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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock. The meeting was called to order by President Martha Jones.

Martha welcomed new members of PCMG to the January 2000 meeting. She also recognized the members of the Social Committee and thanked them for their efforts with the wonderful "Holiday Party" in December.

Committee chairmen were asked of any planned work days. Old State House commttee was the only one with a planned work day. It was scheduled for Friday, January 14, at 9:00a.m.

Martha reminded everyone of the busy spring schedule of upcoming events:

February 25-27	Arkans Flower and Garden Show	Statehouse Convention Center
March 4-7	Arkansas Master Gardener Trip	Philadelphia Flower Show
April 7-9	Pulaski Co. Master Gardener Trip	Dallas Flower Show
April 23-25	Arkansas Master Gardener Conf.	Fairfield Bay
May 14-17	SE Regional Master Gardener Conf.	Tifton, Georgia

Martha announced that the Old-New Project and Standing Committee Chairmen Orientation meeting would be held next Tuesday, January 18, from 9:30-11:30a.m. She reminded everyone to submit their time sheets for 1999 to receive credit for time worked.

Beth, on behalf of herself and Mrs. McKinney, thanked everyone for the Christmas gift.

Beth also reminded members that today was the last day to file their time sheets in order to receive credit for 1999. She briefly discussed plans for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show which is to be held and asked that anyone who could help to complete and return the forms for volunteer assignments and work schedules.

Beth announced that all new committee appointments would be completed and information mailed out this week.

The implementation of the Telephone Committee--designated as a project committee for experienced MGs --has been completed and was now seeking volunteers to work with the new MGs who would be completing their telephone service time.

Beth explained for the benefit of new members that several clipboards were being circulated for the purpose of exchanging information that would be printed in the monthly *Master Minutes*. Anyone with plants to share, searching for plants, or having learned any gardening hints should share information with others.

Martha made a final announcement, a reminder to pay 2000 dues to John Prather, Treasurer.

Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the speaker for today's meeting, Mr. Bob Byers, Director of Garvan Gardens of Hot Springs. The land and the vision for the development of this garden/ arboretum was made possible by the gift from Mrs. Verna C. Garvan to the Department

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of Landscape Architecture, University of Arkansas, in 1985. Mr. Byers outlined the planning and proposed development of the property including the objective of a opening date of summer or fall 2000 for individuals after completion of access road and parking facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

Feb. 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock. The meeting was called to order by President Martha Jones.

Martha opened the meeting with a welcome to all members of PCMG and thanked everyone who remembered to wear their nametags. She reminded members to pay their dues for the year 2000 and announced that 2 clipboards were circulating that needed member input for 1) "Trading Post" and 2) "Things that Work" columns of *Master Minutes*.

Martha announced that the State Convention would be at Fairfield Bay, April 23-25 and requested that members contribute items for a silent auction event and that members submit "Funny Bone" stories for a Convention Award. In connection with the state convention she also presented the recommendation from the board that membership should vote on the PCMG "Project of the Year" nomination of either "Old State House" or "Baptist Rehabilitation Institute Horticulture Therapy" project. The vote supported the "Baptist RIHT" project as our county entry.

Travel Committee report by Paul McDonnell included upcoming plans for spring of a March 2 trip to Sheridan, a April 7-9 Dallas trip if 30 people commit to go, and plans for later in the year not yet scheduled to Hope Prairie Garden, to Memphis, Eureka Springs, and home of P. Allen Smith.

Committee chairmen were asked of any planned work days.

Beth announced that she had received some information concerning the Southeast Regional Meeting in Athens, Ga. for anyone who might be interested. She also announced that the Northeast Regional Meeting would be held in Wheeling, WV, in October. She reminded members that Horticulture Exhibit Entry deadline for the State Flower and Garden Show was February 21 and that forms were available at the door. She thanked Julia Loyall's daughter for the many packets of seeds made available to PCMGs and found on the tables at the door.

Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the speaker for today's meeting, Mr. Jeb Leggett, of Custom Landscapes & Nurseries, speaking on Ornamental Grasses and Hydrangeas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

M6 Board

① Extension Office 100.00 - turf demo
100.00 / per year to keep up

② Vivian Davis - Tree ordinance

③ Who is going to State Convention?

④ Cammack - Flower Bed.

⑤ Handily
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P Shubs

M6 Meeting

① County Gardens, Opening Celebration, April 1
@ 4pm. pot-luck & B-B-Q, bring own drinks
pitch in a \$ or two for B-B-Q

② Marge Van Egnard has a needle point holly

③ F&G - THANKS
Booth looked great
Butterfly house - wonderful

④ Silent Auction Items

⑥ State
Convention
Full

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Martha opened the meeting with a welcome to all members of PCMG and announced that Carolyn Newbern had brought Arkansas road maps and Arkansas Wildflower maps to share with everyone.

Travel Committee Chairman, Paul McDonnell announced that a plan was in effect for all shared driving trips to reimburse the driver \$5.00 a person for gasoline expenses.

He reported on the March 21 trip to Sheridan area for a visit to Char Roush for Daffodil viewing and to Bixler's Garden Nursery. Also for spring is:

"Dallas in Bloom" trip, April 7-9, arranged by Kruger Travel

"Marilyn's Spring Tour", Thursday, April 13-Mt. Vernon-Jeb Leggett's Nursery for Ornamental Grasses and Hydrangeas, "Wildflowers n More" for picnic lunch, and Joel Stout's Daylilies and Hostas Nursery in Conway.

"Grand View Prairie Day Trip", Thursday June 15th, including a visit to Herb Nursery.

Martha reported on the success of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show with the largest attendance ever, 12,000. She thanked everyone involved for their hard work in making it such a success. Beth announced that PCMG, Mary Evans had received an award for outstanding volunteer at the Show for her efforts with the flower display in the Butterfly House.

Beth announced that the Arkansas MG Convention registration was closed and there was a long waiting list for any cancellations. A reminder that we should register early next year. She requested silent auction donations for the convention. Beth also announced that information about the South East Regional Meeting, May 14-15, was on tables in the lobby.

Martha announced a Long Range Planning Committee follow-up meeting was scheduled for April 19th. Committee chairs should meet with their groups before the meeting.

Martha asked committee chairmen of any planned work days and then called for any other announcements:

Greenhouse Committee-Lois Corley- Potting Soil Poppies, Caladiums, Artemesia, and

Broccoli plants on sell at Greenhouse after today's meeting and on Thursday morning.

Vivian Davis asked for support of MGs in passage of the Little Rock Ordinance Task Force for tree protection by calling or writing the LR Planning Commission or LR Board of Directors.

Jeannie Kumpuris-Council of City Garden Clubs Flower Sale, Saturday,

Jane Druff-Social Committee-MG Picnic, May 18th, Old Mill, North Little Rock.

Jan King-Herb Society Spring Sale, April 8th, at the River Market-Come Early.

Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the speaker for today's meeting, Mr. James Long. He gave a presentation on Outdoor Lighting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

April 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday April 11, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Martha opened the meeting with a welcome to all members of PCMG and shared a poem, "Think Spring, a Time for Planting." This poem will be printed in the May *Master Minutes*.

Travel Committee reported on upcoming trips.

Marilyn Wheeler- "Spring Tour", Thursday, April 13-Mt. Vernon-Jeb Leggett's Nursery for Ornamental Grasses and Hydrangeas, Damascus-"Wildflowers n More" for picnic lunch, and other places in Conway and Maumelle depending on time and weather.

Brenda Veerhusen-"Memphis Trip", May 23, to Botanical Garden, Touliatos Spring Show, and a private garden tour.

Jean Moffett-"Grand View Prairie Day Trip", Thursday, June 15th, including a possible visit to Herb Nursery.

Social Committee-Jane Druff- announce plans for the MG Summer Picnic, Thursday, May 18.

5:30-6:30pm Meet at Old Mill in NLR for appetizers.

7:00pm Lakewood Park covered pavilion for dinner.

Tickets: \$6.50-Adults and \$3.50-Children. Volunteers needed for desserts.

Martha reminded members of the Long Range Planning Committee follow-up meeting scheduled for April 19th.

Martha asked committee chairmen of any planned work days and then called for any other announcements:

Greenhouse Committee-Lois Corley- Greenhouse Sale, Saturday, April 15, 8:00am to noon.

Martha-reminder to please pay your dues, our only source of income for funding various projects

Beth -Flyers mailed to all MGs announcing Greenhouse Sale

-Flyers on tables about Garvan Garden Membership

-Thank you from U of A for donation to the State MG Meeting.

-Volunteers needed for Oak Forest Community Garden "Garden Party" and Trinity Episcopal Church "Festival of Flowers", contact Beth for details.

-Ill members to remember are Boon-Nam Blackwell and Tom Norman

Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the speaker for today's meeting, Mr. Joel Stout of Conway. He gave a slide presentation on Day Lilies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

June 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday June 13, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Martha opened the meeting with a welcome to all members of PCMG. She reminded members to please complete and return the "Continuing Education Survey" that was included in their June mailouts.

Travel Committee-Paul McDonnell reported on the "Grand View Prairie Day Trip", Thursday, June 15th, 7:45 a.m. departure from the I430 & I630 commuter parking lot. He also told of upcoming plans for an overnight trip to Eureka Springs in October.

Martha reminded members that there were still 40 members who had not paid their dues. She reported that a listing of members with their reported service & education hours was posted on the front tables. She also reminded members to sign-up today for participation in the Museum of Discovery's "Bug Fest." Martha then introduced Mr. Rodney Baker of the Arkansas Farm Bureau who gave a brief explanation of the CHART plan and circulated petitions for members to sign.

Committee Project reports and workdays were announced.

Beth announced that the extension office phones are busy and now is the time for anyone who needs telephone hours to schedule. Any other volunteer help would be appreciated. Beth announced the Kibbler Experimental Station's Vegetable Garden Demonstration was to be held on June 29th at 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested should contact her for advanced registration.

Martha shared "Dream" with members. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the panel for today's meeting: Breck Campbell-vegetables, Mary Evans-perennials, Jane Gulley-roses, Betty Pagan-herbs, Jim Bowling-turf grasses, Cecelia Buck-trees, and Beth Phelps-diseases (of plants). Questions were fielded from members and panel members provided wonderful answers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

Sept 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday September 12, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Carolyn Newbern opened the meeting with a welcome to members of PCMG. She explained that she was presiding today in the absence of President Martha Jones who, as of Saturday, Sept. 9, is now Martha Jones Thompson and away on her honeymoon. Members responded to this news with a round of applause. Carolyn then informed members of the two free magazines "Fine Gardening" and "Kitchen Gardener," and of the publishers offer of a 20% subscription discount for either or both magazines for PCMG's. For those interested, a sign-up sheet was circulated and Beth would notify them of the exact cost.

John Prather reported on the State Advisory Leadership Training Meeting held on August 29. He gave the website address, "www.uaex.edu" and the password "compost" and explained that the password entry site was for MG's only. He also reported on upcoming organizational changes that would affect all of PCMG's. These were: 1) Starting in 2001, travel time would not count as "project work time," and 2) Starting with training class of next year, 20 hours of "education time" in addition to the training education would be required. He said the meeting gave opportunity to share information and ideas with other MG groups.

Carolyn reported on the death of PCMG member, Martha Staples, and of a donation in her honor to the Old State House.

Committee Project reports and workdays were announced. Jane Druff, Social Committee, announced the upcoming reception for New Members would be November 14th at 11:30am. and the Christmas Party would be December 11 at the Burns Park Hospitality House. She asked for anyone with Christmas entertainment suggestions to contact her.

Beth announced that today was the last day for Eureka Springs Trip sign-up and that we needed more participants in order to have the trip. She asked for anyone interested in being a mentor for new trainees to contact her. Beth also said that a Volunteer Coordinator was needed for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. She reminded members that new training classes would begin on September 27, and anyone interested could attend, but please let her know if you plan to come for any classes. Another announcement was forwarded from Doug Akin of the state Forestry Commission alerting members to the "Rally for Trees" on Sept. 14, to discuss the contents of the proposed LR tree ordinance. Beth's final reminder was that the new state MG website with the password access was designed to help MG organizations share information with other MG groups.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the new year: President, Suellen Roberts; 1st Vice President, Jane Druff; 2nd Vice President, Lou Sanders; Secretary, Sandy Harrison; and Treasurer, John Prather. A motion was made by Earl Hillard and seconded by Jim Campbell to accept this slate of officers. The motion carried.

Carolyn announced that the fall schedule of classes for AELC included some gardening and landscape classes for anyone who might be interested or need "education hours."

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Sue Ellen Roberts introduced the speaker for today's program, Ms Paige Shurgar. Ms Shurgar is the Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator for the Arkansas chapter of The Nature Conservancy and a graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. She shared a slide presentation of the efforts of the Nature Conservancy in Arkansas and related that the primary purpose of the conservancy was the identification, protection and stewardship of the native flora and fauna of Arkansas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

Oct. 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday October 10, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

First Vice President Jane Druff opened the meeting with a welcome to members of PCMG.

Committee Project reports and workdays were announced.

Greenhouse Committee reminded members of Fall Sale, Saturday, October 14, 8:00-11:00am.

Social Committee - the November PCMG meeting would be a reception for newly graduating PCMGs. The Winter Holiday Party is set for Monday, December 11, with more information to follow.

Jane reminded all chairmen to be getting their project chair notebooks in order and ready to pass along to new chairmen. She reminded members to be thinking about the project on which they would like to serve next year.

Martha reported for the Futuring Committee and the announcement of the addition of Habitat for Humanity Project for next year, and of a new Standing Committee, School Mentoring Committee.

Jane announced for members to report all their service and education hours on their time sheets and to return order forms for MG shirts to Beth.

John reported on the purchase of gardern plant labels for use by projects and for chairs to submit a written request with the number needed for their use. He told members that the remainder would be available for purchase at the November meeting, 3/\$1.00.

Beth announced the Public Policy of Election Amendments Listings and free Seed Packets available to members at the front desk.

Beth introduced the program speaker, Mary Lee McHenry, speaking on herbs. Mary Lee is a grower and broker of organic herbs and edible flowers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

Nov. 2000

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday November 14, 2000, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

President Suellen Roberts opened the meeting with a welcome to members of PCMG.

Social Committee - Thanks to the committee for the work on the New Member Reception and hopes that everyone present will be able to stay and welcome new PCMG's.

Jane reported on the Annual Holiday Party to be held December 11th at the Burns Park Hospitality House. This party is open to members and guests.

John Prather announced the sale of plant labels. Only a few labels remaining that are available for sell, but he will take requests and reorder a new supply.

Lou Sanders recorded work days on the bulletin board from various project committees.

Greenhouse Committe Chairman, Lois Corley, requested that she be notified by January of any flowers needed for projects' spring plantings or members requests for Spring Greenhouse Sale.

Suellen reminded members to complete their time sheets and turn them into the office by Dec. 30.

Beth announced: 1) Letters with Project Commitment Forms would be mailed this week. They need to be completed and returned to her as soon as possible.

2) A letter to volunteer with the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, March 2-4, would be mailed with the next "Master Minutes."

3) Help is needed for set up of the MG Booth for this show

4) Volunteer time sheets should be turned in to office as soon as possible.

Suellen announced the recent death of MG, Ann Cooper's husband. She asked that Master Gardeners of the class 2000 stand and be recognized.

Carl Hunter asked for time to request help from MGs. He requests all PCMGs to monitor our highways and report to him or Phillip Moore of the AR Highway Dept. of any chemical spraying or mowing of designated wild flower areas during their growing season. This on behalf of the Keep AR Beautiful Commission.

A drawing for a door prize, a yard rake, was final business before adjournment for the New Member Reception.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary