November Meeting – Election of Officers

Who will lead the Master Gardeners in 2015? The November meeting (Thursday, November 13th) will tell the tale!

The nominating committee ELECTED at the September meeting (Judith White, Alice McMillan, Agnes Fields, Teresa Slack, and Robert High), submitted the following for office:

- **PRESIDENT** – Teresa Slack
- **VICE-PRESIDENT** – Rita Nichols
- **SECRETARY** – Kathy Boyles
- **TREASURER** – Robert High

Nominations will be accepted from the floor (with nominees’ approval) for each office. Paper ballots will be used for any contested office. See you at the ‘voting place’!

Master Gardeners Only Website Re-Launched

We have a new username and password for the newly re-launched MG ONLY section of the extension website that is password protected. **USERNAME** is mgonly (all lowercase letters). **PASSWORD** is: Compost2 (capital “C”)

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Master Gardeners Training PowerPoints Online

Many of the PowerPoint presentations from the recent Master Gardener Basic Training are in the process of being added to our Miller County webpage. Check them out at www.uaex.edu/counties/miller/

Trainees Receiving Provisional Certificates

Provisional Master Gardener Trainees received their certificates at the October Master Gardener monthly meeting. Congratulations!

Master Gardener 2015 Calendars

The 2015 Master Gardener calendars are out, and once again, they look amazing!! Our very own Miller County Master Gardener, Andrea Thomas, took top honors having her photo on the cover.

If you would like to place an order, please let Rita know and she will place a bulk order for our county. Individual calendars are available for $1 each. You will not find calendars any cheaper!!

Contact Rita – (870-773-5363 or email eagleptsway@aol.com). She will be placing these orders after the November 13th monthly meeting so please bring your money (or make out a check to CES in the amount of how many calendars you order). Individual calendars are available for $1 each – no taxes charged!

Dr. Granberry at Nov’s MG Meeting

The speaker for our November meeting will be Dr. Royce Granberry. Dr. Granberry is a retired professor from Texarkana Community College. One of his major areas of concentration is Agricultural Science. He has been chair of the Division of Natural Sciences at TCC. He taught Zoology, Botany, Ornamental Physiology, Dendrology and many other subjects during his 45 year career. He will be speaking about how horticulture enriches our lives. Our own Master Gardener, Georgia McFaul, has known Dr. Granberry for many years during her career at TCC. She says all of his students loved taking his classes.

We are very fortunate to have a person of such experience and distinction to present our program. Please make every effort to be at this meeting on November 13th, 6 p.m., at the REA building.

Remember: Everyone, including new trainees, can count the education/speaker part of our monthly meeting for education hours. Don’t forget to document this online or add it to your time sheet. The rest of the meeting can be counted as community service each month. Don’t hesitate to ask if you have questions about this.

Don’t forget that our Nov meeting is also election of officers. See more on page 1.
Planning for 2015 Sanctioned Projects

At the November meeting we will vote on the Sanctioned Projects for 2015, by paper ballot. During the year, other projects may be submitted as “Sanctioned Projects.”

The purpose of “Sanctioned Projects” is to make sure we have the labor force to carry that project through. Usually it is one of our more visible and important projects; some are on-going and some are short-term. This is the reason at least half of your required hours must go towards Sanctioned Projects. All of your hours (except Education) may come from Sanctioned Projects. We represent a large area and it is important to be visible, serve large numbers, & follow our Mission Statement.

The following recommended by Executive Committee, with approval of the nominated officers for 2015:

**Miller County Courthouse Beds** –

Make long range plan, coordinate workdays with group volunteers, plant and maintain (flowerbeds only), responsible for purchasing chemicals, fertilizer, and plants through Judge’s office budget. Year-round project with peak time from early spring-fall.

**Gateway Farmers’ Market** – Oversees daily operations of market, participate in long range planning, beautification of area, scheduling of day managers, education of vendors & educational programs for the community. Planning is year-round with peak times for the market from April-October.

**Back to Nature** – A one-day event to introduce/expose inner-city children to nature through educational & fun programming. Work in cooperation with state agencies and others, preparation of site and set-up, serve approximately 200 for lunch, and guide & work with the children the day of event. Pre-planning several months in advance. Event is mid-June or early July.

**Talks at the Library** – Several pre-planning meetings with the library to plan program (the last three years have had two days – one day with 4 sessions for children and one day with one session each for teens & adults). Pre-planning starts in March or April with workshop days, mid-July.

**Nashville Demo Garden & Market** – Work with local community in daily operation of market and develop educational programs for the community. Demo garden is an educational tool for the community. Coordinate volunteers for both the market and garden. Planning is year round. Peak time for the market & garden, April-October.

**Ogden Community Center/Fire Station** – Plan workdays (2 per year), replace, re-plant, prune as needed. Lots of community involvement. Spring and Fall.

Volunteers Needed for Red River Pecan Show

I am calling on you to volunteer to help with the 2014 Red River Pecan Show and Contest, Tues., Dec. 2, 8:00-noon, at the REA building. We will need your assistance in weighing, determining percent kernel in a pecan, cracking and picking meat from hulls, and judging. We will also be placing pecans in proper divisions and varieties. Please bring your pecan crackers if you have any on hand. This will possibly be my last official pecan show.

Master Gardeners, this program has been more successful because of you so please come out and volunteer. You can use the time from this program for education hours. Program co-chairs are Robert High and Cheryl Turner.
**Miller County Courthouse Beds Workday**

A very special thanks goes out to our new Master Gardeners for their help with the flowerbeds at the Miller County Courthouse. These great volunteers who worked during October include: Pam Rayburn, Charlotte Fuller, Sue Briley, Sue Lambert, Brenda Engledowl, and Chris Engledowl. Also greatly appreciated in this continuing work includes: Liz Rowten, Georgia McFaul, Mary Carlisle, Nina Goldman, Nancy Biggar and Jan Scott.

**A Poem to Live By**

“To live is to love — to love is to change — to change is to grow — to grow is to hurt — to hurt is to feel — to feel is to care — to care is to hope — to hope is to live!”

**Master Gardener Basic Training Photos**

Photos submitted by Pam Rayburn
Adventures in Plant Breeding w/Encore Azalea Inventor

**NOVEMBER 8th • 10:00-11:00 • Magnolia Room**

Master Gardeners are invited to enjoy this presentation – “Adventures in Plant Breeding” – with Encore azalea inventor, Robert “Buddy” Lee. After the program, there will be some plants for sale/auction, provided by members. For more information, contact Anne Guelker at 573-226-1335. This presentation is sponsored by Ozark Chapter American Rhododendron Society.

**Holiday Lights 2014**

**NOVEMBER 22nd-December 31st • 5:00-9:00 PM nightly**

See 4 million brilliant bulbs transform approximately 17 acres into a memorable animated holiday display in one of Arkansas’ most anticipated events. Complimentary hot chocolate is available. The Chipmunk Café will be open from 3:00-9:00 each day. Members free/$10 adults/$5 ages 6-12/free ages 0-5. They will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

**Calendar of Events**

**Nov. 8th** – Adventures in Plant Breeding with Encore Azalea Inventor Buddy Lee – 10-11 AM – 573-226-1335 – GWG

**Nov. 11th** – Veterans’ Day – Courthouse Closed

**Nov. 13th** – MG Monthly Meeting – REA – 6 PM – Officer Elections & Program by Dr. Granberry!

**Nov. 13th** – Did you remember to place your MG calendar orders with Rita? Only $1 each.

**Nov. 15th** – Courthouse Flowerbed Workday

**Nov. 21st** – John Turner’s Retirement – REA – 2:00-4:00 PM

**Nov. 22nd-Dec. 31st** – Holiday Lights 2014 – 5-9 PM - GWG

**Nov. 27th-28th** – Miller County Courthouse Closed for Thanksgiving

**Dec. 1st** – last day for December “Master Memo” articles to Janet – jsmallwood@uaex.edu. Put MG News in subject line.

**Dec. 1st** – Pesticide Applicators Training – REA – 6:00-8:00 PM

**Dec. 2nd** – Red River Pecan Show & Contest – REA – 8:00-noon

**Dec. 11th** – December MG Meeting/Potluck/Christmas – 6:00 PM – REA

**Dec. 15th** – last day for January “Master Memo” articles to Janet

**Dec. 24th-Jan. 2nd** – Miller County Extension Service is closed for the holidays.
What the Plant Catalog Terms Really Mean

The following article was written by Ann Wood, a White County Master Gardener who lives in Searcy. Written permission to reprint it was granted.

People who garden for any length of time, sadly, eventually learn there is a wide gulf between terms used by the glossy plant catalogs, and the reality of their actual gardening experience. The following terms or phrases have been explained according to my reality.

**Variegated** – a white spot or two on the leaves, picked up only by using a special filter on the camera lens, on a cool overcast day. Any variegation actually visible to the naked eye bleaches out in our hot summer temperatures.

**Hardy** – a term used by growers on the California coast, meaning can take frigid temperatures down to 40 degrees.

**Withstands extreme heat** – a phrase used by growers in the Pacific Northwest, meaning plant can take temperatures in the sweltering mid-80 degrees.

**Grows in any soil** – provided you amend that soil with compost, sand, leaf mold, bone meal, sawdust, eggshells, straw, earthworm castings, and super-phosphate. Do it once & then do it again.

**Blooms all summer** – plant will have its main flush of bloom in May and one lone bloom in August and perhaps another in September.

**Blooms in earliest spring** – blooms in May.

**Blooms in late summer** – blooms in May.

**Blooms until frost** – its only bloom will be the morning of the first frost due that night.

**“Orange” phlox plants** – will always be hot pink or fuchsia.

**“Blue” roses** – will always be lilac or fuchsia.

**“Peach,” “Papaya,” mango,” or “Cantalooupe” daylilies** – fruity words for orange daylilies nearly indistinguishable from the ditch daylilies, except for the price.

**Re Redeem your certificate for $20 free merchandise** – does not even cover the shipping and handling charge for your order.

**Drought resistant** – means you do not have to have anyone come water it over the weekend if you go to Branson.

**Extremely drought resistant** – stay one more day if you are having a great time.

**Dramatic new hosta** – looks exactly like five already in your gardens.

**Easy to grow** – survives just long enough to negate any refund guarantee from seller.

**Requires well-drained soil** – two consecutive days of rain, & it will rot.

**Requires evenly moist soil** – causes a personal visit from the water meter man asking if it is possible that you have an underground leak of which you are unaware.

**Flaming fall color** – provided drought has not been so bad all the leaves have not already dropped off by August.

**Casual” or “Lax growth habit** – plant will flop over, smothering the most beautiful plant you have.

**Vigorous growth** – the four inch pot you planted this spring, will after one year, have swamped and choked out everything in a five-foot radius.

**Groundcover withstands foot traffic** – provided the feet are no heavier than those of your cat or teacup poodle.

**One-gallon size** – refers to the pot size, but the plant should be in a four-inch pot.

**Order early, stock extremely limited** – they only have 15,000 of these plants.

**Good for butterfly gardening** – the caterpillars will eat it totally to the ground.

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of all happenings, work days, meetings, state/local workshops, good news and bad news, and reminders via email, phone, or writing.

**Public relations** – notifies media of special events, educational workshops, etc. via newspaper, TV, radio, and electronic media.

**History/scrapbook** – maintain scrapbook of all Master Gardener activities and keep history updated.

**Master Gardener Projects**

**Basic Training** – working with Extension Agent planning MG training to comply with state guidelines. Arrange for speakers; recruit prospective MGs; interview and select trainees; set-up, prepare & serve refreshments & lunch. Clean-up. Planning is year-round. Training is usually in October.

**Red River pecan show** – committee sets up location, contacts area Extension Agents & pecan growers to participate. Judging is one day with pre-planning and preparation required. Show pecans at 4-States Agri-Expo. This year the Pecan Show will be Tues., December 2, 2014, REA, from 8:00-noon.

**Four States Agri-Expo** – work with Miller & Bowie County Extensions with planning, setting up areas for speakers, displays, etc. Introduce speakers, help with registration, help prepare, set-up, serve and clean-up lunch for 300+. Dismantle, gather up equipment and return. Pre-planning for several months. Event is February 12th, 2015, all day.

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PECAN GRAFTWOOD COLLECTION & GRAFTING – work with Extension Agent to plan collection & grafting days. Check to be sure necessary equipment and supplies are on site, and help with class. This is for community and MG. Sometimes lunch is cooked over a fire. Be prepared to receive graftwood money from sales. Early Spring.

PECAN WEEVIL TRAPS – work with Agent, plan work days for building traps and have materials ready for work crews. Install traps (nominal fee), if requested. Sale of traps is a money making project for MGs. Planning starts February/March. Building traps is usually April/May.

Community Projects

4-H FISHING DERBY – help coordinate with Extension, NRCS, MCCD, and community volunteers, with contacting participants, planning and carrying out project. Summer.

4-H DAY AT AG LEARNING CENTER – work with Ag Center director and Agents to plan and prepare educational and fun events for 4-H groups from all over the Four-States area. Summer.

FOUR STATES FAIR KIDS’ DAY – work with Fair Association for area schools, morning/ early afternoon at the Fair. Usually two days with activities planned for age groups. During the fair – mid-September.

Online Reporting of Volunteer Hours

By Andrea Thomas

Just a reminder that December 31st is the last day for reporting your volunteer hours into the online system. Most of you are doing a great job, but a few need to start placing their hours into the system. Remember, all your hours are important. Please report all of your hours; do not just put the minimum in. Your hours matter. Our volunteer hours help the state get grants, and shows that our MG organization cares and supports our county and surrounding areas. If you need help placing hours into the online system, just give me a call. If you would rather have me place in your hours, then turn timesheets in at the meeting, mail them, email them, or call me.

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Gateway Farmers’ Market Notes

Thank you to ALL Master Gardeners who worked at the Gateway Farmers’ Market this year! According to the vendors, “this was the BEST YEAR EVER!” There was always a green shirt handy to take care of any situation that arose, and the coffee pot was always ready!

Master Gardeners, you are the G R E A T E S T! Thank you.

The Market will be open Saturday, November 8th and probably the 15th. If you need sanctioned hours, please call or email to schedule your time. Call Bill Bean at 903-547-6911 or email wpmvb@windstream.net

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FREE PLANT WITH EVERY ORDER – plants we could not sell last year, and oh, did we say live plant?

GROWS IN THE SHADE – provided it gets 3 hours of sun a day.

CAN TAKE FULL SUN – provided it gets 3 hours of shade a day.

PLANTS SHIPPED AT PROPER TIME FOR YOUR AREA – plants shipped whenever we get to it.

HIGHLY FRAGRANT – highly odoriferous.

SPINELESS ZUCCHINI – provided your skin has the thickness of a turtle shell.

COMPACT ZUCCHINI PLANT – only covers a 7-foot radius rather than 8-foot.

EVER-BEARING STRAW-
John L. Turner  
(Pecan John)  
is retiring from the Miller County  
Extension Service after 26 years of  
dedicated service to the community.  
Please join us for his retirement  

November 21, 2014  
2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Southwest Electric Cooperative Building (REA),  
2904 East 9th Street, Texarkana, AR  
Park on left side of building. Parking is very limited.  

Your attendance is his gift.

Bits and Pieces  
By Lois Cheney  
People, people important to you,  
people unimportant to you, cross your life,  
touch it with love and carelessness and  
move on. There are  
people who leave you,  
and you breathe a sigh of relief and wonder  
why you ever came into contact with them.  
There are people who leave you and you  
breathe a sigh of remorse and wonder  
why they had to go away and leave such  
a gaping hole.  
Children leave  
parents, friends leave friends.  
Acquaintances move on. People change  
houses. People grow apart. Enemies hate  
and move on. Friends love and move on.  
You think on the many  
who have moved into  
your hazy memory.  
You look on those  
present and wonder.  
People come in and  
out of each other’s  
lives, and each leaves  
his mark on the other.  
You find that you are  
made up of bits and  
pieces of all who ever  
touched your life, and  
you are more because  
of it, and you would be  
less if they had not  
touched you.  
Accept the bits and  
pieces in humility and  
wonder, and never  
question, and never  
regret.

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.”  
Gertrude Jekyll

Vermi-Composting  
Our very own Carl Silliman gave a great  
presentation on vermin-composting at our October  
meeting.