Janet Carson:  
Our Birthday  
I never understand why people want to ignore their birthday!  
Every year is an achievement and a reason to celebrate!
THANKS, JAN SPAAN, FORMER GARDEN VOICE EDITOR

County 76 leaders and editorial staff of the Garden Voice thank Jan Spaan for countless hours of research, interviews, writing, photographs, verifying, and publishing to provide AR MGs an excellent publication. Mighty big shoes to fill, m’aam!

GARLAND COUNTY’S SOUTHERN INSPIRATION GARDEN
A STUNNING JOINT EFFORT

Each Monday morning GCMG works with 16 recruited garden organizations on a new and amazing Garvan Gardens project: the Southern Inspiration Garden. Initiated by GCMG with a grant from the State Legislature, Garland County MGs jointly fund, design, construct, and maintain a beautiful garden displaying plants that do well in central Arkansas. Extraordinary. Don’t miss it!

GARDEN OF HOPE: POPE COUNTY
MIRACLE GARDEN CHANGES LIVES

Margaret Pinder

A long-term dream of Pope County’s Circuit Judge Ken Coker, Jr., the Garden of Hope began in January 2012. Recognizing parallels between gardening and nurturing young people, Judge Coker believes that teaching gardening principles to kids through a positive mentor results in learning important life lessons. Through this approach kids, especially kids at risk, are inspired and enabled to thrive, blossom, and make sound critical life decisions.

Probation Officer, Jaime Davis integrates the program into her work with young people. After careful planning and selection, young people began participating in an ongoing mentoring program, implemented by Pope MGs in conjunction with the Circuit Court Office.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 20TH + 27TH BIRTHDAY

President David Anderson announced Mt. Ida and Norman mayors and the county judge will proclaim October 17 as “Master Gardener Appreciation Day.” Local restaurants are offering a discount to all Master Gardeners with MG badges. For Montgomery County MGs it is their 20th birthday and the 27th for Arkansas Master Gardeners.

UNION COUNTY CELEBRATES 27TH BIRTHDAY

Union County MGs plan a 27th birthday party for the AR MG program at their monthly meeting October 15th. Janet Carson will speak on bulbs and the MG program. Public is invited to both the program and birthday cake.

MASTER GARDENER & GWG CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FALL/WINTER 2015

Print out the 3-month calendar of statewide MG programs, events, and activities as well as Garvan Gardens’ programs and events.

[click to print out Events Calendar]

APPLAUSE

Standing ovation for Louise S. Lee who invested innumerable hours configuring and designing the logistics for this and future on-line Garden Voice editions. Way above & beyond the call of duty!

PLANT*NURTURE*GROW DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 19-20, 2015

“The Red Apple Road to Volunteer Leadership Success”

Conference application is full. Check to see if there are any openings. This promises to be the best Leadership Development Conference ever! More breakout sessions. Exceptional speakers. A true focus on individual MG position development!! Dinner Keynote speaker is ASU Heber Springs Vice Chancellor.

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