



COUNTY 76 **2020 Sanctioned Project Synopses**

Advanced Training Project –The Advanced Training Project was developed as a retention strategy to keep members in the program who wish to obtain more in-depth knowledge about specific topics and get advanced levels of certification. To be eligible to attend an Advance Training class, an individual must have been in the Master Gardener program for three (3) years. The project will focus on developing and planning Advanced Trainings around the state with various host counties, which will provide additional opportunities for further learning.

Project Chair: Kay Roberts
Project Co-Chairs: Joyce Mendenhall and Marty Lynch

Fundraising Project – Raises money to fund programs by selling gardening tools, gloves, Master Gardener apparel, and other garden-related items at various events around the state; develops holding sites around the state for ease of distribution; maintains inventory spreadsheets.

The Silent Auction Committee is a part of the Fundraising Project. Funds raised help support the annual PNG Leadership Conference and the Janet B. Carson Scholarship Funds.

Project Co-Chairs: Karol Zoeller and Juanita Nesbitt
Silent Auction Chair: Jan Rensing

PNG Leadership Project – Plant Nurture Grow is an annual leadership training conference open to all Master Gardeners across the state. It is designed to inspire, educate, and provide necessary skill sets that will equip Master Gardeners for managing all aspects of Master organizational service. The training includes such skills as handling local projects, working with other volunteers, officer and chairmanship positions within our organization, as well as service to and interaction with our community.

Project Chair: Gail McClure
Project Co-Chairs: Donna Peebles and Debora Carpenter

Recruitment, Retention and Recognition Project – Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition of our members is key to the success of the Arkansas Master Gardener program. The "Annuals to Perennials" program (established in 2016) is designed to further integrate new members into the Master Gardener family and to acknowledge their mentors. To recognize outstanding Master Gardeners, the project oversees the state MG awards that are presented at the state MG conference. Creative and useful information is generated for the local MG programs to use as they recruit, retain and recognize their members.

Project Chair: Barbie Luther
Project Co-Chair: Mimi Cox