

Jan 2008

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2008 11:30am  
St James Methodist Church

President Jim Dyer called the meeting to order.

Steve Lopata with the 3 Ps committee conducted a Meet and Greet with the question...How was your home heated when you were growing up?

President Jim Dyer made the following announcements:

1. Special Thanks to the Social Committee for the Holiday Party.
2. He asked that the new members stand.
3. Inclimate Weather Policy - when the LR Schools are closed, our meeting will be cancelled.
4. Advanced Master Gardener status achieved by Judy Woodard and Billie Sanders
5. Collection of annual dues will begin today. Dues are \$15.00 if paid after May 1 \$20.00. Pay at sign in area or mail to Judy Woodard, treasurer or Beth Phelps at the Extension Office.
6. Chair and Co-Chair Orientation Program will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 1pm-3:30pm at Hayes Senior Center in NLR.
7. Friend of PCMG and Project of the Year...written nominations to Beth by Friday.
8. Newly constructed building at St James will open on Easter Sunday and we will be meeting there this spring.

Judy Woodard announced that there will be a seed exchange at our Feb and March meetings. Will be near the sign-in area. Please bring seeds with plant information...this will be fun! More information will be in your Master Minutes newsletter.

Beth Phelps announced: Project assignments will be finalized soon. Please turn in your hours for 2007.

Karin Briscoe announced that horticulture specimen entries are needed for the Ark Flower and Garden Show.

Lois Corley announced that the greenhouse committee needs old mini blinds to use as plant markers.

Ray Sarmiento announced that volunteer assignments for the Ark Flower and Garden Show will be made Friday

Martha Basinger announced that she has had lots of suggestions for speakers from the membership and is grateful for that. She introduced today's speaker, David Werling. David's topic is Photo Gallery PCMG Website with handouts in chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Redding, Secretary

*Feb. 08*

**Pulaski Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008 11:30am  
St. James United Methodist Church**

President Jim Dyer Called the meeting to order and states that we have a large crowd today and there are empty seats up front .If you have a empty seat next to you please raise your hand so that others may be seated.

Wanda Bray—Travel Committee—Pink handouts are in the chairs today, Jonquil Festival on March 14 @ Historic Washington State Park. Hydrangea Festival in Memphis on June 7.

Frank James announced that the Central Arkansas Rose Society will hold a pruning workshop March 8 at 8 am in Conway at the Hilton Inn, \$25 to attend.

Ray Sarmiento announced that there are 3 volunteer slots left to fill for the Flower and Garden Show. Contact me if interested...Thanks!

Trudy Kumpe reminded everyone that we will have a Seed Exchange again next month.

Lois Corley made announcement about committee chairs placing orders for fall plantings and up coming greenhouse projects.

It was announced that we will have a work day at St. James Church Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, March 15 from 8am-1pm. Let Judy Chapman or Beth Phelps know if you can help. and we will be working with the church members and a Master Gardener will lead each team. Pruning, mulching and etc. Work day will be cancelled if raining. This is our Thank You to the church for providing our meeting space free of charge.

President Jim Dyer announced that we will be meeting in the newly constructed building in May. This should help us with our current problems of seating and sound. If you have sound experience and would like to serve on a committee let Jim Dyer know.

It was announced that the State Master Gardner Meeting will be May 29, 30 NS 31 IN Springdale.

Rontia West a transfer from Washington County and Sharon Williams a transfer from Kansas were introduced. Rontia was in attendance.

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Beth Phelps announced that there will be a Silent Auction at the State Master Gardeners Convention. Each county is asked to provide 2 items. If you have an item to donate but are not going to the meeting Beth can transport.

Beth Phelps announced that several Master Gardener projects were mentioned in this month's Organic Gardening magazine: Mount Holly, Curran Hall, Pinnacle and the Governor's Mansion.

**New Business:**

1. By Laws Changes - The By -Laws changes to incorporate the office of Assistant Treasurer as presented in the Master Minutes were presented to the membership by Jim Dyer By-laws. Jim also presented the reasoning behind the changes and why the board felt they were needed. There was discussion, a motion to approve the changes was made, seconded and approved.
2. Selection of Award Winners - President Jim Dyer presented the nomination of the Old Mill Project for the Pulaski County Master Gardener Project of the Year. A motion was made; seconded and approved the Old Mill Project was Pulaski County's Master Gardener Project of the Year and will be nominated for the Arkansas State Master Gardener Project of the Year.
3. Jim Dyer presented the nominations for the Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners Award - Steve Adams, Mt. Holly Cemetery, Ed Garretson, The Old State House and Roger Williams, Curran Hall. Each was presented for vote. Steve Adams, Mt. Holly Cemetery was selected as 2008 Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners and will be nominated for Arkansas Friend of Master Gardeners Award. Steve Adams as the MG Friend of the Year .Beth Phelps states that the nomination packets for this election will go to the state convention.

Martha Basinger introduces our speaker for today's meeting .Eric Sundell will speak on Arkansas Shrubs and Vines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Redding  
Secretary

March

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**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 11:30 am St. James United Methodist Church**

President Jim Dyer called the meeting to order.

Wanda Bray reported for the Travel Committee about the upcoming trip April 25 Trip to Batesville to the Stonewood Ridge Garden. She announced that specific information about the trip was on the flyer handed out.

Betty Henderson announced that the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tours will be held on May 2 and 3. Tickets are \$15.00, can be purchased from local nurseries or today after the meeting.

Carolyn France reported for the Social Committee that the Annual Spring Picnic will be on May 22 at Wildwood Park and we would be able to see the new Wildwood MG Project...more info coming soon.

Don Ford invited anyone interest to join the Pinnacle Mountain Project committee on a trip to Pine Ridge Gardens near Russellville on March 27, meet at 8 am at St. James to carpool, all welcome.

Kate Althoff spoke about the Arkansas Gazette article regarding the Lake Maumelle Watershed and remaindered everyone about a public hearing to be held, call her for more info or any questions you may have.

Lois Corley announced the Greenhouse-Plant Sale on April 12 8 am - 12noon. She also requested that project chairman please place your orders for pansies and violas as soon as possible. In the fall she will ask for project's spring plan order.

Renee and Judy Chapman thanked everyone for all their hard work during the 2 St. James Work Days. Renee also read a thank you note signed by the church staff. The workday was a success with 18 Master Gardeners and 8 church members in attendance. Thanks to all!

President Jim Dyer announced:

1. There will be a workday this Thursday at LR City Park and Recreation greenhouse for planting plugs.
2. If you are interested in attending the State Master Gardener Meeting in May please sign up asap, it is filing up fast.
3. If you still need to pay your dues do so today or mail them to Judy Woodard. Remember after May 1<sup>st</sup> they are past due and go up to \$20.00.

Beth Phelps announced:

1. We will soon be meeting in the new auditorium.
2. Thanked everyone who helped on the workdays at St James Church.

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3. Stuff orders are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can mail your order to Claudia Barone.
4. Register now for the State Master Gardener Meeting and donations for the Silent Auction are needed.
5. Thanks for all your many hours of work at the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show.
6. See JoAnn Janssen if you want to carpool to the Butterfly Meeting.
7. The City Beautiful Commission has coupons for 20% off Rose Bushes, a coupon is in each chair today.
8. Clarification regarding Project hours and Community Service/Outreach Hours: Project hours are just hours worked on Master Gardener project. Volunteer time with other gardening/plant related organizations should be reported under education or community outreach. There was a question about counting travel time to and from you project for work days. Beth reminded everyone that it is a Arkansas Master Gardener policy that travel time does not count as volunteer time but remember you may be able to claim mileage on your taxes.

Martha Basinger introduced our speaker, Mr. Billy Lewis. He has been growing roses since 1973 and is a member of the Central Arkansas Rose Society. His topic today is "Pruning Roses".

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Redding  
Secretary

*April 08*

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2008 11:30 am St. James United Methodist Church

Vice-President Don Davis called the meeting to order and announces that President Jim Dyer is out today having medical tests. He also announced that next month we will be meeting in the new Worship Center.

Marcella Grimmett reported for Travel Committee about upcoming trips and reminded everyone that there was a handout in each chair. May 15th Mr. Partridge's Rose Garden in Benton and Mid-South Hydrangea Society Garden Tour in Memphis June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Stuart announced that a program on Tim Earnest's Nature Photography Slides will be held at the Church at Rock Creek, Thursday, April 17th at 7pm.

Lois Corley reported for the Greenhouse that there were sales of \$1,200.00 at the plant sale last week.

Carolyn Frances reported for the Social Committee that the Spring Picnic will be May 22 at Wildwood and will be catered by Whole Hog Café, tickets are \$12 per person. There will be a plant exchange also. See Sandy Harrison about tickets.

Jeanne Spencer announced the LR Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tour is May 3 and May 4, tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 day of tour.

Glenda Arledge announced the need for garden expert volunteers for the LR Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tour.

Tom Bruce announced for Wildwood that the native azaleas are in bloom this week, admission is free and the park is open 8-5 and there is a golf cart for the handicapped.

Judy Chapman announced that she has daffodils if any projects or anybody wants them.

Vice-President Don Davis announced that annual dues are due and will be \$20 if paid after May 1.

Beth Phelps reminded everyone to check the sticky board for any upcoming events and please share info with those who do not have e-mail.

Beth's announcements:

1. The 2008 Horticulture CD is available at \$11 each.
2. If you are not sure if you have paid dues she has a list of those owe dues.

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3. If you have items for the silent auction at the State Meeting that need to be transported let her know.

Martha Basinger introduced the program, Martha Wyre and Jeff Pelton on Wild Flowers in Arkansas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Redding  
Secretary

May 08

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
11:30 am Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
St James United Methodist Church.

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and welcome everyone to our new meeting space. He announced to that we are not to bring any food, drinks or plants into our new meeting place. Don also announced that St. James is waving it normal \$1,500 fee fro rental of the Worship Center, we will only pay a \$50 monthly fee for use of the new Worship Center and in Nov the fee will be \$75 for the added use of Fellowship Hall for the new class reception.

Don Davis presented Renee Anderson with a \$100 gift certificate as a baby gift. Renee does the set-up and take-down at each of our monthly meetings.

Don Davis announced the recent deaths of two of our membership, Jim Dyer, Class of 2002 and Pat McDonald, Class of 2000. Beth Phelps announced that we are accepting memorials for both Jim Dyer and Pat McDonald. Checks should be mailed to Judy Woodard and please note on the check for whom the memorial it is intended. Memorials will be made in their honor to their MG projects.

Dottie Funk announced that she has white bearded iris from Mount Holly to share.

Wanda Bray asked for a show of hands if those who are interested in going on the trip to Blue Eye, Missouri. Wanda also announced that the travel committee has today for upcoming trips.

Carolyn France reminded us of the MG Spring Picnic this Thursday at Wildwood Park. Clark Trim will provided wine and beer for the Happy Hour. Whole Hog Café will cater the meal and the cost is \$12 per person. A plant exchange follows the meal and Janet Carson will be our guest speaker.

Don Davis announced:

1. MG Stuff is here and ready for pick-up today.
2. See Judy Woodard for your Membership Card.
3. The Forestry Commission has pin oak trees for everyone today.
4. A Special Thanks to Trudy Kumpe and the 3Ps Committee, Suellen Roberts, Oneal Dedman and Dick Blankenbeker for helping us all get around today in our new space.

Beth Phelps announced the Pulaski County Master Gardeners received the Peg Smith Volunteer Service Award from the Quapaw Quarter Association for our work on Historic Little Rock Places. Congratulations!

Beth Phelps reminded everyone to mark your calendars for the July 15 is the Ice Cream Social at Chris Olsen's. More details later.

Martha Basinger introduced our speaker and fellow MG, Michael Fess. Michael's topic was the Bones of the Garden.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Redding, Secretary

*June 17, 08*

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 St. James United Methodist Church**

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and congratulated the Old Mill Project Committee for being selected the Arkansas Master Gardener Project of the Year. Beth Phelps reported that the plaque will be on display at the Burns Park Visitors Center.

President Don Davis gave a special thanks to the Social Committee for all their hard work at our Spring Picnic and a special thanks to the Wildwood Park project committee for having everything looking great--good job!

Marcella Grimmett reported for the Travel Committee -

- The trip to Blue Eye, Missouri will be a carpool trip instead of a bus trip.
- There will be a wine and cheese party at the Good Earth Nursery on Sept 19th at 5:30pm.
- Grier's Daylily Farm trip will be this Friday, June 20th.

David Werling reported that the MG photo gallery website has new photos added from our Spring Picnic, Wildwood and Maumelle projects---please visit our photo site.

Steve Lopata announced that he has plenty of purple coneflowers to share, if you are interested just stop by the house, calling first is not necessary.

Sandy Harrison reminded us of the Ice Cream Social on July 15th at Chris Olsen's home/garden from 11:30-12:30. Carpooling is encouraged. It is ok to park at the Ice Skating arena on Bowman and carpool from there.

Beth Phelps announced that Nan Gaylor has plants to share outside the Worship Center front door following the meeting.

Beth Phelps asked if anyone was going to the Regional Meeting Master Gardener Meeting in Oklahoma City.

Martha Basinger introduced our guest speaker, Sabrina Childs from Ball Horticultural Company and her topic was Landscape Industry Trends.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Redding, Secretary

Pulaski County Master Gardeners  
Membership Meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2008

*Sept. 18*

11:30 am St. James United Methodist Church

President Don Davis called the meeting to order. He asked the Social Committee to stand and thanked them for a job well done at the Ice Cream Social at Chris Olsen's House/Garden.

Don made the following announcements

1. After our meeting October 21st we'll have a Fall Workday at St. James. He encouraged everyone to bring a sack lunch and we'll have lunch together.
2. Several people brought plants to share and they will be outside in the front after the meeting Moneywort, Creeping Jenny and bromeliads.

Travel Committee--Marcella Grimmitt reminded everyone about the Wine and Cheese Party at the Good Earth this Friday, Sept. 19 at 5:30pm. Clark Trim will provide wine and beer and we will get a 20% discount for any purchases at the Good Earth.

Marcella Grimmitt announced that on Nov. 8th the Herb Society will have a social at the Governor's Mansion, cost is \$30 with \$5 off the new Herb Society Cookbook

Marcella announced that the Travel Committee has planed a Fall Foliage Tour for Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at the commuter lot on Shackelford Rd at 9:30 am. The cost is \$42. We will travel to the Rockefeller Institute for a tour and lunch before heading to Petit Jean Mountain State Park.

Greenhouse Committee-- Tom Stramel announced Plant Sales on October 4 and October 18. He also asked that if you drop off trays or pots at the greenhouse please place them in sacks before tossing over the fence.

Beth Phelps welcomed everyone back and thanked the Social Committee the great job that the Social Committee did at the Ice Cream Social at Chris Olsen's House/Garden.

Beth announced:

1. The 2008 MG Class will begin tomorrow and we have accepted 31 people. The schedule will be e-mailed to the membership and if you wish to join the class for lunch please let me know the Monday before by noon.
2. Report your MG hours soon; reports go to Janet Carson on Dec 1.
3. Fall Workday at St James will be October 21 following the meeting, bring you tools, rakes etc. Remember this is our thank you to St, James for providing our meeting space.
4. Master Gardener 20th Birthday Party Celebration will be Monday, October 13 at the 4H Center. The speakers will be free but there will be a charge for lunch. Also, the grounds at the Governor's Mansion will be open on October 13th. If you need directions to the 4H Center let Beth know.
5. Ballot issues/General election fact sheets produced by the Cooperative Extension Service Public Policy Institute are available at welcome area.

*Sept. 08*

Nominating Committee--Meryllyn Tilley presented the following slate per the Committee's recommendations:

- President--Don Davis
- 1st Vice President--Martha Basinger
- 2nd Vice President--Jet Cuffman
- Treasurer--Judy Woodard
- Assistant Treasurer--Mary Freeman
- Secretary--Debra Redding
- Member At Large--Mac Huffman

Membership voted to approve this Slate of Officers for 2008/2009.

Meryllyn Tilley announced an all day gardening seminar at the Arlington Hotel/Garvan Gardens this fall being conducted by Horticulture Magazine.

Beth Phelps reviewed the officers responsibilities – 1<sup>st</sup> VP coordinates projects and get project chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP is responsible for arranging our programs and coordinating the standing committees. Beth asked you let her know if you are interested in serving on the MG Board--volunteer to serve.

Beth Phelps reminded everyone about the Race for the Cure Master Gardener Green Team. If you would like to join the Green Team for the Race for the Cure please sign up online, the password is: Mastergardener.

Beth announced that a Proclamation from Judge Buddy Villines was issued recognizing the Old Mill as Arkansas Master Gardener Project of the Year.

Vice President Martha Basinger introduced our speaker--Jack Singleton, MG and his topic will be Butterfly Gardening.

Oct 21

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:30 am  
St. James United Methodist Church

Vice President Martha Basinger called the meeting to order and announces that President Don Davis is in the hospital and a get well card will be passed around for all to sign.

Mary Freeman announces that she has 3 Pro Hoes that are ready for pick-up at the sign in desk. We will have a workday at the church today following the meeting and will meet with Judy Chapman.

Merilyn Tilley announces that the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show will have something new this year... Friend of the Master Gardeners. This membership will include members only activities, garden tours and a 3 day pass to the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Cost of the membership is \$100.

Greenhouse Committee--Tom Stramel reports that the plant sales have gone well. Saturday's sale will include pansies and foxgloves for \$1.75 a 6 pack or \$10 a flat. Orders for Spring are now due from the projects Chairs. Beth Phelps reminds us to plant foxgloves in the Fall.

Beverly House---Travel Committee announces that there will not be a bus for the Fall Tour. We will carpool and meet at the commuter lot on Shackleford Road on Nov.3 at 9:30 am. Let Beth Phelps know if you pre-paid for the bus.

Wanda Bray---Travel Committee announces a trip to Garvan Gardens to view the Christmas Lights display and tour the garden. After the tour, we will have dinner at the Hamilton House. We will take a bus and the complete cost for the trip will be \$52.64 and we will meet on the commuter lot on Shackleford Road at 4pm on December 8th.

Carolyn France--Social Committee reminds us that next month our meeting will include a reception for the new MG Class on November 18th. We need finger foods and desserts and a sign-up sheet will be passed around for all to sign. On December 11, We will have our MG Christmas Party at Park Hill Christian Church and invitations will be mailed to all soon.

Marcella Grimmitt--Travel Committee announces the Herb Society will be hosting a garden tour at the Governor's Mansion on Nov. 8th at 10:30 am to promote their new cookbook. The cost will be \$30 for the event and \$5 off the cookbook that sells for \$20.

Bonnie Bradford announces that the LR Council of Garden Clubs will sponsor a fundraiser on November 22.

Rochelle Greenwood asked that everyone who was a Mentor this year to please stand. She thanked them and everyone applauded.

Beth Phelps announces that Stuff orders are due by Nov 1st and it is ok to mail your order to Claudia Barone. If your MG project is in need of a red oak tree, please let Beth know. The State awarded every county with a red oak tree in honor of our MG birthday celebration this year. Workday at the church will be today following the meeting.

Oct. 08

Vice President Martha Basinger introduces our speaker for today, Gene Lichliter, MG and he will teach us about Ornamental Grasses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Redding  
Secretary

Nov. 08

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 11:30 am  
St. James United Methodist Church

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for the Get Well cards that he received while in the Hospital. He read a note from Beth Phelps, who is on the New Zealand/Australia MG Trip. A special thank you to the Social Committee for all of their efforts on the New MG Class Reception.

Social Committee--Carolyn France thanked everyone for all the food that we have for today's reception. The New MG Class Reception will follow the meeting. Don't forget the MG Winter Holiday Party will be on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:30pm at Park Hill Christian Church and RSVP by Dec. 1 per invitation instructions.... See Ya there!

Jet Cuffman announced that we are in need of a Chair for the 3P's Committee, please contact her if you are interested in serving.

Travel Committee--Wanda Bray reminded us that the Garvan Gardens Trip will be on Dec. 8th. We will meet at 4 pm on the commuter lot on Shackelford Rd. and take a bus to Garvan Gardens to tour the garden and see the Christmas lights display. After the tour, we will dine at the Hamilton House and the total cost for everything is \$52.64. Everyone is welcome.

David Werling--MG Photographer, announced that there will be group photos today following the MG Recognition Awards... stick around and be in the picture, please!

Judy Chapman thanked everyone who participated last month on the workday at the Church. All the trimmed shrubs look great and the grounds are all tidied up for winter.

President Don Davis announced that we have daffodil bulbs to give away, so pick up some after the meeting. Arkansas Flower and Garden Show sign up sheets are available today. It is time to think about the MG Project of the Year and the Friend of MG Awards. The MG Chairs and Co-Chairs will have their annual meeting in January and will be notified of that date later. MG hours are to be turned in to Beth Phelps by Dec. 1st.

President Don Davis introduces Steve Adams as the 2008 Friend of the Master Gardeners. Steve received his award and thanked the MG membership.

Mary Freeman has obtained the status of Advanced Master Gardener. To become a Advanced MG, you must be active in the MG Program for at least three years and complete five advanced training seminars. Congratulations Mary Freeman !!!!

President Don Davis asked the New MG Class to stand as he calls their name and he welcomed all of them to our MG membership.

Merilyn Tilley and Jet Cuffman conducted the MG Recognition Awards presentation. The following achievements were acknowledged:

5 Year Achievement Master Gardeners  
10 Year Achievement Master Gardeners  
15 Year/ Lifetime Achievement Master Gardeners

Merilyn Tilley called the names and Jet Cuffman presented each one with their awards. The MG membership applauded all who were honored.

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President Don Davis invited everyone to join in the reception for the New MG Class.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Redding  
Secretary