

## Words from our president



### **8 Resolutions for '08**

Greetings County 76ers,

By now many of our New Year's Resolutions have hit the dirt, so, hopefully, you can concentrate on my proposed County 76 Resolutions for 2008:

- Set a realistic team goal or two for the year (but first reviews last year's and decide what did or didn't work).
- Change projects if you so desire (or add a second project if you have the time).
- Embrace our newest as yet unnamed writers project. Support it and be our messenger to your home county.
- Brainstorm for ways to celebrate "20 Years of Arkansas Master Gardening."
- Invite two or three folks from your county to join C76 and offer to carpool with them. It'll be good for you and the environment.
- Plan to take the 2008 Leadership Training to a new level. With the focus on our new project, let's see if "we build it, they will come."
- Get to know at least eight people in County 76 that you don't know, and network, network, network. It's the perfect way to take new ideas and resources back home. And to make new friends!
- Have fun. Life is short and (as I get older I realize) wider!!!

--Rosemary Wingfield

**May 29-31--** State Master Gardener meeting, Springdale. Keynote speaker will be **Roger Swain, former host of**



**PBS's  
"The  
Victory  
Garden."**

Registration forms will be sent out around mid-February.

### **New Project to Focus on 4 Skills**

The as yet unnamed writer's project got a head start at a December meeting. It was decided to break the team into four committees so that writing, photography, graphic design and PowerPoint presentations could be adequately addressed.

This project is a unique opportunity for Master Gardeners across Arkansas to learn these skills for personal enrichment as well as to enhance their county programs and ultimately the County 76 program. The team currently has only eight members, so we welcome more involvement from County 76ers who want to work on two projects or want to switch projects.

Plans call for basic training in these categories at the Leadership Meeting Aug. 19-20. More advanced training will be conducted later.

--Lucy Fry, Chair

### **County 76 Meets Feb. 12**

The first County 76 meeting of 2008 is just around the corner, so hopefully, all you C76ers have sent in your registration forms and are planning to attend. The meeting, which begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 12, will be held in the auditorium at the State Extension Office, 2301 South University, Little Rock, AR. Below is the meeting agenda:

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome - Call to order - Word from Janet Carson - Officer reports and introductions - Budget Committee - Newsletter/Communications
- Induction of new members
- New Business - New project: Writer's Guild - Birthday Celebration for AR Master Gardener: 20 years - Projects discussion - Member changes - Evaluation of projects Goals

Lunch

- Project team time - Election of project chairs - Set goals for 2008 - Project reports to membership
- 3:00 p.m. Closing remarks

If you still have hours to turn in for 2007, e-mail them to Mimi Cox [mlcox5@yahoo.com](mailto:mlcox5@yahoo.com) ASAP!

## County 76 Monthly Bulletin

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### Project to be Named in February

The new name for the unnamed writers' project will be announced at the February general membership meeting. So if you haven't submitted a name that defines the project (writing, photography, graphic design and PowerPoint presentations) do it NOW! **Deadline is February 1.** The winner will receive a free registration to the State Master Gardener Meeting in Springdale.

## Master Gardening Events for 2008

MG – Master Gardener Event P – Event open to the public

February 1	Last day for entries in the "name the new project" contest. E-mail entries to Janet Carson <a href="mailto:jcarson@uaex.edu">jcarson@uaex.edu</a> or Julie Smith ( <a href="mailto:jsmith@uaex.edu">jsmith@uaex.edu</a> ). Winner receives free registration to State MG Meeting.
February	Cross County Garden Series, <b>1-870-238-5745</b> (Janet will be there the 19 <sup>th</sup> . (5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26) <b>P</b>
February 6	Men's Village Garden Club, Coronado Center, 9:30am <b>P</b>
February	Hot Springs Home & Outdoor Show (Convention Center), <b>1-501-525-9700</b> (8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>P</b>
February 12	County 76 General Meeting, 10 a.m., @ State Extension Office - <b>MG</b>
February 13	Deadline for submissions for the March issue of the County 76 newsletter. Send to <a href="mailto:crwingfield@sbcglobal.net">crwingfield@sbcglobal.net</a>
February 16	Pine Bluff Lawn & Garden Show, 9am – 4pm, Pine Bluff Conv. Center, <b>1-870-534-1033</b> - <b>P</b>
Feb 22 - 24	Arkansas Flower & Garden Show Phone <b>1-501-821-4000</b> - <b>P</b>
February 26	Women in AG Conference (North Little Rock - <a href="http://www.arkansaswomeninag.com">www.arkansaswomeninag.com</a> (North Little Rock) - <b>P</b>
March 1	Pruning Workshop, (Arkansas County) <b>1-870-946-3231</b> - <b>P</b>
March 8	Mountain Home Spring (Landscape) Seminar Phone: <b>1-870-492-5788</b> - <b>P</b>
March 9	Jonesboro Gardening Program, <b>1-870-972-3364</b> - <b>P</b>
March 14-16	River Valley Lawn & Garden Shop @ Fort Smith <a href="http://rivervalleygardenshow.org">http://rivervalleygardenshow.org</a> - <b>P</b>
March 18	Azalea Workshop Garvan Gardens, Hot Springs, <b>1-800-366-4664</b> - <b>P</b>
April 1	Deadline for <b>EARLY</b> registration for 2008 State MG Meeting. (Registration begins mid February). - <b>MG</b>
April 5	Saint Francis County Garden Show, <b>1-870-633-5767</b> - <b>P</b>
April 8 - 9	(Tentative) Advanced Master Gardener training on butterfly gardens. More details next month. - <b>MG</b>
April 12	Saline County Garden Show, <b>1-501-303-5672</b> - <b>P</b>
April 19	(Tentative) Advanced Master Gardener training on hydrangeas, hostas and more... More details next month. - <b>MG</b>
May 3-4	Little Rock Council of Garden Club Spring Tour - <b>P</b>
May 7	County 76 general membership meeting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the State Extension Office, Little Rock. Note: this date was changed from June 25. - <b>MG</b>
May 9	Registration closes for 2008 State MG Meeting.
May 29-31	State MG Meeting
June 12	A Day with Jane Carson – Newport - <b>P</b>
June 19-21	Southern Regional MG Conference, Oklahoma City, <a href="http://www.mastergardener2008.com">www.mastergardener2008.com</a> - <b>MG</b>
June 24	Fruit Field Day, U of A Fruit Research Station, Clarksville, <b>1-479-754-2406</b> - <b>P</b>
June 27 - 28	(Tentative) Advanced Master Gardening training on insects and diseases. More details later. - <b>MG</b>
July 31	Night Gardening Workshop at Garvan Gardens, Hot Springs, <b>1-800-366-4664</b> - <b>P</b>
August 19-20	Leadership Training, 4-H Center, Ferndale (19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> ) - <b>MG</b>
October 10-12	Garvan Gardens Plant Sale, Hot Springs, <b>1-800-366-4664</b> – <b>P</b>
October 21	Garvan Bulb Workshop Hot Springs, <b>1-800-366-4664</b> - <b>P</b>
November 2	New Zealand trip Phone: <b>1-573-881-6316</b> - <b>MG</b>

REMINDERS—send your photo to David Haynes [haynesde@suddenlink.net](mailto:haynesde@suddenlink.net) for inclusion in the 2008 Membership Directory.