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Master Gardeners *Create Beauty* In Gardens Throughout Pulaski County



Arkansas Flower and Garden Show

The Arkansas Flower and Garden Show attracts visitors from across the state to the Statehouse Convention Center. Pulaski County Master Gardeners provide many of the volunteers necessary to run the show, several serve on the Show board, and the PCMG Greenhouse Committee forces hundreds of trademark pink azaleas for the show.



Arkansas Arts Center

Master Gardeners design, plant and care for the plants in the courtyards and at the entrance of the Arkansas Arts Center, located in MacArthur Park in Little Rock. MGs use a wide variety of annuals and perennials, in order to maintain form and color throughout the seasons.



Cammack Home Fruit Demonstration

This committee helps University of Arkansas Fruit Crops Specialists maintain the plantings of strawberries, blackberries, grapes, and blueberries. MGs also care for a number of annual and perennial ornamentals in adjacent gardens.



Contemplation Garden

Also located in MacArthur Park, the Contemplation Garden is a memorial dedicated to victims of violent crime. Master Gardeners plant and maintain seasonal color, prune, and perform general maintenance.



Greenhouse

PCMGs use the greenhouse on the grounds of the State Hospital to raise pansies and other plants for projects, as well as for spring and fall plant sales. They also force the hundreds of pink azaleas here for use in the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show.



Horticulture Therapy

Master Gardeners present a horticulture therapy program two Saturdays a month at the Baptist Rehabilitation Institute. Most of the people attending are stroke patients, and they enjoy the hands-on, plant-related activity.



Horticulture Clinic

Master Gardeners help man the phones and assist walk-in clientele at the Pulaski County Extension Office. These volunteers answer thousands of garden-related questions every year.



Jacksonville City Hall

This PCMG committee designs, plants, and maintains the flowerbeds in front of the City Hall. Massive rocks anchor the entrance beds and add textural contrast. Crape myrtles, weeping yaupon hollies, and various shrubs mingle with chrysanthemums, tulips, 'Wave' petunias, and other annuals and perennials that provide seasonal color.

Mount Holly Cemetery

On the National Historic Register, Mount Holly Cemetery has many heritage roses that were planted years ago. MGs preserve the older plants, as well as propagate and train more roses on the wrought iron fence around the cemetery.



Old Mill

A favorite spot in North Little Rock for locals and tourists, the Old Mill is a large park with lots of shrubs and flowerbeds. Master Gardeners, working closely with the city's Parks and Recreation Department, design, plant, and maintain the park.



Park Hill Water Works

This Art Deco building in the Park Hill area of North Little Rock houses the North Little Rock History Commission. PCMGs are in the process of restoring hardscaping, as well as designing and developing the landscape.



Old State House

Master Gardeners, with a grant from the state, relandscaped the beds in front of the Old State House and around the fountain. They added 'New Dawn' roses to the back fence and planted ground cover around the back entrance in preparation for the grand reopening. They continue to maintain existing beds and plant seasonal color. This project won Best MG Project in Arkansas in 2001.



Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Master Gardeners designed the park's wildflower and butterfly demonstration garden. The latest addition to this large project is the wildflower meadow. MGs continue to plant and maintain the gardens, as well as keep plants labeled for the general public.

Pulaski County Extension Office

Master Gardeners have relandscaped the grounds of the Pulaski County Extension Office. There are several perennial beds, a foundation planting, and seasonal color beds, as well as a large lawn.



River Market Clinic

Master Gardeners staff a clinic at the Little Rock River Market twice a month during the growing season to accept soil samples, give timely gardening tips, and answer landscape/garden questions for the general public.



State Hospital

Master Gardeners design, plant, and maintain the butterfly garden in front of the Administration Building. In exchange, the State Hospital gives PCMGs the use of their greenhouse.



Speakers Bureau

Master Gardeners with expertise in specific areas volunteer to present educational programs to civic organizations, church groups, neighborhood associations, and garden clubs. Master Gardeners also serve as expert advisors during the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs spring garden tour.



State Cooperative Extension Office

Master Gardeners plant seasonal color and maintain small shrubs in the gardens fronting the State Extension Office Building. The entire grounds demonstrate varieties of annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees that are particularly suited to grow in Central Arkansas.

Vegetable Garden At The Mansion

The chefs at the Governor's Mansion harvest fresh seasonal vegetables from the garden, which is planned, planted, and maintained by Master Gardeners. This project is a decorative, as well as producing, garden.



War Memorial Garden

On the corner of Fair Park and Markham Streets in Little Rock, Pulaski County Master Gardeners design, plant, and maintain a large flowerbed with color all year. They also prune and care for the Japanese maples that provide light shade for passersby.

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