

COUNTY 76 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

May was a month of change for County 76. Plans began to crystallize for Garden Voice and its role in Leadership Training in August. The date for the fall retreat has been rescheduled for Oct. 12—the day before our giant 20th Anniversary Arkansas Master Gardener Celebration. The guidelines were revised for basic Master Gardener training to allow counties to be more selective in accepting candidates by changing the minimum class size under special circumstances. (Your C76 Minutes will be more specific on action taken by the membership May 7.)

Mother Nature continued her furious romp across the state---the latest victim being Arkansas County. Many County 76ers have been affected in one way or another by the spring storms. Hopefully, this season is nearing an end, and life will settle back to as much normalcy as possible.

David Haynes, director of communications and editor of the County 76 newsletter, has resigned both positions due to personal reasons. We appreciate his many contributions and 'round-the-clock dedication. He will continue in County 76 in a less active role. Meanwhile, Judy Woodard will take over e-mail communications, and the newsletter will be an e-mail for the time being.

Our fundraiser—ProHoes and Cobrahead Cultivators—is going so well we plan to offer more varieties of ProHoes. County 76ers were given the chance to special order before June 3. The price has increased to \$27 (still a bargain because an internet order from the manufacturer is now \$37). We hope to have eight kinds of ProHoes available for the Tomato Festival at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute June 28 and the Garden Voice Seminar Aug. 19 & 20 at the 4-H Center, Ferndale.

Let's hope June is less hectic than May, Rosemary Wingfield

Advanced MG Brochure--A brochure promoting the Advanced Master Gardener Training Program has been developed by the project team, according to Chair Darlene McGuire. Copies were distributed at the State MG Meeting May 29-31 at Springdale. Extras were printed for county programs to use.

Advanced Training June 26-27--Saline County will host the Advanced Master Gardener Training on Plant *Diseases and Insects: Identification and Management* June 26-27 at Benton. Forty-five have registered.

Next Month: Details about the Garden Voice Seminar (Aug. 19-20). And more about the 20th Anniversary Celebration (Oct. 13). **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.**