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Pulaski County Master Gardener

General Meeting

January 19, 2009

Regular Business

- President Martha Basinger called the meeting to order at 11:30
- President recognized chairmen and co-chairmen of different committees by having them stand when their names were called
- President recognized the passing of Carma Boyd of the 2003 MG Class
- President thanked the social committee for an outstanding job on the Christmas party

General announcements

- Marcella Grimmatt, Travel Committee Chairman, ask the committee to meet out front for a short meeting after the general meeting. Marcella ask for suggestions for garden tours..May tour would be at Christine Phelps garden, Reynolds Nursery in April, Lantern in the Park at Wildwood. A printed list would be given out at next meeting for the travel dates. Marcella announced she still was selling the Herb Cookbooks.
- Carol Chappell, Continuing Education Chairman, announced that a short training session for Pulaski County MGs would be held in April. A sheet for topic suggestion would be passed around today. The actual date for the training would be announced at a later date. Carol encouraged members to join the Continuing Education Committee.
- Mary Evans with the AR Flower and Garden Show reported that posters were given out and requested that members with yard signs from previous years please put out this year or bring them to the show. She announced that the marathon would not be held this thus the Show attendance would be better. Advanced tickets would have a \$1 discount. Southern Living luncheon would be held on Sunday and Susie Coelho would have a program at the Governor's Mansion.
- Steve Lopata who is in charge of the volunteers for the Flower and Garden Show announced that he has volunteer slots open and if interested in working, meet him out front after the meeting. Beth Phelps was NOT TO BE CALLED about volunteering. Call STEVE.
- Betty Henderson from the Federation of Gardens encouraged members to display items that one has grown. If interested, fill out an entry card and be sure to put name of plant on the entry card. 12 inch pots.
- Phyllis Colclasure announced that the memorial bench for Jim Dyer was in place and invited all the members to come by the Cammack project to see it.

- Beth Phelps announced that “Stuff” orders would be in in Feb. An email would be sent out and orders could be picked up at either the Extension or the Feb meeting. She also reported that service pins given out at the Nov. 2009 meeting could be picked up at the Extension Office.
- President Martha Basinger reminded members that 2010 dues were due. \$15 until May 1st and then \$20 after that date. When dues were paid, members would receive their membership card which could then be used to receive a discount at various nurseries around town.
- Martha also reminded members to wear their name tags because our group is large and we need to learn each other’s names. A system to keep up with ones volunteer hours was also recommended.
- New Chairmen Orientation is to be held on Jan. 26, at the Hayes Center in NLR.

Program

Debra Redding introduced the speaker:

Jim Allen from “Wild Birds Unlimited”

Feb 2010

GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday February 16, 2010
St. James Methodist Church

Martha Basinger called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Double dipping door prize was awarded.

Martha Basinger asked that if any member knows of a Master Gardener who is ill, having surgery, death in family or other concern let her or know so the Sunshine committee could send a card. She also asked committees to let her know about joys/ honors so they could be shared with the group.

Martha Basinger reported that Jeannie Spencer's garden will be on the cover of AT HOME next issue.

Martha Basinger recognized several committees and committee members were ask to stand.

Announcements:

Marcella Grimmett, Travel committee Chairman, announced that several trips have been planned for this year and that she had a flyer with the trips and tentative dates listed. Details will be sent out by email and at monthly meetings.

Steve Lopata, Flower and Garden Show, reported that there were still opening volunteers for all three days of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. He asked those interested in volunteering to see him after the meeting, call or e-mail him

Mary Wildgen reported on the special events being held along with the Flower and Garden Show and reminded everyone that they could still purchase tickets online.

Tom Bruce reported the Wildwood Park will have a Lantern Event for the same weekend as the Flower and Garden Show.

Judy Woodard thanked everyone for the notes she received thanking her for the great job she has done a treasurer.

Judy Woodard also reported that the continuing education committee is planning a Landscape Design training April 23 at the State Extension Office auditorium. More details and registration information will be available soon.

Betty Henderson asked everyone to register horticultural entries for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Monday, February 22 is the deadline. She asked those interested but needed more information to see her after the meeting.

Dick Blankenbeker asked everyone to help spread the word that the Flower and Garden Show is next weekend February 26, 27 and 28 at the Statehouse Convention Center.

Beth Phelps reported that she has e-mailed information about the State Master Gardener Meeting. If anyone needs a hard copy they can give the Extension Office a call and one will be mailed to them.

Beth Phelps reported that an electronic copy of the 2010 Pulaski County Master Gardener roster has been e-mailed and she has hard copies available. She requested that Master Gardeners let her know about changes and corrections that need to be made.

Beth Phelps announced that some "stuff" orders are ready for pick up.

Feb 2010

Martha Basinger reminded everyone that silent auction items are need for the State Master Gardener meeting and that she would be glad to transport items for anyone wishing to donate that was not attending the meeting.

Martha Basinger presented the Friend of Master Gardner Award nomination for David Bard, husband of Faye Bard. David has been a big help to the Wildwood project. The nomination was accepted and David Bard was voted Pulaski County Fiend of Master Gardeners and will be nominated for the Arkansas Fiend of Master Gardener Award.

Martha Basinger announced that no Project of the Year Award nominations were received. She called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

Debra Redding introduced our speaker: Craig Curtis of Good Earth Garden Center who presented the program "What's New for 2010".

Respectfully submitted

Arline Jackson

March 10

GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday March 16, 2010

St. James Methodist Church

Martha Basinger called meeting to order at 11:35

Double dipping door prize was awarded.

Martha Basinger thanked David Werling for the project slide show featuring the Flower and Garden Show that was shown before the meeting started...

Announcements:

Carol Chappell from the Continuing Education committee announced that they are planning a Landscape Design class for April 23rd. It will be held at the state extension office with three speakers, classes start at 9:45 till 3:00. Cost is \$20.0). It is open to all Pulaski County Master Gardener so it will not apply to Advanced Master Gardener.

Tom Stamel from the Greenhouse committee announced the LR plant sales will be April 17-24 at 8 AM. More plants than ever and needs volunteers. He also announced that the Plant Sale at the Pathfinder Greenhouse will be April 10th.

Betty Henderson announced that May 1-2 is The Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Tenth Annual Spring Garden Tour with one of our own Master Gardener. Tickets are now \$20 and day of tour tickets will be \$25.

Debra Redding announced that Garden Experts are needed for Little Rock Garden Clubs Annual Spring Garden Tour.

March 10

Marcella Grimmett from the Travel committee announced tour of and lunch at Marlsgate in Scott, Ar. Tickets are \$31 and the deadline for tickets April 1st. Tour will be held on April 16th. Marcella also announced the cancellation of Reynolds Nursery and addition trip to gardens in North Little Rock.

Martha Basinger reminded the board that the Silent Auction items are needed for the MG State Convention in Magnolia May 20-22.

Martha Basinger announced that after the April meeting we will have a work day at St. James Methodist Church so bring tools. This is our thank you to St. James for providing our meeting space.

Beth Phelps thanked all volunteers who help make the Flower and garden Show a success.

Debra Redding introduced our speaker – Norma Simmons from Access School. Her program was Gardening with Kids.

Respectfully submitted
Arline Jackson

April 10

GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday April 29, 2010

St. James Methodist Church

Regular Business

President Martha Basinger called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

President Martha Basing made the following announcements:

- * Deana Dickson had over paid dues by \$5. Please contact Judy Woodard after the meeting.
- * A Time sheet with no name was turned in if you suspect it might be you see Beth Phelps.
- * Pathfinder Green house had the best plant sale they have ever had.
- * Asked Shirley Vanderslice to stand if present. Shirley is a transfer from another county and was not present.

President Martha Basinger recognized the following committees and asked members to stand -
Maumelle, Park Hill Water Works, Old Mill, Old State House, and Mt. Holly.

General announcements

Marcella Grimmett, Travel Committee Chairman, reported that 41 attended the Marlsgate event. She announced that on May 7th Master Gardeners will tour the garden of Christina Phelps. Details will be sent out via e-mail.

Brenda Mize asked for volunteers for work day at the Art Center, Saturday 24th. She also asked if there was anyone interested in working on the Art Center Committee give her a call. The committee has lost several members due to illness and could really use more help.

Betty Henderson thanked all MGs who are helping with the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. Spring Garden Tour.

David Werling asked everyone to send him picture of projects and workdays -
dewerling@comcast.net.

Carol Chappell, Continuing Education Chairman, reported that 85 had registered for the April 23th Landscape Design program.

Jeanne Spencer reminded everyone about the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tour May 1st and 2nd and announced that several Garden Club members will have tickets for sale after the meeting.

April 10

Sandy Harrison, Social committee, announced that the Picnic will be Tuesday, May 11th at Wildwood and tickets are \$12. Deadline for buying tickets will May 5th. Members were asked to fill out a form and mail to Ann Cooper.

Debra Redding announced that the July Garden Tour and Ice Cream Social will be at the Access School. She asked Master Gardeners in that area who would be willing to have their garden on tour give her a call.

Debra Redding announced that Scott Smith from River Valley Horticultural Services was scheduled to give the program today but had to cancel due to an injury. As a fill in program we will have a Question and Answer program with Beth Phelps.

Martha Basinger reminded everyone that after the meeting we will have a work day at St. James as a Thank You for providing our meeting space.

Martha Basinger reminded everyone that dues are due. They are \$15 before May 1st and \$20 after.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arline Jackson

Secretary

May 10

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

St. James Methodist Church

Martha Basinger called meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Martha Basinger asked the social committee to stand up and thanked them for a wonderful picnic. She also asked the Greenhouse, Pinnacle Mtn. State Park, River market and Scholar Garden committees to stand. She also asked Mark Brown to Stand. Beth Phelps then announced that Mark was the new Co.

Mark Brown the new Extension Agent for Water Conservation and Horticulture was introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judy Chapman thanked everyone who helped during the workday at St. James after our April Meeting.

Jennie Cole announced that the City of Little Rock City Beautiful Commissions is taking nominations for awards and many of our Master Gardener project would qualify for nomination.

Arline Jackson announced the June 5, 2010 Garden Tour of Park Hill included our Park Hill Water Works project and Old Mill project along with private homes including our own Jane Diesing's home.

Martha Besieger reported that Pulaski County has several items for the silent auction at the State convention.

Beth Phelps reported that today was the deadline for the Master Gardener Stuff order.

Beth Phelps reported that County 76 has set up new guidelines to recognize Master Gardener who remains active passed the 15years or Lifetime status. Lifetime Master Gardeners who report 10 or more volunteer hours per year will receive service credit for the year and pins will be awarded in 5 year increments, i.e. 20 and 25 years.

Debra Redding introduced our speaker - Jane Gulley, Pulaski County Master Gardener, who presented the program "Native plants - Part 2".

Respectfully Submitted,

Arline Jackson, Secretary

Sept 10
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Pulaski County Master Gardener General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
St. James Methodist Church

Martha Basinger called meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. with the double dipping drawing.

Martha Basinger thanked everyone for letting her have a year as president. Martha Basinger asked the following committees to stand - Continue Ed committee, Master Minutes, Nominating committee, Photograph committee, Social committee, Retention committee, M. G. Stuff committee, Mentor committee, Speakers committee and Travel committee

Martha Basinger announced at the Board had approved the proposal to recover a second greenhouse at next to the existing greenhouse at the State Hospital so that it can be used as a greenhouse. The cost will be \$17, 500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pattie Womble reported for the Fund Raising Committee – Janet Carson’s book and County 76 calendars to be sold to raise money for greenhouse after today’s meeting at others times throughout the fall and winter. She also asked that anyone with ideas for fund raising give her a call. The committee is looking at having a luncheon/book sale and signing in January.

Beth Phelps announced that do all that was needed to get the new greenhouse fully functioning and repair the existing greenhouse Pulaski County Master Gardeners would need to raise \$24,175.00.

Marcella Grimmatt reported for the Travel Committee- Friday Oct 1, 2010 a Wine/Cheese to be held at Good Earth with 20% discount for MG members. Time 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Also hypertufa classes will be held at Jane Diesing home October 7, 2010, 9:00 till 11:00. Basic class cost of \$35 and \$65 for advance class. Lunch is included in price. Members may call Jane Diesing at 529-5023. Next classes to be held October 11 and 14th. Marcella asked that travel committee meet out front of auditorium after meeting.

Kay Althoff announced that Pulaski County was holding public hearing concerning the land use plan for the area around Lake Maumelle. For more info: web site: co.pulaski.ar.us input would be taken until September 30, 2010.

Beth Phelps announced that 39 had sign up for MG training which starts Sept. 29th. She asked that if anyone planned to attend and want lunch let Beth know by noon the Monday before for the Wednesday training. Beth also announced that as part of the training this year there will be project tours on Thursdays from 9 a.m. till noon. Each Thursday different project will be on tour. Emails will be sent each week with a map. All Master Gardeners are encouraged to attend.

Beth Phelps announced the Greenhouse plant sale October 9, 2010 8:00 a.m. until Noon. If a second sale is need an email will be sent.

Sept. 10

Beth Phelps reminded everyone that end of the year is approaching and hours need to be turned in. The Retention committee will be calling those who have not turned in hours.

Martha Basinger announced that the board had met to review existing projects and volunteer needs. The board vote not to take on any new projects in 2011 so that existing project committees could be strengthened.

Don Davis, Chair of the nominating committee was not present so Martha Basing presented the nominating committees slate officers for 2010 – 2011.

President: Jett Cuffman

1st Vice President: Debra Redding

2nd Vice President: Marcella Grimmett

Secretary: Arline Jackson

Treasurer: Bren Coop

Members at Large: Dewayne Hancock

Martha called for nominations from the floor. Kay Lavey made a motion the slate be accepted by acclamation. Mary Ann Brown seconded and the slate was accepted.

Program for the day: Janet Carson/ Goodbye Summer 2010.

Respectfully Submitted:

Arline Jackson

Oct. 10

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
St. James Methodist Church

President Jet Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:35 with the double dipping drawing.

Jet Cuffman recognized the training class by asking them to stand.

Jet Cuffman presented outgoing president Martha Basinger with a gift and thanked her for her service to the Pulaski County Master Gardener Program.

Jet Cuffman recognized Don Davis and Mac Huffman and thanked them for their service.

Jet Cuffman announced that Don Ford was awarded MG of the Year by the Witt Stephens Nature Center for his efforts on the native plant and butterfly garden project.

Jet Cuffman announced that the Chairman's Orientation will be January 25, 2012 and ask committee chairs to make their calendars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fran Ables President of Little Rock Garden Council announced a Luncheon and Book Signing at Hillcrest Hall on November 13th from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Janet Carson's book will be sold and Janet will there to sign books. The proceeds from the book sales will be donated to the Pulaski County Master Gardener for the new greenhouse.

Phoebe Crocker reported for the Social Committee and announced new member reception would be held in Jones Hall after the November 16th meeting. She asked members to sign up to bring finger foods. Signup sheets were past around.

Phoebe also announced that the Christmas Party will be held at Pulaski Tech, North Little Rock campus on December 7th at 6 PM. Tickets will be \$20 and reservations are being taken. Culinary students and their instructors will be preparing the food.

Marcella Grimmatt asked that the Travel Committee meet after meeting at the front of the room.

Judy Woodard, treasurer asked project committees turn in their 2010 reimbursement requests. She also reminded committee chair that expenses over the regularly allocated \$100 need to be pre-approved by the board.

Patti Womble reporting for the Fund Raising committee announced that over \$1,000 was made at last month's book sale and signing. Books and calendars will be for sale after meeting and again at the November 16th meeting. She also announced that books and calendars are available for sale at the Pulaski County Extension Office and that anyone can stop by to purchase them and support the effort to raise money for the greenhouse. So tell your friends and neighbors. The committee will be announcing other events as they are planned.

Oct. 10

Beth Phelps announced that construction of a new greenhouse at the State Hospital has been approved by the State Hospital.

Beth Phelps reminded everyone that the end of the year is approaching and asked that everyone to get their 2010 hours reported.

Beth Phelps announced that she will soon send out information about nominations for the MG project of the Year and Friend of Master Gardeners. Nominations will be presented and voted on at the February Master Gardener Meeting.

Beth Phelps reminded the membership that the new class is touring projects on Thursdays from 9 am - Noon and invited experienced Master Gardeners to participate. Maps are emailed out every week.

Jet Cuffman announced Allen Hall had jelly for sale.

Jet asked all members to turn off all cell phone.

She announced that Debra Redding would be moving to Flower Mound, Texas. She thanked Debra for her service on the board.

Debra Redding announced cookbooks from Mt. Holly Cemetery would be for sale after meeting for \$29.95. See Kay Tatum.

Debra Redding introduced the program - Lance Norwood with National Tree Preservation of Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted.
Arline Jackson

Nov. 10

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2010
11:30 a.m.
St. James Methodist Church

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jet Cuffman, who then introduced two new board members recently appointed to fill vacant positions and were approved today by the current Board of PCMG. The two are Don Ford, who is moving into the position of First Vice President (recently vacated by Debra Redding); and Walter Jennings, who will serve Don Ford's remaining term as Member-at-Large.

Jet then announced and congratulated the Pinnacle Mountain Project as they celebrate 20 years as a MG project.

Sandy Harrison announced the PCMG Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 7, 2010, to be held in the Clock Tower Building at Pulaski Technical College. Students and teachers of the School of Culinary Arts will be the chefs for the dinner. Reservations are to be turned in by November 29th. Directions will be sent out via email.

Don Ford requested that members of the Hayes Senior Center Project Committee meet with him following the meeting. He also reminded the general membership that the War Memorial Committee is requesting planting help on Thursday, Nov. 18th and Tues., Nov. 23rd. Don further asked project chairmen to "save the date" of January 25, 2011, for the annual chair orientation and training session to be held at the State Extension Office.

Patty Womble, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, thanked everyone for the purchases of books and calendars in furtherance of the committee's efforts to raise money for the new greenhouse. She also explained that a direct marketing type project requesting tax-deductible gifts and donations will be made early in the new year.

President Cuffman announced that the Mt. Holly Cemetery Committee has cookbooks for sale.

Jet and Beth Phelps then proceeded to introduce new members from the Class of 2010; followed by presentation of 5-year, 10-year, and 15-year service pins and certificates. A special presentation was made to the Arkansas and Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners, David Bard.

Door prizes were awarded, and the meeting was adjourned to Jones Hall for a Reception welcoming the new class.

Respectfully submitted,
Bren Coop for Arline Jackson, Secretary