

Pulaski County Master Minutes

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Just Dreaming By Susie Gillihan

**Crocus chrysanthus*, Snow Crocus Mix



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[WWW.waysidegarden.com](http://www.waysidegarden.com)

Armed with a cup of hot chocolate, a woolen hat on my head and boots on my feet I take a look at the cold winter landscape. The trees cast a shadow of their beautiful structure on the cold, break, ground. In the tips of the limbs I know there are buds just waiting for the first of spring to show me their beauty.

The dogwood (*Cornus*) has so many bud sets on it that I know that if I am lucky and the freeze doesn't come at the wrong moment I will be blessed with loads of blooms. Is there any thing more beautiful than a lovely old dogwood? There are so many different varieties on the market today with more color and bud set. I wish I had room for them all.

Here is the *Camellia japonica* with its promise of lovely blooms. It is wonderful to take a walk even in the cold winter day and see the lovely blossoms of the camellia. Reds, pinks, white, double or single, each one I see has a promise all of it's on. I dream of having more some day.

Here I see the Hydrangea (*Macrophyllia*) looks just like a bundle of old sticks, but I know that in there

is the lovely hydrangea that I have come to love so much over the years.

Here and there I can see a daffodil (*Narcissus*) just beginning to show just a bit of promise. I know that they will be beautiful.

I love to walk around in my garden at this season of the year dreaming of all of the promises of spring. Each year I dream of the perfect growing season and that perfect garden. Isn't that what keeps old gardeners like me and young ones like you forever dreaming of that perfect garden some day? This will be the year!

Crocus, a member of the iris family, is a perennial from Europe, North Africa and temperate Asia that naturalizes where winters are not too warm. In areas that are too warm, corms will flower only one season. The genus is divided into about 80 species and a number of hybrids which are either fall or spring blooming in a multitude of colors from blue to purple, yellow and white. The crocus has a cup shaped flower on a long stem-like tube; the actual stem remains underground. The foliage is basal and grass-like often with a silvery white stripe along the rib.

The crocus is best propagated by corms. It is possible to grow crocus from seed, but these plants will take up to three years to bloom. In the fall, plant corms 2-3 inches deep in porous soil in full sun or partial shade. Keep well watered, but well drained. Clumps may be divided every three to four years if they get overcrowded.

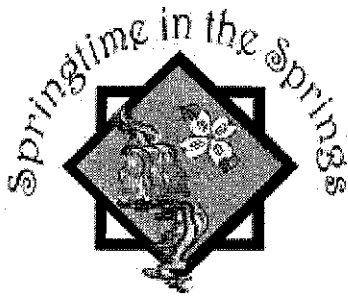
One caveat: chipmunks love the corms. If you have chipmunks, your garden won't have crocus for long.

Information about crocus obtained from:

- *Botanica*, Published by Gordon Cheers, Reprinted 2001, in an edition published by Barnes & Noble, Inc., by arrangement with Random House Australia Pty Ltd
- *The Southern Living Garden Book*, Editor: Steve Bender, Copyright 1998 by Oxmoor House, Inc., Book Division of Southern Progress Corporation, PO Box 2463, Birmingham, AL 35201.

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Arkansas Master Gardener Conference Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas May 21-23, 2006

Tours:

- ❖ Along Garden Paths
- ❖ Hills, Rills and Terraces
- ❖ Beside Flowing Streams
- ❖ It Takes a Village
- ❖ Wholesale/Retail

Seminars:

- Roses - Pure, Sweet and Simple - Don Arnold
- Butterfly Gardening, or NOT?? - Ann Hooper
- The Hobby Greenhouse - Gerald Klingaman
- Propagation Techniques - Matt Williams
- Planting a Habitat to Attract Birds to Your Garden - Bruce Phillips
- Great Plant Performers for Arkansas - Shane Reynolds
- Coleus: The Victorian Favorite Returns in Elegant Splendor - Larry Averill
- Organic Gardening/Organic Pest Control - Chuck Crimmins
- What Do I Do With All These Plants I Keep Buying? - Liz Frazier
- Growing & Using Herbs, Arkansas Style - Rae McKimm
- Iris . . . From Interest to Passion - Karen Johnson
- Ozark Tales of Courtin' and Spoonin' by The Widow Wilcox of Rattlesnake Ridge- Tina Marie Wilcox
- The Hobby Greenhouse - Gerald Klingaman
- The Art of Recycling in the Garden by the Garage Sale Queen - Kandy Jones
- Keys for Identifying Ferns - Don Crank
- Use of Ornamental Grasses in Your Landscape - Gene Lichliter
- Advanced Vegetable Gardening (Companion Planting) - Bob Warner
- Wet, Wild & Planted (Water Gardening) - Rhonda Walker & Stephanie Blandin
- Al Fought the Lawn and the Lawn Won@ - Lisa Martin
- Answers to Gardening Questions - Roundtable Discussion with County Extension Agents:
Jesse Clark, Melvin Daniel, Matt Lane, Ron Matlock & Lisa Martin

- An Evening at Garvan Woodland Gardens (transportation provided) featuring Mini Garden Lectures and Dinner in the Garden

- Master Gardener Reception & Art Gallery Walk in Historic Downtown Hot Springs
- 2006 Arkansas Awards Banquet; Horner Hall, Convention Center
- Visit Local Nurseries on your way home to take home even more plants. Maps will be provided.

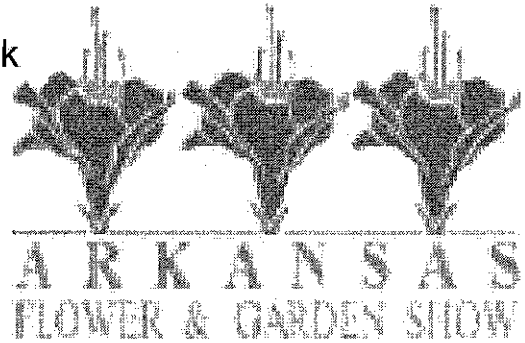
The 2006 Master Gardener State Meeting is limited to the first 500 applicants. This meeting is only for active Master Gardeners, Sustainers, Master Gardeners on leave of absence, and their spouses and/or one guest per Master Gardener. We consider this conference a privilege of being a Master Gardener-- it is not open to the general public. All tours, workshops, and educational sessions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Early Registration is February 1- March 24. ONLY Active Master Gardeners have priority registration from February 1 - March 1. Early registration for Sustainer MG's, for those on leave of absence, and for guests will be March 1- March 24. Each MG may bring a guest, if space is available. The early registration fee is \$90 and must be postmarked by March 24, 2006. From March 25 - April 21 is the final registration period for everyone, and the cost goes up to \$110.

Please make all checks payable to Ag. Development Council (ADC)–not Janet Carson. Basic registration covers all program materials and events, and the following meals: dinner Sunday night, lunch Monday and Tuesday, and dinner Monday night. Breakfast is provided if you are staying at the Embassy Suites or Austin Hotel. We will provide refreshments. The conference rate is \$109 at the Embassy Suites (1-501-624-9200) and \$80 at the Austin Hotel (1-877-623-6697). The Embassy is an all suites hotel and rooms come with a couch that makes out into a bed as well as a king or two double beds. The Austin has traditional rooms. Please book your own rooms through the hotels.

For more information on the conference, please contact the UA Extension Service at: 501- 671-2000

**Come to a Garden Party
Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock
March 3 - 5, 2006**



Q&A Café Speakers 2006

Friday-

- 11:30 a.m. "Introduction to Bonsai" - Bob Crawford, Central Arkansas Bonsai Society
- 12:30 a.m. "Bonsai Demonstration" - Ed Nixon, Central Arkansas Bonsai Society
- 1:30 p.m. "Landscape Design Basics" - Jennifer Gibson, Good Earth Garden Center
- 2:30 p.m. Growing Herbs & Flowers from Mexico In Arkansas" - Tina Marie Wilcox, Ozark Folk Center
- 3:30 p.m. "Spring Magic" Mixing Color in Containers - Polly Henderson, Culberson's Greenhouses, Mayflower

Saturday-

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Live broadcast of "The Garden Show" KARN - Janet Carson, U of A Co-operative Extension Service
- 11:30 a.m. "Choosing Plants" - Mary Evans, Arkansas Extended Learning Center
- 12:30 a.m. Batesville "Bringing The Outdoors In With Cut Flowers" - Chip Philips, AMF, Brenda's Flowers-
- 1:30 p.m. "Vacancy"- Housing & Nesting For birds - Jim Allen, Wild Birds Unlimited, LR
- 2:30 p.m. "Spring Garden Tour" - Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs
- 3:30 p.m. "Endless Possibilities With Bromelads" - Michael Seal, The Funny Farm, Poplarville, MS

Sunday-

- 10:30 a.m. "Rose Cloning 101" - Carol Shockley, Master Consulting Rosarian, Ouida Wright, Master Gardener
- 11:30 a.m. "Spring Garden Tour" - Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs
- 12:30 a.m. "Growing African Violets The Natural Way" - Betty Ferguson, Central Arkansas African Violet Society
- 1:30 p.m. "Bring The Outside In With Tropical Plants" - Lynn McMahon, Plant Services
- 2:30 p.m. "Floral Design" - Stefanie Caple, AMF, Arkansas Florist's Association

*Tickets: \$7.00 – Adults; \$5.00 – Senior (60 and over); \$1.00 – Youth (6-12 years); \$10.00 – Three day pass; Children under 6 – Free
Tickets can be purchased at the ticket sales windows which are located down the escalator and to your left after entering the East Atrium Entrance of the Statehouse Convention Center.*

For more information, go to: www.arflowerandgardenshow.org.



February Calendar By Ruth Jones

February, 2006

- 10 Basic Tree Planting and Care Workshop at the U of A Coop Extension Service Auditorium, 2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with a box lunch and handouts included. Registration fee is \$10 for AUFC members, \$20 for non-members. Sign up before Feb. 7th. For more information, contact: Kelley Whitehead, Ark Urban Forestry Council, 1-800-958-5865, or info@arkansastrees.org
- 10 Keep Arkansas Beautiful Awards Application due. Mail to: KAB Awards, Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, One Capitol Mall, Ste. 4A-109, Little Rock, AR 72201.
- 11 19th Annual Pine Bluff Lawn & Garden Seminar & Show, "Put a Lit'l Love in Your Garden", Pine Bluff Convention Center. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. For more information, call 870- 534-1033.
- 14 Fruit tree pruning workshop at U of A Fruit Research Substation – Clarksville: 1:00pm. Free. For more information, call 479-754-2406.
- 21 Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting. 11:30 a.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley
- 28 Peach pruning workshop by U of A Cooperative Extension Service to be held from 10:00 AM to Noon at Smith's Orchard in White County. For more information see article this page.

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April, 2006

- 10 The Mid-South Hydrangea Society and The Memphis Botanic Garden present Dr. Michael Dirr on "Hydrangeas for American Gardens" at 7 p.m. in Hardin Hall at The Memphis Botanic Garden. Tickets are \$25.00 (MSHS members or non-members) prior to the event; \$30 at the door. For more information, contact Linda Lanier with MSHS at (901) 452-4667 or email her at: hydrangea@midsouth.rr.com
- 18 Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting. 11:30 a.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley

Arkansas State Master Gardener Meeting

May 21 -23 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Hotels: Embassy Suites and the Austin. More information coming soon.



February Master Gardener Program

The program for the February 21st Master Gardener meeting will be on digital photography.

Channel 11 is interested in having Master Gardeners do regular segment on their noon show. Each segment would be 3 to 4 minutes. How often would depend on how many Master Gardeners are interested in doing segments. One person could do several segments or several folks could do one segment. Volunteers would visit with the producer Sharyl Lackey, decide on a topic, gather the materials you need for you segment and do the segment. TV is visual so you'll have to bring plants, etc. most nurseries will let you borrow stuff for TV. Let me know if you think you would be interested. Channel 11 is interested in getting started as soon as possible. If we have Master Gardeners interested I'll get back with Channel 11 and we can set up a schedule.

Beth Phelps, CEA-Staff Chair, Pulaski County
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The Arkansas Flower & Garden Show is fast approaching. The theme this year is "Come to a Garden Party". Check out the website for the schedule of speakers, ticket information and more. There will be Afternoon Teas again this year. They fill up fast. Ticket must be purchased in advance by calling 821-4000.

To go along with the theme there will be three wine dinners at Little Rock restaurants. Bruce Cochran, wine expert, is pairing the wine and foods, and each menu will have a horticulture theme. The three chefs will also be on hand at the show on Sunday to speak. These dinners are on a first come/ first serve basis and are open to the public. They should be fun. Reservation information including dates, restaurants and cost information is on the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show website. <http://arflowerandgardenshow.org/>

Beth Phelps

PEACH PRUNING WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

The U of A Cooperative Extension Service, has scheduled a Peach Pruning Workshop to be held from 10:00 AM to Noon at Smith's Orchard in White County on February 28, 2006. Smith's Orchard is located on HWY 87 between Denmark and Bradford. Watch for signs. For additional information, call our office at 501-268-5394 or 1-800-467-8166. You can also reach me by email at swesson@uaex.edu.



February Checklist By Linda Moyer

Annuals

During any warm weather, you can fertilizer and water your pansies and other winter annual plants. They will last until summer. If you grow your own transplants – vegetables and/or flowers, you need to decide when to plant them. Check your seed packets for how many weeks before the last frost date to plant. The Year-Round Home Garden Planting Chart (MP422) has the upper half of Pulaski County as being April 1 and the lower half as March 20. So take your pick of dates.

General Yard

February is the end of the dormant season and signals the end of transplanting. If you have any plants to move, now is the time. If pruning is needed, do it before moving. This makes the plant easier to handle. If the temperatures are cold the day you move them, be sure to wrap the root ball, and get them in the ground as quickly as possible.

Lawns

If you see green in your lawn, it isn't grass but winter weeds. Use a broadleaf weed killer to prevent these from spreading and blooming. This is also the time for preventing the summer annual weeds. Pre-emergent herbicides should be applied from now through mid March to keep the weed seeds from germinating.

Perennials & Bulbs

Since our winter has been so warm so far, your spring bulbs may be pecking their heads out of the ground. Don't worry. Give your spring bulbs a light application of fertilizer when they start blooming and again immediately after they finish.



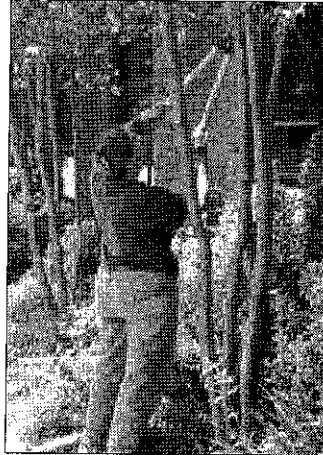
Narcissus in the Contemplation Garden in 2005 – Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

Roses

Antique roses are pruned only if needed to control their shape and size; and to remove any dead and broken limbs. But hybrid tea roses should always be pruned in the spring. And the end of February is the perfect time. Cut to a height of 8-18 inches with the top bud facing outward. This will open up the center and help with air circulation. Paint the cut end with plain white glue or a commercial sealant to prevent insects from boring into the branch. To improve blooming, climbers may need old or weak canes removed.

Trees & Shrubs

Prune your fruit trees; ornamental shrubs, such as altheas, buddleia (butterfly bush), crape myrtles, summer spireas, vitex; and grape vines at the end of this month. Spray with dormant oil for scale. The University of Arkansas Fruit Experiment Station will be holding their fruit pruning workshop February 14, 2006. Ornamental grasses and grasses like monkey and mondo grass should be pruned this month. Don't wait too long because new growth will start soon.



Pruning crape myrtles at St James – Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

Vegetables & Herbs

Now is the time to plant your early spring garden. Cabbage and broccoli transplants can be planted anytime. Cool weather vegetables, such as English peas, beets, greens, can be sowed directly in the soil. Think out side of the box, plant snap peas on a trellis that you use in the summer for annual vines. Since it is the pods that are eaten, you can get several pickings before it gets hot.

Monthly Blooms

Outdoors: flowering almond, anise Florida, arum, bridal veil, camellia, chionodoxa, crocus, daffodil, dogwood, forsythia, helleborus, hyacinth, iris (Stylosas and Reticulatas), Carolina jasmine, flowering kale/cabbage, kerria, loropetalum, Oriental magnolia, mahonia, muscari, pansies, phlox, pinks, primrose, pussy willow, quince, redbud, Scilla sibirica, snowdrops, Spirea thunbergii, viola, violet, winter honeysuckle, and witch hazel.



Pussy Willow at the Arkansas Art Center in 2005- Photo courtesy of Cheryl Kennedy

Indoors: cyclamen, kalanchoe, orchids and pre-chilled bulbs (hyacinths, paper-whites, and daffodils).

Continuing Education Opportunities

Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour

The Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs, located in historic Hillcrest Hall, on Kavanaugh, will again have their Spring Garden Tour. It is the weekend of May 6 and 7. Three of the gardens are in the Ferndale area, two are in Pleasant Valley, and Chris Olson's newly done Gardens will also be on the tour. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m. \$15.00 general admission, children under 14 free.

Two of the gardens are in Pleasant Valley on Rocky Valley next door to each other and enhance each other. Two neighbors have collaborated on a meditation type garden area with benches, streams flora - fauna too numerable to mention.

- Greg Curtis, of Good Earth fame, will show a garden on Garrison Road as a work in progress.,
- as will the LaVergne's, both vets.
- Barry Thomas, local watercolorist, and wife Piper will show their homeplace complete with studio, horses, barns, and pond, along with their gardens.
- Chris Olson has done his own description - "If you are looking for paradise, you will find it in Chris Olsen's landscaped garden brimming with every type of perennial, tree, shrub, flower and, yes, even garden art. Chris, a passionate plant collector likes variety. His yard is both formal and informal, and was featured in January's issue of Better Homes and Gardens Magazine. He asks you to relax by the swimming pool he refers to as the Blue Lagoon.

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Memorial Fund

The Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Master Gardeners has formalized a Memorial Fund into which gifts may be made. These gifts may be made "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" any designated person and may be specified for a particular use. Those specified uses might include:

- trees to be placed on public property
- garden related books for libraries
- funds to be used for a specific Master Gardener project (benches, boulders, birdbaths, statues, or other hardscape)
- or for general Master Gardener program support.

Donations should be sent to:
Pulaski County Master Gardener Program
2901 West Roosevelt Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

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for more course details, frequently asked questions, and registration information. To register or to find out more details, give me a call or send me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Dr. Jim Midcap is a woody ornamentals specialist with Extension Horticulture at the University of Georgia. His teaching and nursery experience includes stints at Kansas State University, the University of Florida, and Iowa State University. Jim holds a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University, a master's degree from the University of Nebraska, and a doctorate from Kansas State University. The Georgia Green Industry Association named him "Educator of the Year" and "Communicator of the Year." And, of course, he has visited gardens in Southern England, Wales, and Scotland.

Kind regards,

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Pulaski County Extension Service Gardens By David Werling



2005 County Extension Office Committee

Bernice Johnson, Beth Stewart, Betty French, Bonnie Bradford, Cathy Muren, Chris Oxner, Debby Sanderson, Debra Redding, Jim Bowling, Joan Humphries, Julia Loyall, Mary Ann Francis, Peggy Farrell, and Ann Cooper & Virginia Jackson (Co/Chair)



Pulaski County Master Gardener January Meeting Highlights By Jackie Wright

Board Meeting

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Board met at St. James Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. Present were Dick Blankenkemper, Marilyn Tilley, Jackie Wright, Mary Freeman, Sandy Harrison, Don Davis, Jim Dyer, Jet Cuffman, and Beth Phelps. Chair, Sandy Harrison, presided.

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated and corrected.
- The treasurer's report was approved. Treasurer, Mary Freeman reported the year end total balance is \$19,548.19.

Old Business:

- Treasurer, Mary Freeman, reported that the Staff Committee Chair, Claudia Barone, developed an Excel worksheet that will make it possible to verify all purchases.
- The New Committee Chair Orientation Program will be on Thursday, January 26 at the Hays Center in North Little Rock.

New Business:

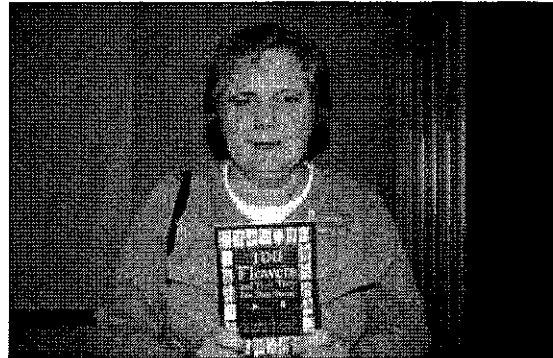
- Leave of Absence Requests:
- Susan Wilcoxin for 2006 was approved.
- Sharon Davis for 2005 was approved.
- Reinstatement for Laurie Pierce was approved. She went inactive five years ago.
- Contributions were approved as follows:
- \$300 to the State Master Gardener Meeting in Hot Springs
- \$100 to the LSU AG Center for Hurricane Katrina relief projects.
- A contribution to the International Meeting in 2007 was discussed. There will be no State Meeting that year.
- County 76 Report and Survey 2005 was discussed.
- The chair announced that Bob Bumgardner, George Harper and Carlee Adams agreed to serve on the Audit Committee.
- A Pictorial Directory for PCMG was discussed but held for the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Jim Dyer will serve bananas foster after the February meeting. The board approved \$100 to cover expenses for this treat.
- A note from Carl Hunter's family was read thanking PCMGs for memorials.
- The Pulaski County Extension Service suffered budget cuts. This resulted in one part-time staff position was cut. This cut will directly affect Master Gardeners working the telephones. We now have only one part-time horticulture program assistant to aid those working the telephones. Beth will ask experienced Master Gardeners to volunteer to help with orientation of new telephone volunteers.

Photos courtesy of Lynn Winningham

Prize Winners at the January Meeting



Cindy Hancock wins 100 Flowers



Dixie Adkins with her new birdfeeder



Patti Ledbetter wins a 2005 Horticulture CD



Vivian Davis with her new sedum

Pulaski County Master Gardener January Meeting Highlights By Jackie Wright

General Meeting

The Pulaski County Master Gardeners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Methodist Church. Chair, Sandy Harrison, presided.

- Sandy announced that if the schools are closed because of weather, our meetings will be cancelled.
- Special thanks were given to the social Committee, Lynn Phelps, chair, and new chair, Wincie Hughes for the Holiday Party.

Committee Reports:

- Bob Bray announced trips May 9-11 to Tulsa, and March 29-30 to the Dallas Arboretum. Trips to Mt. Magazine and to Memphis are planned for the spring but no dates as yet.
- Lois Corley, for the Greenhouse Committee, thanked the project chairs who put in their orders on time. Azaleas will be shipped in February for the Flower and Garden Show. The first plant sale will be around April 15. On September 8 & 9, 2006, pansies will be planted and lots of extra help needed.
- Beth announced that there is lots of "Stuff" to be picked up. If it is not claimed it will be at the county office.
- Ray Sarmiento asked for volunteers for the Flower and Garden Show to turn in their applications.
- Karin Briscoe announced that there will be two new categories for horticulture entries at the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show: covered terrariums and hanging baskets and encouraged members to enter the horticulture show.
- Mary Evans announced that the Flower and Garden Show will have a Garden Party on Sunday afternoon instead of speakers. The Question & Answer Café has a roster of good speakers. There will be a tea Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. The Flower and Garden Show is also working with restaurants on gourmet wine dinners at several nice restaurants around town.

Announcements and Reminders from Beth:

- She thanked the members for their Christmas gifts.
- Master Minutes needs a new editor.
- Project assignments are being finalized. Chairs will get their new committee lists at the orientation meeting.
- Dues for 2006 are being collected at the back table.
- Check the announcement board and calendar in Master Minutes for special events.
- Please put your work days on the chart.
- The web site has lots of information about the Flower and Garden Show.
- A thank you note from Carl Hunter's family is on the sticky board.

Photos by Cheryl Kennedy

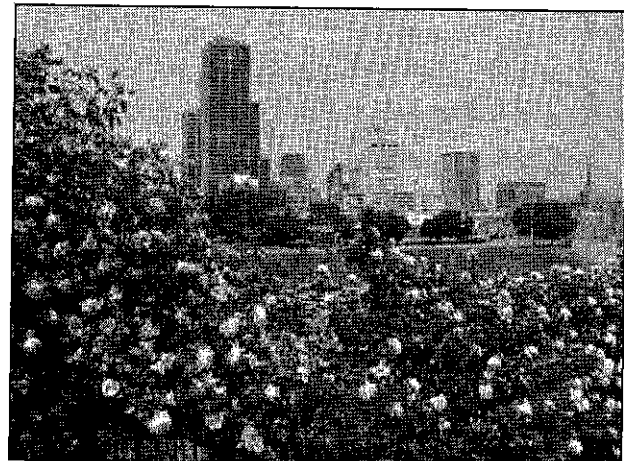
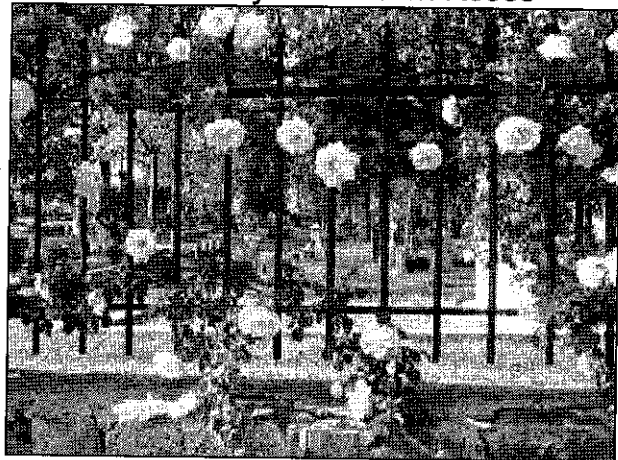
- Because one part-time Horticulture Program Assistant has been cut at the PC Extension Office we need help with new Master Gardeners. Experienced Master Gardeners are needed to help with the new Master Gardener Volunteer during their first time answering phone calls. New Master Gardeners need to schedule their first telephone time when Tom is there, Mondays, Tuesdays, and every other Wednesday.
- Jim Dyer will serve Bananas Foster after the February meeting.

New Business:

- The membership voted on the following awards:
 - Mt. Holly is the Project of the Year and will compete at the state level.
 - Maurice Dillon, a MG hubby, drives, totes, waters, and is most helpful at the Governor's Mansion project where his wife works, was elected our Friend of PCMG.

Program: Beth Phelps and Jennifer Vickery demonstrated the UAEX Horticulture CD.

Mount Holly New Dawn Roses



Classifieds

Changing of the guard

This is the final issue of the newsletter from the 2005 Master Minutes Staff. Look for some exciting changes coming in next month with our new editor, Jennice Ratley, and co-editor, Laurie Pierce, and new staff members, Bill Bowen and Gretchen Kling.

Sunshine Board

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

Need education hours?

Research a new plant for your garden, and then submit your research to the Master Minutes. We will write the article; or if you write it up, you earn education hours as well as volunteer hours.

Master Minutes Staff

Reminders:

- 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, after the meeting.

- Submit your announcements for work days to the Master Minutes staff by the second Friday of each month to be printed in the Classifieds.

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 Website:
<http://www.uaex.edu/pulaski/mastergardeners/default.asp>
- U of A Cooperative Extension 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: Jennice Ratley
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The deadline is the second Friday of each month.

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