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## Seasons' Greetings All County 76ers,

It's hard to realize this year is almost over. 2008 has been a year of ups and downs—not only for our nation but also for County 76. We've lost some members and we've gained some.

We introduced a new project—Garden Voice—which proved very successful. We had three wonderful Advanced Master Gardener Training Classes and now have a total of 50 Advanced MGs and three Advanced II MGs. We also have an official Advanced MG t-shirt (after much debate on *the color*, of course).

We moved forward again on the basic training project and we revised our re-instatement policy for Master Gardeners who want to return to the flock.

We had a truly spectacular 20<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Master Gardener birthday party—complete with an oak tree for each county and a 2009 calendar for every Master Gardener in the state. (Available after January 2.)

We welcomed a new Master Gardener Program (Franklin County), and we earned a little money with silent auctions and ProHoe sales.

Even our newsletter had several name changes and editors.

Overall, it has been a very good year for County 76. My thanks to all of you.

Mark your calendar for the next County 76 General Meeting, February 10, 2009. Details will be coming soon.

With the hustle and bustle of the all-too-quickly approaching holidays and the almost daily arrival of spring 2009 garden catalogues that need perusing, I will leave you with one heartfelt wish: May each of you have a blessed holiday shared with loved ones and friends.

---Rosemary

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## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

January 20 Deadline for volunteer sign-up for AR Flower & Garden Show;  
501-803-9838 or  
e-mail [bphelps@uaex.edu](mailto:bphelps@uaex.edu) – MG

February 10 County 76 General Meeting

Feb.27,28 ,& March 1 2009 AR Flower and Garden Show; Statehouse Convention  
Center – P

January 16-17 2009 Horthculture Show Conference, Holiday Inn City Center, Fort  
Smith – P  
Registration deadline Dec. 12 E-mail: [www.hortla.okstate.edu/his.htm](http://www.hortla.okstate.edu/his.htm) or  
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March 23-25 International MG Conference, Las Vegas; [www.unce.unr.edu/imgc](http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc)

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