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**MIMI COX MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Washington County Master Gardeners**

**Submission Deadline is October 15** Please submit a digital copy in Word format to Colin Massey, cmassey@uada.edu, with “Awards Committee” in subject line.

 Name of MG Contact Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MG Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MG Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year Nominee became a Master Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total Qualified Length of Service Years: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines**. The Mimi Cox Mentor of the Year Award recognizes a Master Gardener who has worked directly with one or more Master Gardener mentees/graduates during their first year in the local county program and/or has made significant contributions to the county’s mentoring program. All active Master Gardeners are eligible to be nominated EXCEPT previous winners.

**The nomination must not exceed 800 words**. (Note that required nomination title, subheadings (to break up lengthy text passages) and image captions are NOT part of the document word count.)

Please submit the following information:

1. Give a description of the exceptional skills at providing the mentees/graduates a welcoming, supportive and inclusive environment in which to thrive and grow as a Master Gardener, or by providing exceptional guidance and contributions to the county’s mentoring program. Identify the nominee’s participation in activities, sanctioned and non-sanctioned projects, committee work, total number of work hours and total number of education hours, etc. (45 points)
2. Explainhow the nominee’s actions impacted the mentees, the MG program and the Extension Service. Be sure to include how the nominee’s impact was measured and evaluated. (45 points)
3. Submit four (4) high-resolution action-oriented digital images JPEG format embedded at the end of your nomination. Identify via captions who is in the image, the project name and site, and MG work being performed. Images should provide support, clarify and enhance the understanding of the nomination narrative. Digital images may include photographs, garden planning/layout sketches, newspaper clippings, etc. (10 points)

**Winning nominations** will be presented as a short video at the AR MG State Conference, then nomination material highlights may be made available on the publicly accessible AR MG website. Please have numerous additional action-shot images available for the video and website posting. **Please note that minors and adults who have not signed photo waivers need to have their facial features blurred.**

**For guidance in writing effective entries (based in large part on judges’ comments), see Checklist for Writing an Effective Arkansas Master Gardener Nomination.**

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