## Arkansas Master Gardener Awards

The Arkansas Master Gardener Award season has arrived! Below are the nomination forms. The deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, January 14, 2022**. Awards will be presented during the Arkansas Master Gardener (MG) State Conference.

## Each MG Program is allowed only ONE nomination per award.

The awards are:

- 1. Master Gardener of the Year
- 2. Rookie of the Year
- 3. Project of the Year
- 4. Excellence in Education
- 5. Newsletter of the Year
- 6. County Extension Agent of the Year
- 7. Friend of Master Gardeners Individual
- 8. Friend of Master Gardeners Business or Organization

Two awards will be given for the following – MG of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Project of the Year, Excellence in Education, County Agent of the Year, and Newsletter of the Year – based on the MG program's membership size. MG program size is categorized as 50 members or less or 51 members or more. This membership count is based on the MG program's active members found at the bottom of the Master Gardener Summary page of the MG Online Reporting system.

Please write your nominations based on the guidelines and the specifically requested information for each award. Nominations will be sent to a panel of qualified judges selected by the County 76 Recruiting, Retention and Recognition Project. The decisions of the judges will be final.

All nominations should be submitted electronically from the local extension office after the county agent working with the MG program or the MG President has reviewed, signed and dated each nomination form. Nomination forms without a signature of the County Agent or the current MG President's signature will be returned. Please send all nomination forms as a PDF document. Photos should provide support, clarify, and/or enhance the understanding of the program's nomination content. Do not submit more digital photos or images than requested.

Submit the nominations electronically via email to Julie Treat at mg@uada.edu by <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 14, 2022</u>. <u>ALL</u> entries must be sent electronically. Please do not mail your nominations.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination forms or the process, please contact the Master Gardener State office at 501-671-2231.

Good luck!

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