

## Pulaski County Master Minutes

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### May Meeting Information

Our presenter for May 15 is Larry Averill and his subject is 'Coleus'. Larry will discuss coleus origins, botanical descriptions, types and categories. His power point presentation will demonstrate propagation techniques, review coleus diseases and pests and explain general rules of maintenance. Using coleus in gardens and containers with amazing color and texture will broaden the knowledge of gardeners who attend this session. Larry will have a large number of Coleus varieties at the program for illustration purposes. Helpful Internet links will also be provided.



### Master Gardeners Travel to Pine Ridge Gardens By Bren Coop

At the March Master Gardeners' meeting, the Pinnacle Mountain Committee announced its decision to make (and promote) a group trip to Pine Ridge Gardens. The intention was to replenish and augment some of the native plants used around the mountain gardens. A few folks took them up on the invitation, and the group drove over to London and found the back roads leading to Mary Ann King's wonderful garden nursery.

Lest you think this is an ordinary, big-box kind of nursery, let me disabuse you of that idea. There

are no concrete pathways, and the road to the garden is gravel or dirt for a quarter of a mile. The plants at Pine Ridge are identified by *Botanical Name* first, so it is very helpful to have a catalog as you walk along looking at the plants, reading about the attributes of each. (*Halesia tetraptera*—"Oh, yeah, that's a Carolina silverbell"—"it's a really neat little tree"—"one of Janef Carson's favorites!"—these were the kinds of comments heard throughout the morning.) Most all the plants are native to North America – many native to Arkansas. Mary Ann was very helpful and extremely knowledgeable about all the plants we asked about, and she could tell us groups of plants that would be right for various areas. She has maintained this nursery, raising native plants from seeds, since 1992. Be sure and look for her vendor booth during the IMGC!

After touring the garden and finishing our shopping, the group had lunch in Russellville (at the Cracker Barrel). Everyone agreed we had a grand time looking and learning and discussing plants and gardens as well as getting to know each other a little better and being appreciative of the opportunities we have through MG!

Humble little houseplant,  
Nursed with tender, loving care,  
I cannot understand  
Why you don't produce the blooms  
That I know you ought to bear.  
You have had the filtered sunlight,  
And you've had a daily drink,  
You also have the choicest place—  
Above my kitchen sink.  
If you don't soon encourage me,  
I think I might despair,  
And give another little plant  
My patient loving care!  
**BY Peggy Caudle Vining.**

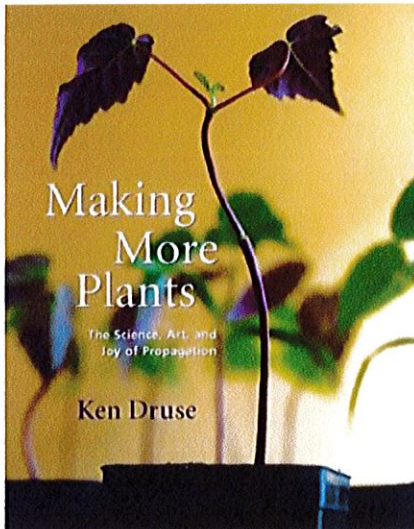
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## Debra's Book Club

By Debra Redding

Book of the Month: Making More Plants--The Science, Art and Joy of Propagation  
Author: Ken Druse



An artful coffee table style book with beautiful photographs and full details of propagation. Based on years of personal research, Making More Plants is an essential manual as well as a stunning garden book. Practical techniques for expanding your plant collection with helpful text and more than 500 full-color photographs. A comprehensive appendix charts methods for propagating more than 700 species of plants. The plants are listed by their common and Latin names. This is truly an indispensable guide for every passionate gardener and plant lover.

"It is not essential to learn about botany to garden well: it's inevitable. Why is the science of plants relevant to the propagator? For the same reason that the physician needs to know about human physiology." My personal interest in propagation is what inspired me to pick up this book. I found it to be very educational as well as beautiful. If you are a propagation addict, your prayers have been answered!

Ken Druse is nationally known as a garden expert and successful author. He has contributed both articles and photographs to numerous gardening magazines. He is the garden editor of House Beautiful magazine. He lives and gardens in New York.

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Master Gardener Spring Picnic  
Thursday, May 17, 2007 ----6:30 P.M. 8:30 P.M.  
Camp Aldersgate , 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock

Featuring: Barbecue  
Cost: \$7.50 per person  
Big Plant Exchange  
To make Reservations:

Make check out to Pulaski County Master Gardeners.

Send to: Susan Garner  
712 Shea Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

OR pay at the April or May MG meeting  
Deadline for reservations: May 15



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Arkansas Master Gardener Garden  
Tour to Costa Rica October 30-  
November 9. Space is limited and will  
be sold first come first serve. This should  
be a fantastic trip. Cost is \$2575 for  
double occupancy and includes  
airfare from Little Rock. For more  
information e-mail Beth at  
bphelps@uaex.edu or call the Pulaski  
County Extension Office, 340-6650.

## Ornamental Grasses

By Lorraine Hensley



If you are looking for a plant that can provide a quick growing privacy hedge or screen-- an ornamental grass can do that. If you want something to use instead of shrubs, in perennial borders or containers they can also do that. Or, you may need a little different kind of groundcover or perhaps a bit of erosion control is on your agenda. Ornamental grasses can also do that.

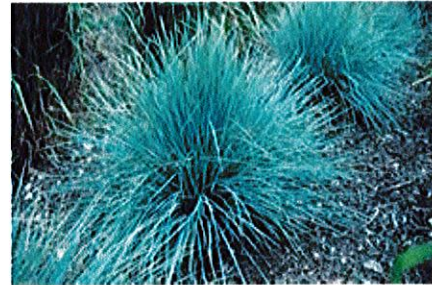
Both true grasses and plants like sedges, which have a grass-like appearance and are used for similar purposes are referred to as ornamental grasses. Most are perennial living about 2 years but others are annual which live for only one growing season. These grasses are usually classified as either clumping or spreading in nature. Spreading grasses travel quickly by either above ground or underground stems and can quickly become invasive. Think before you decide where you want to site the spreading variety. Clumping grasses grow in a clump, which gradually increases in diameter.

Grasses are additionally classified as either warm or cool weather plants. Those classified as cool weather plants begin new growth in fall or winter and bloom in spring or early summer but enter dormancy during our hot summers. Warm weather grasses do just the opposite-- they experience rapid growth during spring and summer, bloom in late summer or fall and are winter dormant.

Height varies from the low growing ground covers to the giant reed or pampas grasses which can reach a height of up to 15 feet. Forms include the low mounds to fountains and really tall verticals.

Flower heads are generally striking and eye-catching and vary in size from the tiny purple

flowers of the purple muhly grass to the gorgeous feathers of the pampas grass. And let's not ignore the lovely foliage that accompanies these blooms. Foliage texture and color also cover a wide range from coarse to fine, softly arching to upright and deep green, blue, red or purple, yellow and variegated leaves.



Most ornamental grasses like well-drained soil and ordinary garden soil will work for most of them although some sedges and rushes do better in moist soil. Water well after planting and keep your plants well watered for at least the first 2 weeks after planting. Although these grasses are heat and drought tolerant they need to have a little extra help during the first few weeks following planting to develop a strong root system. They need little fertilizer and should be cut back just before the new growth starts. They have few insect or disease problems with diseases most common when plants are in inadequate growing sites. Choose your location carefully to give grasses good light, good air circulation and don't get carried away using fertilizer.

The gardeners' reward is plants that require very little maintenance and provide striking color and form throughout their growing season. Color they bring to the winter landscape is reason enough to reserve a good garden location for this plant and they do so much more.



## Amy Sanders Library Project

By Carol Randle

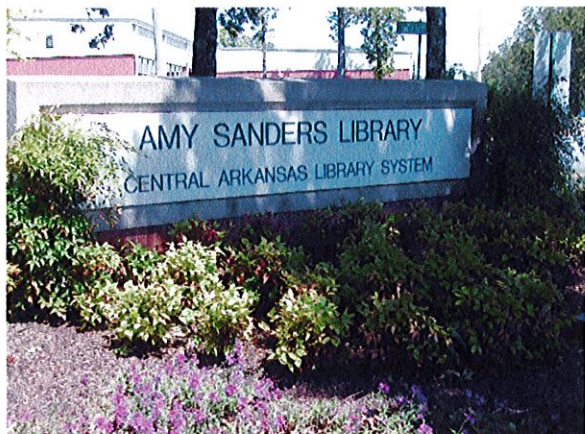


Photo By Carol Randle

Library patrons arriving on Thursday mornings at the Amy Sanders Library in Sherwood may be surprised to see on the grounds several people, some wearing green shirts, carrying trowels, shovels, rakes, plants, or pushing a wheelbarrow. Often they will stop to ask questions about a plant or plants. Some people may be planting flowers by the entrance; some may be working in the "sign" bed; some may be planting flowers in the "Tree" bed. All of them are working hard and having a good time filling the flower beds with color and making the library grounds beautiful.

New friendships are formed; knowledge is exchanged; ideas are born; brainstorming occurs; and each member feels fulfilled and happy when the day's work is done. Some members have even been known to work in the rain, not even noticing how wet they are until they get in their cars to go home! In 2003, Sara Beth Dawson, a member of the Central Arkansas Library System Board of Trustees, approached Mayor Harmon with a suggestion. She proposed that the city of Sherwood provide funding and heavy manual labor (through the city parks directed by Sonny Janssen) for the beautification of the Amy Sanders Library grounds. The library building and grounds are owned by the city of Sherwood and the building is leased by the Central Arkansas Library System. She proposed that C.A.L.S. would provide the design for the grounds through their landscape designer,

Linda Chambers. Sara Beth, a Master Gardener, volunteered to do the bed preparations and planting. She was helped by two other Master Gardeners: Bonnie Nicholas and Oneal Dedman; and by artist and library patron, Kathy Bay. Director of Parks, Sonny Janssen, has given much help to this effort by providing the heavy manual work and by supplying needed things such as mulch and compost. Ginann Swindle and the library staff helped by providing a place to store supplies and by encouraging the gardeners. They even did some extra watering at times to help the gardeners. In June of 2003 Beth Phelps received a request for the Amy Sanders Library to become an official Master Gardener Project. After following the usual procedures the request was granted. The first organizational meeting was held in January of 2004. The original committee consisted of nine members: Sara Beth Dawson; Bonnie Nicholas; Oneal Dedman; Debbie Stults; Edward Douglas; Julie McPherson; Barbara Daniel; Liz Edwards; and Gena Norris. They regularly met each Thursday morning and other times were added as needed. The current committee members are: Debbie Stults, chairman; Sara Beth Dawson, Brenda Bobbitt; Michael McCourt; Liz Edwards; Oneal Dedman; Nell Teague; Tom Evans; Martha Basinger; and Carol Randle. They still meet on Thursday mornings and other times as needed.



Photo by Carol Randle

The original committee began with six beds: the two Front Entry beds; the Railroad Tie Tree Bed; the Book Drop Bed (now called the "Butterfly Garden"); the "Sign" Bed (the Amy Sanders Library sign is in this one); and the Statue Bed. Some of these were renovated and some were completely redone.

This fall the ground in front of the wall closest to the "sign" bed has been cultivated. The Statue Bed has boxwood around it so it needs practically no maintenance.

Two beautiful Loropetalum greet library patrons as they enter the covered front walk. Between the Loropetalum and the front door and wall are: Little Gem Magnolias; a Star Magnolia; two light green Japanese Maples; Mexican Petunias; Cannas; Allium; Pansies; Heucheras; Astilbe; Mondo Grass; Hostas; and pink naturalizing Tulips.



Photo by Carol Randle

In the Tree Bed we have Phlox; Nandinas; Homestead Verbena; and a Confederate Jasmine climbs up the tree. In the Camellia bed we have added: Plumbago; Lenten Roses (Helleborus); Daffodils; Ferns; and other things. Against the library wall close to the "sign" bed we have planted: Iris; yellow Abelia; and two different kinds of grasses.

In the big Woodland Sign Bed we have: arbovitae (Crispsi Cypress); Japanese Maples; Oakleaf Hydrangeas; Tulips; Daffodils; Lysimachia; Variegated Gardenias; Schuberti Alliums; Homestead Verbena; and a Chaste Tree.

The "Butterfly Garden" (originally known as the Book Drop Garden) has Lantana in it.

Next year we hope to plant things in front of the one remaining wall that is blank. Our vision for the future is to surround the library with beautiful color. Come by and see our beautiful beds at the Amy Sanders Library in Sherwood.

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## Roller Coaster Spring

We as gardeners have been on a downward spiral of weather this spring. March was too warm causing plants to be confused about blooming and breaking dormancy and then WHAM, freezing weather hits out of the blue. I suppose we should not be surprised at this turn of events, things happen, but it is always a heartbreaking situation to see our prize plants put into harms way. Some things will recover and bloom yet another year, but for others it is a wait and see game.

Watch and be patient don't rush to dig up and replace, give the plants time to recover before taking drastic action. If a stem is split and it is obvious that damage has been done, prune the damaged stem. Just don't be too hasty.

Some plants may surprise you and still come out and live, even if they don't bloom this year.

I, along with most of you I imagine, was out covering plants trying to protect them from the freezing temperature; time alone will let us know if we succeeded. As gardeners we are all optimist in our nature. How else could one explain getting out on a cold winter day and planting a little stick of a rose and expect a beautiful rose garden in just a few short months? I am grateful that I had not moved any of my house plants outside so they are all safe. Now I am wondering just when will be an appropriate time to do that?

Be careful not to stress plants by letting them become too dry, an unexpected cold snap can really cause damage to a plant that has dry roots.

Yes, it has been quite a ride this spring and it may not be over just yet. Ever season is a new learning experience for us all.

Hot chocolate anyone?

Happy gardening,

Susie Gillihan

# Calendar by Laurie Pierce



## June

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

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 Gov. Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, Pine Bluff, will host its third annual container plant show and sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 9. Contest categories include native, flowering, exotic, ugliest, mixed container and a "kids' corner" competition for plants grown by children ages 12 and younger. Free. (870) 534-0011 or [deltarivers.com](http://deltarivers.com).

Shade plants and hostas will be the theme for a workshop with Rand Retzloff at 2 p.m. June 10 at Garvan Woodland Gardens. The cost is \$12 for GWG members, \$15 for non-members. Reservations at (800) 366-4664.

"Tea With Verna", a tea party on the veranda will be at 3 p.m. June 12 at Garvan Woodland Gardens, 550 Arkridge Road, Hot Springs. In case of inclement weather, tea will be served in the Millsap Bride's Hall. The tea party costs \$13 for GWG members, \$16 for non-members. Reservations at (800) 366-4664 or [garvangardens.org](http://garvangardens.org).

The Little Rock Garden Club is honored to present in a premier event the newest book by

**P.ALLEN SMITH**  
**10:00 AM COFFEE, BOOKSALES AND SIGNING**  
**10:30 - 11:30 LECTURE BY P.ALLEN SMITH**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

## A New House - A New Garden

By Bren Coop



In preparation for the "next stage" of our lives, my husband and I decided it was time to scale down a little – and never having had a NEW house before, it seemed like a good idea to go this route! Journey with us if you will as we share the adventures of moving into a new neighborhood in a new subdivision. Beginning with this article, I'll try to take you with us on the journey as we build a yard ... a garden ... a lifeline.

Just buying a house and facing the prospect of moving is both exciting and intimidating. If you've moved more than once, you know the work that comes with it! But one thing is certain: if you buy a new house in a new subdivision, you're likely going to get very few plants with your new landscape.

In our new yard (in a new subdivision in Sherwood), we have grass but NO TREES! There is "landscaping" only across the front; typical for new subdivisions. In two small beds close to the front door, there are 3 medium big rocks, 2 crepe myrtles, 5 Loropetalum (fringe flower), and 8 hollies (2 tall and 6 short). As new subdivisions go, it's a nice assortment—more variety than many new houses provide. The

windows looking out on these two front beds are large and low to the ground—approximately 18 inches from the soil line.

In order to find out more about the plants we have, research was definitely needed. My first trip to the garden center where the plants were purchased was somewhat disappointing; the plant supply was low, and the employees were all busy with other customers - so no help here. (Like other garden centers at this time of year, the supply has greatly increased since that first visit.) Thank goodness for catalogs and the internet.

According to the tags on the trees, the two crepe myrtles (*Lagerstroemia indica*) are Muskogee and Twilight. (1) Muskogee: light lavender, 25' x 30', exfoliating bark - fair; red orange fall leaves; resistant to powdery mildew and moderately susceptible to leaf spot. (2) Twilight: *I cannot find any mention of this variety anywhere!* An employee at the garden center suggested I try [www.monrovia.com](http://www.monrovia.com). Alas, no listing for "twilight." If anyone has any ideas about this variety, please let me know. I am concerned that both crepe myrtles are too close to the house – but especially the "twilight" currently in front of the dining room window.

***Loropetalum chinense*** - Never having had any experience with this shrub, the internet and several books were very helpful. This is a close relative of the witch hazel family, often called Chinese Fringe Flower (although it may have come to us from Japan.) *Loropetalum* appears to have the best color and most flowers in full sun. It is a burgundy-colored evergreen with few disease problems. Apparently there are some dwarf varieties, but growth range may be between 3 and 14 feet. I think these shrubs may also be too close to the house unless we are prepared to prune a lot (they should be moved further out).

Although I am not sure about the hollies since there are some 400 varieties in this category, here's my best guess as to what we have: The two taller ones appear to be ***Ilex attenuata 'fosteri'*** - foster holly, an evergreen with somewhat sharp leaves. This shrub may get to be 10' or more, but should be easy to care for—not susceptible to many diseases.

The other 6 shrubs may be ***Ilex crenata 'helleri'*** – a slow-growing, small-leafed

evergreen used frequently in foundation plantings. Its size should be in the 2'-3' range.

We expect to move sometime in mid-May. By then it will definitely be time to start planting (our March guest speaker at MG meeting inspired me to plant some of the annuals she suggested to fill out the planting beds in front of the house to give us some color and warmth). And we badly need a plan for the back yard; it is extremely bare! Although we have a few containers, a lot more color will be needed. There are many ideas whirling around for what I'd like to see in the back—how we can fit everything in will be a real challenge! We definitely need a plan! I haven't been able to resist buying a few plants for the new place, but any thoughts and suggestions you may have for what works and doesn't work with a newly developing yard will certainly be appreciated!

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**As this newsletter goes to print, we are finishing up the 2007 International Master Gardener Conference here in Little Rock! What a fantastic conference it was! Please share with us your memories from these few days and we would love to see your photos as well!!**

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## Arkansas Flower & Garden Show

By Mary Evans



Since spring sprang early, I am a little late getting out my annual note to the Master Gardeners. I want to say thanks to all who came down & volunteered their time to make this yet another successful show. The Arkansas Flower & Garden Show **could not** go on without the Master Gardeners. "Us" Master Gardeners are real pros at everything we set out to do. Thanks to all who helped set up & to the ones who donated their Christmas lights.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors. Ken Rash's Casual Furniture donated the benches. The Master Gardener greenhouse grew the lovely trademark Azaleas again. Schults Greenhouses in Hot Springs donated the other plants. I Like it All loaned us the great iron gazebos (remember they have 10% MG discount.) Show attendance this year was estimated at 10,675.

One of the events of the show is the horticulture exhibits upstairs in the flower show portion, put on by the Council of Garden Clubs. I have to send congratulations to Judy Bradsher. For all the entries she brought in, she took home 9 blue ribbons, 6 red ribbons, 4 yellow ribbons & 1 honorable mention. Wow! I

did get a red ribbon for my giant Macho Fern I entered.

## Awards for 2007 show:

Horticultural Excellence Awards:

- Best Use of Plants** Grand Designs
- Best Hardscape** Garvan Woodland Gardens (Hot Springs)
- Best Water Feature** Pittmans's (Magnolia)
- Best Interpretation of the Theme** Arkansas Garden Center
- Best Presentation of Color** Arkansas Garden Center
- Best in Show** Garvan Gardens (Hot Springs)
- Best Tabletop (florists) Design** Rusty Eldridge, Springdale Florist, Springdale, AR

## American Horticultural Society's Environmental Award

### Grand Designs

#### Volunteer of the Year

**George Collins, (Arkansas Garden Center)**

#### Professional Florist's Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Rusty Eldridge, Springdale Florist, Springdale, AR
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kathy Rhodecker, Distinctive Designs By Tanarah
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bitsy Carter, Hope Flowers, Hope, AR

#### High School Art Competition (co-sponsored by Jeanne Spencer- Arkansas Burger Company)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Kristen Mouley, Abundant Life School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kathryn Payne, Little Rock Christian Academy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Hannah Pastor, Abundant Life School

The Theme for the 2008 show is "**Healthy Gardening.**" This should lead to some very interesting interpretation. We could see everything from how to properly place a treadmill in the garden to a therapeutic Zen garden. We'll see what the gardens & vendors come up with.



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

### Board Meeting

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Board met on Tuesday, April 17, 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. Also present were Dotty Heckenbach, Glenda Brazzel, and Barry Holt. Chair, Marilyn Tilley presided.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as circulated.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Mary Freeman. The report was accepted as presented.

### Old Business

- Marilyn announced that Bob Bumgardner finished the audit and will send his committee's report to Mary.
- Beth announced that registration for the International Master Gardener Conference has closed with approximately 1200 registered, 20 from Canada.

### New Business

- Martha Allen was granted a Leave of Absence.
- Glenda Brazzel and Barry Holt, co-chairs of the War Memorial Project requested a temporary expansion of their project boundaries (flower beds on the east and west corners of West Markham and Fair Park) to include the gardens beside the AARP building on West Markham. Their committee has enlarged because the State Hospital Project is not active at this time. The expansion will be until the State Hospital Project is reactivated. The request was approved.
- The IMGCC committee requested that our bank account be used temporarily to provide banking services for the IMGCC Store. They will reimburse us for any

expenditures. The board approved the motion.

- The policy for earning education hours was amended to provide that up to five (5) points may be earned for reading gardening articles, watching TV gardening shows and listening to gardening programs on the radio.

### Announcements

- Beth announced that the big contributors (\$1,000 or more) to IMGCC would be entertained on Friday night at the governor's mansion. PCMG has an invitation that will be used by Don Davis. PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

### Membership Meeting

#### Announcements

- Last call for dues. They are now \$20.
- Thanks to those who helped at workday for St. James. Twenty-four stayed to help after the March meeting. St. James sent a thank you note to the PCMG board.
- The next Greenhouse Plant Sale will be April 28 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. They need trays and pots but not 6-packs. Also need mini blinds to make plant markers. All materials that are not used are sent to McPhearson Maximum Security Prison for Women, which has a horticulture program. They need all that we don't use. \$1600 plants sold at the last sale. \$821 worth distributed to our projects.
- Betty Henderson announced that the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tour will be April 20-21.
- Bob Bray announced that the next travel opportunity will be a car caravan to Mark Grumbine's Nursery on April 26.
- Don Ford announced that there will be a workday at Pinnacle. On Friday at 1:30 the Carl Hunter memorial will be dedicated.
- The social committee gave details about the Picnic on May 17, 6:30 to 8:30 at Camp Aldersgate. The food will be Bar BQ. There will be a plant exchange.
- Mary Roark, from the Herb Society announced that there will be a benefit Saturday, May 19th at 10 a.m. to benefit the Herb Society, to fund maintenance of

the three gardens they maintain. Michael Schoup will be the speaker. Cost is \$25 for the program, \$35 for program and lunch.

- IMGC:
- Mary Wildgen distributed a list of food sponsors for Taste of Arkansas, at the IMGC.
- Carolyn Newbern said there will be 51 bus tours. Docent training will be after the meeting. More information will be later from the team captains.
- Beth needs ice chests for the busses. Registration is closed. Volunteer assignments will be mailed soon.
- IMGC T-shirts are available at the state office.
- Stuff orders will be placed April 30th. Be sure to use the new forms.
- Pictorial directories are available at the Pulaski County office. They are too expensive to mail.

Don Davis introduced the speakers: Judy Woodard and Judy Bradsher gave power point programs on the Park Hill Water Works and the Old Mill.

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### Pictures from the Carl Hunter Memorial Dedication



Pictures by 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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The deadline is the second Friday of each month.

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

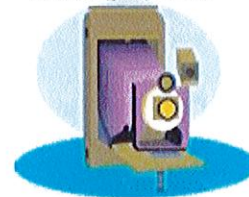
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