

## Garden Voice Newsletter of County 76 4th Quarter 2020



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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Season's  
Change*



*Summer* is gone,  
*Fall* is here and *Winter* will be upon  
us soon. Even as the growing season  
winds down, we gardeners are still busy. Saving seeds, raking,  
deadheading, mulching; the gardening chores seem to never end.  
Indoors, our decorations move from holiday to holiday. As the days  
grow shorter and we cozy up in front of the fireplace, think about all  
those Master Gardener friends you haven't seen all summer. Spread

*a little sunshine and mail them a card or give them a call. You will be glad you did and so will they.*

*Continue to **Meet the Challenge!***

*Continue to stay safe!*

*Smile and have a **Happy Holiday Season!***

*Patsy Louk, County 76 President*



## **THE HIGHLIGHTS**

- This year, being an even year, is time for the election of president and vice president. Elected for a second term via a Zoom poll are Patsy Louk, Washington County, for President; and Susan Colles, Pope County, for Vice President.
- Debbie Howell was appointed Assistant Treasurer by Pasty Louk to complete the term of Nancy Cunningham.
- About 190 from over 45 counties soon-to-be Master Gardeners are taking the On-line class.
- Berni Kurz reminded us that Arkansas is still in Stage 2 of the COVID19 guidelines. They will be in effect at least until January 15, 2021.
- Volunteer hours are due by December 15.
- New attendees who joined County 76 after attending the October meetings include:
  - Barbara Acree, Cleburne County, Fundraising
  - Lotus Bui, Pope County, All Projects
  - Becky Gibson, Pulaski County, Advanced Training
  - John Hiegel, Craighead County, Advance Training

## THE GALLERY



Lotus Bui  
Pope County



Ken Chen  
Saline County



Daniel Gladstone  
Faulkner County



Paula Pelton  
Saline County

## THE PROJECT PATCH ADVANCED TRAINING

- Darlene McGuire will serve as Co-Chair in 2021 with Kay Roberts as Chair.
- The Garland County Bonsai Advanced Training scheduled in 2021 has been cancelled.
- Guidelines for Zoom Advanced Training classes are being developed.

## FUNDRAISING

- Juanita Nesbitt and Karol Zoeller will serve as dual Chairs in 2021.
- Pre-Order Pickup events will be held in Faulkner, Pulaski, and Saline counties on November 21. Information will be sent to these counties. Future events will be scheduled in 2021.

## PLANT, NUTURE & GROW (PNG)

- PNG will be led by Gail McClure as Chair and SueAnn Buratowski and Linda Soffer as Co-Chairs.
- A hybrid PNG Leadership Conference is being planned for September 20 and 21, 2021. Committees are being formed to address all the details. More information will be available in early 2021.

## RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND RECOGNITION (RRR)

- In 2021, Mimi Cox will serve as Chair with Hilde Simmons in the Co-Chair position.
- 2020 Master Gardener Award nomination forms are posted on the County 76 webpage: <https://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/master-gardeners/awards.aspx>
- A Challenge Award will be presented only for 2020. This was developed due to the challenging year Master Gardeners have had in 2020.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 21, 2020** – County 76 Tool Shopping Event (Faulkner, Pulaski, and Saline Counties **Only**)

**January 26, 2021** – County 76 Membership Meeting, State Extension Office, Little Rock

(If we cannot meet together in Little Rock)

- **January 21** – Zoom County 76 Project Meetings
- **January 26** – Zoom County 76 Membership Meeting

**January 15, 2021** – 2021 Janet B. Carson County Scholarship deadline

**February 15, 2021** – 2020 Master Gardener Award Nomination deadline

**March 10, 2021** – 2021-2022 Janet B. Carson Student Scholarship deadline

## **Your 2021 County 76 Officers**

President	Patsy Louk
Vice Present	Susan Colles
Secretary	Barbie Luther
Treasurer	Debbie Atchison
Asst. Treasurer	Debbie Howell
Past President	Linda Soffer
County 76 Agent	Berni Kurz
County 76 Coordinator	Julie Treat

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