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## Coordinators' Comments

I am pleased to share with you an exciting new development which is emerging on the national scene for Master Gardeners. A national steering committee for MG programs has been created with the assistance of our National Program Leader in Horticulture— Jim Green from the USDA. The committee was elected this spring and met for the first time at the National Coordinators meeting hosted by the University of Illinois and Purdue in June at the Lisle Hilton in Illinois.

Members of the national steering committee are:

- NE region— John Jett, West Virginia MG Coordinator
- West region— David Whiting, Colorado MG Coordinator
- NC region— Mary Meyer, Minnesota MG Coordinator
- SE region— David Close, Virginia MG Coordinator
- Rick Durham- Kentucky Extension\*
- Monica David— Illinois MG Coordinator\*

\* at large subject matter appointed representatives

The goals of this committee are:

1. To facilitate national collaboration to avoid redundancy in development of educational materials
2. Steer development of an optional national core curriculum to assure funding agencies of a base level of volunteer abilities and knowledge
3. To provide a framework whereby MGs nationwide can be mobilized as frontline information providers on critical home horticulture issues (such as the Emerald Ash Borer or Sudden Oak Death)
4. Facilitate interaction of MGs with national professional organizations and funding agencies

In keeping with these goals, the committee is working on a national website and is hosting a logo contest for a nationally recognized symbol for the Master Gardener program—see page 7 for details on entering this contest. The committee has planned a trip to Washington D.C. in October to meet with Colien Hefferan— Administrator of the CSREES; EPA representatives; the directors of the National IPM committee and several other groups. The steering committee will continue to work to bring awareness of the Master Gardener program into the national spotlight.

✍ Monica David , Illinois Master Gardener Coordinator

## Thanks for a Great 2006 Conference

A sincere thank you to the steering committee and the Master Gardeners of the NW region for an excellent conference. Tours and classes have received excellent evaluations from the over 265 attendees. Our keynote, Carol Reese was a highlight for many participants. The riverboat cruise- complete with balmy temperatures, a beautiful full moon, a great prime rib dinner buffet and time to share gardening stories was a definite hit. The lively container auction raised \$1,110 and the silent auction brought in \$3,066 to help offset costs of the state office. Thanks to all of you who donated items for the auction—your generosity is much appreciated. Sixty Outstanding award winners and seven Sustained Excellence awardees were honored at the banquet. Teamwork awards were given to 13 county projects as well. Look for the listings in this newsletter. For a more detailed description of the award winners and teamwork projects—go to the MG website and look under the “Who We Are” heading.

For those of you who requested the leaf casting workshops but weren't able to get into the class— if you wish a \$3 refund, please send me a note or email with your contact information and social security number and I will process a refund check for you.

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## Mississippi Master Gardener Hurricane Recovery Project Update

This letter is to share with you new information about the Operation Rejuvenation Project. Our state MG association established this fund to help rebuild MG projects impacted by the hurricanes that hit Mississippi last fall. Due to the generosity of Master Gardeners, Garden Clubs, individuals and others the fund now has over \$10,000 to be used for qualified MG projects. A list of folks that have contributed to the fund and other information is available at the Mississippi MG Association website. The address is <http://msmastergardener.org/index.htm>

We sincerely appreciate your support and assistance.  
Lelia Scott Kelly, Ph.D.  
Mississippi Master Gardener Coordinator



# 2007 International Master Gardener Conference

Celebrate Gardening in the Natural State!

May 2-5, 2007

Little Rock, Arkansas

Registration packages with schedules, itineraries, and prices are due out in October and you can bookmark <http://mg2007.uaex.edu> as the **Official IMGC '07 website**. As a reminder, the Peabody Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center is headquarters for the 2007 IMGC (International Master Gardener Conference.) Be sure to mention the conference for special room rates! [www.peabodylittlerock.com](http://www.peabodylittlerock.com) Share Arkansas' best sites, sounds, and hospitality. The pre- and post-tours are just exceptional for this conference; here are a few to get you thinking!

## **Overnight Trip to the Ozark Folk Center and Blanchard Caverns**

Explore the Ozark Folk Center, a recreated 19th century pioneer village, complete with period buildings, gardens, music, and the dedicated craftspeople who are keeping this heritage alive. Its nationally acclaimed herb gardens are worth the trip alone! Spend the night onsite at Dry Creek Lodge (the OFC State Park facility) and enjoy an evening concert of folk music. After a hearty country breakfast in the morning, visit Blanchard Springs Caverns before returning to Little Rock for the conference opening.

<http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com/>

<http://www.ozarkgetaways.com/index.html>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html>

## **Overnight Trip West to Arkansas' Wine Country and Mount Magazine State Park**

Travel west through the Arkansas River Valley and visit scenic vineyards. Enjoy a guided tasting of award winning local wines at noted local wineries. Spend the night at the brand new ('06) luxury lodge atop Mt. Magazine, the highest point between the Appalachians and the Rocky Mountains. An interpretive program of wildlife and plants of the area is planned. The next day we visit a UAEX Fruit Station at Clarksville on the return trip to Little Rock.

<http://www.mountmagazinestatepark.com/lodge-cabin-rest/lodge/>

<http://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/wineries-micro-breweries/>

<http://www.uark.edu/admin/aes/fruit.html>

## **Day Trip South to Old Washington and Hope, Arkansas**

From its establishment in 1824, Washington was the last stop on the trail from "Civilization" to Texas, which was still part of Mexico in those days! There are 45 period structures preserved and maintained along the same dusty streets that played host to the likes of Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, and James Bowie. James Bowie's famous knife was first crafted here and a blacksmith's shop has been recreated as part of the village restoration! Enjoy lunch at the local tavern before returning to Little Rock via Hope, Arkansas, the home of world famous watermelons and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

<http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/park.asp?id=36>

<http://www.hopearkansas.net/>

## **Overnight Trip Southwest to Hot Springs National Park and Garvan Gardens**

Bubbling thermal springs have made this area a special destination for travelers since pre-Columbian times. Today, the city of Hot Springs is designated as a National Park. It was the first federally protected area in the nation's history. Stroll along Bathhouse Row downtown, browse shops and art galleries in Victorian buildings that are literally carved into the lush mountainsides. You spend the night in the grand old Arlington Hotel. This tour includes lunch at Arkansas' Botanical Garden, Garvan Woodland Gardens. This destination provides breathtaking landscape on a peninsula in Lake Hamilton and is the showplace and working lab for the Landscape division of the U of A's School of Architecture.

<http://www.nps.gov/hosp/>

<http://www.arlingtonhotel.com/>

<http://www.garvangardens.org/>

## The Gardens of Tuscany & The Italian Lakes

Join Master Gardener Coordinator, Monica David and fellow gardeners on a glorious trip to the gardens of Italy, May 1-12, 2007.

We will travel nonstop on Swiss Air from Chicago's O'Hare airport to Milan, Italy. Just half an hour from noisy bustling Milan, our first stop is Lake Como— a jewel-like oasis of lush Mediterranean foliage and snowy alpine peaks. Villa Carlotta here is a perfect combination of luxurious interiors and luxuriant exteriors with over 500 species of plants from all over the world. The following day we head for Lake Maggiore near the Switzerland border with a stop at the gardens of Villa Taranto in Stresa— rated one of the top 35 gardens of Italy. The group will also travel by boat to Isola Bella— a dramatic baroque garden on an island which resembles a great ship of state.

After viewing the Italian lakes and their beautiful villa gardens, we head south to the Tuscany region. Tuscany is a land of vineyards bounded by single files of dark green cypress trees, rust-colored farmhouses and moss-coated castles on rounded hilltops. Our garden stops include the Villa di Castello with its magnificent citrus and other rare plants and the Villa Medici at Fiesole with its breathtaking views of Florence and the valley of the Arno. The terrace gardens here resemble the Hanging Gardens of Babylon with rare flowers and herbs. The trip includes time to explore the hill towns of Tuscany— Siena and the gardens at Villa Chigi Cetinale as well as the famous towers of San Gimignano. A highlight of the trip will be the Villa Tatti— home of the Harvard University Center for Italian Studies and the impressive renaissance garden located there.

Our group will also have time to explore the sites of Florence such as the Cathedral of St. Mary of Flowers, Signoria Square and the Basilica of Santa Croce with the tomb of Michelangelo. After our visit to Florence, we travel on to Villa Lante, one of the most magnificent gardens in Italy, which dates back to the 1560s. Our tour ends in Rome with a tour of the city and free time to visit the many amazing sites.

The tour cost is \$3995 double occupancy. A single supplement is an additional \$800. The tour cost includes airfare, hotels, entrance to gardens on the itinerary, bus transportation, all breakfasts, 3 lunches and 8 dinners. A full itinerary may be found on the MG website at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/) Please telephone Robyn Gulstrom 1-269-629-9248 by mid October for information and to reserve your spot.

## Illinois Big Tree Register

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) initiated the Illinois Big Tree Register in 1962 to discover and record the largest living tree species in the state. It is hoped



that in searching for these trees, citizens will become more aware of the vital importance of Illinois' rural and community forest resource. The Illinois Big Tree Register is part of a cooperative effort between *American Forests'* National Register of Big Trees (established in 1940), Illinois Department of Natural Resources — Division of Forest Resources, and the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In the past, all Big Tree nominations were forwarded to DNR for inspection, measurement, and certification. However, fiscal constraints and reduction of forestry staff have all but eliminated DNR's services for this popular state program. In January 2006, the administration and maintenance of the Illinois Big Tree Register was transferred to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with continued support from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources. Beginning this summer, the Illinois Big Tree Register has a new home on the University of Illinois' Forestry Extension website <http://forestry.extension.uiuc.edu> The Illinois Big Tree Program hopes to develop an interactive and informative outreach program explicitly targeted at the urban/rural citizen in order to expand their knowledge about trees, forests, and forestry while simultaneously promoting an expansive volunteer network of citizen Big Tree inspectors. The volunteer network of Big Tree inspectors, covering all 102 counties, will inspect, measure, and certify all Big Tree nominations and current champions.

Everyone is encouraged to submit their nominations to the Illinois Big Tree Register. Please note, the Illinois Big Tree Register only accepts nominations native to Illinois as listed in Robert H. Mohlenbrock's *Vascular Flora of Illinois*. Hybrids and minor varieties are currently excluded from the Register. Botanical nomenclature follows [www.itis.usda.gov](http://www.itis.usda.gov). All nominations must be verified by a certified inspector prior to placement on the Register. Both the nominator and the owner of the certified Big Tree will receive a certificate of recognition. The "biggest" tree of each native species is determined by a point system devised by American Forests®. Scoring is based on the sum of three required tree measurements: Circumference (inches) + Total Height (feet) + ¼ Ave. Crown Width (feet) = Total Score

## 2006 Outstanding Master Gardener Award Winners

Lonna Alcock- Ogle	Glenn Fanter- Mason	Judy Morgenroth- Kane
Lyn Ash- McLean	Terry Finan- Peoria	Linda Nitchman- Madison-St. Clair
Phyllis Baylor-Peoria	Terry Flaherty- Peoria	Helen Nixon- Peoria
Mark Berry- Lee	Richard Funk- Coles	Jim Orr- Sangamon-Menard
Brenda Brown- LaSalle	Colleen Gaudins- Cook North Suburban	Paul Patton- Kane
Delores Brown- Tazewell	Don Hajek- Winnebago	Ron Peabody- DeKalb
Agnes Burkus- McHenry	Misty Haji Sheikh- DeKalb	Jan Phipps- Edgar
James Carney- DeKalb	Roger Harfst- Mason	Shirley Pierce- Sangamon-Menard
Alice Cassens- Ogle	Kathie Hayden- Chicago Botanic Garden	Jean Reitan- DeKalb
Donna Christison- Sangamon-Menard	Diana Hetherington- Sangamon-Menard	Kathy Render- McHenry
Diane Clausen- McHenry	Margaret Hollowell- McLean	Winona Saathoff- Moultrie-Douglas
Nancy Coon- Peoria	Mary Horgan- McLean	Bill Sheahan- DuPage
Carl Cosand- Sangamon-Menard	Lou Horton- DuPage	Aileen Sherline- Coles
Susan Crady- DuPage	Mary Kern- Sangamon-Menard	Jim Stanley- Knox
Nancy Crawford- Peoria	Toby Koch- Cook North Suburban	Shirley Townsend- Hancock
Candace Crossley- Jo-Carroll	Mary Lou Kuchan- Fulton	Jackie Trotter- Fulton
Roxie DeShane- Rock Island	Sarah Lee- Jefferson	Stuart Vogel- DuPage
Phylliss Doran-McLean	Marvin McDonald- Vermilion	Michael Wilkins- Peoria
Janice Edwards- Lake	Lori McIntyre- Jo-Carroll	Lisa Wrage- Logan
Norma Ellington- Peoria	Ruth Milhauser- Macon	Richard Zerfowski- Macon

## 2006 Sustained Excellence Winners

### Max Davis- Coles County

Max has been an invaluable volunteer to Coles county since his training in 1996. He helped develop the organizational structure for the group and served as its first president. Currently, he serves on the advisory board, mentors new interns and is a leading force in the annual MG plant sale at the Mattoon Herb Festival. Max is best known for his expertise in vegetable gardening and his work with Plant-a-Row.

### Julie Hughes- Vermillion County

Julie has brought her love of teaching children and adults to the citizens of Vermillion County. She has volunteered over 2,391 hours since her training in 2001. She is best known for her work with Vermiculture and she has written articles and presented many programs on this topic including her workshop at the third annual state of Illinois "Vermi-composting Symposium".

### Betty Moser- Macon County

Betty has played a key role with the 4-H Horticulture Club, the Garden Walk and most recently with the Speaker's Bureau. She is also very positive and nurturing to new interns on the Help Desk. Betty has used her love of horticulture judging to coordinate the judging of the Green Thumb community gardens each summer.

### Pat Pieper- DuPage County

Pat is best recognized for her contribution as the team leader for the MG newsletter, "The Garden Thymes". She is also a very active member of the Speaker's Bureau. She began with a film slide presentation and has now moved on to Power Point and demonstrations. Besides these activities, Pat also volunteers on the garden help line at help desks throughout the community.

### Charlotte Talkington- McLean County

Charlotte was president of the group in 2003 and 2005 and this past year was chair of the annual Home, Lawn and Garden Day. In addition Charlotte is the co-chair of the Mayors Manor Project (permanent affordable housing for single adults). She has also taught classes for the Heartland Community Gardening series "Fall Gardening" and "Blooms on a Budget".

### Celia Turner- Lake County

Celia was a member of the MG Advisory Committee in 2005 and a leader for the Plant Sale Committee. She took on the role of preparing a database of the plants to be sold and the standardized printing of labels for all 1200 plants from 27 donors. She also participates in the helpline, information booths and the therapeutic horticulture program.

### Elaine Weil- DuPage County

Elaine has served as a team leader at Lester School in Downers Grove for five years. Elaine has also been a leader in the annual Budding Gardeners Day. One of Elaine's particular interests is working with special needs kids and she led a team to develop a butterfly garden for pre-schoolers at DuPage Easter Seals in Villa Park.

## 2006 Teamwork Award Winners

Illinois Veterans Home Memorial Garden  
Adams-Brown Unit

"Miles of Smiles"  
Maple Crest Care Center  
Boone County

Flower and Garden Show Ambassadors  
Cook County

Heritage Garden at Lake Katherine  
Nature Center  
Cook South Suburban Unit

Graue Mill Historical Garden Project  
DuPage County

ECHO House Homeless Shelter  
Landscaping  
Edgar County

Plant Petting Garden  
Kane County

WAND Demonstration Garden  
Macon County

Macoupin County School Enrichment  
Macoupin County

PARC Enabling Garden  
Peoria County

In Touch Garden Club  
Therapeutic Horticulture Program  
Rock Island County

Garden Walk  
Sangamon-Menard Unit

Washington Community Garden  
Tazewell County

## Therapeutic Horticulture, Therapy Gardening and Horticultural Therapy: It's all good.

As a registered horticultural therapist I applaud the state advisory committee's decision to rename the valuable people/plant work done by Illinois Master Gardeners as therapeutic horticulture or therapy gardening instead of horticultural therapy. Horticultural Therapy is young in comparison to other allied health professions and organizationally we are still formulating definitions, policies and procedures to set us apart from others who also recognize the benefits of people/plant interactions. Master Gardeners have a long history of bringing gardens and gardening to people who may otherwise not have the opportunity due to physical, cognitive or socioeconomic barriers. In fact, the profession of horticultural therapy owes a great debt to MG volunteers who helped bring HT programs to life across the USA. Our profession and our national association, the American Horticultural Therapy Association, have worked hard in recent years to elevate the standard of practice of those individuals registered as horticultural therapists.

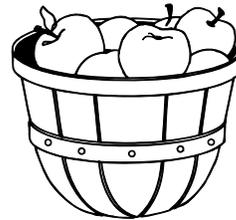
Once again Master Gardeners in Illinois are assisting us by officially recognizing that there is a difference in training. To receive registration status from AHTA, an individual must be able to provide documentation of both education and experience in horticultural therapy theory and technique. Competency in therapy skills is far more important than horticultural knowledge for a practicing horticultural therapist who is developing and delivering horticultural therapy programs with specific healthcare outcomes in mind. Gardening is but one tool used by the therapist to help program participants reach therapy goals.

If you are a Master Gardener with experience in related therapy or healthcare service perhaps further training in horticultural therapy interests you. The School of the Chicago Botanic Garden will offer a two hour introductory course, Horticultural Therapy 101, on Wednesday October 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register call 847 835-8261. The Garden also offers a certificate program. This 11 month curriculum combines face-to face class time at the Botanic Garden with computer-based distance learning thereby allowing students flexibility in completing the coursework. This certificate program has been accredited by the AHTA and its completion will assist you in becoming registered as a horticultural therapist. For more information visit the website [www.chicagobotanic.org/certificate/htcert](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/certificate/htcert)

 Maria Gabaldo, HTR  
Horticultural Therapy Dept at Chicago Botanic Garden

## Organic Gardening Day

Organic Gardening Day 2006 is scheduled for October 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1001 Killarney Street in Urbana, IL. "A Day of educational and entertaining sessions, an organic theme lunch and the chance to interact with noted organic gardening experts from around the country is all packed into this big day of gardening fun, food and fellowship," said Chuck Voigt, U of I Extension Specialist.



Keith Crotz, owner/operator of The American Botanist, will speak about the history and literature of organic gardening. Dr John Masiunas, U. of I. associate professor, will talk on his extensive work with weed control on small fruits and vegetable crops as well as cover crops and allelopathy. Ben Lubchansky, U. of I. graduate, organic farmer and chef, will tempt our taste buds by demonstrating several recipes to promote *Savoring the Flavor of Your Organic Produce*. Kent Whealy, founder of Seed Savers' Exchange in Decorah, Iowa will discuss the organic vegetable gardens at the Seed Savers' Heritage Farm. Dan Bussey, who is in charge of the preservation orchard at Seed Savers' Heritage farm, will outline how best to succeed at organic Home Orchard.

The program will include a retail area, featuring vendors of equipment, books and many other organic gardening essentials. The vendor area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost of registration, including lunch is \$49/person. This includes seating in the lectures, an information packet, an organic theme lunch buffet and access to the retail area. There will be vegetarian options on the buffet. Lunch registrations must be received no later than **October 13, 2006**. Those interested should mail checks (payable to the University of Illinois) to : Organic Gardening Day 2006, attention Carol Preston, S-406 Turner Hall, 1102 S Goodwin, Urbana, IL. 61801. Space in the lecture room is limited to 250 participants and on-site registration will only be allowed if those spaces are not filled prior to the event. If available, on-site registration will also cost \$49 but will not include lunch. For more information, call 217-333-7738 or email [preston1@uiuc.edu](mailto:preston1@uiuc.edu)

# Extension Master Gardener Logo & Slogan Contest

## *Logo & Slogan Contest Invitation*

The Extension Master Gardener program will be 35 years old in 2007, and as part of that celebration you are invited to submit an original logo design and slogan for the organization's communication and visual identity.

The Extension Master Gardener Program needs a "National" logo for the national website and to demonstrate national collaboration and recognition of all Master Gardener programs. As eXtension is developed, the logo and slogan will be utilized with new standardized curriculum.

This partnership will signify the cooperation of all State Master Gardener Programs. We will use this identification for marketing and promotion of a national unified program. Likely, state and local logos will still be utilized, and you will have the option of adding the International logo and slogan. The new logo and the title will be trademarked and protected.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a platform for each state partner to share materials and thereby increase the availability of information for volunteers and for Extension personnel to share with the general public.

## *Guidelines*

Submissions of a qualifying nature will be passed on to a panel appointed by the Extension Master Gardener committee. Appropriateness, creativity, originality, aesthetics and the use of space will be used to measure the logo & slogan's merit. The winning logo & slogan will demonstrate the mission and understanding of the Extension Master Gardener Program to the general population.

## LOGO SPECIFICATIONS

- Logos must be legible, simple and clear.
- Logos must be effective in black and white and in color.
- Both grayscale and color versions must be submitted.
- Logos should be no more than two Pantalone colors plus black.
- Logos must be scalable as it will be used on websites, stationary and banners.
- Submit high resolution images 640 x 480 dpi.
- File format must be JPG, eps or Illustrator on a CD-ROM.
- Logo and slogan should relate.

Submit logo and slogan as separate files.

## SLOGAN SPECIFICATIONS

- Slogan should be appropriate and must reflect the mission of the Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Slogan should be short and to the point.
- Slogan should relate with logo.

Submit slogan and logo as separate files.

## PRIZE

Registration and lodging at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 2 through May 5, 2007.

## DEADLINE FOR JUDGEMENT

Entries will be accepted beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> and the contest will close on February 15<sup>th</sup> (postmark deadline). The committee will judge the entries and select the winner by March 1, 2007. The winner will be announced at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference.

## SUBMISSION

Art submitted to the contest will not be returned to the artist. More than one original art piece can be entered per Master Gardener.

Please mail all submissions to:

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## New Member Joins State Advisory Committee

Please welcome the new member of the state advisory committee who begins her three year term of office this fall. Our new staff member is **Jennifer Nelson**, Horticulture educator Macon County-EC region. Thanks go to **Sandy Mason**, Horticulture educator– Champaign County, who served 2 terms as chairperson and has now completed her second term on the committee. The state advisory committee meets four times per year. The committee advises the state coordinator on issues such as core course training, continuing education, state policies and guidelines as well as publicity and funding for the program. If you have suggestions for the committee, please feel free to contact the representative from your Extension region. Contact information is found at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/who/committee-members.html](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/who/committee-members.html)

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