

## Words from our president



Greetings all:

I hope all of you who have felt Mother Nature's wrath during the past few weeks are doing better. The promise of an abundant spring sometimes dulls our vision and patience for waiting until after the final frost day before we see the fruits of our labor. After last Easter's freeze, my hostas and hydrangeas were promising a wonderful season, only to be beaten to pulp by golf ball-size hail. Fortunately, in Fort Smith we didn't have the tornadoes and terrible floods that many of you had. But hope springs eternal for gardeners. Right?

I know many of you have thought of suggestions for ways to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Master Gardener birthday on October 13. That will be one of our main discussions at the May 7 meeting, so please come and bring your ideas.

We also must change our fall retreat date, because of an unexpected conflict for Janet Carson. Janet has graciously said we can meet without her, but who wants to party without Janet??? We are looking at combining the Master Gardener birthday celebration and retreat. Consolidating the two October events may increase the attendance and be less on the pocketbook. You'll learn more at the meeting.

Hope to see all of you May 7, --Rosemary Wingfield

### County 76 Fund Raising

County 76 is selling ProHoes (garden hoes made from recycled, tempered steel of an agriculture disc blade) and CorbraHead weeder/cultivators as a fund-raiser. The hoes are \$25 and the CobraHeads are \$20. We have sold 20 at the two April Advanced MG Classes and will bring them to the County 76 May meeting.

### Meeting Agenda

The County 76 general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7, at the State Cooperative Extension Office in Little Rock. Registration forms were sent out in mid-April (if you did not receive one, contact Janet Carson's Office).

The agenda for the meeting includes:

10:00 a.m.

Welcome & call to order

Word from Janet Carson

Officer reports:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Manager

Newsletter/Communications

Induction of new members

New Business

Birthday Celebration for AR Master Gardener Program

Project discussion

Lunch

Project team time

2:45 p.m. Project team meeting summary & closing remarks

### Butterfly Training Draws Record Crowd--

Seventy-three Master Gardeners attended White County's Advanced Master Gardener Class on "Butterfly Gardening" April 8-9 at Beebe. This was a record number for the past few years. Participants went home with pots of flowers that will not be on the market until 2009, thanks to Sherri Sanders and her White County MG team.

# County 76 Monthly Bulletin

Find County 76 Information at: [http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/master\\_gardener.htm](http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/master_gardener.htm)

## Advanced Training in June

Saline County will host this year's third Advanced Master Gardener Training on June 26-27 at Benton. The topic will be "Plant Diseases and Insects: Identification and Management." Registration forms have been sent out. Deadline is June 9. Advanced Trainings are open to Master Gardeners who are in good standing in their county program and who have completed at least three years in the program. For more information, contact Ron Matlock ([rmatlock@uaex.edu](mailto:rmatlock@uaex.edu)) or Pat Gipson ([patgipson@yahoo.com](mailto:patgipson@yahoo.com)).

<b>Master Gardening Events for 2008</b>	
MG – Master Gardener Event P – Event open to the public	
May 2-4	Orchid Show - Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR 479-925-2228 – P
May 2	Flavors of the Mediterranean, Hands-on culinary exploration, 9am – 3:30pm, Ozark Folk Center, 870-269-3851, <a href="http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com">www.ozarkfolkcenter.com</a> - P
May 2	Lavish Herbal Feast & Reception, 6pm, Ozark Folk Center, 870-269-3851, <a href="http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com">www.ozarkfolkcenter.com</a> - P
May 3	Herb Presentation, 12noon -2:45pm, Yellville City Park, Hwy 14 South - P
May 3-4	Little Rock Council of Garden Club Spring Tour - P
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. - MG
May 9	Registration closes for 2008 State MG Meeting.
May 9	Deadline for submission for June issue County 76 Bulletin. Email <a href="mailto:crwingfield@sbcglobal.net">crwingfield@sbcglobal.net</a>
May 10-11	Wildwood Blooms Event, Little Rock, 501-821-7275, <a href="http://www.wildwoodpark.org">www.wildwoodpark.org</a> - P
May 13	Plant Propagation, Jim Robbins, U of A; ASU - Beebe Farm. 501-268-5394– P
May 17-18	Native Plant ID Workshop at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Email <a href="mailto:sdavies@uawri.org">sdavies@uawri.org</a> or phone at 501 215-7990 – P
May 25	Deadline for RSVP, SWRE Horticulture Field Day in Hope, 870-777-9702 ext. 109, <a href="mailto:Qchen@uaex.edu">Qchen@uaex.edu</a> – P
May 29-31	State MG Meeting - Springdale Holiday Inn Convention Center – MG
June 5	SWRE Horticulture Field Day in Hope, AR, 3 - 8 pm. 870-777-9702 ext. 109, <a href="mailto:Qchen@uaex.edu">Qchen@uaex.edu</a> – P
June 9	Deadline to register for Saline County Advanced MG Class on Plant Diseases.
June 12	A Day with Jane Carson – Newport, 501-268-5394 - P
June 18-21	Southern Regional MG Conference, Oklahoma City, <a href="http://www.mastergardener2008.com">www.mastergardener2008.com</a> - MG
June 24	Fruit Field Day, U of A Fruit Research Station, Clarksville, 1-479-754-2406 - P
June 26 - 27	Advanced MG Training on Plant Diseases & Insects: Identification & Management, Benton, AR (Saline County) - MG
June 28	Tomatoes: From the Seed to the Plate Workshop at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Email <a href="mailto:sdavies@uawri.org">sdavies@uawri.org</a> or phone at 501 215-7990 - P
July 31	Night Gardening Workshop at Garvan Gardens, Hot Springs, 1-800-366-4664 - P
August 19-20	Leadership Training, Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale - MG
September 6	University of Arkansas - Fort Smith's Fall Landscape Clinic - P
October 10-12	Garvan Gardens Plant Sale, Hot Springs, 1-800-366-4664 – P
October 10-19	Arkansas State Fair, Little Rock, <a href="http://www.arkansasstatefair.com">http://www.arkansasstatefair.com</a> - P
October 11	Race for the Cure, 8am, downtown Little Rock, <a href="http://www.komenarkansas.org/race/">http://www.komenarkansas.org/race/</a> - P
October 13	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Arkansas Master Gardener Program, Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale - MG
October 21	Garvan Bulb Workshop Hot Springs, 1-800-366-4664 - P
November 1	Landscape Construction Design Workshop at Garvan Woodland Gardens, Email <a href="mailto:sdavies@uawri.org">sdavies@uawri.org</a> or <a href="mailto:rbyers@garvangardens.org">rbyers@garvangardens.org</a> - P
November 3	New Zealand trip: Registration info can be found on Calendar of Events at: <a href="http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/mastergardener/mastergardeneronly/default.htm">http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/mastergardener/mastergardeneronly/default.htm</a> - MG
Email your hours to Judy Woodard at, <a href="mailto:jw@shotgundans.com">jw@shotgundans.com</a>	