**County 76 Projects**

**Communications:**

**Current Project Chair:** Glenda Bell from Faulkner County; email at gkbell08@att.net

**Fundraising:** Fundraising is becoming increasingly important as County 76 continues to offer educational advantages and opportunities to counties through MG programs (at little or no cost). In addition to Pro Hoes, the project will focus on other opportunities to earn monies, such as the sale of gloves. This is in addition to the annual silent auction at the state meeting, in which the State Master Gardener Coordinator designates use of the funds. County 76 will remain cognizant of county-level fundraising and will opt to implement only projects that do not affect county level events (such as classes, plant sales, etc.).

**Current Project Chair:** Marcella Grimmett from Pulaski County; email at route003@hotmail.com

**PNG Leadership:** The goals of the Leadership Training Project are to strengthen, encourage and expand the knowledge base of Master Gardeners at the county and state levels with the intent of aiding them as they work toward leadership positions in their own groups. This project committee is responsible for working with the State Coordinator to plan, execute and coordinate the fall Master Gardener leadership training program. The Leadership Training project is looking for committee members who would like to be involved and provide input into assuring the continuity of this valuable training asset for all Master Gardeners.

**Current Project Chairs:** Lin Johnson, from Garland County, email at linjd@sbcglobal.net

**Recruiting, Retention & Recognition:** The mentoring and retention project is designed to pair up new members with existing members to integrate them into your county program. Having a mentoring program in place has proven to be an excellent means of retaining members. The project will work to establish uniform guidelines to implement mentoring programs throughout the state.

**Current Project Chair:** Mimi Cox from Craighead County; email at mlcox5@yahoo.com
**Training:** Counties are looking for retention tools for their programs to keep members interested. As members remain in the program, many are interested in obtaining more in-depth knowledge about specific topics and in obtaining an advanced level of certification. To provide such opportunities, the Advanced MG Training Program was developed. More and more MGs are eligible for the program each year and are asking for advanced courses. This project will focus on getting more Advanced Training programs around the state providing more opportunities for further learning.

**Current Project Chair:** Walter Jennings from Pulaski County; email at walterjennings@prodigy.net