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The speaker for February 16th meeting will be Gregg Curtis from The Good Earth Garden Center. His topic will be Gardening Trends for 2010.

A World of Gardening

Arkansas Flower & Garden Show 2010

By Mary Evans

This year we will experience "A World Of Gardening." The dates for this year's show are February 26-28. Be sure to check out the beautiful website for more information & daily updates. www.arflowerandgardenshow.org The hours are: Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am- 6 pm. **Shuttles** will be available at two locations: War Memorial in LR, Dickey Stephens in NLR. Look for parking signs. Shuttles are \$1 this year. Some youth groups will be on hand for package carryout to front entrance or to buses. Shuttle hours: Friday & Saturday 8:00-6:30, Sunday 9:00-4:30.

2010 Ticket prices: Adults- \$8 Seniors -\$5 Children 6-12 \$1, under 6- free. 3-day pass \$10. Tickets will be sold onsite at the Osage Room ticket window at the base of the escalator and in the rotunda (at the base of the escalator from Peabody.) All tickets can be purchased online (link to LRCVB) or at the Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Bureau (LRCVB). **Advance ticket sales.** Regular admission is \$8; get advance tickets for \$7. Advance tickets are available at Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Cantrell Gardens, Good Earth, Horticare, River Valley Horticulture Products, Lakewood Gardens, Colonial Wines & Spirits, Botanica, and Fountains, Pots, Plants & More in Conway. **See below ticket information for special events.**

The **Home Show** is our same weekend at Verizon Arena in NLR. Bring a ticket stub from one show to the other for \$1 off admission. The Little Rock Marathon changed weekends this year. This will no doubt help with traffic problems downtown.

It's not too late to **volunteer** to work at the show. The garden show would not be possible without the hard work, personal pride & creativity of the Master Gardeners. Volunteers get free admission for the duration of the show with their name badges. To volunteer contact Steve Lopata at 223-8099 or SLopata@aristotle.net Volunteers will be welcome to use the merchant lounge, a break area set up for the vendors.

It's almost time to renew memberships in "**Friends of the Arkansas Flower & Garden Show.**" Membership has its privileges. Some advantages are tickets to spring and fall special events (TBA), newsletters, show passes, first dibs on special event tickets, and more. For additional information see the AF&GS website.

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"Greening of Arkansas" is a grant program supported by AF&GS. These grants are awarded to community gardens, neighborhood parks, garden clubs, Master Gardener projects and other civic groups. To learn how to apply for a grant, or see past or current grant projects, check out the website, or contact Karin Briscoe at 225-8098 or karinbriscoe@comcast.net Donations will be appreciated for the **silent auction**.

Remember proceeds from ticket sales & silent auction go to scholarships and/or grants.

Contact Debra Redding 224-5495 or debredding@hotmail.com

For **children's events** we were able to get the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's aquarium for all three days! The aquarium is the size of a tractor-trailer. It is always a popular draw wherever it travels to. The aquarium will be there all three days. There will also be a family scavenger hunt-ask at the ticket window. On Saturday only there will be 4 H activities, hands on projects and possibly baby animals from Heifer Project. There will also be two school groups presenting on the "Gardening How To's" stage.

This year the **Arkansas Federation of Garden Club's "Capture the Magic"** exhibits will be located downstairs in the same hall as the garden show. Once again they will be accepting horticultural specimens for their educational exhibit. Contact Mary Latendresse at 868-3032 or mlatendresse@gmail.com.

The LR Council of Garden Clubs will have a booth and be selling tickets for their 10th annual **spring garden tour**. Rosemary Arnold will talk about it at the "Gardening How To's" stage on Friday. The tour has exploded into 14 gardens this year. For details contact Brenda Godwin at 821-1167 or the website at www.2010tour.info or Faith at HillcrestHall@aol.com

A joint venture between the U of A and several counties of Master Gardeners has resulted in **"The Backyard Vegetable Garden."** The activity center features a raised vegetable bed, cold frame, seed starting area, compost bin, rain barrel, container garden, The U of A's Plant Doctor and a bank of computers to access the U of A's website and fact sheets.

The main entry will be dressed up in **"The Southern Living Plant Collection."** Featured plants will include 3 new varieties of Lorapetalum, a new Nandina, a ground cover Yew and Encore Azaleas, of course!

Locations: The professional **florist competition** tabletops will be in the atrium again. The **food court** will be located in the rotunda. The **"Gardening How Tos"** Speaker stage will be located in the rear of the main hall. The **speakers** will be located downstairs, beyond the rotunda in the **Fulton Room**, same location as last year. The **rotunda** is at the base of the escalator from the Peabody Hotel.

Important notes about speakers: Kip McConnell will speak twice, once at show and again at Sunday lunch in Peabody. Susie Coehlo will speak ONLY ONE TIME, not at the show. Susie will sign books at the governor's mansion on Friday night and again at the "Gardening How To's" stage in the main hall, for a limited time, on Saturday morning 11:00-12:30 only. These are special events. Seating is limited! First come/first serve on tickets. Advance tickets are available for both events at the LRCVB or go online to our website & link to the convention center order form. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. >>>>>>**Special package pricing** <<<<<<<Get one ticket for Susie Coehlo dinner, one ticket for Kip McConnell luncheon and one 3 day pass for \$100.

Special events:

"An Evening with Susie Coehlo." Susie is a well-known author and has been seen on numerous TV shows. She is probably best known from HGTV as hostess of *Surprise Gardener & Outer Spaces*. Susie will speak only ONCE at a special dinner at the Governor's Mansion on Friday, February 26th at 6:00 pm. The governor's Mansion is located at 18th & Center Sts. Susie's presentation will be **"Outdoor Spaces Created Easily Using Susie's Secrets."** Susie will sign books at the mansion and again at the show on Saturday (see Gardening How To's schedule.) Advance ticket sales only! Tickets \$80 each. See special pricing above.

"Lunch With The Southern Living Plant Collection"

Kip McConnell will do 2 presentations on behalf of the Southern Living Plant Collection. The first will be on Saturday, Feb 27th, at 12:45, on the regular speaker's stage in the **Fulton Room**. On Saturday, Kip will talk about **Encore Azaleas**. This talk is included in the regular ticket price.

Kip's second presentation will be "**Southern Living Plants That Work**" on Sunday, Feb 28th, at the **Peabody Hotel**, 12:15 pm. Learn about the hottest new plants for the south while you have lunch. Limited seating. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets \$30 each and include a 1-day (Sunday) pass to the show. See special pricing above.

Speakers:

Friday, February 26

- 11:00-12:00 **"Top 20 Hardy Palms for Arkansas"**
Charles Harper, MG, Garland County
- 12:45-1:45 **"The Kitchen Garden/Edible Landscaping"** Martha Feland, MG, Lonoke County
- 2:00-3:00 **"Shade Loving Perennials"** Mary Evans, MG, Pulaski County

Saturday, February 27

- 10:00-11:00 **"Decisions For Successful Gardening in Arkansas"** Lucinda Reynolds, MG, Baxter County
- 11:15-12:15 **"Hot New Seasonal Color"** Shane Reynolds, Reynolds Greenhouse, Hot Springs
- 12:45-1:45 **"Encore, The Only Azalea That Blooms Spring, Summer And Fall"**
Kip McConnell, Southern Living Plant Collection
- 2:00-3:00 **"Passionate About Peonies"** Ann Wood, MG, White County

"Gardening How To's" Speakers

One of our most popular committees is the greenhouse. Co-chair, Tom Stramel, will demonstrate seed starting. Don Greenland from Faulkner County will do "Vegetables!" again! We have 2 school groups. These kids are awesome! We have the Rose Society & Iris Society. You can't miss Tina Marie doing herbs. Dale Almond will teach us more about bamboo as a renewable resource and that crazy bromeliad guy will be back. Kandy Jones will demonstrate her favorite pass-time, making neat stuff out of junk!

Ask Janet Carson your questions "live" on the air Saturday morning. Tanarah Haynie will make hand-tied bouquets look easy & we have 2 more florists doing hands on demos. Kim Hanke from Hanke Brothers will give a demo on their new covered gutters & show us an exciting new energy efficient window. Other topics are beekeeping, hostas, dwarf conifers, living wreaths and sunny perennials.

A lot of you may know Marilyn Mason from the LR city greenhouse. She will talk about the city's program, "Adopt A Park." LR Parks oversees over 7,000 acres of undeveloped parkland. With the current city budget cuts in the parks department, they may need a little more support from their friends. For more information contact Marilyn at 371-4770 or check out their website <http://www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/adopt/>

Friday, Feb 26

- 10:00 **"Iris For Arkansas"** Susan Rose, Central Arkansas Iris Society
- 10:30 **"Spring Garden Tour"** Rosemary Arnold, Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs
- 11:00 **"Hostas"** Rand Retzliff, Grand Designs
- 11:30 **"Dill, 2010, Herb of the Year"** Tina Marie Wilcox, Ozark Folk Center

- 12:00 **Awards Presentation**
- 12:30 **"Vegetables!"** Don Greenland, Master Gardener, Faulkner County
- 1:00 **"Debris-Free Gutters & Energy Efficient Windows"** Kim Hanke, Hanke Brothers Home Improvement
- 1:30 **"We Love Honeybees"** Raymon Caple, Master Gardener Saline County
- 2:00 **"A World of Flowers in a Single Bouquet"** Scott Brents, Fairy Tale Florals, NLR
- 2:30 **"Butterflies?? Caterpillars?? Help!!"** Pat Gipson, Howard Perrin Elementary School, Benton
- 3:00 **"Conserving Water in The Home Landscape"** Krista Quinn, Master Gardener, Faulkner County
- 3:30 **"Adopt A Park"** Marilyn Mason, Little Rock Parks & Recreation
- 4:00 **"The Art of Recycling-Using Found Objects as Art in Your Garden"** Kandy Jones, Garage Sale Queen

Saturday, Feb 27

- 10:00-11:00 **"The Garden Show" Live on KARN,** Janet Carson U of A Extension Service
- 11:00-12:30 **Susie Coehlo Book signing**
- 1:00 **"Patio Pines-Dwarf Conifers in Containers"** Kathy Wagenknecht & Betty Ann Seely, White Wagon Farm
- 1:30 **"Bamboo As a Renewable "Green" Resource"** Dale Almond, Arkansas Bamboo Connection
- 2:00 **"Making A Living Wreath"** Richard & Andrea Cleaver, The Plant Outlet, Conway

- 2:30 **"Endless Bromeliads"** Michael Seal, The Funny Farm, Poplarville, MS
- 3:00 **"Gardening With Children"** Norma Simmons & kids, Access Group, Inc.
- 3:30 **"Our World In Color, The Impact of Color"** Ted Lewis, Floral Express
- 4:00 **"Sun Loving Herbs & Perennials"** Polly Henderson, Culberson Greenhouses, Mayflower

Sunday, Feb 28

- 12:00 **"European Hand-tied Bouquets Made Easy"** Tanarah Haynie, Distinctive Designs By Tanarah
- 1:00 **"Starting Seeds, Transplanting & Propagation for the Amateur"** Tom Stramel, Pulaski County Master Gardener Greenhouse
- 1:30 **"Mount Holly Partnership"** Tammie Dillon, Dept. of Arkansas Heritage
Marcella Grimmett, Master Gardener
Kay Tatum, Mt Holly Cemetery Assoc.
Tales Of The Crypt
- 2:30 **"Cloning Roses, 101"** Carol Shockley & Ouida Wright, Central Arkansas Rose Society



**Late February days; and now, at last,
Might you have thought that
Winter's woe was past;
So fair the sky was and so soft the air.**

The Earthly Paradise by William Morris (1834 – 1896)

Argenta Project
Photos by Cheryl Kennedy



**Clinton Library
Photos by Cheryl Kennedy**





Checklist By Carol Randle

PRUNING

A colder than normal winter and more winter precipitation was expected this winter and we are not out of the woods yet. If you have had winter damage in the form of frozen leaves or damaged buds, don't be too quick to prune. If there is damage on them now, that can act as a buffer for additional damage. Wait until spring before pruning to make sure what is damaged and what isn't. This is a critical month for our plants. Arkansas is known for the unknown and fluctuations are normal. Periodic warm spells often get plants budding out. We won't be frost-free for another month so pay attention to your plants and protect if needed. Keep in mind that protection only gives you about 2-5 degrees of protection, and plants usually don't need it until they begin to show signs of new growth of flower color. If you have broken branches from ice or snow loads, then do prune those off as you spot them. The cleaner the cut the less damage we will have. Do get your pruning shears ready for late February. Annual planting is needed on hybrid tea roses, fruit trees, blueberries, and grape vines. With roses, know what you are growing before pruning. There are hybrid teas, climbers, shrub roses and ground covers. Hybrid Tea Rose bushes need to be pruned back to within eight to eighteen inches of the ground every year. If you don't prune, you end up with a gangly plant with few flowers on the top branches. Keep the interior of the bush as open as possible to allow sunlight and air to circulate, which will aid in disease prevention. Allow the climbers to bloom in the spring before pruning - so wait until April or early May for pruning climbers. Antique roses, shrub roses and ground cover roses should be pruned as needed. Know when your plants bloom before pruning. Some old varieties bloom only once in the spring, so prune after bloom. For continuous bloomers shape as needed prior to new growth beginning. They typically don't need the severe pruning described for the hybrid teas, but some pruning is called for to encourage more flowers. Seal the cut edges with a little white glue to prevent insects from boring into the stems. The general rule for pruning ornamental plants is timing of flowers. If your plants bloom all summer long, that means they bloom on the new or current season growth. These are the plants we prune in late February to early March including Abelia, Althea (Rose of Sharon), Buddleia, Vitex, Clethra (Summer Sweet), and summer Spireas (Little Princess, Lime Mound, etc.). With larger grasses like Pampas and Miscanthus, you can't cut completely to the ground, but you can take off the bulk of it. Monkey Grass and Mondo Grass (in the lily family so

not true grasses) also need a little clean up before new growth begins. It is not unusual to have some damaged foliage out there after the growing season we had last year. Prune Crape Myrtles according to their growth habit - and only as needed. DON'T MURDER THEM! Choose a variety that fits your landscape and then shape as needed. What we want to see is a well-branched tree in the landscape with beautiful bark and blooms. Deadheading the old seedpods is not necessary, as they will drop as new growth begins. Do remove suckers from around the base. Leave your spring bloomers alone or you will be removing flowers. Prune them AFTER they bloom, not before. Evergreens grown primarily for foliage can be pruned as needed for general shaping but if you need to do severe pruning do it between now and early April to allow for quick recovery.

ROSE TIME

Place orders for bare root roses. After the 15th of February is the best time to plant roses. Water in roses with "Superthrive" or other root stimulator. Top dress roses with Cottonseed and Bone Meal and cover with a layer of compost or rotted manure. Dehydrated manure will limit nutgrass and weed seeds. Mid-February, prune roses (hybrid teas 8" to 18") to maintain their size and vigor.

SHRUBS

Remove largest third of Buddleia, Hydrangea, Nandina, and Spirea canes. Remove dead wood and branches that turn in or overlap in the center of broadleaf evergreens. Wherever the plant is cut, it will thicken, so prune above a twig growing outward not above a leaf bud. DO NOT PRUNE FORSYTHIA OR FLOWERING QUINCE UNTIL AFTER BLOOM. Plant hardwood cuttings of shrubs (8" with at least two buds underground) in a cold frame.

TILLER TIME

Put out asparagus crowns and strawberry plants as soon as the soil is workable. Outdoors, sow broccoli, cabbage, onion sets, English peas, and seed potatoes. Place orders for seeds early to ensure availability.

GET RID OF BUGS

Use insecticidal soap to control aphids on cool season annuals and vegetable plants. For borers, mites, aphids, or scale, apply dormant oil spray such as "Sun Oil" to trees and shrubs, both evergreen and deciduous, roses, and the perennial border. The most effective spray of the year is before leaf buds start emerging. Check the label for optimum temperature conditions. (Usually on a calm day when the temperature is expected to be above 40 degrees for three days and no rain is expected for 24 hours.) Spraying plants before leaf buds open also avoids

burning them. NOTE: Do not use oil spray on sugar or Japanese Maple, Walnut, Beech, or Magnolia Trees.

BIRD HELP

Provide fresh water near the birds' shelter. To attract a variety of birds, feed them cornmeal mixed with peanut butter, cracked corn, chopped fruits, suet, or sunflower seeds. Or plant Barberry, Beautyberry, Coralberry, Cottoneaster, Dogwood, Hawthorn, Holly, Mahonia, Possum Haw, and Viburnum which all provide fruits and berries in a February landscape.

DOGWOODS

February is the best time to plant Dogwoods. Pick an elevated site with soil on the acid side. Plant ball and burlap trees and shrubs and bareroot plant material that are still dormant. Soak the roots in water overnight before planting. If you cannot plant right away, cover the roots with moist soil or compost and store in shady location. For new planting sites, test soil to determine the proper amendments. For existing sites, amend the entire area with mulch, compost, etc.

VEGETABLES

Believe it or not, but it is time to start planting cool season vegetables. They can tolerate light freezes. Don't work in the soil if it is saturated, but if you can till, go for it. English peas, sugar snap peas, and spinach can be planted early, with greens, beets, lettuce, broccoli, carrots, and cabbage to follow close behind. Check your local nursery for asparagus crowns and plant as soon as you can find them. Look for two-year-old crowns if you can find them so you can harvest a bit next season. Early onion sets will appear later this month. Use a general fertilizer at planting and keep mulch handy once the seedlings are up.

LAWNS

Winter weeds are growing nicely now and it won't be long before we start seeing flowers. If you want to kill them before they bloom and set seeds, now is the time to do it. Pick a day when the temperature is above freezing and there is little to no wind when spraying. You may need a second application in a couple of weeks if you have a lot of weeds. Use a product with 2,4D in it plus mecoprop and dicamba. These are post emergent products and kill the broadleaf weeds that are growing. Apply an application of pre-emergent herbicide or weed preventer by March 1.

OUTDOORS

Outdoors, sow Candytuft, Cornflowers, Larkspur, and Phlox. In a cold frame, plant annual and perennial Salvias, Chrysanthemums, Feverfew, Lupine, Nicotiana, Scabiosa, Snapdragon, and Verbena. Indoors at 65 to 75 degrees, 6 inches under artificial light, sow annual flowers and vegetables. Keep the light on for 10 to 12

hours a day, and keep the soil moist. It takes six to eight weeks to grow a viable transplant. Plant broad-leaved evergreens, such as Magnolias and Hollies. All newly planted or transplanted material should be watered in with a root stimulator.

FEBRUARY BLOOMS

Flowering Almond, Anise Florida, Arum, Bridal Veil, Camellia, Chionodoxa, Crocus, Daffodil, Forsythia, Helleborus, Hyacinth, Iris (Stylosas and Reticulatas), Carolina Jasmine, Kerria, Loropetalum, Oriental Magnolia, Muscari, Pansies, Phlox, Primrose, Pussy Willow, Quince, Redbud, Scilla Sibirica, Snowdrops, Spirea Thunbergi, Viola, and violet are in bloom this month.



In The Garden with Debra Redding

Year you became a Master Gardener: 2004

Master Gardener Projects/ Activities that you serve on: Pulaski County Master Gardener Board, Master

Minutes Newsletter, Speakers Bureau Committee, MG Budget Committee, Arkansas Flower and Garden

Show Board, Spring Garden Tour Committee and Gardening Blog for KTHV Channel 11 Website

I knew I was a Gardener when: I saw my first perennial waking up... I was so excited!

One thing Gardening has taught me: You win some, you lose some... This is my Gardening motto

"I consider every plant hardy until I have killed it myself."

Every Garden should have: A focal point and year round interest

My favorite plant is: Limelight Hydrangea

If I'm not in my Garden: I'm planning or reading something Garden related.

My Gardening specialty is: Hydrangeas and Succulents

I would like to learn more about: being a Master Gardener Educator

The last new plant that I tried: Giant Scarlet Flame Zinnia and I loved it

All my friends know: In my next life, I want Tina Turner legs

One word to sum me up: Optimistic

Pulaski County Master Gardener Meetings' Highlights By Arline Jackson

Pulaski County Master Gardener Board Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. St. James Methodist Church

Old Business

Beth stated that since money can't be taken out of the Extension fund, she would like to suggest that the first \$5,000 of dues collected this year be deposited in the Bank of the Ozark's account. This would allow the possibility of having money available for the new Greenhouse project.

Judy Woodard requested that we remind project chairmen that any project reimbursement going over \$100 will need board approval.

Judy Woodard reported that several members had requested having two clothing orders a year, spring and fall. Beth stated that an order could only be turned in with a minimum of 12 for each order. Debra Redding agreed to speak with Claudia Barone and Marsha Friedman about the clothing orders.

The Chairmen Orientation Training would be January 26, 2010 at the Hays Center, 1:30 to 3:30.

Don Davis / Beth Phelps suggested that committee chairmen review member lists and request names no longer on committees be reported to the extension office in order to remove the name from the committee. Beth requested that the Retention Committee contact members who haven't paid dues and contact all lifetime members and see if they wanted to remain on the committee list. She stated that the County Extension office is not reviewing the status of every member every year, so it is up to the committee to do so.

Advanced Training discussion was tabled to next meeting.

New Business Martha announced that the memorial bench for Jim Dyer had arrived and members were asked to go by the Cammack project and view it. The cost of the bench was \$198.99, which leaves money for a plaque.

Don Davis reported that the Greenhouse search committee was still considering Arkansas State Hospital grounds as a site and that the Committee would look at a greenhouse in Paragould as a model.

Jett Cuffman / Debra Redding announced that Carol Chappell, Continuing Education Chairman, requested that a Pulaski County Master Gardener training be held in April and that she would work with the calendar to determine the best dates. Topic suggestions would be requested at the general meeting. Debra suggested a sheet for suggested topics be passed around at the meeting.

Mac Huffman reported on the Budget Committee. The format from last year was used. After discussion the motion to accept the Budget for 2010 was made by Don Davis and seconded by Don Ford. The motion was passed.

Leave of Absence for Jannis Ghaddar was granted and a Sustainer status request for Tom Merten was granted.

Jet Cuffman reported that she had received an email from Linda Moyer, Pathfinder Greenhouse Chairman, requesting propagation mats and a thermostat. Discussion was held in regard to the mats and the already approved misting system. Approval for the mats was granted and a motion by Don Davis was made and seconded by Jett Cuffman to amend the approval contingent on correct paper work being submitted by Linda Moyer. Jett will talk with Linda regarding the progress of the already approved misting system.

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Membership Meeting St. James United Methodist Church Tuesday, January 19, 2010

11:30

President Martha Basinger called the meeting to order at 11:30

President recognized chairmen and co-chairmen of different committees by having them stand when their names were called

President recognized the passing of Carma Boyd of the 2003 MG Class

President thanked the social committee for an outstanding job on the Christmas party

General Announcements

Marcella Grimmitt, Travel Committee Chairman, ask the committee to meet out front for a short meeting after the general meeting. Marcella ask for suggestions for garden tours. May tour would be at Christine Phelps garden, Reynolds Nursery in April, Lantern in the Park at Wildwood. A printed list would be given out at next meeting for the travel dates. Marcella announced she still was selling the Herb Cookbooks.

Carol Chappell, Continuing Education Chairman, announced that a short training session for Pulaski County MGs would be held in April. A sheet for topic suggestion would be passed around today. The actual date for the training would be announced at a later date. Carol encouraged members to join the Continuing Education Committee.

Mary Evans with the AR Flower and Garden Show reported that posters were given out and requested that members with yard signs from previous years please put out this year or bring them to the show. She announced that the marathon would not be held this thus the Show attendance would be better. Advanced tickets would have a \$1 discount. Southern Living luncheon would be held on Sunday and Susie Coelho would have a program at the Governor's Mansion.

Steve Lopata who is in charge of the volunteers for the Flower and Garden Show announced that he has volunteer slots open and if interested in working, meet him out front after the meeting. Beth Phelps was NOT TO BE CALLED about volunteering. Call STEVE.

Betty Henderson from the Federation of Gardens encouraged members to display items that one has grown. If interested, fill out an entry card and be sure to put name of plant on the entry card. 12-inch pots.

Phyllis Colclasure announced that the memorial bench for Jim Dyer was in place and invited all the members to come by the Cammack project to see it.

Beth Phelps announced that "Stuff" orders would be in, in Feb. An email would be sent out and orders could be picked up at either the Extension or the Feb

meeting. She also reported that service pins given out at the Nov. 2009 meeting could be picked up at the Extension Office.

President Martha Basinger reminded members that 2010 dues were due. \$15 until May 1st and then \$20 after that date. When dues were paid, members would receive their membership card, which could then be used to receive a discount at various nurseries around town.

Martha also reminded members to wear their nametags because our group is large and we need to learn each other's names. A system to keep up with ones volunteer hours was also recommended.

New Chairmen Orientation is to be held on Jan. 26, at the Hayes Center in NLR.

Debra Redding introduced the speaker: Jim Allen from "Wild Birds Unlimited"

**"Announced by all the trumpets of the
sky,
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the
fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the withered air
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the
heaven,
And veils the farm-house at the garden's
end.
The sled and traveler stopped, the
courier's feet
Delayed, all friends shut out, and
housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of storm."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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 Extensions Website:
<http://www.uaex.edu/pulaski/mastergardeners/default.asp>
- U of A Cooperative Extension Website:
<http://www.arhomeandgarden.org>

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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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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 2008, these volunteers gave **23,000** hours of service. Elisabeth J. Phelps, County Extension Agent

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