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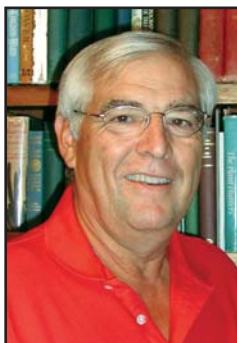
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## Retired Horticulturist Likes to Get His Hands Dirty

If Dr. Gerald Klingaman had to narrow down a list of his favorite things, two would no doubt surface: plants and rocks.

Since retiring from Extension four years ago, Dr. Klingaman has kept his hands in the soil and the rocks in his garden. He's also shared his expertise with a variety of organizations, including the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks in Fayetteville and as a judge for the America in Bloom program. He has been the volunteer executive director for the botanical gardens since June and was instrumental in getting the children's garden off the ground. He's particularly proud of the huge manmade tree with a nest at the top that's the focal point of the children's garden.

Dr. Klingaman has also written about plants and gardening since before he retired from Extension. He's a freelance writer, and his columns have appeared in various newspapers in Arkansas over the years.



Gerald Klingaman

He also contributes to *Arkansas Gardener* and writes for an online magazine, *Learn2Grow*.

Dr. Klingaman grew up on a wheat farm in Oklahoma and earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University. He assumed his first Extension post, a three-way split between extension, teaching and research based in Fayetteville, in January 1974 after graduating with his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He remained in that position until retiring in 2005.

As a writer, his interview subjects don't have much to say. However, he gathers plenty of information by the blush of a bloom or the hanging of a head.

"I guess my specialty is azaleas and rhododendrons," Dr. Klingaman said. "And I like rock gardens. That's a special interest at least."

Dr. Klingaman's interest in rocks has even sent him back to the classroom. He's taking geology classes at the University of Arkansas.

When he's not working, gardening or taking classes, he likes to hike with the Ozark Society, travel, enjoy local folk music and his four grandchildren who live nearby. He and his wife, Jolene, have four children.

"I enjoy being retired," he said. "It's nice being able to set your own schedule."

He does miss the camaraderie of Extension, but "I do some talks so I'm not completely disengaged," he said.

To reconnect with Dr. Klingaman, contact him at 479-582-0362, gklinga@uark.edu, 1645 Applebury Dr., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

– Shannon Magsam

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## Sanders Not Ready for a Life of Leisure

For 22 years, publications specialist Carol Sanders edited, laid out and designed Extension publications at the state office. When she retired in 1997, she thought she'd "do the retirement thing."

"I took lessons from a golf pro. I thought that's what you did when you retired," she recalls with a laugh. Instead, she found herself thinking, "I thought this was supposed to be fun."

She tried skiing. But she did not care for the speed of other skiers on the slopes. The mountain-side scenery was better than the speed, so she ruled out skiing.

So back to work she went – all the time hoping for a part-time writing/editing position. She worked for the National Agricultural Statistics Service gathering information from farmers on crops, yields and farmland. She did office work for the Census Bureau during the 2000 census and gained a whole new appreciation for clerical staffers.

Then, it happened – writing/editing work. After a short stint at *The Trucker*, a publication for

18-wheeler drivers, and some freelance projects, she began her current position as a part-time writer/editor in the communications office of the School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.



Carol Sanders

Another of her pursuits is travel. "The part-time work funds my travels," she noted.

Sanders likes to visit her children and grandchildren who live in other states. Her son, Luther "Sonny" Sanders Jr., and family live in Columbia, Mo. (Mrs. Sanders and family lived in Columbia where she worked for extension at the University of Missouri before moving to

Little Rock in 1974.) Sanders' daughter, Susan, and family live in Flint, Texas.

Sanders and her husband, Herbert Reiner, have traveled to Paris, London, Hawaii and many U.S. cities. They are "regulars" at the yearly National Federation of Press Women's Communications Conference, having just returned from San Antonio last month. She is a member of Arkansas Press Women.

Sanders doesn't see herself giving up writing or editing any time soon. Her volunteer activities revolve around writing/editing. She serves as editor of *Arkansas Federation News*, the statewide newsletter of NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, and also writes and edits NARFE's Chapter 93 newsletter.

"I'll probably be that person in the nursing home who gets the newsletter together!" she said. To reconnect with Carol J. Sanders, contact her at 501-225-9398, carolsr@juno.com, 6 Bradford Court, Little Rock, Ark. 72227.

– Shannon Magsam

## Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gifts were recently received recognizing retirees of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers gifts deposited Sept. 1-30, 2009.

### ■ CES Retiree Scholarship Fund

*In honor of Mike Wright*

Merritt Royal

*In memory of Glen Trogmorton*

Elna Throgmorton

Do you know of someone you want to honor or remember?

Honorary or memorial gifts to the CES Retiree Scholarship provide an ideal opportunity to make a charitable contribution in someone's name while helping to grow Extension endowments. For more information on the existing endowments or to discuss the options of leaving a legacy, contact Merritt Royal, director of development, 501-671-2156, 479-575-2322, mjroyal@uark.edu.

To make an honorary or memorial donation, please forward to the Communications Office, ATTN: Martha Thorpe, Cooperative Extension Service, P.O. Box 391, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. To ensure that proper notification is sent, please also include in whose honor or memory the gift is made and the mailing address of the person to receive the notification.

– Merritt Royal

## **November Birthdays**

Massie Silva, Nov. 3  
Louise Burns, Nov. 4  
Frances Hindsley Story, Nov. 4  
Sue Palsa, Nov. 9  
Wallace Cummings, Nov. 10  
Jerry McIntyre, Nov. 11  
Ruby Talbert, Nov. 12  
Doris Begeman, Nov. 13  
Patsy Keller, Nov. 15  
Eugenia Hockett, Nov. 18  
Betty Allen, Nov. 19  
Dorothy Price Sitton, Nov. 19  
Luther Roberts, Nov. 20  
Viessa West, Nov. 21  
John Philpot, Nov. 23  
Pearl Ray, Nov. 23  
David Ibsen, Nov. 27  
Vatra Stone, Nov. 27  
Louise McPherson, Nov. 28  
Novelle Bond Clark, Nov. 30

### **Glen Pye, Retired Staff Chair, Dies**

George Glen Pye, 88, of North Little Rock died Oct. 4.

Pye received bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from the University of Arkansas. He began his Extension career in 1945 when he served as an emergency production assistant in Johnson, Washington and Searcy counties. He subsequently worked as an agricultural agent in Searcy, Logan, Johnson, Perry and Cleveland counties and served as staff chair in Cleveland County from 1973 until his retirement in 1979.

He is survived by his daughter, Anne Shadle of Sherwood; a son, Don, of Marlton, New Jersey; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Watson Chapel Lions Club, c/o Ferral West, 7910 Shannon Rd., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71603.

— *Laura Goforth*

## **From the Editorial Board**

The 2010 retiree luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, April 15, in Cabe Hall at the 4-H Center near Ferndale. We will present our second scholarship to an Extension employee to be used toward his or her university degree or national workshops.

We hope you will join us for the luncheon. If you haven't attended one or more of our luncheons, you are missing out on a great opportunity to visit and catch up with your Extensions friends and colleagues.

The scholarship fund has grown to \$12,699.50, as of the end of the second quarter of this year. We expect the fund to continue to grow and will know mid-February as to the amount of scholarship we may offer. We gave \$500 last year, and we hope to give the same amount or more in 2010.

We plan to announce the scholarship to Extension employees on or before January 15, 2010, with applications due mid-February.

If you know of Extension employees who might be

interested in applying, be sure to tell them to look for the announcement mid-January.

Our previous goal for our endowed scholarship fund was \$10,000, which we have surpassed. Congratulations to each of you. Let's shoot for an endowed scholarship of \$15,000 over the next year, which will help us offer more scholarships or a larger scholarship.

If you are interested in giving to the scholarship fund, please fill out the form found in this month's *Extension Cord* and send in a check to help. We hope to increase our endowed amount to better help this generation of Extension employees.

We can think of no worthier scholarship than one which helps employees who carry on the legacy we have provided through our years of service.

Your Editorial Board

### **Editorial Board Members**

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Bob Reynolds, Editor	

### **Juanita Moffitt, Retired Secretary, Dies**

Juanita Moffitt, 76, of Piggott died Sept. 11 in Jonesboro.

Moffitt worked from 1984 through 2001 as a secretary at the Clay County Extension Office - Corning and from 2001 through 2009 as a temporary clerical assistant, also in Clay County.

She is survived by her husband, Verlin; daughter, Vicki; and son, Gary, all of Piggott; one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Piggott Elementary School.

— *Laura Goforth*

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**Martha Sue Smith, Retired Secretary, Dies**

Martha Sue (Moppy) Smith, 78, of Pine Bluff died Sept. 19.

Smith worked as a clerk typist in the Jefferson County Extension Office from 1990 through 1997 and as a secretary from 1997 through 2006.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Smith, Jr. of Pine Bluff; a sister, Betty McLellan Jones of Pine Bluff; a daughter, Liz Parkhurst of Little Rock; two sons, Ralph Smith III of Austin, Texas, and Tom Smith of Westfield, New Jersey; and five grandchildren,

Memorials may be made to Lakeside United Methodist Church (designated to UMCOR), 1500 Olive Street, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71603, or to Trinity Village, 6400 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71603.

– Laura Goforth

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