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Nine communities receive Greening of Arkansas grants

Nine communities across Arkansas will receive a combined total of \$15,000 in grant funding through the Greening of Arkansas Grant Program.

Applications are accepted from community and civic organizations for beautification projects on public lands. Proceeds from the annual Arkansas Flower and Garden Show fund the Greening of Arkansas program, along with financial support from other entities.

The recipients of the grant funding, which range in amounts from \$700 to \$2,500, were selected by a three-person committee.

This year's recipients include:

- Southern Arkansas University Tech in East Camden, which will receive \$2,500 to landscape an area on SAUT's campus to display a Rocket Monument.
- Seven Hills Garden in Fayetteville. The Seven Hills Homeless Shelter will receive \$700 to create a small garden at the shelter.
- The Boone County Master Gardeners in Harrison, who will receive \$1,200 to establish a pollinator garden for use in education and demonstrations.
- The Pulaski County Master Gardeners in Little Rock, who will receive \$2,500 to plant a demonstration garden for horticultural education.
- The Pulaski Heights Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association in Little Rock, which will receive \$1,500 to establish a small green space for students and public use.
- Audubon Arkansas in Little Rock, which will receive \$1,100 to improve native plant demonstration gardens.

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Working on a Greening of Arkansas Project near Woolly Hollow State Park. (Image courtesy the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show)

Save the Date

The 2018 Extension Retiree Luncheon will be held March 16, 2018, at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock.

You are invited to gather at 10:30 a.m. for a time of reconnecting and reminiscing. The luncheon, featuring presentation of the Extension Retiree Scholarships and a short program, will follow at 12 noon. We hope to see you there.

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Retired Extension home economist retreat at Mount Magazine

Fourteen retired Extension home economists gathered at Mount Magazine on Nov. 27-28, 2017, for an overnight retreat.

“There was no program, we just got together to visit and catch up,” said Susan Neeper Sanders, one of the retreat’s organizers. She said that another get-together is planned for early summer at a location to be determined at a later date. 




Fourteen retired Extension home economists attended the November retreat. Back row, left to right, : Dorothy Hall, Nina Coffee, Judy Riley, Judy Robinson, Brenda Vick, Claudia Corbin, Louise Walker, Becky Reynolds and Barbara King. Front row, left to right: Brenda Henderson Pratt, Susan Sanders and Martha May. Not pictured: Millie Collins and Portia Short.




Avonne Petty says goodbye to Extension

Connie “Avonne” Petty, 4-H program assistant, Pike County, retired Jan. 2, 2018. Petty worked 44 years conducting educational programming for the youth of Pike County.

Petty said that retiring was bittersweet. “I have been dedicated to the 4-H program for 44 years, first as a 4-H leader then for 32 years as a PA. It has been a wonderful career filled with many marvelous kids. 4-H is truly a youth-building program. They change so much during their years into productive members of their communities.

“While throwing out items in my office, I ran across a 1988 notice where I was given a 13-cent raise to \$5.41 per hour. We had to be dedicated to the program back then,” she added. 

Consider the Retiree Scholarship Fund when you plan your 2018 donations

As the *Extension Cord* Editorial Board prepares to evaluate applications and recommend recipients for the 2018 Extension Retiree Scholarships, please consider donating to the Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship Fund. Your donations will go to help current CES employees to further develop their professional skills for the betterment of the employee and Extension. Established in 2003, contributions from Extension retirees and employees have funded 15 scholarships to date. If you would like to make a contribution to the Retiree Scholarship fund, please make your check payable to ADC and send it the Development Office at 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204. 

To our Extension retirees

I hope this issue finds you in good health, happy and looking forward to a great 2018. January is a month of “getting started up again” and of hope towards an even better year.

With that said, it is with profound sadness that I report the passing forward of Dot Temple. Our friend Dot passed on Monday, Jan. 15, and I confess there are no words right now. She was so vibrant all the time and her energy and friendship and counsel were just unmatched. For me, the world is a bit darker today, but I have many great memories of Dot, and that helps.

I also note the recent passing of Henry Bowden mentioned in this issue. Henry managed our Strawberry Substation near Bald Knob, the Fruit Station near Clarksville, and was an area Extension specialist in horticulture for a number of years. And he was a dear and close friend of my father-in-law. They shared an abiding interest in horticulture and eating fruit, daily if at all possible.

I am certain that others have gone on recently as well, but these two really reminded me that while we can, we need to stay in touch and visit and take care of each other. You really never know when it will be the last chance.

I congratulate Avonne Petty on retirement. Hers has been a life of service to young people and has been a model to so many in Southwest Arkansas the past few decades. We hope all good and sure things in the future for Avonne and her family.

We all know that, boiled down, our mission is to improve things and help people. This is illustrated in the story about “Greening of Arkansas” as well as the 20 for 2020 Program to donate to our 4-H programs. Let’s set the record in 2018 for “making things better” – that is who we are after all.

Rick Cartwright 




Dot Temple, retired LeadAR program coordinator, dies

Dorothy (Dot) Temple, 64, died Jan. 15 in her home in Sherwood.

Temple retired from Extension in 2012 as LeadAR program coordinator. She had begun her Extension service in 1972 as a clerk-stenographer in the Little Rock State Office and subsequently worked as a secretary in the Word Processing Center before becoming a secretary in Economic and Community Development, working with J.B. Williams as he helped start Extension’s LeadAR program.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Phillip Temple, and daughter, Jenny Temple Beritich.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 20, at Cornerstone Bible Fellowship in Sherwood. 

Henry Bowden, retired Extension area horticulture agent, dies


Henry L. Bowden, 84, of Springdale died Jan. 6, 2018.

Bowden served in the United States Army National Guard. His service with the Division of Agriculture started in 1958 when he accepted a position as a research assistant at the Truck Crops Research Station (now the Southwest Research and Extension Center) at Hope. Subsequently, he was resident director of the Strawberry Substation at Bald Knob from 1959-1976, when the strawberry breeding program made its greatest accomplishments, and resident director of the Fruit

Substation in Clarksville from 1976-1982. He was a White County agricultural agent from 1982-1988 and area horticulture agent from 1988 until his retirement in 1992.

The Bowden nectarine, which was released by the University of Arkansas in 2012, was named in his honor to acknowledge his contribution to the Division’s fruit breeding program.

Survivors include his wife of more than 56 years, Betty Ward Bowden; daughter, Pamela Moore of West Fork; sons, Michael Bowden of Cave Springs and Todd Bowden of Springdale; four granddaughters, two grandsons-in-law and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale. Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Northwest, 2601 Gene George Boulevard, Springdale, AR 72762. 

February Birthdays

Brenda Waldrum, Feb. 2
 Charlotte Chitwood, Feb. 2
 Bobby Huey, Feb. 2
 Booker Clemons Jr., Feb. 2
 Gene Woodall, Feb. 3
 Lamar James, Feb. 3
 Larry Sandage, Feb. 3
 Bob Reynolds, Feb. 3
 Beverly Henderson-Vincent, Feb. 4
 Ed Rhodes Jr., Feb. 4
 Carol Patterson, Feb. 4
 Nora Tomerlin, Feb. 5
 Sheila Brandt, Feb. 5
 Mark Phillips, Feb. 5
 Dora Dinnan, Feb. 7
 Beverly Hines, Feb. 7
 Wanda House, Feb. 8
 Allan Beuerman, Feb. 9
 Catherine Koch, Feb. 9
 Gertrude Henderson, Feb. 9
 Ella Geisler, Feb. 10
 Joy Buffalo, Feb. 10
 Jimmie Gooch, Feb. 10
 Steve Rodery, Feb. 11
 Ann Ward, Feb. 12
 Sharon Lillard, Feb. 15
 Lynda Lee, Feb. 20
 Delores Sowerbrower, Feb. 21
 Denise Murdoch, Feb. 22
 Larry Holeman, Feb. 22
 George Davis Jr., Feb. 22
 Gerald Van Brunt, Feb. 23
 Robert Felsman, Feb. 24
 Doyne Potts, Feb. 24
 Charles Johnston, Feb. 26
 Clara Garrett, Feb. 26
 Mary Warren, Feb. 27
 James Geisler, Feb. 27
 Larry Keaton, Feb. 27
 Carole Scaramuzza, Feb. 28


4-H Foundation kicks off 20 for 2020 development campaign

The Arkansas 4-H Foundation is kicking off a major development campaign called 20 for 2020.

“The program is simple: we are asking only \$20 a month from January 2018 through January 2020,” said Ewell Welch, executive director of the foundation. “At that rate, each donor will have given \$720 by the campaign’s end.”

Generosity begins at home, and because 4-H is operated by the Cooperative Extension Service, Rick Cartwright, Cooperative Extension Service director, and his wife Lynnette, have already set a high standard, graciously providing the campaign’s first support with a \$500 donation and a \$50/month pledge.

The foundation funds 4-H scholarships and operations at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, which hosts youth development, STEM education and adult education/teambuilding programs and serves as a retreat and conference center for a wide range of school, corporate, faith-based and non-profit clients.

To learn more about the campaign, contact the 4-H Foundation at 501-821-4444 or download the pledge form at <http://www.arkansas4hfoundation.com/flier.pdf>. 

Greening of Arkansas (Cont.)

- The Paron Community Center in Paron, which will receive \$1,000 to improve the landscaping around the center.


- The Jefferson County Clean and Beautiful Commission in Pine Bluff, which will receive \$2,500 to enhance a community garden with fruit trees and rose bushes.
- Five Rivers Historic Preservation, Inc., in Pocahontas, which will receive \$2,000 to create a green space near the Arts District in downtown Pocahontas.

The committee judges grant applications according to criteria designed to support the committee’s vision, while keeping the goal of geographic dispersion in mind, when possible.

In addition to the grant funding, thousands of dollars in proceeds from the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show also go toward funding students studying horticulture in Arkansas.

Krista Quinn, who began serving as Executive Director of the show in 2008, said the beautification grants help fulfill a key component of the show’s foundational purpose.

“The Greening of Arkansas grant program is an important part of the Arkansas Flower & Garden Show’s mission,” Quinn said. “Many studies have shown that there are huge economic and social benefits when communities have attractive public areas and green spaces.”

The 2018 Arkansas Flower and Garden Show will take place March 2-4 at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. This year’s theme is “Imagine the Possibilities.” Tickets can be purchased online, or at the fairgrounds during the show. The price of admission includes free parking. 

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Enclosed is my gift of \$_____. My gift is in honor / in memory of _____.

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