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January exited with an icy exhibit. Icy rain, sleet and snow briefly outed our power in Fort Smith, and also reminded us of how much we appreciate the comforts of electricity and natural gas.

I hope all of you are planning to attend this year's first County 76 meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the State Extension Office. An agenda appears elsewhere in this newsletter. We have lots of decisions to make and we hope to welcome new members to County 76.

If any of you have pink or green International Master Gardener Conference t-shirts you want to donate, Rankin Kennedy (Johnson County MG) is making placemats out of the t-shirts for the silent auction at the State MG Convention this June in West Memphis. He has PLENTY of blue shirts, but only one pink and one green. If you have pink or green, contact Julie Treat. You will recall, Rankin created the wonderful IMGC quilt that was presented to Janet Carson at the Master Gardener Birthday Party in October. He is very talented, and placemats would be a unique addition to the silent auction, which County 76 has agreed to handle.

Two Advanced Master Gardener classes are already in place. We are indebted to Pulaski and Craighead Counties for stepping up to the plate so quickly. Hopefully, the Advanced MG team can line up one or two later in the year as well. If your county is interested in hosting a session, please contact Darlene McGuire, ADMG team chair.

I look forward to seeing you Feb. 10. The Agenda follows, Rosemary

County 76 Meeting Agenda

Welcome

Call to order

Word from Janet

Officers Reports/Projects

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Manager

Newsletter/Communications

Old Business

Project grant writer

2009 State Master Gardener Meeting Silent Auction (Meeting June 7-9, 2009)

ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER TRAINING PROJECT—Darlene McGuire:

We are excited to have two Advanced Master Gardener Training Classes scheduled for early this year. The registration forms for both classes have gone out to the Master Gardener membership.

The first class scheduled is to be held on March 19, 2009 at the State Coop Extension Building Auditorium in Little Rock. This is being hosted by Pulaski County. The subject is "Edible Landscaping", a class on growing vegetables, fruits and herbs in your landscape and how to use them.

Craighead County is sponsoring a training class on "Vines - of All Kinds" to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the ASU campus in Jonesboro. This promises to be an interesting class on all kinds of vines, from annual and perennial vines to vegetable and fruit vines plus trellis systems to support them.

Thank you to Pulaski and Craighead Counties for hosting these classes. Our goal is for two more counties to host classes for this year.

On a sad note, Bill Bowen, Pulaski County Master Gardener, passed away January 20th. He was in the Master Gardener class of 2003, worked on the Maumelle Community Center project and the **Master Minutes** staff. A member of the County 76 Basic Training Project, he developed the botany materials now used for Basic Master Gardener training. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the JSU Foundation, William R. Bowen Student Research Fund, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road, Jacksonville, AL 36265

His wife Jan is a Pulaski County Master Gardener. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 15 Muscadine Shortcourse, Clarksville; \$25, register to Katie Henshaw 479 754-2406 or e-mail khanshaw@uark.edu -P
- January 16 Deadline to apply for NW Chapter AR Master Naturalist training -P
Contact Anne Massey 501 666-1411 or president@armasternaturalist.org to download application.
- January 16-17 2009 Horticulture Show Conference, Holiday Inn City Center, Fort Smith - P
Registration deadline Dec. 12 E-mail: www.hortla.okstate.edu/his.htm or Cal 405 744-6460 Donna Dillins
- January 20 Deadline for volunteer sign-up for AR Flower & Garden Show; 501-803-9838 or e-mail bphelps@uaex.edu - MG
- January 31 Garden Thyme, Columbia Cty MG's, Magnolia, AR. 9-12 noon; Immanuel Baptist Church;
Door prizes, seed exchange. \$5.00 870 904-2258 or 515-0127 to register - P
- February 10 County 76 General Meeting, Little Rock Extension Service Auditorium. -MG
Contact Julie Treat, jtreat@uaex.edu
- February 12 Fruit pruning workshop in Clarksville 12:30 registration; workshop 1-4:30p.m. Ca;; 479 754-2406 to pre-register or obtain information.
Please call 479-754-2406 to pre-register or further information . \$5.00. - P

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- February 14 Jefferson Cty Lawn & Garden Show, Pine Bluff Convention Center, 8-4:30 pm. Free. More information, call 870 534-1033 or dplunkett@uaex.edu - P
- February 14 - P Buds and Blooms, a morning of gardening seminars, Minden, LA 9am-noon; \$5
Info: (318) 949-4800
- February 15 Registration ends for International MG Conference in Las Vegas
- February 17 Cross County MG Lecture Series "Growing a Greener Landscape," Janet Carson at Wynn Cty Courthouse Courtroom, Wynn, AR; 7 p.m. Free to Public
- February 18 Tree Care Workshop, UACCM; 9-noon; Registration & info: 501 215-7990 or sdavies@uawri.org or aspivey@uaccm.edu – Free to public
- February 21 2nd Annual Seed Swap; Ozark Folk Center, Mt. View. Noon - 3:00; 870 269-3851 Free - P
- February 21 Spring's A coming Seminar; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, Mtn. View, AR \$15.00 Limited seating. Register by 2/16. Multiple topics and features Janet Carson and Jon Zawislak. – P
- February 24 Cross County Lecture Series "Growing Daylilies" 7 p.m. Cross Cty Courthouse, Wynn – P
- February 24 Garvan Gardens Ground Covers Workshop with Janet Carson & Bob Byers; 9-3:30
\$35/members; \$50 non-members; Info: Call 501-262-9300/800-366-4664.
- Feb.27,28 ,& March 1 2009 AR Flower and Garden Show; Statehouse Convention Center - P
- March 3 Cross Cty MG Lecture Series, Wynn Courthouse 7 p.m. Free to public
- March 6 - 8 River Valley Lawn & Garden Show, Fort Smith - P
- March 7 - May 23: AR NW Chapter AR Master Naturalist Training; Hobbs St. Park, Rogers, AR; \$135; Contact Anne Massey 501 666-1411 or president@armasternaturalist.org - P
- March 10 Cross Cty Lecture Series, Wynn Courthouse Courtroom "Raising Orchids," with Ann Woods; 7 p.m. - Free to public
- March 19 Advanced Master Gardener Training: Edible Landscaping 9-4:30, Little Rock - MG
- March 22-26 International MG Conference, Las Vegas; www.unce.unr.edu/imgc or 702 796-3300 MG

