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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at noon in the auditorium of the Administration Building, 2301 South University, Little Rock.

Jane opened the meeting with a welcome to members. She stated that our program would be the first thing on our agenda for the day, and Nancy Kirsch introduced the speaker, Colleen Vollman, who taught aerobics at the Westside YMCA. Colleen is a 2001 graduate of the Master Gardener class. The title of her talk and demonstration was "How to Get in Shape to Garden". As part of her presentation, all members did some warm-up and stretching exercises.

Then began the business part of the meeting. Jane stated that we had 135 members present today. She welcomed the 2001 graduates. She stated that Mary Evans was having surgery, and a card was sent around for all to sign. It was also stated that folders were going around for 2002 dues, which will be \$15.00. New members do not pay. Jane stated that although we do not have to pay rent this year for our meeting facility due to an anonymous donation, we have voted to "up" to \$100 money given to projects, and additional funds can be obtained by submitting a written request to the Board.

Jane said we have two New Year's Resolutions. One will be to always wear name tags to meetings and functions and to monthly report our hours. Today each member wearing a name tag was given a chocolate kiss. Jane stressed the importance of reporting all our hours. After a member acquires all the required hours, all additional need to be reported so that we can have an accurate count of just how much time is donated to the community.

Jane told about our new committee---Three Peas in a Pod. Committee members are Suellen Roberts and Cheryl Kennedy. Suellen said this stands for publicity, public relations and promotion. She said to encourage members to wear name tags, rewards would be passed out to those doing so; by wearing our tags, it is hoped members will get to better know each other. Through publicity, we can let the community and the extension office know what Master Gardeners do to give us a nicer and more beautiful place to live. We will use a digital camera to put pictures on our website. Cheryl will work with public relations and the newspapers. We will continue selling old magazines at 50 cents each. Each month for those who turn in hours, there will be a drawing and a prize of a Master Gardener license plate. Also, there will be a drawing for a door prize; you must be present to win.

Jane reminded members of the educator program. This is to find members who are interested in teaching. All training will be provided. This year's areas to be taught are vegetables/herbs and perennials/annuals. January 18 is the deadline for getting applications in to Beth. We can submit four names from Pulaski County. The State will decide who will receive this training. It will be held March 14 and 15 at Ferndale.

Project work days were given. Outgoing and incoming chair people will meet on January 17.

Paul McDonnell said that the Natchez trip will be March 15, 16 and 17.

Deadline to get information into the newsletter is the 19th of each month. Linda Moyer will chair this committee.

Beth showed a certificate of appreciation from Pinnacle State Park that was given to us. She showed new signs which we now have for our projects. February 6 there will be a fruit tree pruning workshop at the fruit experimental station in Clarksville.

If members have a new e-mail address, please let Beth know. There will be a household recycle day (pesticides, paint, electronics) on January 26 at War Memorial. Tess at the horse farm has horse manure,

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if anyone is interested.

The State Master Gardener Meeting will be May 5, 6 and 7 in Jonesboro. All interested in attending should register early as it fills up quickly.

We are selling garden stakes at 3/\$1.00. Meetings are now held at noon. The Flower and Garden Show will be held March 1, 2 and 3.

Beth thanked all members for the work they did last year. There were 10,162.5 hours given. 8,544 hours were on Master Gardener projects; 1,618.5 hours were on community outreach.

Prize drawings were done. Dorothy Wilks won the rake, and George Simpson won the license plate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Moffett

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2002

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in the Auditorium of the State Extension Building at 2301 South University in Little Rock, with President Jane Druff presiding.

At the beginning of the meeting, Nancy Kirsch introduced our speaker, Mary Evans, who gave a talk and showed slides on Yard Art.

The Business Meeting was then called to order by Jane. It was stated that project work-day dates would be posted outside the main auditorium. A door prize, a pin wheel, was won by James Alberson.

Jane told the group that our First Vice President, Lou Sanders, had resigned his Board position due to health problems. She stated that Carolyn Newbern had been appointed to fill the position for the remainder of the year. A card was sent around to be signed by all and would then be sent to Lou.

Congratulations were given to Beth Phelps for being named to the position of staff chairperson for the Pulaski County Extension Service. Beth stated that nothing would be changed as far as Master Gardeners was concerned.

Jane mentioned the monthly plant swap. Anyone bringing a plant could pick up another at the end of the meeting. No plants are allowed in the auditorium. Jane told the group about Garvan Woodland Gardens and recommended a visit.

Ila Newberry, chairperson for the travel committee, told about the up-coming trip to Holly Springs, Mississippi, on April 18 and 19. On May 15 at 6:15 pm, Good Earth Nursery will close its doors to all but Master Gardeners. There will be a wine and cheese party, with a \$3.00 donation. The nursery will give us a 20% discount on anything we buy at this event. On June 4, we will have our tour of Master Gardener homes and gardens.

Lynn Phelps, chairperson for the Social Committee, told about the spring picnic to be held at 6:00 pm May 9 at Lakeside Country Club. A flyer with all information will be coming out. A charge of \$10.00 per person must be in by April 29.

Lois Corley told that the greenhouse plant sale will be April 13 and again April 27 from 8:00 am to noon. Potting soil will be \$10.00 per bag.

Deadline for articles to go into our newsletter is the Tuesday after our monthly meeting.

The Central Library has a part-time opening for someone to work in their gardens.

When parking at the State Extension Office, use the regular parking area. If there is a red curb, it is a fire zone, and cars parking there will be fined \$95.00.

Beth told the group that the Pulaski County Master Gardener program has in the past been non-profit. Because of liability reasons, we have been advised that this is not wise. Therefore, we have dissolved and will now fall under the U of A "umbrella", so any liability will be covered through the University. There will be no other changes in our program.

It was stated that the county extension office has lost a secretary, and the position will not be filled at present. Therefore, Mrs. McKinney will have extra duties, and members might be able to pick up extra work hours by helping out in the office.

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There will be an opportunity for continuing education for Master Gardeners who have been in the program for 3 or more years. The continuing education program will be on perennials and will be held May 21 and 22. Advance registration is required.

There will be no up-coming herb sale at the River Market.

There were drawings for 2 additional door prizes. A Master Gardener license plate was won by Billie Sanders, and a bromilliad, donated by Lou Sanders, was won by Jean Moffett.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Moffett

Minutes of the Master Gardener General Meeting  
May 14, 2002

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The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, in the Auditorium of the State Extension Building at 2301 South University in Little Rock, with President Jane Druff presiding.

Jane first offered congratulations to the Social Committee for hosting the successful spring picnic, which was held at 6:00 p.m. May 9 at the Lakeside Country Club. In addition to good food and company, all attending were entertained by Perk Floyd, an expert on hummingbirds and bird banding.

About forty people responded to a request for a show of hands from those who attended the State Master Gardener Meeting in Jonesboro the previous weekend. (Points earned for attending the meeting include one point for each workshop/class, one point for each morning tour of Jonesboro gardens, and two points for the tour of the Adams Estate.) The state meeting will be in Searcy in 2003 and in Conway in 2004. Jane asked for suggestions for workshop topics to forward to the planners in Searcy.

Jane announced that five and ten year members would be recognized at the June meeting. Also, notecards embossed with the Master Gardener logo are being sold for \$5.00 for a packet of ten. The first statewide training session for the Junior Master Gardener Program was occurring as we met. She reminded us that our group has purchased a set of the Junior Master Gardener books for our library and that they are a good source for isolated projects for youth groups.

Announcements included the following: The Good Earth is hosting an open house for Master Gardeners only, with a 20% discount, at 6:15 May 15, 2002. The grand opening of Curran Hall is scheduled for May 18. Pulaski County Master Gardener Training on Perennials will be May 21-22; a few openings remain. St. Vincent Rehabilitation Hospital, Sherwood, is hosting an enabling garden workshop on June 19, 8:30 - 12:30. The State Advanced Master Gardener training session on herbs will be at Mt. Home in July, the first in a series of sessions to achieve Advanced Master Gardener certification. The tablet with workdays is in the lobby, for us to check as we leave. Project chairs will get a questionnaire, which will help the Board in analyzing current projects.

John Prather, treasurer, reported that 42 members have yet to pay dues. Beginning next month, a sticker will appear by the name on the mailing label of Master Minutes.

Beth Phelps congratulated five and ten-year members, reiterating that formal recognition will be at the June meeting. She reported that the Little Rock Garden Club Council had donated \$300 as thanks for Master Gardeners who served as guides at the recent Tour of Gardens. Beth asked that we send to Cheryl Kennedy information and photographs of our projects for use on the Pulaski County website. She read part of an article from USA Today about new homeowners who asked a Master Gardener neighbor for landscaping advice, what native plants to keep and how best to develop their new ranch; the homeowners were George and Laura Bush.

Lois Corley reported that the Greenhouse Committee had conducted two good sales and that it would be open after the meeting for final sales of plants and potting soil. Orders for next fall are due immediately.

Ila Newberry said that the Travel Committee would mail a survey, requesting ideas for future trips.

Jan King noted that the Herb Society of America would have a meeting Thursday, May 16, 11:30 at the Arkansas School for the Blind herb garden.

Nancy Hirsh introduced Carl Hunter, noted authority on native plants. Mr. Hunter called our attention to wildflower plantings on highway right-of-ways and at other public areas. He illustrated with slides a program on native shrubs, emphasizing their desirability and adaptability in our landscapes.

Drawings were held for the door prizes.

After the meeting, members who brought plants to share, were asked to choose another plant to take home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Newbern

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING  
June 11, 2002

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in the Auditorium of the State Extension Building at 2301 South University in Little Rock, with Carolyn Newbern presiding in the absence of Jane Druff.

The chair people of the various work projects were thanked for returning their information forms. It was requested that those who had not done so, please return the forms as soon as possible.

The nominating committee regarding officers for next year will be chaired by Suellen Roberts, last year's president. Anyone interested in serving as an officer or nominating another member should contact Jane Druff, Beth Phelps or Suellen.

Sandy Harrison is working on some minor changes of our By Laws. These are necessitated because of our being dissolved as a corporation.

Anyone who is needing 'work-hours', contact either Beth or Mrs. McKinney. Debbie Cummings told that there will be a workshop June 19 at the St. Vincent Rehab in Sherwood, and continuing education hours can be earned. It will be a how-to-build workshop, including lectures on landscape design, building a fountain, a contained garden, an herbal garden, a nature watch area, assembling lawn furniture, building a retaining wall, raised bed garden and wheelchair gardening. The hours will be 8:30 to 11:30, with lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$25.00. It is requested that anyone desiring to attend pre-register.

Ila Newberry, travel committee, spoke about the travel-information forms which were sent to members and requested that they be left at the desk in order that the committee could be informed on travel requests.

Jan King reported on the tour of Master Gardener gardens that was conducted on June 4. She thanked the members who opened their gardens to our group.

Lois Corley said the greenhouse will have many pansies, including yellow violas, which have been requested. These plants should be delivered to the greenhouse and be ready to transplant between September 5 and 7. Anyone desiring to help should contact Lois.

Sally Sanderson said that volunteers are needed to dead-head roses at Mt. Holly.

Susan Crisp told the group that the social committee needs ideas about locations in North Little Rock to hold the winter holiday dinner.

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Beth presented certificates and pins to members who have been Master Gardeners for five and ten years. Names were listed in the Master Minutes.

Beth told the group that at the meeting today there was a posting of all members and their recorded work hours and continuing education hours. She requested that each member's hours be reported on a regular basis. She reminded us that phone hours count as work hours.

Beth stated that a thank-you would be sent to the continuing education committee for the advanced perennial training.

She stated that for those who ordered name tags, she now has received them.

She said that a 'dot' will be placed in the next Master Minutes by the name of those who have not paid their 2002 dues.

Nancy Hirsch introduced the Master Gardeners who made up the panel to answer gardening questions. They presented the program for the meeting. They were Mary Evans (perennials and annuals), Breck Campbell (vegetables), Jane Gulley (roses) and Beth Phelps (turf and trees). Many questions were asked and answered, and much good information was given to the members.

Door prizes were awarded. Nancy Walford received the body cooling neck wrap given by an anonymous donor, Leslie Scott received the hibiscus plant given by Hines Nursery through Judy Bradsher, and Cheryl Wilson won the Master Gardener license plate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Moffett

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PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING  
September 10, 2002

The Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, in the Auditorium of the State Extension Building at 2301 South University in Little Rock, with Jane Druff presiding.

A travel committee report was given by Ben Jordan regarding the up-coming trip to Eureka Springs and Fayetteville on October 28-30.

We had election of the new officers for the 2002-2003 year. Nominees considered were President - Carolyn Newbern, 1st Vice President - Nancy Kirsch, 2nd Vice President - Dick Blankenkemper, Secretary - Pat Green, Treasurer - John Prather. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was accepted by acclamation.

Beth spoke briefly about ordering tee and sweatshirts and our 2 styles of caps.

Jane spoke of the new By Laws. Each member is encouraged to read these. A vote will be taken at the October meeting.

The advanced Master Gardener training will be held October 22. Members can sign up. An application will be in the newsletter.

The new Master Gardener training will begin September 25 and will meet every Wednesday except the last week, when they will meet on Tuesday. Any current member may attend. If lunch is desired, a call to Mrs. McKinney must be made by the previous Monday. Mentors are still needed.

Any group interested in entering their project for the Keep Arkansas Beautiful award may do so. Beth has applications.

The Board is in the process of reviewing current projects and also considering new ones.

Lois Corley told us that the tentative date for the first greenhouse sale is October 10-12 from 8:00 am till noon. Project chairmen must get the plants they want for next year before the sale starts. Also, Lois needs to know what each project wants for next year by October 20, or plants will not be ordered.

Beth told that a Master Wildlife Program is being organized in Arkansas. Ask her for further information, if interested.

Beth told that we are still having parking difficulties for our monthly meetings. Now that UALR is in session, Extension employees cannot use their lot. Therefore, some are having to park in the front parking lot. If any member has ideas on parking, please talk with Beth.

Jane told that Master Gardeners have been asked to participate in an Arbor Day program in Little Rock on November 6. We have been asked to set up a 'station' giving information on seed germination. 5th graders will be taken through various 'stations' describing the life of a tree. Anyone interested in participating should talk with Beth.

We now have three volunteers to work on a merchandising committee for tee shirts, caps and other merchandise we might want to sell - Nancye McCowan, Jan King and Nan Matthews.

Beth reminded us that we are near the end of the year and we should stay current in reporting our various hours.

Nancy Kirsch introduced our speaker, Pete Rausch, who is the Urban Forester with the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department. We were informed that Little Rock has, in the last year, become a Tree City USA. Mr. Rausch told of various tree projects now under way in our city.

Door prizes were a book, Trees of North America, a Master Gardener license plate and three garden decorations donated by the Decor Store in Maumelle. Winners were Bonnie Cargile, Pat Wallace, Lynn Phelps, Ann Morgan and Carolyn Prickett.

Our meeting was closed with all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Moffett