

Jan 09

**Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 11:30am St. James United Methodist Church**

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and presented Beth Phelps with a Holiday gift from the membership.

Beth Phelps thanks the membership for the gift and for the thoughts and prayers and flowers for her and her family following the death of her Father, Dick Phelps.

President Don Davis announced that we are taking memorials for Richard Henry "Dick" Phelps, please see Judy Woodard or send her a check for the donation/memorial.

President Don Davis thanked the Social Committee for the Master Gardener Christmas Party and asked them to stand.

David Werling, - Photography Committee - asked new Master Gardeners and other member who have not had your photo taken for the director to meet after the meeting in the lobby. He also announced that the Photography committee could still use a few good photographers and asked that anyone interested talk to him after the meeting.

Tom Stramel – Greenhouse Committee - stated that Linda Moyer, Pathfinder Greenhouse project, needs workers for seed planting if interested please contact Tom or Linda.

Marcella Grimmatt - Travel Committee – announced that there will be a short meeting for those on the Travel Committee following the Membership Meeting today, meet at the right of the stage. Marcella presented Beth Phelps with the new cookbook from the Herb Society.

Steve Lopata announced that there are still a few openings for volunteers for the Flower and Garden Show; see Steve at the right of the stage following the meeting if you are interested.

Merilyn Tilley invited everyone to join the Friends of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show and to help spread the word about this new organization. Memberships are \$100 and include tickets to the Show, a private garden tour and other bonuses.

Clark Trim invited everyone to join him in a fund-raiser for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show- a special evening at Clark's home for Wine, Dine and Garden featuring Janet Carson and Beth Phelps with wine tasting and gourmet food. Tickets are \$25 per person and all proceeds go to the Flower and Garden Show. Tickets are available at the Colonial Wines and Spirits.... tickets are limited!

Debra Redding announced the Speakers for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show this year. A detailed list will also be in the Master Minutes next issue and on the Flower and Garden Show website. Rebecca Kolls from HGTV's Rebecca's Garden will be the featured speaker.

President Don Davis made the following announcements:

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- * Reminded everyone to check the sticky board for upcoming events around the state.
- * February 9th is the deadline for nominations for the MG Project of the Year and Friend of MG.
MG Leadership
- * Project and Standing Committee training session will be on Thursday, January 29 at the Hays Senior Center in NLR from 1- 3pm. Contact Jet Cuffman or Martha Basinger for more information, you must RSVP.
- * MG Dues are due, please contact Judy Woodard today or mail the dues to Judy. Dues are \$15 if paid by May 1st, \$20 if late. Please pay today!

Beth Phelps made the following announcement:

- * Stuff Orders are in, please check at the sign-in desk and pick up your order.
- * MG 2009 Calendars are free and at the sign-in desk.
- * Beth asks that all the new MG's raise their hands and encouraged everyone to welcome them.

Vice President Martha Basinger introduced our program -Johnnie Chamberlin from the Arkansas Audubon Society on Rain Gardens and Fourche Creek.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Redding

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2009 11:30 am
St. James Methodist Church

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President Don Davis called the meeting to order and made the following announcements:

1. Memorials are being taken for Bill Bowen and Lois Corley.... See Judy Woodard
2. Friend of MG has one nomination-Ed Garretson from the Old State House.
3. MG Project of the Year did not have any nominations but the Board recommends the Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden.

A vote was taken and Ed Garretson was selected Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners.

The Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden was nominated for the 2009 Pulaski County Master Gardener Project of the Year. The motion passed.

Marcella Grimmatt-Travel Committee- announced that the Committee will meet after the meeting. She also reminded the group that the Herb Society cookbook is still for sale.

Carol Chappell stated that the Advanced MG Training Class on edible Landscaping will be held in Little Rock will be on Thursday, March 19th from 8:00am - 4:30pm. The registration deadline is March 6th.

Beth Phelps reminded the Membership that to attend any Advanced MG Training Classes you must be in good standing and have been a Master Gardener for at least 3 years.

Ray Sarmiento announced that all volunteer slots have been filled for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Thanks to all the Volunteers for signing up!

Jan Bowen announced that she has three MG shirts for sale, size xxl. She also has one ticket for the Wine, Dine and Garden Benefit for sale. See her after the meeting if interested.

David Werling announced a lunch meeting today with the photographers.

President Don Davis announced that seedlings will be given away out side the main entrance after the meeting today.

Beth Phelps announced that the Board is looking for someone to chair MG Pictorial Directory update. Please let Beth know if you are interested.

Jet Cuffman introduced our Speaker, Bob Byers from Garvan Woodland Gardens.

Respectfully Submitted
Debra Redding
Secretary

Pulaski County Master Gardeners Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 11:30am St. James United Methodist Church

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President Don Davis called the meeting to order and announced that the Annual MG dues are due and are \$15 now but if paid after May 1 they will be \$20. Please see Judy Woodard today or mail your dues to her.

Carol Chappell- MG Continued Education, thanked all who helped make the Advanced MG Training Class in Little Rock last month a success. Attendance was 85.

Mary Wildgen stated that garden experts are needed for the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour on May 2 and 3. Please see me after the meeting to sign up.

Jeanne Spencer announced that she had tickets for sale for the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour on May 2 and 3. There will be 10 gardens in the Heights/Hillcrest area and tickets are \$20 per person.

Carolyn France announced that the Social Committee invited everyone to the MG Spring Picnic on May 14th at 6pm in Burns Park at the Hospitality House. Entertainment by Ron's Trio, dinner catered by Honey Baked Ham and Happy Hour by Clark Trim and Colonial Wines and Spirits. Door Prizes and Plant Exchange will be part of a fun evening and tickets are \$10 per person.

Jane Diesing announced that the Park Hill Water Works project will have a garden/project tour on May 31 2pm-4pm. Refreshments will be served. In the event of rain, the tour will take place on June 7.

Marcella Grimmatt stated that handouts were passed out regarding future plans of the Travel Committee for 2009. The next trip will be April 24 to the Railroad Garden on Crystal Valley Road.

President Don Davis announced that there are 2 garden tools in the lost and found. He reminded everyone that after the meeting we'll have a workday at St. James. Judy Chapman is organizing so see her by the front door for further instructions.

Don Davis announced that if you have ordered any MG stuff or a name tag please pick those items up today near the sign in table.

Don Davis announced that there will be a MG Plant Sale at the State Hospital Greenhouse Sat., April 25 and May 2, 8 am--11am.

President Don Davis congratulated the Pathfinder's Greenhouse and the Continued Education Committee for jobs well done!

Beth Phelps reminded everyone to support our MG Plant Sales as the proceeds support our projects. She also reminded all that dues are due, today for \$15, after May 1 \$20.

Beth Phelps announced that if you need to order a new name tag they are \$7 and the order form is in the welcome area before each meeting. B

It was announced that the BRI committee will have group photo taken after the meeting.

Jet Cuffman introduced our speaker and fellow MG Jane Gulley. Her topic is "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". Handouts were available.

Respectfully Submitted
Debra Redding, Secretary

May 09

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting
St. James Methodist Church 11:30 am

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and gave a Special Thanks to the Social Committee for a job well done at the MG Spring Picnic. He also congratulated the Greenhouse committees on the success of their recent MG Plant Sales.

Judy Chapman asked that those who helped last month on Work Day at St James to please stand and she thanked all who worked so hard. She also stated that 2 garden tools were left and please claim these tools today.

President Don Davis invited all to a Garden Tour at the Park Hill Water Works on May 31 from 2 pm - 4 pm and refreshments will be served.

Don Davis reminded all to please pay your annual dues to Judy Woodard today following the meeting.

Mary Wildgen thanked all who volunteered as garden experts for the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Spring Garden Tour.

Rochelle Greenwood announced that mentors are needed for the upcoming MG Class this fall. She would like to have enough mentors so that each new MG has a mentor. She will pass around a sign-up sheet today.... Please be a mentor.

Beth Phelps stated that applications will be mailed out in July for the New MG Training Class. Classes will begin in the September.

Beth Phelps announced that if you ordered a name tag it is here, please pick them up today.

David Werling announced a meeting of the MG photographers at the front of the auditorium immediately following the Master Gardener meeting.

Jet Cuffman stated that Master Minutes staff is doing stories to spotlight our MG Projects. If you are asked to provide information about your project please do.

July 21 will be the date for the MG Ice Cream Social at Hillcrest Hall and a tour of 4 gardens will be included.

Jet Cuffman introduces our speaker for today.... Neil Curry with the Witt Stephens Jr. Nature Center.

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Debra Redding

Secretary

June 09

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 11:30 am

St James United Methodist Church

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and reminded everyone to pick our membership cards today.

Don Davis Announced Phyliss Barrier had plants to share after today's meeting.

Social Committee - Glenda Arledge- announced that the Ice Cream Social and Garden Tour would be July 21st from 10:00 am till noon at Hillcrest Hall. She invited everyone to tour the gardens of Beth Phelps, Jet Cuffman, Christiana Pittenger and Hillcrest Hall.

Travel Committee- Marcella Grimmett announced the Travel Committee is planning a tour to Petit Jean for the Bountiful Arkansas Event with lunch at a local restaurant and more information later. They are also planning a tour June 26 tour to Greer Day Lilly Farm those interested in carpooling will meet at 9 am on the JC Penney's parking lot on Shackelford Road.

President Don Davis announced that the Park Hill Water Works garden project May 31 was a success.

Don Davis congratulated the Pulaski County Master Gardeners for being recognized by the Little Rock Parks Commission for their hard work and beautifying the LR Parks and the City of Little Rock. A certificate from the City was shown.

President Don Davis presented a plaque to the Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden MG Project for being selected Runner-Up as the Arkansas MG Project of the Year.

Rochelle Greenwood announced that mentors were needed for the new MG Class. Please let her or Beth Phelps know if you are interested in serving as a Mentor this year.

Beth Phelps announced that the training schedule for the new MG Class will be in the next issue of Master Minutes. September 16th is the date the new MG Class tours MG Projects.

Martha Basinger introduced our speaker, Shane Reynolds from Reynolds Greenhouse in Hot Springs and his topic was Summer Survivors.

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Redding

Secretary

Sept. 09

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting - corrected
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 11:30am
St. James Methodist Church

President Don Davis called the meeting to order and gave a special thanks to the Master Gardeners who have agreed to serve as mentors this year and thanks to Rochelle Greenwood for her work as chair of the mentor program.

Don Davis also gave special thanks to the Social Committee and all the great work that they do each year including the July Ice Cream social and garden tour.

Don Davis announced that Arline Jackson has cannas to give away after the meeting.

Tom Stramel reported for the Greenhouse committee and thanked everyone who help with the plugs. He announced that the plant sales will be the 2nd and 3rd weekends in October.

Beth Phelps Announced that name tags ordered are eady for pick up today.

Marcella Grimmatt reported for the Travel Committee - there will be a Wine and Cheese Party at River Valley Horticultural Products this coming Friday from 5:30- 7:30. She also announced that November 13th will be the date for visiting the Schultz Greenhouse in Hot Springs, more details later.

Merilyn Tilley invited everyone to join the Friends of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. She explained that the membership includes to two parties, tours and a newsletter. A Wine Tasting Party will be held again this Fall at Clark Trim's Home.

Earl Hillard from the Wildwood MG Project states that he attended the Garden Voices training on Power Point and will teach a class this fall. He asked those interested to see him after the meeting and that those participating will need to have a lap top computer.

Beth Phelps thanked all of those who helped answer the phones since Tom's retirement.

Beth Phelps announced that Master Gardner training begins tomorrow, Sept. 16th, with the project tour. She invited experienced Master Gardeners to attend the training as a refresher and ask that plant attend and eat lunch please let me know by Monday. She also announced that there are 52 people the class.

Merilyn Tilley gave the report of the nominating committee asking each nominee to stand as their name is read.

President – Martha Basinger
First Vice President – Jet Cuffman
Second Vice President – Debra Redding

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Huffman (Second year of his 2 year term.)
Ford (First year of his 2 year term.)
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ad approved.

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f building a new greenhouse. He reported that Mary Busby
ker, Tom Stramel and Linda Moyer have agreed to serve.

orted that the board recommend adoption of the Witt Stephens Jr
arden as a new Master Gardner project. There was some
ect – location and parking. Tom Bruce moved that the project be
nded the motion and the motion passed.

ortd that a retirement gift was given to Tom Mertens on August
ty Master Gardeners fro all his help and service. He also
note from Tom was posted on the sticky board.

at October 20 will be our fall
be prepared to work after our meeting. Judy Chapman
will be the main job so please bring your pruning tools.

at Ruth Jones and Kelly De Busk's husband recently passed
one remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

one to please start turning in your volunteer hours as soon as

at a stuff order will be placed after the November meeting so

ne speaker Chris Olsen. His topic was "Creating the WOW