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**Texas Master Gardener Association  
2008 INDIVIDUAL MASTER GARDENER AWARD**

Association Membership/Size: Medium (Small, Medium, Med.Large or Large)

Number of Members: 76

County: Potter/Randall (Amarillo Area Master Gardeners)

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Name of Master Gardener: Doris Rogers

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Name(s) of person(s) submitting the nomination e-mail

Scott Strawn, Potter County

Name of County Extension Agent or County Program Coordinator

**THIS SUBMISSION SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO (2) PAGES TOTAL.**

**I. DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL MASTER GARDENER (10 pts)**

**In 150 words or less please describe the Individual Master Gardener.**

Doris served as the association president in 2007 & 2008 and has been involved in virtually every facet of the Amarillo Area Master Gardeners: attending committee meetings, working in the gardens, and conducting the monthly board and general meetings of the association. She constantly displays selfless dedication to education for the association, our community and our region. The very year she became a certified Master Gardener, she served on the associations Long Range Plan Committee where she began working on ideas to provide education for the members.

She is extremely instrumental in the formation and Implementation of an Education Committee and sought opportunities for herself and other Master Gardeners to discuss/support education within the association or when addressing the public.

We can truly say we have an educational direction that supports the AgriLife Mission, the Texas Master Gardener Association Mission as well as our Amarillo Area Master Gardener Association Mission.

**Please answer the questions as they relate to the 2008 entry year.**

**VALUE 10 POINTS EACH**

**1. List and describe programs & projects in which the nominee participated.**

- a) Project manager for the Potter County AgriLIFE Extension Office working toward developing that garden as a Texas Super Star project.
- b) Instrumental in the organization and reformatting of the associations Gardening With The Masters Step By Step to enable it to become a more hands-on educational tool for the community.
- c) Instrumental in helping to develop the associations Recognition Program to include the Green Thumb Ceremony, Intern of the Year and Atta Gardener and Organized the Auxiliary Members category to assist members with limited physical ability.
- d) Refined the 'job description' for the Class Coordinator and the Recognition Coordinator and served on the initial Recognition committee.
- e) Arranged for "Master Gardener Day Proclamation" where Potter County was awarded a mock check representing funds for volunteer hours given by the association. The 2008 total was \$152,677.80.
- f) Organized and chaired the Education Ad Hoc Committee in 2006 which lead to the development of the Education Committee. Organized the process for AAMG members to be State Board Delegate candidates.
- g) Doris served as s State Board delegate for 2 years. Served on Dr. Steve George's National Volunteer EarthKind Team. Was appointed to the Texas Master Gardener Association Outreach Committee, took suggestions from them, then rewrote their Mission Statement.
- h) Organized and oversaw the first education workshop presented by a local professional landscape architect when she saw a need within the association for more landscape knowledge and confidence.
- i) Instrumental in the culmination of the first MG Flower Exhibit hosted by the association at the Tri State Fair in 2007 and 2008 (public attendees each year 1000+).
- j) Served on the Potter County Extension Advisory Board four years.

**2. Describe abilities related to working individually & in groups with Master Gardeners and Texas AgriLife Extension.**

- a) Doris has placed a lot of focus on making each of our gardening projects have an educational purpose. Her double goal was to maintain our gardening projects and to invite the association, interns, and public to attend educational programs at our sites.
- b) Initiated a Speakers Bureau enabling her and members to speak to other organizations.
- c) Doris, in conjunction with the county agent, reformatted the Gardening With The Masters Step By Step to include hands-on participation. She presented one segment in which participants left with a container garden they planted themselves. She also co-presented another segment.
- d) Doris graciously opens her garden for public and private group tours including the Texas County Agents Convention.
- e) She has been very supportive of developing plant lists and/or brochures for our garden tours.
- f) Doris writes an article each month for our association's newsletter.
- g) She arranged and organized a local professional landscape architect to further instruct the association members who registered. The landscape design classes (3, 3 hour sessions) helped raise the level of knowledge and confidence within the association.

**3. Describe participation in activities that promote Master Gardeners & Texas AgriLife Extension**

- a) Doris has written several educational articles in the Amarillo Uptown Magazine with the Amarillo Globe-News newspaper delivered in Amarillo and Canyon.
- b) Doris, along with other members of the association, presented programs to area communities promoting horticulture and landscape education encouraging their future participation in the Master Gardener program.
- c) Doris presented, to Potter County, a mock check during the Master Day Proclamation Day presentation. This check represented the money/hours given by the Master Gardeners to the county. Local medial filmed and broadcast the presentation for the panhandle area news cast.
- d) Doris was instrumental in arranging and organizing the Gardening With The Masters Landscape Design program that featured Dr. Steve George and associates. This program related to EarthKind procedures. In addition to this, she planned three additional segments in which she presented two.

**4. Hours contributed to Master Gardeners in 2008. 919.50**