They move on to your shade garden where they can then visit your hostas

Blue hostas are really popular and not just for their attractive color. Slugs don't like the wavy corrugated surface of their leaves. To protect the blue of this hosta plant them in protected, shady areas. Some of the large, slug-resistant cultivars include 'Blue Angel'-- *H. 'Krossa Regal'* --*Hosta nigrescens* 'Elation' and *H.s. 'Francis Williams'*.

Hostas are tough with one particular pest--the slug. Although these plants can survive neglect they will bloom better and bloom longer in rich well-drained soil. They also need plenty of organic matter and moisture and morning sun only. As far as the slugs are concerned, one six-pack should last out the summer even if the gardener sips a little on the side.

According to Guidelines for the Use of Plant Names in Print, by Judy Burns:

- The genus name, *Hosta*, is always capitalized, italicized and written out entirely in the first reference (to a specific plant or to the entire genus) in an article. Subsequent references can be abbreviated to *H.* The Cultivar name is enclosed in single quotes and is always capitalized. Cultivar names are not italicized.
- Names containing *sieboldiana*, *ventricosa*, *montana*, *clausa*, *fluctuans*, *gracillima*, *longipes*, *kikutii*, *nigrescens*, *minor*, (as well as a few other), are italicized, but not included in the single quotes:
- Names containing *Fortunei*, *Crispula*, *Helonioides*, *Tokudama* and *Undulata* (as well as some others), are not italicized, and are included within the single quotes:
- The genus name in a book title or in the name of a publication, when used as a reference, is not italicized, but the rest of the title is italicized. In a non-specific usage, such as, *The American Hosta Society*, or *The Hosta Journal*: the word is treated like other words in the name:
- The word *hosta* may be used in lower case letters, plain text, in generic and non-specific usages. There is no agreement as to single or plural usage.



*Hosta 'Francis Williams'*, photo courtesy of Greenwood Nursery <http://www.greenwoodnursery.com/page.cfm/30069?template=Plant>

## Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting Highlights By Jackie Wright

### Board Meeting Thursday, August 4, 2005

- The Pulaski County Master Gardeners board met at the Pulaski County Extension Service Office at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2005. Present were Marilyn Tilley, Jackie Wright, Mary Freeman, Don Davis, Sandy Harrison, Beth Phelps, and Dick Blankenkober. President, Dick Blankenkober, presided
- The minutes for the June meeting were approved as circulated.
- The Treasurer's Reports for June and July were accepted with a balance of \$17,750. Tropical Paradise Seminar profit was \$154.74.
- MG will pay for leadership training registration for current board members and Carolyn Newbern southeast district representative to the Master Gardener State Advisory Board.
- One bill yet to be paid from the Dept. of AR Heritage grant is a \$250 fee for development of a school curriculum.
- Leave of absences were granted for Martha Allen and Billie Massey.
- The purchase of two sets of Plant Material Flash Cards for the Master Gardener Office and the Horticulture Assistant's Office, costing \$42.00 plus tax, was authorized.
- The Board reviewed new class applications. Each member was given several applicants to interview.
- The Nominating Committee is Nancy Kirsch, chair, Don Davis, and Ila Newbery.
- Keep Arkansas Beautiful representatives have been selected. A list is attached.
- The next meeting, will be on August 25 at the Extension Office, to evaluate existing projects and consider new projects.

### Board Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2005

- The Pulaski County Master Gardeners board met at the Pulaski County Extension Service Office. Present were Marilyn Tilley, Jackie Wright, Mary Freeman, Don Davis, Sandy Harrison, Beth Phelps, and Dick Blankenkober. The chair, Dick Blankenkober, presided
- Minutes for the August 4th meeting were approved as circulated.
- Board Member Registration for the Leadership meeting was completed. In addition to the board members, 10 additional Master Gardeners have signed up for leadership training.
- Don Davis gave the report from the nominating Committee.  
President – Sandy Harrison  
First Vice President – Marilyn Tilley  
Second Vice President - Jim Dyer  
Secretary – Jackie Wright  
Treasurer – Mary Freeman  
Member at Large – Jet Cuffman
- We need someone to attend the Keep Little Rock Beautiful monthly meetings, which are on the third Monday at 5 p.m. at Gary Green's law office.
- All of the current Master Gardener projects were reviewed. The board accepted the recommendation of Warren Boop, chair of the Wildwood project, that we recommend to the full membership that the Wildwood project be terminated.
- The following proposed projects were reviewed.
  - Maumelle Community Center
  - Scholar's Garden Clinton School of Public Service and Clinton Library.
- The board decided that the Maumelle Community Center proposal be recommended to the full membership for acceptance -- that we plant and maintain the round parking lot garden and the two gardens adjacent to the front entrance.
- The Scholar's Garden was discussed and tabled until the next meeting so that board members may view the site.

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### Fall Greenhouse Sales –

Saturday, October 15th and Saturday, October 29, 2005

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

## Classifieds

Curran Hall has made it onto the Little Rock Convention and Visitor's Bureau web site. Take a look! [littlerock.com/curran-hall](http://littlerock.com/curran-hall)  
Carolyn Newbern

We send our condolences to the family Carl Amason, from Calion, Arkansas passed away recently. He was 81 years old. Some of you may know Carl from the Native Plant Society and his various talks on native plants and camellias. Carl was always willing to assist the MG's and gardeners in whatever way possible. Memorials may be made to the South Arkansas Arboretum Society.

### Therapeutic gardening for Katrina Victims

I, like probably so many others would like to do something to help the Katrina victims, in addition to sending money and clothes. This morning working in my garden for the first time in a long time (because of the heat) I was thinking how much help it would be to have another pair of hands. I thought of all the evacuees sitting in motels and shelters waiting for the "next thing", whatever that is for them! I also thought about how therapeutic gardening can be, so I called the Hilton and talked with the person at the front desk. She agreed to put a notice up on the board for the evacuees that I needed gardening help and would pay \$10.00 an hour. I have already received a call.

While I have thought over the risks involved I just decided that this may be a time to take risk. I wanted to share this idea with you. Maybe Master Gardeners across the state would appreciate this possibility of helping.

Kathleen Wesson

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

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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  
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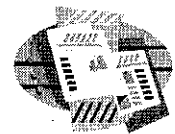
## News & Notes

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

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