

# COUNTY 76 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

June was an unusual month. Our vice president who also acted as newsletter editor and communications director resigned unexpectedly. Therefore, this issue will again be more of an e-mail update. However, a nominating committee is at work, Project Manager Judy Woodard will handle communications and a new editor will begin with the August issue.

The *Garden Voice* Seminar is only weeks away, and excitement is building for this new program. Let's all try to stay cool this month.   
--**Rosemary Wingfield**,  
President

**Garden Voice Seminar:** The *Garden Voice* Seminar (an intensive training in writing/editing, graphic design, PowerPoint and photography with hands-own experience) will be held Aug. 19 & 20 at the Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale. The program is open to four Master Gardeners per MG Program and a County Agent. Registration forms have been sent out and each county is submitting one form for all four participants and their designated topic. Participants must own a home computer and those signing up for photography must own a digital camera. Payback is required (check with your county agent for the details).

If you want to attend the seminar and are not a member of the *Garden Voice* Project, you should contact your agent and see if you can be included in one of the four slots. Registration deadline is Aug. 8.

*Garden Voice* members are not included in the County Program limit. They will be assisting the professional trainers and will register on a separate form.

**Birthday News:** The Arkansas Master Gardeners' 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash is one party you don't want to miss, so save the date--Monday, Oct. 13, at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Although plans are still in the developmental stage, gardening expert Melinda Myers--author, lecturer and TV host--has been confirmed as keynote speaker. Because there are 2,299 MGs in the state and a huge attendance is expected, two duplicate seminars are planned.

**Editor:** Sharon Berdine, secretary during County 76's first year, has been appointed editor of County 76 Newsletter by President Rosemary Wingfield. E-mail newsletter contributions to Sharon at berdi@artelco.com.

**VP Nomination:** Mary Freeman of Pulaski County has been nominated for the position of County 76 vice president, according to the Nominating Committee--Mimi Cox, chair; Don Hogue and Elaine Eckert-Berg. The Executive Committee has approved the nomination and members will be voting by e-mail within the next few days.

**Hoe - Hoe - Hoe:** The ProHoes are selling like hot cakes. More than 40 hoes (five different styles) were ordered in June. Twenty-three were sold at the Advanced Training class in Benton and at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute's Tomato Day. Hoes will be available again at the *Garden Voice* Seminar. Price is \$27 (increase is due to higher cost from manufacturer). The hoes are made from recycled, tempered steel on agriculture disc blades.