

## Pulaski County Master Minutes

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### March Meeting



Sabrina Childs with Ball Seed Company will be the featured speaker at our March meeting. Sabrina Childs' presentation is "Where Plants Come From". This is a slideshow of how a plant gets from a seed or cutting at our farm in Costa Rica to garden centers all over the world. Sabrina will also do a short presentation on new plants for spring 2007 and the best plants for central Arkansas.

Sabrina Childs resides in Ripley, MS. She started her career in Horticulture at Tippah County Growers in Tiptersville, MS. Tippah County Growers is a 110 acre wholesale nursery that grows shrubs, trees, perennials, and annuals. She spent 3 years as Propagation manager and 4 years as the Seasonal Color Sales manager. Sabrina started with Ball Seed Company in November 2005 as an outside sales representative with her sales territory being North Mississippi, North Louisiana, and all of Arkansas. She works with greenhouse growers and nurseries to provide them with plants, greenhouse supplies and technical support. Sabrina also works closely with extension horticulturists and area Nursery and Landscape associations on industry trade shows and educational programs.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES???

2007 dues are due and are \$15 per person. You can pay at the monthly Master Gardener meeting, at Beth's office or mail to Mary Freeman, 16301 Faulkner Lake Road, North Little Rock, AR 72117

### 2007 Calendar Central Arkansas Iris Society

- February 18—Getting Ready for Spring—Beth Phelps
- March 18—Designing with Irises—John Helmkamp
- April 22—Tour to Grumbine's Iris Garden  
(Judges In-Garden Training by Robert Treadway)
- April 28—42nd Annual Iris Show and Art Exhibit Sale—Grace Lutheran Church**
- May 20—AIS Convention Summary—Pat Stover & Linda Bell
- June 10—Garden Tour—Wendell Hall's & John Helmkamp's Garden
- July 15—No Meeting
- August 19—The Master Gardener Program—Sherril Wesson, White County Ext. Agent  
(Also a Special Presentation on Digging and Labeling by Wendall Hall and Pat Stover)
- September 16—Hyperturfa—Kandy Jones (The Garage Sale Queen)
- September 22—Iris Rhizome and Plant Sale—Grace Lutheran Church (1-4:00 pm)**
- October 21—Seedling Slide Show—Mark Grumbine
- November 18—Preparing Irises for Winter—Robert Treadway
- December 16—Christmas Party "Potluck Lunch"
- All programs are held at 2:00 pm on the Sundays listed above. These programs are held at Hillcrest Hall.
- Car pools will probably be formed for the "tours" and leave by 1:30 the days noted.
- The Bold faced items** will be at Grace Lutheran Church - between Mount St. Mary's School and Hocott's Garden Center on Kavanaugh. For more information please call Susan Rose at 227-7868

**FALL PANSY and VIOLA ORDERS are due  
March 15th**

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# Calendar

by Laurie Pierce



## march

Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, will host its annual Wildflower Weekend March 30-April 1. There will be wildflower walks, demonstrations and evening activities. Admission is free. (501) 727-5441 or [petitjean@arkansas.com](mailto:petitjean@arkansas.com).

The annual Tulip Extravaganza will be through April 18 at Garvan Woodland Gardens, 550 Arkridge Road, Hot Springs. More than 80,000 tulips are planted along the trails and paths of the gardens. Other plants expected to be in bloom in March and April will be azaleas, dogwoods, rhododendrons and wildflowers. (800) 366-4664 or (501) 262-9300 or [gargangardens.org](http://gargangardens.org).

## april

The Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, will present a workshop called Hillside and Slope Gardens 10 a.m.-noon April 7. Register at (314) 577-9400 or (800) 642-8842.

The Memphis Botanic Garden will conduct its spring plant sale April 13-15 featuring perennials, annuals, tropicals, herbs, shrubs and trees. Free admission. (901) 576-4100 or [memphisbotanicgarden.com](http://memphisbotanicgarden.com).

The annual Spring Festival in the Japanese Garden will be April 14-15 at Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, Texas. Traditional Japanese dance, music, martial arts demonstrations, papermaking, and tea ceremonies will all take place in the elegant backdrop of the Japanese Garden. Admission: adults \$4, children (4-12yrs.) \$2, under 4 free. (817) 871-7686 or [fwbg.org](http://fwbg.org).

**The International Master Gardener Conference will be hosted at Peabody Hotel/Statehouse**

**Convention Center in downtown Little Rock, May 2-5. Registration is required by April 1.**  
<http://mg2007.uaex.edu>.

The Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, will present a workshop called Complete Shade Gardening 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 16. Register at (314) 577-9400 or (800) 642-8842.

## june

Janet Carson will conduct a workshop titled, "Low Maintenance Gardening" June 8 and 9 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Center, University of Arkansas System, atop Petit Jean Mountain. Preregistration is required. Details at [wrcenter.net](http://wrcenter.net) or (501) 727-5435.

The Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, will present a workshop called Pruning in the Japanese Fashion 9 a.m.-noon June 9. Register at (314) 577-9400 or (800) 642-8842.

## Welcome New Master Gardeners!

Jannis Ghaddar, transfer from Texas!  
100 Park Drive, Apartment 823  
Maumelle, 72113  
Home:906-6543

Terri Bannister, transfer from Sebastian County!  
2011 Aztec Drive, #508  
North Little Rock, 72116  
Home:833-3050  
[Bannister@aedq.state.ar.us](mailto:Bannister@aedq.state.ar.us)

Katrina Stockton, transfer from Kansas!  
13600 Chenal Parkway, #713  
Little Rock, 72211  
Cell: 316-640-2711

**Please add these names to your directory, along with the following changes:**

Jack Singleton, new phone number, 812-2070  
Gena Norris, new phone number, 352-0333  
Laurie Pierce  
618 Asbury Road  
Little Rock 72211  
Home: 954-9605  
[lauriepierce@comcast.net](mailto:lauriepierce@comcast.net)





## Red Buckeye Tree

By Linda Moyer, Pathfinder Greenhouse,  
Jacksonville

Are you looking for a small tree for your yard? Interested in history, native plants, medicinal plants, or want to grow the same plants as our founding fathers? You can find all of those qualities in the red buckeye. The *Aesculus pavia*, also known as the firecracker plant, is a North American native tree with a lot of history.

It can be grown as a small tree or multi-trunked shrub, usually 10 to 20 feet tall. It has a rounded size with large drooping leaves. The leaves are made up of 5 leaflets joined at the center point. They are finely toothed and glossy dark green.

The blooms open in the early spring before the oaks leave out. The blooms are showy, spike-like clusters of deep red, funnel-shaped flowers, 6-10 inches long. One of its best qualities is the early age for blooming, about three years old. They are the first to leave out in the spring and the first to lose their leaves in the fall.

Before settlers came, Native Americans were using the tree for food and medicinal purposes. American Indians threw powdered seeds and crushed branches of this and other buckeyes into lakes and rivers to drug fish into a stupor. The fish then rose to the surface and were easily caught.

Early settlers made soap from its gummy roots plus they made home remedies from its bitter bark. Folklore has it that the buckeye got its name from the big brown eyes of the Eastern white-tailed deer.

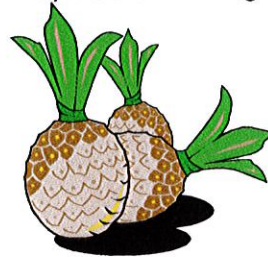
Red buckeye trees were planted at Mount Vernon during George Washington's time.

It is believed the trees originated from seeds collected along the Cheat River.

In Arkansas it is best used as an understory tree or at least given some shade during the day. They like moist soil but are drought-tolerant once established. They are also very shade-tolerant. All parts of this tree are poisonous. (The Pathfinder Greenhouse has planted red buckeye seeds for the spring greenhouse sale, March 14.)

## The Pineapple Houseplant

-By Debra Redding



The pineapple is the symbol of hospitality and friendship. It also makes a wonderful houseplant and it even does well outside during the hot humid summer days that we have here in Arkansas.

You can start your own pineapple houseplant by simply purchasing a pineapple at your local grocery store. First, enjoy the pineapple but don't toss away the crown or the leafy top of the pineapple. Save the crown and strip a few leaves from the bottom of the crown and place the end of the crown in a glass of water. The crown will root in water and will have a good root system in about 6-8 weeks. After the root system has developed you are ready to plant the crown in a 8" pot. This tropical plant thrives on full sun and humidity and prefers soil on the dry side. Keep this plant outdoors all summer and near a sunny window in the winter. Fertilize every three months during the growing season. With time and patience this plant will produce fruit in about 2 years, not big pineapples only small ones.

**Congratulations Debra Redding for your appointment to the City of Little Rock's City Beautiful Commission!!**

## Wire Container Planting

By Lorraine Hensley



I've admired beautifully planted wire planters for a very long time but have never taken the trouble to learn how to plant one of the things. They come in all shapes and sizes from hanging baskets to wire cages (called hayracks) for use as window boxes. And, if you want year round colorful accents in your home, wire planters seem perfect for the job. These planters require very little space and provide a reminder, during the winter months, that spring will roll around once more. Until it does, that spot of fresh foliage or lovely blooms will lift spirits and placate those "play in the dirt" urges until true planting weather arrives.

I've learned that a soil-less planting mix is best for container gardening because it provides great drainage and water-holding capacity that regular garden soil simply can't provide. It's almost a paradox for plants in containers dry out pretty quickly and need to be watered fairly often but they also demand really good drainage. Be sure the container's drainage hole are sufficient for your needs but do not put pebbles or anything else in the bottom of the container. They will not provide better drainage than the drainage holes alone.

Although wire planters dry out quickly they also provide the gardener more flexibility in planting choices. Liners are used in wire hanging baskets to hold both soil and plants in position. Remember that window boxes and baskets need a strong support system for they gain a lot of weight after they have a good drink.

To plant in a moss-lined wire basket soak the sphagnum moss in really warm water overnight

and the next morning squeeze out as much of the water as you can. Then pack the moss tightly between the wires from the inside of the basket with the lining about 1 inch thick and extending up to 4 inches up the sides. Add soil mixture up to the top of the first layer of moss. Water plants well before planting. Fill the lowest tier with plants and add enough soil mix to cover the roots completely and then firm the soil. Continue to fill and plant the basket in 4 to 6 inch layers and plant the last group on top.

Choose young healthy plants and plant them a good bit closer than you would if planting in an outside bed. A good variety of plants displaying colorful foliage or different shapes will brighten any area where they are displayed. Remember that hanging baskets are seen from the bottom so hang it at eye level for maintenance and easy viewing. Window boxes should extend the full length of the window for a well balanced appearance. Just one wire planter in the home can lift spirits on a gray winter day and, who knows, you may have discovered a "new" planting method.



### March speaker for Flower, Garden and Nature Society of NWAR-

Barry Glick, owner of Sunshine Farms, specializing in hellebores and wildflowers, will speak on Saturday, March 17, 2007, from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jones Center for Families, 922 E. Emma Av., Springdale, in rooms 217-221. Members may attend free. Non-members have a \$15 registration fee which can be paid at the door. New hellebore hybrids will be offered for sale, 5 for \$20. For more information, call 479.521.9090.





**Project Spotlight**  
By Carol Randle

## The Greenhouse Project

Located at Seventh and Palm Streets on the State Hospital Grounds is the Master Gardener Greenhouse.

In 1990 Janet Carson suggested that Master Gardeners needed a greenhouse because there was not enough money to purchase all the plants needed by the projects. This involved a LOT of hard work with rakes, weed eaters, chain saws, and bush hogs.

All of this hard work has resulted in a good greenhouse that supplies pansies, violas, tomatoes and many other plants to our Master Gardener projects.

At least two sales a year raise money to buy the seeds for these plants. The members of the committee are: Lois Corley, Committee Chairman; Catherine Hepinstall; Mackie Hamilton; Betty Glasscock; Billie Sanders; Breck Campbell; Charles Emerson; Danny Murdaugh; Dick Blankenbeker; Dorothy Wilks; Frances Lopata; Frank Jones; Jan King; Janet Jordan; Joan Humphries; Joyce Bumgardner; Laura Lasiter; Libby Thalheimer; Mary Roark; Mary Wildgen; Peggy Leopoulos; Suzanne O'Donaghue; Tom Stramel; and Tom Stuart.

The Greenhouse Committee strives to provide us strong, healthy, quality plants to make our projects more beautiful. Many hours of work are required to get ready for the sales. Planting seeds and carefully nurturing them so that they will grow is a painstaking, time consuming job. So the next time there is a greenhouse sale be sure to go buy some plants. Then stop long enough to say "thank you" to the committee members who made it possible.

## "Spring in Saline"

Flower Show & Plant Sale

Saturday, April 14  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Saline County Fairgrounds, Benton, AR  
sponsored by University of Arkansas Cooperative  
Extensive Service and the

Saline County Master Gardeners

Large selection of annuals and perennials  
Many plants grown by Saline County Master  
Gardeners

Herbs & vegetables plus ornamental shrubs and  
small trees

Featured Speakers:

9:00 a.m.

Jim Robbins, PhD

Horticulture Specialist, Ornamentals, U of A  
"Consumer Reports: Great Plants for Central  
Arkansas"

10:00 a.m.

Gerald Klingaman, PhD  
Professor Emeritus, U of A

"Shade Gardening--Choosing Plants To Brighten  
Shady Nooks"

11:00 a.m.

Chris Olsen, HTV Channel 11 Garden Guru  
Manager, Botanica Gardens

## International



## Hamburger and Pickle Month

## FENG SHUI Gardening

By Libby Thalheimer

Unlike typical landscape designs, feng shui gardening comes from the ancient Chinese discipline of finding harmony between us and also in our relationship to places. In feng shui, balance occurs between the yin (the dark, soft, passive side) and the yang (the light, hard, active side). The design focuses on the concepts of energy (chi), location and elements of nature—metal, wood, fire, earth, and water.



- Metal stands for cleanliness and simplicity.
- Wood symbolizes ambitious thinking.
- Fire suggests passion.
- Earth suggests lushness and nurturing.
- Water symbolizes expressiveness and intuition.

For more information on Feng shui gardening, check out these websites:

- <http://www.gardenfocused.com/garden-types/feng-shui-garden.php>  
GardenFocus has a thorough description on the basics of Feng shui gardens.
- [http://archive.gulfnews.com/supplements/landscaping2007/more\\_stories/10097033.html](http://archive.gulfnews.com/supplements/landscaping2007/more_stories/10097033.html)  
Another description of the basics of Feng shui gardens.
- <http://www.all-about-feng-shui.co.uk/feng-shui-for-gardens.html>

Practical tips for using Feng Shui.  
All the Feng Shui enhancers you need.

- <http://www.carolehyder.com/china07.htm>

China Tour - Feng Shui Gardens of Ancient China - May 26 - June 10, 2007. A 16 Day Tour of China's historic sites & gardens with Carole and Tom Hyder. Walk in the Forbidden City and climb the Great Wall. Stroll the beautiful West Lake in Hangzhou (the garden city). Meander through the gardens and canals of Suzhou. Take the historic Li River cruise. Experience world-class shopping in Hong Kong. Registration open through March 31, 2007.







## Checklist By Linda Moyer

### Annuals

Fertilize your pansies, violas and other winter annual color when we get a warm day. Deadhead any spent flowers and water if they appear too dry.

### Lawns

If your lawn is showing signs of green, it is from winter weeds. Spray with a broad leaf weed killer if you have an abundance of them, or spot spray or pull them. A few clumps of wild onions (or garlic) can easily be dug. Pre-emergent herbicides should be applied from now through mid March to keep the summer annual weed seeds from germinating.

### Perennials & Bulbs

Hybrid roses need severe pruning every year. If you haven't pruned, do so within the next few weeks. The same applies to buddleia and summer blooming spiraea. These plants bloom on the new growth, and heavy pruning encourages plenty of new growth, and therefore more blooms. All of these plants will get woody and gangly if they are not pruned hard each season. Other summer bloomers that can still be pruned include althea, vitex, and crape myrtles. They don't have to have severe pruning every year—it is dependent on the shape and size you want in the landscape. Ornamental grasses should be cut back to 4-6 inches before they start growing again. Divide established perennials and replant at their proper depth in an enlarged area with organic matter and fertilizer. Prune wisteria roots about 2 feet from main trunk. Pull or cut away sprouts of lilac and forsythia and transplant. Root cuttings from azaleas, camellias, carnations, chrysanthemums, shasta daisies, hollies, pinks, roses and other flowering shrubs (~8" with two buds underground) in a cold frame. Lightly fertilize your bulbs now with a complete fertilizer. Be sure to allow the foliage to have a minimum of six weeks of green growth following bloom, so flower buds can reset for next spring.

### Trees & Shrubs

Plant bare root trees while dormant. Soak bare root plants in water to hydrate the roots.

Lacebugs on azaleas don't become active until April or May—depending on the spring we have. You can begin to monitor for them then, and spray as needed. Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub insecticide, also known as Merit, claims that one application in February or early March, can give you a 12 month period of control.

### Vegetables & Herbs

If you didn't prepare your beds in January, do it as soon as possible. Cool season crops, from carrots to turnips, can be planted until mid April. Sweet corn can be planted about the middle of the month. Seeds for warm weather crops, such as tomatoes and peppers can be started in the greenhouse or your windowsills. It takes six to eight weeks to get good size transplants. Our last frost date is March 20 to April 1, depending on what part of the county you live in. Get the Year-Round Home Garden Planting Chart MP422 from the county extension office. It tells you when to plant and gives the first and last frost dates.

### March Blooms

Anise Florida (*Illicium floridanum*), azaleas (*Rhododendron*), camellias (*Stewartia*), Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa*), crabapples (*Malus*), daffodils (*Narcissus*), forsythia, hyacinths (*Hyacinthus orientalis*), early iris (*Iris*), Carolina jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*), kerria, star magnolia (*Magnolia stella*), maple (*Acer*), Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia*), Grape Hyacinth (*Muscari*), myosotis, oxalis (*Oxalis crassipes*), pansies, flowering peach (*Prunus persica*), pearl bush, phlox subulata (*Phlox*), photina, English primrose (*Primula*), quince (*Cydonia sinensis*), redbud (*Cercis*), spirea, tulips (*Tulipa* hybrids), Burkwood Viburnum (*Viburnum burkwoodii*), violets (*Viola* spp.), Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*), and woodbine.

Linda Moyer writes a monthly column and feature articles for the Master Minutes. She is also the co-chairman for the Pathfinder Greenhouse in Jacksonville.

## Pulaski County Master Gardener Meetings' Highlights By Jackie Wright

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Board met on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. at St. James Methodist Church. Present were Jet Cuffman, Mary Freeman, Sandy Harrison, Beth Phelps, Jim Dyer, Don Davis, Jim Silvi, Jackie Wright, Judy Woodard, and Marilyn Tilley. Chair, Marilyn Tilley presided.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as circulated.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Mary Freeman. Mary reported that our current bank charges fees and she has found some banks that do not. Sandy moved that Mary be authorized to change banks. The motion was approved. A motion was made that Don Davis, Judy Woodard, and Jim Dyer be added to be authorized signatures at the new bank. The motion was approved.

Mary presented the new financial report, reporting the previous month's activity. She will change the category "Libraries" to "Master Gardener Libraries".

### Old Business

- Beth reported that as of Friday there were 919 registered for the international meeting. 285 of those are volunteer registrations. She also reported that WalMart will be a sponsor and that Janet Carson is doing well after her surgery.

### New Business

- Leave of Absence Request: Kate Altoff requested a leave of absence for 2006. The request was voted on and granted. Ben Jordan requested to be put on Sustainer status. The request was voted on and granted.
- The annual Memorandum of Understanding between Master Gardeners and the U of A was presented and signed.
- A request for \$250.00 from Greenhouse for a new motor was approved.

- A request for \$250 from the Art Center to replace potting soil with a water retentive soil was approved.
- Tracy Rhodes resigned from the Keep Arkansas Beautiful commission. A new representative will need to be appointed.
- Judy Woodard reported on the Search Committee study of our meeting place. The committee recommends that we continue meeting at St. James. The results of their survey is included with these minutes. They are acting as greeters stationed at various places in the church hallways to direct members to meeting places. The consensus was that we will ask her to reconvene the committee after St. James finishes construction and we are directed to a different room in which to meet. Issues such as refreshments will be revisited.
- Judy Chapman will schedule a work day at St. James.
- The President will appoint three members to serve on the audit committee.

### Announcements

- The directory is here, thanks to the 3 P's, Committee, especially David Werling, Trudy Kumpe, and Vicky Kessel.
- A \$500 donation was received from Karen Seale. She trained in 2005 but was unable to honor her commitment.
- We received a thank you letter from Friends of the Old Mill.
- We received a thank you letter from the Louisiana State University Extension Service for a donation we made to assist them with recovery from Katrina.
- Debra Redding was appointed to the Little Rock City Beautiful Commission
- Sarah Hanson, Sunshine Chair, will provide a get well card for Janet Carson large enough for all members at the meeting to sign.
- Katrina Stockton has transferred her membership to Pulaski County from Kansas.
- Jennice Ratley will have a column in the newsletter about new members and changes for the directory.
- Dues will go up to \$20 after March meeting.
- Don Davis reported on programs.



## Membership Meeting

The Pulaski County Master Gardeners met on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Methodist Church. Chair, Marilyn Tilley presided.

- IMGC registration still open. Hard copies available on request.
- The 3Ps Committee did a fantastic job on the directory.
- Directories will be handed out as dues are collected. All dues should be in by next month. Dues will go up to \$20 after the March meeting.
- A new committee, the Greeters, needs a few more members.
- 3Ps will meet after the membership meeting ends.
- A work day at St. James will be scheduled soon. Watch for an e-mail with the date and time.
- Jeanne Spencer announced that there will be individual gardens at the Flower & Garden Show and encouraged entrants.
- Travel committee will meet in Room 101.
- Pinnacle Project Committee will meet after the membership meeting.
- David Dodson reminded us to put up yard signs for the Flower & Garden Show.

Beth Phelps made the following announcements:

- Thank you notes are on the sticky board from the Friends of the Old Mill Committee and from the ASU Extension service for a donation made last year to help with Katrina recovery.
- Tom will meet with the soil samples team after the meeting.
- The telephones are starting to ring. The Telephone time book is in the sign-up area.
- We received a \$500 donation from Karen Steele.
- Over 900 have registered for the International meeting, about 300 volunteers. WalMart will be a sponsor.
- Carolyn Newbern, IMGC tour committee chair will sign up volunteers out in the hall.
- Ray Sarmiento needs volunteers for the Flower & Garden show.
- Mary Evans reported that the F & G Show will be a Carousel of Gardens. They need

volunteers. There will be a shuttle from War Memorial Stadium like last year.

## PROGRAM

Don Davis Introduced Dr. Stephen Vann, Extension Urban Plant Pathologist, who presented a program on Hostas.



First Directories In!  
Almost 240 members picked up the new 2007 directory at our February meeting.



Dr. Stephen Vann

Photos Courtesy of David Werling

**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



**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



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 2006, these volunteers gave **23,418** hours of service.

Elisabeth J. Phelps, County Extension Agent, Staff Chair

**Don't forget to report yours hours to the extension office every month!**

**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:

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22 Cobble Hill Road  
Little Rock, Ark. 72211  
[jenniceratley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniceratley@sbcglobal.net)  
661-1677

The deadline is the second Friday of each month.

For late breaking news after the deadline, send information to:

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