

Advanced PP Class Set--An Advanced PowerPoint class for Master Gardeners is scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Arkansas 4-H Center at Ferndale. The class is open to MGs who completed the basic PowerPoint class in 2008 or 2009 and turned in their payback assignment. The class will be limited to the first 20 who register.

Digital Photo Classes--Garden Voice will offer two basic digital photography classes later this year. Classes will be held Nov. 5 at National Park Community College, Hot Springs, and Dec. 5 at ASU, Jonesboro. The instructor will be David Dodson, Arkansas Farm Bureau Print Shop Coordinator and Pulaski County Master Gardener, who has taught many classes in photography. Classes will also be held in the Northwest and Southwest Districts in early 2010. Although it is preferred that participants attend the class offered in their district, it is not mandatory.

Photography Chair—Mary Walden is the new photography track chair of Garden Voice. Audrey Holt asked to step down but will continue to serve on the team.

Welcome—County 76 welcomes the following new members: Carol Chappell, Pulaski County; Sandy Furrer, Pulaski County; Logan Hampton, Jefferson County; George Loucks, Washington County; Brenda Odom, White County; Vande Southerland, Pulaski County; and Mary Wildgen, Pulaski County.

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President's Message

Hope all of you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend despite the rain. However as Martha Stewart says, for gardeners, rain is a good thing, especially in early September. While some of you may have been on trips or gathering with family, we in Fort Smith, know how Janet Carson spent part of her holiday—speaking to a capacity crowd at UA-Fort Smith's annual fall Landscape Clinic.



Our County 76 August meeting was very productive. We have a nominating committee who is looking for 2010-11 officers. And we decided to postpone Leadership Training scheduled Oct. 20-21 at Ferndale, but will use the facility for our October meeting on the 20th and will offer an Advanced PowerPoint Class on Oct. 21.

You will remember we could not schedule Garden Voice classes in digital photography this summer, due to lack of an instructor. But we have now added two later this year and two for early 2010.

And our first fall Advanced MG class on native plants was a quick sell-out with many folks on a waiting list. Even though it was a heavy schedule, it looks like all four classes will be held. There is still time to register for some of them (*see Calendar on page 2*).

Project Chair Judy Woodard reminds that second-quarter volunteer hours are past due, so if you haven't reported yours, she would like to receive them. Our volunteer time is now worth \$20.25 per hour, according to the Corp. for National & Community Services. —**Rosemary Wingfield**

Words From Janet—County 76 Members:

It has been an extremely productive year for Master Gardeners in Arkansas. This fall we are seeing large MG classes throughout the state, and many more are scheduled for late winter/early spring. If your county does not have a mentoring program yet, look into starting one. It really helps acclimate new members into your program. If you need some pointers, get with Mimi Cox, chair of our mentoring committee.

I want to thank all of you for getting the word out about the nuisance wildlife survey. We had more than 30% of MGs statewide participating—that is fantastic. Once Becky McPeake has the statistics in place, we will share them with you. We are progressing nicely on the 2010 State meeting in Columbia County, so be sure to mark your calendar for May 20-22.

I am getting my 2010 calendar this week, and if you have dates you need to book, get with me. They fill up quickly in the spring. Enjoy fall, and hope to see you all soon.

—**Janet Carson**

Master Gardener Calendar of Events

September

- 10-11--*Go Native!* Advanced MG Training, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute. **MG only**
- 11—Registration deadline for Advanced MG Training *Rain Gardens*. Contact Karen Tipton karentipton@centurytel.net. **MG only**
- 12--*Blooms, Bulbs, and Bargains*, sponsored by IZard County Master Gardeners, 8 a.m., IZard County Fairgrounds.
- 12--Daylily Plant Sale, Hot Springs Daylily Society. Transportation Center/Farmers Market, Hot Springs.
- 13—Arkansas Orchid Society's Annual Plant Auction, 2 p.m., 2nd Presbyterian Church, Little Rock. Contact Eddie Ison, reason@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Becker, ybecker@sbcglobal.net.
- 18--Registration deadline for Advanced MG Training *Fun with Muscadines*. Contact Katie Hanshaw, khanshaw@uark.edu **MG only**
- 25--Registration deadline for Advanced MG Training *Extreme Herbal Adventures*, Fort Smith. Contact Dustin Blakey dbleakey@uaex.edu **MG only**
- 25-26--Advanced MG Training *Rain Gardens for Stormwater Management*, Mountain Home,. Contact: Karen Tipton karentipton@centurytel.net 870-404-3344. **MG only**

October

- 1--Advanced MG Training *Fun with Muscadines –Growing Muscadines in the Home Landscape*, Clarksville. **MG only**
- 1—Payback deadline for *Garden Voice* classes in PowerPoint and Newsletters/Graphic/Writing.
- 1-6--Arkansas Master Gardener Trip to South Carolina. - Full. rgulstrom@comcast.net **MG only**
- 6—St. Francis County Master Gardener Lecture Series, Tuesdays in October, 6 p.m., Free. East Arkansas Community College, Forrest City. 870-633-4480
- 8—Native Plant Workshop, Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs, www.garvangardens.org.
- 9-11—Garvan Woodland Gardens Annual Plant Sale, 10 a.m.
- 11—Central Arkansas Rose Society Rose Show, Faulkner County Resource Center, Conway, dona@alliancecable.net.
- 14--Advanced MG Training *Extreme Herbal Adventures*, Fort Smith. **MG only**
- 19—Deadline to register for Digital Photography Class in Hot Springs.
- 20—County 76 meeting, Arkansas 4-H Center Ferndale.
- 21—Advanced PowerPoint Class, Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale, 9 a.m.

November

- 5—Digital Photography Class, National Park Community College, Hot Springs.
- 19—Deadline to register for Digital Photography Class in Jonesboro.
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Calendar of Events (continued)

December

1--Annual Master Gardener Reports due (Annual report, financial report, county contact forms, MOA, annual inventory report)

5—Digital Photography Class, ASU, Jonesboro.

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February

13-- 22nd Annual Home & Garden Seminar & Show, Pine Bluff Convention Center, 8:30 a.m. Admission is **free**. Contact Don Plunkett at 870-534-1033 or dplunkett@uaex.edu

March

20--2nd Annual Nevada Co. Master Gardener seminar, at the Central Baptist Church Stokes Center. Our key speakers will be Janet Carson and Chris Olsen. More details to come.

April

17--*Spring in Saline*, Flower & Garden Show, Plant Sale and Educational Program, Saline Co. Fairgrounds 8:00-12:30 for more information call 501-303-5672.

May

20-22--Arkansas Master Gardener Convention, Magnolia, AR.

25-June 7--Master Gardener Italy Tour. Email Robyn Gulstrom rgulstrom@comcast.net

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October

11-14 – International Master Gardener Conference, Charleston, West Virginia, <http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu/>



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