

COUNTY 76 MASTER GARDENERS

(Initiated 2005)

What is County 76?

County 76 is the statewide advisory group for the Arkansas Master Gardener program. It is open to all active Master Gardeners in Arkansas. County 76 members help set policy and provide guidance to county programs. Statewide programs are County 76 "projects." The structure of the group is based on county programs, and since there are 75 counties in Arkansas, this group is the "76th" county. Officers are elected from County 76 membership. The projects focus on organizational skills, leadership, and general management issues. County 76 members decide what projects will be created, and each member decides on which project he/she wants to work.

County 76 Mission Statement

Active Master Gardener members from across Arkansas work together to strengthen and support the statewide and local Arkansas Master Gardener Programs.

Who can join County 76?

County 76 is open to all Master Gardeners who have completed the training and are in good standing in their local county programs. County agents who have an active Master Gardener program in their county may join County 76 as ad hoc members with no requirement for project work hours. In addition to their county commitment, each County 76 member must accrue 10 additional hours on County 76 sanctioned projects. Membership term is unlimited for those who recertify both in their local county and at the state level. County 76 hours cannot be applied to local county projects.

The Garden Voice is the quarterly newsletter of County 76. For an update of each quarterly meeting, read the Garden Voice. If you have any questions, email mg@uada.edu.

What will I do in County 76?

- Participate in advanced Master Gardener training courses.
- Participate in the Plant-Nurture-Grow (PNG) Leadership Conference.
- Help with Statewide Master Gardener Media Relations.
- Participate in methods of Recruiting, Retention, and Recognition.
Fundraiser for State Projects and Scholarship Opportunities.
- Plan Special Events.
- Be a voice in your state MG program!

Current County 76 Projects

- Advanced Training (AT)
- Fundraising – 2024 Chairperson is Patsy Louk from WCMG
- Media Relations
- Plant, Nurture, Grow (PNG)
- Recruitment, Retention, Recognition (RRR) – 2024 Chairperson is Liz Hale from WCMG