

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting
Tuesday February 15, 2011 11:30 A.M.
St. James Methodist Church

Jeff Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and drew for two door prizes.

Beth Phelps announced that pictures were being taken just outside the meeting for the Pulaski County Master Gardener Directory. And the photographer will be available after the meeting also.

Announcements:

Travel Committee: Marcella Grimmett announced that next meeting she would have copies of the travel committee trip and tours for the year. She also announced the March 4th will be a trip to Freyaldenhoven's Greenhouse in Conway. To carpool met at the Crystal Hill commuter parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Bruce announced the Lantern Festival at Wildwood this weekend. Ticket are be \$10

Flower and Garden Show: Steve Lopata announced he would be out front after the meeting if anyone had any questions about the Flower and Garden Show.

Art Center: Barbara Patty Co Chairman announced that the Art Center Project really needed more members and asked anyone interested to please meet with the committee after meeting.

Fran Ables presented a check in the amount of \$252.00 from the Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs to the Pulaski County Master Gardeners for new greenhouse house project.

Continuing Education: Carol Chapel announced next class Gearing Up for Spring would be March 23 registration is \$10.

Bren Coop announced that 2011 dues are due. Dues are \$15 if paid before May 1 and \$20 after May 1st.

Jet Cuffman asked everyone to mark their calendars for the Spring Picnic to be held May 3rd at the Governor's Mansion. More details later.

Marcella Grimmett introduced the speaker Jon Zawislak, Apiary Specialist with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. The program was "Bees: Good for the Garden"

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President Jet Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Jet announced the pink tulips blooming in the Argenta district of North Little Rock and recommended everyone drive over to N.L.R. and view them.

Jet reviewed reporting Master Gardener hours, volunteer and continuing education.

Announcements:

Travel Committee: Marcella Grimmett announced list of trips would be given out.

Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Garden Tour: Marilyn Tilley announced that tour tickets would be available after the meeting for \$20. The tour will be of gardens in North Little Rock and would include the Old Mill Master Gardener Project. Dates for the tour are April 30th and May 1st. Plants would be sold by Access School students from their horticulture program.

Continuing Education: Judy Woodard announced that there were still a few seats available for the March 23rd "Getting in High Gear for Spring" continuing education seminar.

Fund raising committee: Patti Womble announced that fund raising letters had been mailed. She reported that the committee worked hard to make sure every current and former Pulaski County Master Gardener received a copy of the letter. She asked if anyone knew of a former Master Gardener who did not receive a letter to please let her know. She reminded everyone that the deadline to recognition on the plaques was July 1st and that donations were tax deductible. Patti recognized the fund raising committee and thanked them for all their work. Don Webb and volunteers from community Corrections Center was recognized for help on greenhouse.

Directory: David Werling asked that members drop by table out front to be sure he had everyone picture for directory.

Social Committee: Sandy Harrison announced Spring Picnic will be May 3rd at the Governor's Mansion. Beth Phelps sent out invitation by e-mail. Sandy asked members to dress appropriately for occasion. The vegetable and herb gardens would be available to tour and the mansion chef would prepare the menu.

Jet Cuffman announced that our thank you spring workday at St. James will be April 19th after our meeting. Bring tools and a box lunch.

Jet announced that Master Gardner Stuff orders are in and can be picked up after the meeting.

Jet Cuffman recognized Rochelle Greenwood for receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award from hospice: Arline Jackson for receiving the Volunteer of Year Award from the for American Cancer Society and Glenda Arledge for receiving the Volunteer of Year for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show.

Marcella Grimmett announced program: Pat Larsen presented a program on Daylilies.

Pulaski County Master Gardener Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 11:30 a.m.
St. James Methodist Church

President Jet Cuffman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Jet Cuffman thanked everyone for all the work they do on their Master Gardener Projects. She said she had seen Mt. Holly Cemetery, Pinnacle Mountain State Park, and War Memorial projects and they were looking good.

Jet Cuffman announced that 71 people have not paid 2011 dues. She reminded everyone that dues are due, and if you are not sure if you have paid them, see Treasurer Bren Coop after the meeting.

Announcements:

Travel committee: Marcella Grimmert reminded everyone about the April 29th tour. To carpool meet at the new Kroger Marketplace on Chenal. Park near the old store 9 a.m. Stops on the tour will be St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lolly Honea and Rush Harding's Train Garden. Afterward the tour those interested will have lunch at the Haystack Café. Marcella also reminded everyone that if they are interested in going on the May 5th tour to Heifer, the \$11 fee for lunch is due.

Greenhouse Committee: Tom Stramel recognized the Pathfinder and Little Rock committee members thanking them for all their hard work and 2 successful plant sales. Almost \$4,800 was raised at the Little Rock Greenhouse sale and over \$2,600 at the Jacksonville Pathfinder greenhouse sale. Tom reminded everyone that there will be another sale at the Little Rock Greenhouse April 30th. He asked project chairman to get him their fall plant requests soon.

Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Club Tour: Ann Cooper announced that 10 gardens in North Little Rock, including the Old Mill, will be on tour in North Little Rock April 30 and May 1. She also announced that she still has a few slots for garden experts if anyone is interested in volunteering.

Judy Chapman reminded everyone that after the meeting Master Gardeners will have a workday at St. James as a thank you for letting the Pulaski County Master Gardeners hold their meetings in the Worship Center. She also announced that on April 30th at 8 a.m. till noon St. James Methodist Church would be holding a church-wide work day. MG members are invited to help.

Fundraising committee: Patti Womble reported \$12,000 had been raised and the goal was \$15,000. The fund raising committee would love to see everyone's name on plaque acknowledging donations of any size. She also announced that she has donation letters to send to anyone, Master Gardener or not, who would be interested in contributing

Pinnacle Mountain State Park: Don Ford invited the membership to join the Pinnacle Project committee on a trip to Pine Ridge Gardens. If you are interested, meet at 9 a.m. at Metropolitan National Bank on Cantrell and Rodney Parham on Thursday, April 21st.

Pulaski County Master Gardener Board and General Meeting Summary
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
St. James Methodist Church

Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 15th Board Meeting and the April Treasurer's report were approved.

The board approved moving forward with Phase 2 of the Greenhouse Project - benches and glass repair in the old greenhouse.

The audit committee reported they found no discrepancies, and the treasurer's books are in good order.

A special thank you will be done for Don Webb's Community Punishment crew and Glenn Sago with the State Hospital for all their help over the years and with the new greenhouse construction.

According to state law, Pulaski County Master Gardeners must remit sales tax on plant sales because there are more than three sales per year. There was discussion on the easiest way to handle sales tax. The board decided to incorporate the cost of sales tax into plant prices rather than try and figure sales tax on each sale.

Leave of Absence was approved for Jane Paulus.

There was discussion about changing the order of business at the monthly meetings so that the program is first. It was decided to keep the agenda the same with announcements first, then the program, and ask that announcements be kept short.

A special funding request for the Pinnacle Mountain project of \$100 for plants was approved.

General Meeting:

Reminder that 2011 dues are due--71 people have not paid 2011 dues. See Treasurer Bren Coop after the meeting.

Greenhouse Committee reported \$7,440 was raised at plant sales. Project chairmen are asked to get fall plant requests in *a.s.a.p.*

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Program - Porter Briggs shared information and photos describing the active volunteers working on the boxwoods at the Lincoln Memorial.

Social Committee: Sandy Harrison reminded everyone that the Spring Picnic will be held on May 3rd at 6 p.m. at the Governor's Mansion. Last day to purchase tickets will be April 22, 2011. Clark Trim will be furnishing the happy hour. Dress is smart casual.

Jet Cuffman drew for door prizes.

Program: Marcella Grimmett introduced Mr. Porter Biggs who gave a program about the Boxwoods at the Lincoln Memorial.

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

St. James Methodist Church

President Jet Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Jet Cuffman congratulated Pulaski County Master Gardener Mary Wildgen, chairperson of the Symphony Designer House on the success of the Designer House.

Travel Committee - Marcella Grimmert announced members could pick up blue sheet listing future trips and tours planned by the Travel committee. She announced that the next trip is a tour of Ann Wood's garden in Searcy, Thursday May 26th. Those interested in participating should meet at the parking lot at the old Road House, NLR at 9 a.m.

Mount Holly Gardening Series - Marianne Ligon reminded everyone that Sat., May 21 Mark Brown would present a program on Water Conservation in the Landscape at Mt. Holly Cemetery, cost \$5. Sweet rolls and coffee would be served.

State Master Gardener Meeting - Judy Woodard announced auctions items were needed for the State Master Gardener Meeting in Harrison, June 2-4. If anyone has items to donate but is not going to the meeting they can drop them off at the Extension Office.

Fund Raising - Patti Womble announced that \$2,380.00 was made on books sales and \$13,000 raise from donations from over 200 Master Gardeners. All in support of the greenhouse project. She recognized the fund raising committee member by asking them to stand. Jet Cuffman thanked Patti Womble and the fund raising committee for all their hard work.

Beth Phelps thanked all who had contributed to support the new greenhouse project active and former Master Gardeners have made contributions.

Beth Phelps complemented the group on how good the Master Gardener projects looked. She also commented on how Porter Briggs program on saving the boxwoods at the Lincoln Memorial remind her of how Master Gardener volunteer use their talent, passion and hard work to make public spots in Pulaski County beautiful.

Beth Phelps was the program with season horticulture tips and a questions and answer period.

Respectfully submitted:

Arline Jackson, Secretary

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 11:30 a.m.

St. James Methodist Church

President Jet Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Jet recognized the death Michael McCourt who was a member of the Amy Sanders Library committee.

Jet recognized Tracy Rhodes who was returning to active status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Werling Chairman of directory asked those who needed pictures etc. to meet down front.

Marcella Grimmatt Travel Chairperson announced the North Little Rock tour of gardens planned by Arline Jackson will be Saturday, June 25th.

Marcella Grimmatt announced The Ice Cream Social and Tour of Master Gardener Projects will be July 19th. The Ice Cream Social will be at the Art Center from 9:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The projects on tour will be Historic Arkansas Museum, Curran Hall, the Contemplation Garden and Art Center. Marcella encouraged members to stay tour the Art center and eat at the Art Center restaurant. An email with details will be sent.

Beth Phelps announced that the Wildwood Asian Garden won Master Gardener Project of the Year at the State Meeting.

Beth Phelps announced that mentors are needed for the new class and asked for volunteers. Contact her is you are willing to be a mentor.

Beth announced that applications for the fall Master Gardener class will be accepted until the end of July.

Patti Womble announced that \$19645.10 had been raised for the new greenhouse and repairs on the old greenhouse. She thanked the committee, to all that had donated.

Patti Womble announced the Stella Boyle Smith Trust gave a \$10,000 gift for the new greenhouse project and that the new greenhouse would be named the Stella Boyle Smith Greenhouse.

Mike Mayton of the Stella Boyle Smith Trust thanked the Pulaski County Master Gardeners for giving the trust the honor of contributing to the new greenhouse and support the Master Gardener projects. He announced that the Stella Boyle Smith Trust would like to make another \$10,000 gift in honor Mackie Hamilton on her birthday.

Marcella Grimmatt introduced the program: Water Conservation in the Landscape by Mark Brown, Pulaski County Extension Agent – Water Conservation.

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Don Ford announced that he had monarda for the Amy Sanders project and asked if someone from the project would see him after the meeting.

Beth Phelps announced that the Wildwood Asian Garden won Master Gardener Project of the Year at the State Meeting. Beth announced that she had the plaque and nomination notebook for those that would like to view it after the meeting.

Beth Phelps announced that Jack Singleton has milkweed seeds. Those that would like some can see Jack after the meeting.

Beth Phelps announced that mentors are needed for the new class and asked for volunteers.

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Pattie Womble announced that a ribbon cutting is being planned for October to celebrate the new greenhouse and renovations.

Beth Phelps thanked Maxine Hamilton, the Stella Boyle Smith Trust, Patti and the fund raising committee.

Marcella Grimmatt introduced the program: Water Conservation in the Landscape by Mark Brown, Pulaski County Extension Agent – Water Conservation.

Respectfully submitted:
Arline Jackson, Secretary

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING

September 20, 2011

St. James United Methodist Church

Jett Cuffman called meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

Jett Cuffman welcomed everyone and congratulated Georgia Harris, David Dodson and Jackie Walker for having their pictures featured in the 2012 Arkansas Gardening Calendar.

Martha Basinger presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

President- Don Ford

1st Vice President- Marcella Grimmatt

2nd Vice President- Walter Jennings

Treasurer- Bren Coop

Assistant Treasurer- Glenda Arledge

Member at Large- Earline Zahn

Secretary- Carolie Maxwell

A motion was made that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Steve Lopata seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee announcements:

Marcella Grimmatt reported for the Travel Committee that the Garvan Gardens trip was successful. She also asked for a show of hands of those interested in a trip to Garvan for the Christmas lights.

Marcella reminded everyone that there will be a wine and cheese event at Chris Olsen's Botanical Gardens on Friday, September 23rd from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. A 20% discount will be given to members attending party on purchases made.

Martha Bowden and Mary Wells announced that Dr. Doug Tallamy would be at the Little Rock Extension Office on University to speak and signing of his book Friday, September 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and in Conway on Saturday October 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Laura Sholes and Richelle Daniels announced that Wednesday, December 7, 2011 is the date for the Pulaski County Master Gardener Christmas party and it will be held Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock. Registration information will be sent out soon.

Rochelle Greenwood chair of the Mentoring Committee thanked everyone who volunteered to serve as a mentor for the new class and asked that all mentors to stand.

Judy Woodard announced that Arkansas Gardening calendars were on sale \$10 for large, \$8 for the small or \$15 for both. Judy also present information about the County76 Program and asked anyone interest to let her know. Beth Phelps announced that there were also copies of Janet Carson's book sales. The cost is \$17.15.

Beth Phelps reminded everyone that Master Gardener Training for the 2011 class starts on September 21 at the Pulaski County Extension Office. Classes will end on November 9, 2011. Mentors were asked to follow up with new member on tours, meeting, and party. Beth Phelps announced that any

experienced Master Gardener can attend training classes. If you plan to eat lunch please let her know by noon the Monday before the Wed. you plan to have lunch. The cost of lunch is \$9.00

Beth Phelps gave an update on the green house. Bids have been made and a contractor has accepted to complete the shelving in both the old and new greenhouse and the repairs to the old greenhouse. No date has been set for greenhouse sale.

Marcella Grimmitt introduced Theo Witsell who presented a program on Native Plants.

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011
ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Announcements:

Social Committee: Laura Sholes and Richelle Daniel announced that the Christmas Party will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hilton, North Little Rock at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th. The cost is under negotiation and members may pay at the November meeting.

Mary Ann Brown announced that the reception for new members will be held immediately following the November meeting. She asked members to bring party food and passed around sign-up sheets for this.

Record Keeping: Mary Helen Henry encouraged members to fill out their time sheets properly and to turn them in early and once only. Beth is now bringing the members' files record box to meetings so that members can resolve questions of hours recorded.

Beth reminded members to turn their hours in, as recording must be completed by the end of the year to be turned into the state. Master Gardener hours are given a dollar value and it is very important for our funding.

Retention: Nancy Kirsch reported that the committee had contacted members who had few or no hours reported this year.

Travel: Marcella Grimmert reported a successful bus trip to Garvan Gardens last month. A return trip to see the Christmas lights will be on Tuesday, November 29th, in the late afternoon. Cost is \$15.

Fran Ables announced that she is taking reservations at \$50 for "Falling in Love With Herbs and Olives", to be held in ?????? Hall on November 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Judy Chapman announced that the workday for St. James will be tomorrow at 9 a.m. due to today's rain. Meet at the welcome Center and bring a shovel. The church-wide workday is this Saturday and all are encouraged to help.

Don Ford welcomed those in training that attended the meeting. He thanked Jet Cuffman for her service as President and presented her a fall bouquet. He also thanked those going off the Board for their service: Martha Basinger, Arline Jackson, and Judy Woodard.

Don announced the formation of a committee to recruit Mater Gardeners and he asked those interested in serving to contact him or Walter Jennings.

Don noted that at the reception next month, new members will be recognized by stickers on their nametags. He asked current members to remove their old stickers.

Beth Phelps announced that it is time to relook at our projects and she reminded members to consider serving on one of the Standing Committees. They are listed on the back page of our roster. If you want to be on a committee, let Beth know.

Beth reported that the International Master Gardener Conference was held last week in Charleston, West Virginia. Arkansas had 68 participants, the 5th largest delegation at the conference. The conference is held every two years and we hosted it in 2007. Arkansas still gets lots of positive feedback from this. In 2013, we will again host the conference, but it will be held on a Holland Cruise to Alaska. The cruise will depart from Seattle September 7 and return the 14th. There will be an option to make lay-away payments for the trip. More info will come.

Beth reminded that current master gardeners are welcome to attend trainings of new members. If you wish to eat lunch, let Beth know the Monday morning before the Wednesday training.

Beth reported that the project tours on Thursdays from 9 - 12 have been well received. This week's tours include Wildwood Park Asian Garden and Pinnacle Mountain State Park.

Marcella Grimmett introduced Tom Frothingham who works in horticulture and sustainable agriculture. He spoke about "Pollinators and Their Importance".

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011
ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Don Ford awarded Volunteer of the Year Award certificate to Jane Gulley for her work on the Whit Stephen Nature Center project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Social Committee: Laura Sholes and Richelle Daniel reminded the group to be sure to get their reservations in for the Christmas Party at the Wyndham in North Little Rock on Wednesday December 7th at 6 pm in the Silver room #1 and #2. Chris Norwood will be the guest speaker. There will be wine provided by MG Clark Trim, Colonel Wine and Spirits. Menu and cost of tickets was announced.

Allen Hall announced he had muscadine jelly for sale.

Travel Committee: Marcella Grimmatt reminded the members that the travel committee has some room left on the bus taking a Christmas Lights tour to Garvan Gardens November 21st. Parking will be at St. James Methodist Church where the bus will pick up the group. Marcella also reminded the members to let her know of gardens for future garden tours.

2012 Pictorial MG directory: David Werling announced that if anyone needs a photo taken for the 2012 pictorial directory let him know. They need to make sure they have all their hours in to qualify and make sure there is a correct e-mail address.

Beth Phelps reminded the members to make sure their contact information is correct for the new directory and to turn in their work and education hours as soon as possible. She also announced that Mary Helen Henry was present with all the records if anyone had questions about their hours.

Beth Phelps announced that there is progress on the greenhouse with new metal benches and glass repair. The project will be completed soon. There will be a ribbon cutting in the spring.

Don Ford welcomed the new MG class members, had them stand and reminded the members to greet them in the reception following the meeting. They can be identified by butterfly stickers on their MG badges. Don announced that their project assignments would be out soon to the chairs of the projects.

Beth Phelps began the awards ceremony by showing the plaque that the Wildwood Asian Garden received at the State MG Conference in Harrison in June for the State MG Project of the Year 2011 for the group larger than 50 members.

This year there was no award presented for Friend of the MG as none were nominated. Beth reminded the group of past award winners and to think of a supporter for next year.

Beth presented the following PCMG Volunteer Years of Service Awards 2011

5 Years of Service –Class of 2006

John Anthony
Jane Blackwell
Buddy Brock
Bren Coop
Martha Coop
Dottie Funk
Marylea Gazette
Marcella Grimmitt
Mary Helen Henry
Arline Jackson
Kevin Keefe
Billy Kelly
Christina Phelps
Donna Roetzel
Joyce Willis
Earline Zahn

10 Years of Service-Class of 2001

Martha Basinger
Kin Cartwright
Mary Freeman
John Gill
Marjem Gill
Nora Ann Goss
Becky Kennedy
Frances Lopata
Steve Lopata
Linda Norton
Howard Stephens
Michael Strobel
Debbie Stults
Claudia Utley
Colleen Vollman
Jackie Walker

Lifetime – 15 Years – Class of 1996

Sue Anderson
Jim Gray
Catherine Johnson
John Prather
Mary Roark
Suellen Roberts
Billie Sanders
Joanna Wilson

20 Years – Azalea

Jane Gulley

Ann Cooper

Mary Evans

Sarah Henson

Jerry Quick

Dottie Heckenbach

Breck Campbell

Door prizes were handed out.

Don Ford adjourned the meeting to the reception for the new MG class of 2011.

Respectfully submitted;

Earline Zahn