

Second Place Winner (tie): Mississippi State Univ-South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station, Poplarville, Mississippi.



The AAS display garden is the center piece of the larger trial and research garden space at the MSU South MS Branch Experiment Station (SMBES) in Poplarville, MS. It is composed of several hard landscape features including a small bridge over a dry creek bed, a fountain, a gazebo and split rail fences with arbors. The Master Gardener group from Pearl River County provided virtually all of the support needed to plan, plant and care for this garden. The theme of 'Diversity in the Garden' was taken to heart on several fronts by the designers. First, the garden was designed with a diverse blend of AAS winning ornamentals and edibles. A total of 17 varieties of ornamentals and 16 edibles were included in this year's garden. Additionally, a diverse number of planting methods were incorporated which included in-ground, traditional containers, whiskey half-barrels, rail planters, hanging bag planters and elevated tables.

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