

Master Gardener Association

History

Year 2003

Officers:

President: Anna Wilson
Vice-President: Lucia Murphy
Secretary/Treasurer: Eunice Ricklefs

Committee: Membership
Chairperson: Beverly Emerson

Committee: Program/Education
Chairperson: Sal Sorrentino

Committee: Volunteer Projects
Chairperson: Ralph Young

Committee: Social
Chairperson: Laura James

Major Events:

Jan. 2003 Membership committee reviewed 2003 Master Gardener Applications, 40 students to start classes 2/12/2003-5-7-2003

Feb. 2003 Pecan & Wine Festival-Dr. Michael Kilby joined us again this year to oversee the preparation and judging of the pecans. Jeff Schalau worked with our volunteers in the preparation of the pecans. Cecy Gilbert & Nora Graf co-chaired the Pecan portion of this event. Our M/G volunteers prepared the pecans for judging and staffed M/G tables Saturday & Sunday

March 2003 Verde Valley Home and Business Show was held at Mingus Union High School on March 15 & 16. This was our first opportunity to be a part of this event. We had great response from the public and were invited to participate in 2004. Lindsay Schramm presented workshops on Compost Tea 101 and Saving Seeds. Our exhibit was staffed both Saturday & Sunday by M/G volunteers.

April 2003 Jeff Schalau and his wife Dorothy were injured in a serious auto accident in Phoenix on April 4.

May 2003 The Art & Science of Firewise Landscaping was held at the Highlands

Center for Natural History in Prescott. Judy Mannen headed up this effort assisted by Beverly Turnbull, Art Filippino, Kim Olafson and Kathy Grant Lilley.

Beverly Emerson was contacted by PBS-they will be in the Sedona area on July, 7 thru 11 to view gardens they will feature in a special this Fall.

July 2003 Rosh Preuss's dream job. Rosh worked with the New Mexico State University and their production of "Southwest Yard & Gardens" for PBS. She took pictures, interviewed garden owners, took notes, passed this info on to the television crew. Film will air in October, 2003

August 2003 V Bar V Ranch held its annual Ranch Explorers Field Day on August 23 at Mahan Park near Happy Jack. Several of our M/G volunteers assisted with the days events.

Sept. 2003 The Arizona Highlands Garden Conference 2003 was held September 29 & 30 at the Best Western Payson, Inn in Payson, AZ

Oct. 2003 Recognition Picnic was held at Watson Lake on October 18th.

Rosh Preuss conducted her first meeting as President 10/25/03
Speakers Bureau has now been formed
Public Relations Committee formed
Foundation account has now been established with U of A.

Nov. 2003 Jeff Schalau reported that the renovation of the building which will house our new Prescott office at the Rodeo Grounds is in progress, hopefully move in the first of 2004.

Dec. 2003 Rosh reminded us that the Gardening special with PBS will air on Dec. 6, 2003.

Comments: This was the year of the Bark Beetle, we were deluged with information and issues on Bark Beetles.