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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday January 9, 2001, 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. She announced the recent death of member and past president Connie Ruth Smith and the decision to send a memorial to the Pinnacle Arboretum for a "leaf" on their memorial/honorarium tree.

Suellen also welcomed Gail Northcutt of Arkansas County, our representative to the State MG Advisory Board. Gail addressed the group with information about the Advisory Board and a reminder of the Arkansas Master Gardener Conference in Ft. Smith March 25-27, and of a planned trip to Vancouver in August. Suellen announced that Jane Druff would be Pulaski County's nominee to the Advisory Board this year. A decision of elections to this board will be announced at a later date.

Social Committee - Suellen expressed the group's thanks to chairman, Jane Druff, and the committee for the wonderful Winter Holiday party.

Travel Committee- Paul McDonnell asked for a show of hands of member who would be interested in a trip to Char Rouch's Daffodil Hill during the bloom season.

Suellen reminded members of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, March 2-4. Beth or Volunteer chairman, Trudy Goolsby, should be contacted if you can work.

Suellen also reminded members to register for the state meeting in Ft. Smith, March 25-27, since space is limited. The membership voted to approve the board's recommendation of the "Old State House" Project as PCMG's nominee for the "Best Project Award" and the Little Rock Park and Recreation Dept., Landscape Division, as the nominee for the "Friend of Master Gardener Program" Award. The newsletter, "Master Minutes" will be submitted in newsletter category, but is not eligible to win this year.

Treasurer John Prather announced that he was collecting dues of \$10 for year 2001.

Projects- a reminder from the president of the meeting for 2001 Project Committee Chairs and Co-chairs is this Thursday, January 18, 1:30-3:30p.m. at the State Extension Office.

Old State House- Sylvia Orton thanked the membership for her project's nomination for the state award and announced that the Old State House would be featured Friday, January 12 @ 6:30p.m. on Janet Carson's PBS show. Organizational meeting 02/01/01

Old Mill- Chairman Rochelle Greenwood presented her top volunteer a gift

Greenhouse Committee Chairman, Lois Corley, requested that she be notified by January 30 of any flowers needed for projects' spring plantings or members requests for Spring Greenhouse Sale.

Suellen reminded members to check their projects for damage from recent ice storm.

Beth reminded members of one last chance to complete their time sheets and turn them into the office. She also alerted members to new horticulture products by "Bayer" manufacturers. One of these "Merit" is a very good systemic lacebug control spray. These products are of the new

generation insecticides replacing the ones which have been removed by the FDA from the marketplace.

Lou Sanders introduced the speaker of today's program, Mr. Barry Brandt, a KATV meteorologist, who spoke on Long Term Climate Projections. After this very informative and well received talk Mr. Brandt answered questions from the members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harrison, Secretary

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday February 13, 2001, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

1st Vice President Jane Druff opened the meeting with a welcome to members of PCMG. She announced that President Suellen Roberts was at home recuperating from a recent broken ankle.

Secretary Sandy Harrison read correspondence note from Martha Thompson and acknowledged receipts of contributions to Pinnacle Mtn. State Park Memorial for Connie Ruth Smith and to U. of A Foundation for Sponsorship of the State MG Meeting in March.

Jane called attention to the circulating clip boards for registering "Plant Trade" and Helpful Gardening Hints" information, and Dues collection envelope. She announced that the Project Chairmen for 2001 had attended an orientation meeting and should be notifying committee members of project committee schedules. If any members have questions about their committee, call Beth or Mrs McKinney.

Project Chairmen were called upon to announce upcoming work days for the month.

Travel Committee- Paul McDonnell announced that the trip to Char Rouch's Daffodil Hill had been rescheduled for March 22 with a departure time of 8:00 a.m. from 2nd Presbyterian Church. Other upcoming trips include: April 17-Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs, and May 1-Memphis Arboretum, Private Gardens, and Touliannos Nursery.

Beth reminded members of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, March 2-4 and that she had flyers/posters to be displayed for public notice. Beth or Volunteer chairman, Trudy Goolsby, should be contacted if you can work. She also reminded members of the State MG Meeting, March 25-27 in Ft. Smith and asked if anyone going could help work the county booth. Plans are to sell plant labels and Gardeners Journals at the meeting. Space is still available to attend this meeting. Silent Auction items are also needed.

New Business--Jane announced the request by LR Council of Garden Clubs to ask members to serve as volunteers at their Spring Garden Tour and that the hours served would count as volunteer time. She introduced Marilyn Tilley of the Council who distributed sign-up forms to any interested member.

Beth announced that information for the National MG Conference in Orlando can be found on the internet and that the PCMG office would keep a list of members who are planning to attend in order to assist members with travel and room arrangements. She also told all NEW MG's to sign-up for telephone time on information sheets on the front tables and for ALL MG's to please pick-up their MG shirts. She announced that Janet Carson's AETN show would feature the Old State House, on Friday, February 16th.

Lou Sanders introduced the speaker of today's program, our Ms. Beth Phelps, who gave a very informative talk on Heat Tolerant Zones and the development of the American Horticultural Society's Heat Tolerant Zone Map.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday March 13, 2001, 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. She announced that potted herbs were available for purchase today as a fundrasier for association.

The program was the first item on the agenda today. Lou Sanders introduced Mr. Phil Tacker, an agricultural engineer with the Extension Service and Mr. Brad Burns of the Keeling Co. who presented a program on home irrigation systems. After the informative and helpful program the business meeting continued.

Suellen reminded members to pay their annual dues and to check with treasurer John Prather if in doubt. She announced that plant ID labels were still available for purchase.

Travel Committee- Paul McDonnell announced that the trip to Char Rouch's Daffodil Hill was scheduled for March 22 with a departure time of 8:00 a.m. from 2nd Presbyterian Church. Other upcoming trips include: April 17-Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs; Saturday, April 21-trip to Jeb Leggett's nursery, and May 1-Memphis Arboretum, Private Gardens, and Toulianos Nursery. He announced that the committee was researching a possible trip to Leachville, AR, and the Adam's Estate Garden.

Suellen announced the LR Council of Garden Clubs needs members to serve as volunteers at their Spring Garden Tour. Merilyn Tilley had sign-up forms to any interested member. Suellen then thanked all the volunteers who had worked at the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Beth also thanked the volunteers and reported that to date \$44,000 in horticultural scholarships had been given through funds raised at the annual show. Mary Evans thanked the Greenhouse team for their work in raising the flowers that so beautifully decorated the event and thanked the members who had worked on the butterfly house.

Jane Druff reported on the work of the Education Committee and announced the first advanced training class on "Landscape Design" would be held August 14,21, and 28.

Suellen announced the "Conference for Families" being presented by the Extension Service in early May and the request for table centerpieces for the event. She asked for anyone interested to contact her or Beth.

Pat Green announced that the NLR City Beautiful Commission had announced grant availability for non-profit groups of up to \$2,000 to aid in establishing or improving any public, highly-visible area of NLR with a 3-year commitment for maintaining this garden area.

Project Reports--Project committees reported their upcoming work days.

Beth thanked Lakewood Gardens for use of display plants at the AR Flower and Garden Show and announced that Wildwood Park was searching for a full time gardener. She also requested volunteers to contact her for work in the County's Booth at the State Meeting in Ft. Smith.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday April 10, 2001, 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 and a request for everyone to turn off their cell phones. She also reminded members to pay their dues to treasurer John Prather.

Suellen and Beth presented an award from State MG Convention for "Best State MG Project" to the Old State House Project Committee, Sylvia Orton-Chairman. Sylvia introduced the members of her committee and thanked them for their efforts in achieving this honor. Sandy Harrison was then asked to give a brief summary of the recently held State MG Convention in Ft. Smith, AR.

Merilyn Tilley announced the upcoming LR Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour and asked for volunteers for this event.

Social Committee-Susan Crisp announced the PCMG Summer Picnic is to be held May 24th, 6:00pm at the Old Mill and Lakewood Park in NLR. Cost is expected to be \$7.50 and there is a plan for a plant exchange also. Members are asked to encourage other members to attend.

Greenhouse Plant Sale-Lois Corley announced sale dates of Saturdays April 14th and April 28th, 8-11am.

Committee Project Work Days were reported by chairmen of each committee.

Travel Committee- Paul McDonnell announced upcoming trips include: Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs on Tuesday, April 17, 9:30am from 2nd Presbyterian Church; Trip to Jeb Leggett's nursery on Saturday, April 21 @ 9:30am from 2nd Pres. Church, and Memphis Bus Trip on May 15 to Memphis Botanical Gardens, Private Gardens, and Trees by Toulianos Nursery. This trip requires a minimum of 30 attendees at a cost of \$30.

Lou Sanders introduced today's speaker, Kathleen Wesson a PCMG member who had a slide presentation of the National Arboretum and Denver Botanical Garden.

Suellen asked for donations by May 1st of pint or quart jars to use for table decorations for the Extensions Conference for Families.

Beth announced that she had flyers for Janet Carson's Vancouver and Holland Trips. She also related information on the State MG program's "MG Educator Program." PCMG can nominate 2 people for each speciality to attend training. Beth also announced that now was the time that the office needed phone help. Beth will be ordering new MG Project Signs. There are Gardener's Journals and Plant ID tags for sale. Beth recognized Jane Druff as a newly elected member of the State Advisory Board. Her last announcement was that of the AR chapter of the National Herb Society's herb sale, April 21st at the River Market.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MAY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday May 8, 2001, 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 and thanked Trudy Goolsby who brought a lovely floral centerpiece for today's meeting.

Beth recognized 5 & 10 year members with certificates and pins.

Merilyn Tilley thanked all PCMG volunteers who helped make the LR Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour a huge success. Eleven hundred tickets were sold this year.

Suellen thanked volunteers for their help with the Extension Office's Family Conference and reported that their hard work on table centerpieces had earned funds for the PCMG Association.

Jane Druff presented her report on the recent State Advisory Board Meeting and related that Arkansas had 55 counties with MG programs. Items of interest included: (1)MG Educator/Trainer Program designed to educate future MG trainers for new MG classes and (2) Volunteers needed to review and edit information for state MG website.

Project committee chairmen were called upon to announce upcoming work days.

Greenhouse-Lois Corley announced that her committee had raised \$1500 to date and that chairmen need to notify her by May 20th of pansy and viola orders for their projects for fall.

Beth announced the availability of Garden Journals and plant labels for purchase today.

Lou Sanders introduced today's speaker, Mr. Bill Bradshaw, Director of Museum of Discovery, with the slide program and talk on "Gardens of Ireland."

Travel Committee- Paul McDonnell and Brenda Veerhussen announced upcoming Memphis Bus Trip on May 15 to Memphis Botanical Gardens, Private Gardens, and Trees by Toulianos Nursery. The bus will leave the I30 commuter parking lot @ 6:00am and Loves Truck Stop @ Galloway Exit I40 @ 7:00am. Travelers should bring sack lunch and beverage. Water will be provided. Corky's BBQ dinner will be provided on the trip back to LR. Expected time of arrival is between 8 and 9 pm.

Social Committee-Susan Crispan announced the PCMG Summer Picnic is to be held May 24th, 6:00pm at the Old Mill and Lakewood Park in NLR. Cost is expected to be \$7.50 and there is a plan for a plant exchange also. Members are asked to encourage other members to attend.

Suellen announced report of Bylaw changes were in May's "Master Minutes" and members should read these and be prepared to vote on the revisions at the June meeting. She also announced that next month's program would be a panel Q & A session on any horticultural concerns.

Beth's announcements included:

- Jack Singleton's Oakbrook Elementary Green Team had started a school newsletter on internet to reach out to other school's with same interest.

- Davies Campbell has tickets for Orlando International MG Conference and will now have to cancel plans if anyone would like to purchase his tickets
- Cantrell Garden Bill of \$3.84 was received and persons who charged this to PCMG needs to see her

Sandy reported on the upcoming Advanced Training "Landscape Design" class and told members that registration forms would be mailed with the June "Master Minutes."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday June 12, 2001, 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 and special guests from the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Dept., Landscape Division who were presented with the 1st "Friend of Master Gardener" Award. This city Department provided plants, shrubs, mulch, compost, and manpower for the Arts Center, Contemplation Garden, and War Memorial Park MG projects.

Members were requested to write horticulture questions on cards provided and turn them in for the panel discussion today.

Suellen congratulated Jane Druff for her appointment to the State Advisory Board and read a letter from the State Advisory Board thanking PCMG for its support of the State Convention in Ft. Smith. Suellen also thanked 1) Social Committee for their work on the wonderful summer picnic; 2) PCMG members, Cecilia Buck, Bob Bumgardner, Jan King, NLR Water Works project, and Jack Singleton's Oak Brook Elementary School for allowing us to tour their gardens; and 3) Paul and Brenda of the Travel Committee for making all the arrangements of the Memphis Bus Trip.

Suellen announced that notices for the advanced training "Landscape Design" classes should have been received with the June *Master Minutes* and that the registration deadline is July 20th. She also reminded members to pay their dues in order to continue receiving *Master Minutes* and to be eligible for the advanced training class.

Sandy Harrison read the proposed sections of the bylaws amendments and each section was then voted on. All proposed changes to the bylaws were approved.

Project Committees' workdays were reported by chairmen.

Suellen reported that the State Hospital had contributed mulch for that projects garden and that Hines Nursery had donated 12 new varieties of Hydrangeas to the Old Mill project.

Beth reported on the National Convention in Orlando with 10 PCMG members attending. The next meeting will be in 2003 in the North Kentucky/Cincinnati area. She also announced: 1) space available for Janet Carson's Vancouver trip in August; 2) Members who received verbena plants at the state convention should contact her; 3) LR Council of Garden Clubs have sent a letter of thanks to volunteers for their spring garden tour and a \$300 contribution to PCMG; 4) Jan King has a clipboard circulating for members to write suggestions for future garden tours.

Lou Sanders introduced today's panel of speakers who will answer horticultural questions. The panel includes: Breck Campbell, Mary Evans, Jan King, Beth Phelps, and Jane Gulley.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SWPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday September 11, 2001, at 11:30a.m., in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Suellen opened the meeting with a welcome to members.

Travel Committee-Paul McDonnell announced plans for upcoming trips:

- 1) Fall Hike--Pinnacle Arboretum Trail, Oct. 20th or 27th
- 2) Spring Fling--Bus Trip to Natchez in April, to be Sat.-Sun. or Fri.-Sun. trip.

Nominating Committee Report-Chairman Martha Thompson and committee members Hilda Boger and David Dodson reported slate of officers for election. They are: Jane Druff-President, Lou Sanders-1st Vice president, Nancy Kirsch-2nd Vice president, Jean Moffett-Secretary, and John Prather-Treasurer. This slate of officers was approved.

Suellen thanked the current board members and committee chairmen for their work this year.

Special guest, Quinton Hornsby, Director of Ouachita District, AR Co-op Extension Service was introduced.

Suellen announced the main topic of business for today's meeting: PCMG can no longer use state extension office for meetings for free which will mean either a new meeting location or increase in membership dues or both. She then discussed the search for new locations and expenses involved and the proposal sent to Dr. Liles, Director of AR Extension Services that the board has worked on since learning of the new policy to go into effect on January 1, 2002. After fielding questions from membership and giving everyone opportunity to express ideas and opinions, a motion was made by Leslie Scott to "Reject the current proposal and present Dr Liles with a new proposal that PCMG monthly meetings be held from 12:00 noon until 1:30pm on regular monthly meeting days at a cost of \$75 per meeting." This motion was seconded and approved.

Social Committee-Christmas Party planned for Dec 4th from 7-9pm at the Adult Living Center on 12th Street in Little Rock.

Greenhouse--Lois Corley announced that potting soil and perennials would be for sale at the greenhouse immediately following today's meeting. October 6th would be Fall Greenhouse Sale.

Project Committee Reports and work days were announced.

Suellen announced that "Curran Hall" had been approved by the board as a new project for next year. Members of the Advanced Training Committee and participants were recognized. She announced members of the Audit Committee-George Harper, Ann Cooper, and Don Thompson which will meet in October for an audit of the financial records.

Beth announced the start of the new MG Training Classes, September 26th and the need for mentors for this group. Any member is welcome to attend any of these classes, but please call Mrs. McKinney to let the office be informed.

Beth also announced that AARP and Baptist Health would be having a Health Promotion at Park Plaza, Saturday, October 27 from 10:00am -2:00pm with a feature on the PCMG Rehabilitation Project. Volunteers are needed to cover this booth.

A new feature for meetings today in the lobby is "Magazine Box"--used gardening magazines for exchange for a donation of 50cents.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Harrison

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001, at 11:30 am, in the auditorium of the Administration Bldg., 2301 S. University, Little Rock.

Jane opened the meeting with a welcome to members.

Jane stated that there was a hold-over from our September meeting that still needed to be brought before the membership. The State Extension Office has now accepted the proposal that we pay to their office \$75.00 monthly for use of the auditorium for the nine months that we use it for our meetings and that our meeting time would be from noon until 1:30 pm. We can also use the room across the hall for our November reception for new members. It is the recommendation of the Board that PCMG., also, accept this proposal Marilyn Wheeler made a motion to this effect, and it was seconded by several members. There was some further discussion before a vote was taken. The motion was approved, with the only dissenting vote made by Jan King. Members were informed that if they had direct concerns, they were to contact Mr. Quinton Hornsby, Director of Ouachita District, AR Co-op Extension Service, at P. O. Box 391, Little Rock, Ar. 72203.

An increase in yearly dues was discussed. It was proposed by the Board that the \$10.00 yearly dues be increased to \$15.00 each year, beginning in January 2002. John Prather stated that 90% of our money comes from dues. Bettye Jane Daugherty made this motion, and it was seconded by Nell Stephens. After discussion, the motion was passed.

Susan Crisp, Chaiman of the Social Committee, told members that after our regular 11:30 business meeting in November, there will be a reception for the 57 new Master Gardeners. All members are encouraged to come and meet and welcome our new members. She then told about the December 4 Christmas party, which will be held at the Adult Leisure Center off 12th and University from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. It will be a pot-luck. There will be more information and a registration form in the next news letter.

Merilyn Tilley, representing the Travel Committee, told the group that our Natchez trip is scheduled for March 15, 16 and 17, 2002. It will cost approximately \$125.00 per person. A show of hands was taken, and it is felt that there are enough members wishing to make this trip that it will be possible. Beth told the group that our Pinnacle walk will be Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10:00 to noon. We will meet at the Arboretum, and an interpreter will accompany us. A show of hands was also taken for this hike.

Project Committee Reports and work days were announced.

Joyce Bumgardner made an announcement regarding Habitat House through the Shepherd Centers of Little Rock and North Little Rock. She is looking for plants such as variegated liriop.

Jane reminded the members to turn in as soon as possible their volunteer hours and continuing education hours. She also stated that it is very important to turn in any community-outreach hours that a member might have. Members were also told that anyone who wishes to change his/her project for 2002 should phone Beth or Mrs. McKinney as no form will be sent out this year. Tee-shirt, sweat shirt and hat orders are still being taken. There is a box of Ar. Garden magazines which members may take and a box of old miscellaneous magazines which may be taken for a donation.

Members were told that there is additional parking in the UALR parking lot, but be sure to leave that area through the extension parking lot; otherwise we could be ticketed.

On Saturday, October 13, there will be a plant swap at the gazebo in McArthur Park at 10:00 am. No money will be exchanged.

Lois Corley told of the successful plant sell last Saturday and offered to meet anyone after meeting today if they want plants or dirt.

The meeting was turned over to Lou Sanders, who introduced our guest speaker, Bob Byers, from Garvan Woodland Gardens. Bob gave a lecture on the gardens, accompanied by slides. He stated that on November 10, they will have their Japanese Maple Festival. On October 20, they will have a moonlight walk, and on October 27, there will be a Mum Festival and plant sale. The Garden's grand opening will be held from March 31 (Easter Sunday) to April 6, 2002. The Gardens can now be visited from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm any day except Tuesday. Bob can be reached at www.GarvanGardens.org.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Moffett