



Garden Voice Newsletter of County 76 3rd Quarter 2020

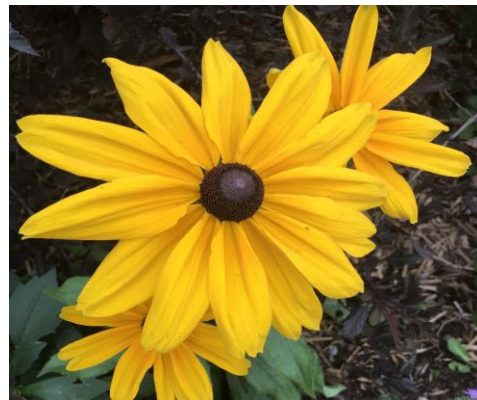


County 76 Newsletter Volume 24, Number 3
July 2020
Diane Smith, Editor

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT Gardening and Adapting to Change

This year has certainly been a year of change. Not being able to visit family and friends. Not being able to give a hug or a handshake and learning to smile with our eyes while wearing a mask. Seeing our family and friends on the computer screen instead of in person.

Even with all of these changes, we are still able to get out into our own gardens and do what we Master Gardeners love to do - garden! Dig in the dirt and grow flowers and vegetables. Many of you are still able to work at your county projects, while following Extension's COVID 19 guidelines. Many of you have taken part in the virtual educational programs that have been offered by counties and organizations across the state. So we are adapting to change while still being able to learn and continue gardening. These are two things at the heart of Master Gardeners.



Stay safe, healthy, happy and positive!

Happy Gardening!

Patsy Louk
County 76 President

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- County 76 Service Awards were announced for 15 and 5 years of service.
- Chris Meux, Design Specialist, Extension Office of Communications, provided attendees an insight to the 6 month process he used when designing the PNG logo.
- New attendees who joined County 76 after attending the July meeting include:
 - Ken Chen, Saline County, Advanced Training/PNG
 - Daniel Gladstone, Faulkner County, To be determined
 - Anita Gottlieb, Garland County, PNG
 - Paula Pelton, Saline County, RRR



THE PROJECT PATCH

ADVANCED TRAINING

- Linda Soffer, Jefferson County, was recognized for completing her Advanced Training Level 4 project, "*Arkansas Native Wildflowers*". Congratulations, Linda! Look for her presentation on the Master Gardener portion of the Extension website.
- Pope County (Russellville) is currently still planning to have an Advanced Training event on October 24th. The topic will be "*Native Plant Propagation*" with Mary Ann King, owner of Pine Ridge Gardens, lecturing and demonstrating in the afternoon. Watch for further announcements via Constant Contact.

FUNDRAISING

- A Pop-Up event is being planned in Washington County at the Extension Office on August 21 from 9 AM until 7 PM. Pre-orders will be available for pickup from Noon-1 PM. To place an order, contact Patsy Louk @ pjlouk@gmail.com or 479-841-9865.
- Other county Pop-Up events may be scheduled through Juanita Nesbitt and/or Karol Zoeller.

PLANT, NUTURE & GROW (PNG)

- A virtual PNG Leadership Conference will be held on August 24-25. This will be a **FREE** conference with attendees being able to join one or more – even ALL of the sessions. A Registration link has been sent out via Constant Contact.



Join a Zoom Conference and Learn

PNG will be held as a Zoom conference August 24-25, 2020. Join us for all or part of the sessions! Topics for everyone- Not just officers! Mark your calendar. Registration link will be sent out later.



Co-chairs: Gail McClure, Debora Carpenter, Linda Soffer & Donna Peebles

For more info on sessions: 501-348-4774 (Gail) Technology issues: 501-671-2231 (Julie)

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND RECOGNITION (RRR)

- It was a success! Over 200 attendees Zoomed the "We Are Here for You: Welcome to the Arkansas Master Gardener Program!"
- 2020 Master Gardener Awards will be presented on September 21 at Noon. Join to see a unique Zoom event to recognize all of the Master Gardener Award winners.
- Forms for 2021 Master Gardener Awards nominations will be available on the UAEX.edu Master Gardener website after the above event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24-25 – Zoom PNG Leadership Conference

September 21 - Zoom 2020 Master Gardener Awards Presentation

October 13 – Master Gardener Appreciation Day

October 27 – County 76 Membership Meeting, State Extension Office, Little Rock

(If we cannot meet together in Little Rock)

- **October 22** – Zoom County 76 Project Meetings
- **October 27** – Zoom County 76 Membership Meeting

Your 2020 County 76 Officers

President

Patsy Louk

Vice Present

Susan Colles

Secretary

Barbie Luther

Treasurer

Debbie Atchison

Asst. Treasurer

Nancy Cunningham

Past President

Linda Soffer

County 76 Agent
County 76 Coordinator

Berni Kurz
Julie Treat

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture offers all its Extension and Research programs and services without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.