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*"A Beautiful City is Good Business!"*

# NEWSLETTER

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## *Outstanding Achievement recognized at statewide Environmental Conference*

**T**he hard work put forth by many Ardmoreites was recognized at the 14th Annual Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental Conference and Awards Recognition Banquet, Thursday, November 18. The following honors were awarded:

*The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce* - Beautification & Landscaping - New Convention Center  
*Kay Watson* - Individual Achievement - Beautification & Landscaping - BNSF Railway Project  
*James Thompson* - Individual Achievement - Environmental Improvement  
*Ardmore Beautification Council* - Environmental Improvement - Developing a Litter Hotline  
*Ardmore Beautification Council* - Beautification & Landscaping - Ardmore Post Office

An exciting all day environmental workshop preceded the banquet where communities across the state shared ideas on how to have Active Sustainable Communities, Create a Great American Cleanup, learn about Sustainable Gardening, The Role of Business in Community Improvement, Green Architecture, How to develop a Litter Hotline, how Trees Make the Difference, Waste Reduction and Recycling, and Youth in Action featuring the Del City and Carl Albert Jr. High Schools in Midwest City.

All entries in the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental competition were judged by Keep Georgia Beautiful. At the end of the Awards Recognition Banquet the Ardmore Beautification Council was surprised to receive the 2004 Outstanding Achievement Award for their entries on Developing a Litter Hotline and the Ardmore Post Office project.

Ardmore had 24 people at the Awards Banquet. "We were so grateful for those there to participate in the acceptance of this prestigious award," said president Regina Turrentine. "And we were truly pleased that State Rep. Greg Piatt was in attendance." (picture - back page)

## *Texas 'Earthkind' Roses*

**T**exas A&M University has tested 'Earthkind' roses and rated them over a 4-year period. They have never been fertilized, sprayed, or pruned (except to remove dead wood) during testing. The roses that have received the 'Earthkind' designation combine the best of organic and traditional gardening in a research-proven system based on real-world effectiveness and environmental responsibility. (continued)

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Of 117 varieties tested, 11 gave spectacular performance despite adverse growing conditions and very little maintenance. The 11 varieties were grown on their own roots (as opposed to being grafted onto other root stock) and exhibited good heat and drought tolerance, maintaining blooms even through hot 100-degree Dallas summers.

Having outstanding disease and insect tolerance/resistance and producing spectacular blooms are *Sea Foam, Marie Daly, The Fairy, Caldwell Pink, Knock Out, Perle d'Or, Belinda's Dream, Elsie Poulsen, Katy Road Pink, Mutabilis, and Climbing Pinkie*.

North Haven Gardens in Dallas carries many of these varieties most of the year. For information about these and many other roses, check your library for - *The Ultimate Rose Book, Roses - A care Manual, and Encyclopedia of Roses*.

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Thought for the Day

*"Reading is to the mind  
what exercise is to the body."*

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## Super Suet

- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup lard (no substitutes)
- 2 cups quick-cook oats
- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1/3 cup sugar



Melt peanut butter and lard in a microwave. Stir in remaining ingredients and pour warm mixture 1/2" thick into square freezer containers to make a cake that will fit most suet baskets. Store in freezer or refrigerator until needed. Yield: 6 - 8 cakes.

Super Suet attracts more than two dozen kinds of birds, including jays, cardinals, woodpeckers, orioles and tanagers.

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### Statement of Purpose

*Ardmore Beautification Council is dedicated to beautifying and educating our community in accordance with the laws of nature.*

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## Oklahoma Bats

Bats are the only flying mammals. The bones in a bat's wing are the same as those of the human arm and hand, but a bat's finger bones are elongated and support a tough elastic membrane.

Although bats have relatively good eyesight, they depend on a well-developed echolocation system, similar to sonar. They emit pulses of very high frequency sound, which are not audible to human ears, at a rate of a few to more than 500 per second. By listening to the echoes that reflect back to them, they are able to maneuver around objects in their path and capture tiny flying insects. Bats can consume more than 3,000 mosquitoes each night.

Oklahoma has 22 bat species, three of which are on the endangered species list - the Indiana, gray and Ozark big-ear bats. To find out more about bats or to learn how to build a bat house contact the Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation or call 223-2230 to receive an informational brochure.



Happy Ardmores pictured with the 2004 Outstanding Achievement Award at the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Conference include Ardmores Beautification Council, left to right: James C. Thompson, Dixie Harper, Janice Sappington, Regina Turrentine, Jean Carriker, Norma Lynne Paschall, Carolyn Graysneck, Ann McMillin, Mita Bates and Kay Watson, joined by Ardmores Convention Center's, Marty Auten.