

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:36. He called for announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

David Werling, co-chair of the PCMG Photo Directory, asked that all committee chairs respond to his previous request for any corrections to the directory by Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. He plans to have the directories ready for distribution to dues-paying Master Gardeners at the February meeting.

Marcella Grimmatt reminded Project/Committee Chairs that orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the State Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium from 1-3 p.m.

Marcella Grimmatt, reporting for the Travel Committee, talked about the upcoming overnight trip to Crystal Bridges and other points of gardening interest in Northwest Arkansas starting Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$67.50 and includes transportation, lunch at Compton Gardens, snacks on the bus and admissions. Participants are responsible for overnight accommodations and other meals. Fliers about the trip were distributed.

Leticia East invited the membership to an introductory meeting for the "Strong Women, Strong Bones" class, to be held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Extension Service heads up this program.

Bren Coop, Treasurer, asked for dues to be paid. Dues are \$15 until May 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time they will be \$20. She reminded members that the magazine sales on the table outside the meeting room operate on the honor system. They are 25 cents each. Bren thanked Judy Woodard and Glenda Arledge for helping with dues collection at the meeting. Dues may be also be mailed to Bren or to the Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Office.

Don reported that work is being done to organize the Speakers Bureau to offer speakers for civic groups, etc. If anyone is interested in speaking to such groups, contact Don, Pat Freeman, Beth Phelps or any board member.

Beth Phelps, reporting for the Stuff Committee, said that stuff ordered in the fall is here. Please pick it up after the meeting. The committee is updating and revamping available "stuff".

Beth reported for Marilyn Tilley that yard signs for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show will be available at the February meeting. This is great advertising for the show to be held February 24-26 at the Statehouse Convention Center. Volunteer sign-up forms have been emailed to PCMGs.

Beth reported that nominations are currently being accepted for the PCMG Project of the Year and the Friend of PCMG Award. The winners of these awards will be nominated for the State Master Gardener Project of the Year and State Friend of Master Gardener Award.

Beth thanked the PCMG Directory Committee for their hard work in putting together the pictorial directory which will be available at the February meeting for dues-paying members.

Beth thanked the membership for the Christmas gift which will go toward attending the International Master Gardener Conference in September, 2013. More information about the conference cruise will be available in May.

Walter Jennings introduced Dr. Eric Sundell, retired professor of Biology and related courses at University of Arkansas, Monticello. Dr. Sundell gave a presentation on "The Love Life of Ferns".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 21, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:35 and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dorothy Hobbs. He later called for announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ann Cooper asked for volunteers for a substitute list for phone duty at the county extension office. The Horticulture Hotline Committee assists new members by sitting with them during their first phone answering session and also makes out the work schedule for manning the phones.

David Werling, Directory Committee Chair, reported that the new directories are available to members and may be picked up upon dues payment after the meeting. He thanked the committee for their hard work on this project.

Marcella Grimmett, Travel Committee, handed out a list of upcoming trips scheduled, including monthly tours of our projects with the goal of seeing them all this year. These are all scheduled to be on the second Thursday of the month.

Jackie Walker reported that the Crystal Bridges Trip planned has been very well received and a fall trip is being considered.

Steve Lopata, Volunteer Coordinator for the Flower and Garden Show, reported there is one slot open for volunteer service. He thanked the membership for the good response to the call for volunteers. Beth Phelps reminded us that set-up starts tomorrow for the show that begins Friday.

Merilyn Tilley asked for members to pick up signs after the meeting to put out now, reminding people of the flower and Garden Show this weekend. If you take a sign, please return it at next month's meeting or save it to use next year.

Martha Basinger, reporting for Carol Chappell, Continuing Education Co-Chair, said to save the date of May 31<sup>st</sup> for the next offering that is all about hydrangeas. Linda Lanier of Memphis will be the presenter.

Patti Womble, Stuff Committee Chair, reported that we can expect a style show next month to see the new items that are available for sale.

Don Ford reported that there were no nominations for PCMG Project of the Year. The Friend of PCMG award brought two nominations, Holly Morgan, from the Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden Project and Gary Perkins, from the Maumelle Community Center Project. Holly Morgan was elected to be the PCMG nominee for the State Friend of Master Gardeners. Both Holly and Gary will receive recognition as a Friend of PCMG.

Beth Phelps thanked the Directory Committee for their good work on this year's directory. It is expected that the directory will be produced annually, so any updates need to be submitted as they occur.

Don Ford, for Pat Freeman, asked for volunteers for the PCMG Speakers Bureau.

Walter Jennings introduced Chris Olsen, owner of Botanica Gardens and nationally known guru on home and garden decor, who gave a lively presentation on "The Five Seasons" of decorating. Chris has recently authored the book "Five Seasons".

**Summary of Pulaski County Master Gardener Meeting  
February 21, 2012**

The Greenhouse construction/renovation is near completion and we can expect the grand opening in April.

The Board is working on a policy regarding sales of items around general meeting times.

The Staff committee will be offering new items for sell to PCMG, including a charm.

Upcoming Continuing Education includes a class about hydrangeas in May.

New PCMG pictorial directories are ready for the membership.

The Horticulture Hotline Committee makes out the schedule for phone duty at the county extension office and helps train new MGs answering the phone. It is seeking volunteers to be on its substitute list.

The Travel Committee handed out a list of the upcoming garden tours and trips, including second Thursday tours of PCMG projects. The Crystal Bridges trip has been well received and another fall trip there is being considered.

The Arkansas Flower and Garden Show is this coming weekend and signs are available to advertise this. Thanks go to the volunteers for this big event.

Holly Morgan, Governor's Mansion Vegetable Garden Project, and Gary Perkins, Maumelle Community Center Project, were nominated as Friends of PCMG. Holly was elected to represent Pulaski County as its nominee for the Arkansas State Friend of Master Gardeners.

Volunteers for the PCMG Speakers Bureau are being sought.

Chris Olsen gave the program entitled "The Five Seasons".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:30. He asked the membership to visit before and after the meeting in the meeting room rather than the common area, as the church conducts business in that area. He then called for announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Marcella Grimmett, Travel Committee, reported a change in the travel plans for June 7<sup>th</sup>. This date has been changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, the second Tuesday tour of projects will be June 14<sup>th</sup> in North Little Rock.

Jane Diesing reminded us that the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs spring tour is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the tax-deductible ticket cost is \$20 now and \$25 at the door. She still needs some PCMGs to work the gardens and answer questions from visitors.

Walter Walker, Travel Committee, reported that another trip to Crystal Bridges will be October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is not yet firm. He asked if there is interest in an optional train ride to Van Buren and a winery tour in Tontitown.

Richelle Daniel and Laura Sholes, Recruitment Committee, thanked members for bringing friends to their projects and today's general meeting. They have a gift/information packet for each guest. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the June meeting as well as our projects.

Patti Womble, Stuff Committee, asked members to pick up their "stuff" today.

Don thanked the Travel Committee for the Pinnacle Project Tour last Thursday, including the picnic.

Don thanked the Social Committee for the greenhouse dedication and spring picnic on the Arkansas Queen Riverboat Cruise.

Registration is now open for the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference cruise. The meeting registration will be in September. Watch for emails from Beth for links to the conference.

Dues are overdue and are now \$20. Treasurer Bren Coop will accept dues payments after the meeting today.

Beth Phelps reported that applications for PCMG Training this fall will go out soon and turned in in July. If you know of anyone interested, let Beth know.

Lori Spencer, aka the Arkansas Butterfly Lady, author of "Arkansas Butterflies and Moths" and coordinator of the Mount Magazine Butterfly Festival, was introduced and gave an interesting presentation on Arkansas butterflies and moths.

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, June 19, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Don Ford called the meeting to order at 11:30. He asked that those who have not yet paid dues this year to do so. They are overdue and now \$20.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Marcella Grimmett reported that the Old Mill Committee has received funds for a bench to be given in memory of Dorothy Hobbs. More funds are needed to complete the memorial and Marcella asked the membership for donations.

Marcella, Travel Committee, gave corrected directions for the upcoming Friday garden trip.

Jackie Walker, Travel Committee, reported on the planned trip to Bentonville, including a visit to Crystal Bridges Museum. The trip is limited to 60 people and will be October 5 and 6.

Little Rock City Beautiful Commission gives "Eye of the Beholder" awards to home owners. If anyone would like to nominate someone, contact the LR City Beautiful Commission.

Rochelle Greenwood, Mentoring Committee, passed around a sign-up sheet to solicit mentors for the next PCMG class.

Walter Jennings reported that next month, in lieu of a general meeting, is the summer social and gardens tour. This will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and begin at the Amy Sanders Library in Sherwood. He introduced Carol Carlan, Co-Chair of the Amy Sanders Library Committee, who reported the tour includes, in addition to the library, tours of four gardens of PCMGs. The tour starts at 9 a.m. and refreshments will be served by the Social Committee at the library.

Marcella reported on the latest Tour of Projects including Park Hill Waterworks, Old Mill and Argenta. Next month's tour is July 12<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood at 6 p.m.

Don gave congratulations to Holly Morgan, Pulaski County Friend of Master Gardeners, for being selected the 2012 Arkansas Friend of Master Gardeners.

He shared a "Thank You" from St. James to the PCMGs for weeding of the mondo grass and pruning of the azaleas.

Don also reported a "Thank You" to PCMGs from Keep Little Rock Beautiful for helping to plant the planters and hanging baskets for Markham and Main Streets downtown.

Beth Phelps reported that applications for PCMG Training this fall have been sent out and are due back toward the end of July. If anyone knows someone interested, contact Beth.

Walter introduced Rand Retzloff, Grand Designs, who gave a presentation on "Gardening in the Dry Shade".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, September 18, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Don Ford opened the meeting to order at 11:30 and welcomed transfers into PCMG Karen Workman and Elizabeth Hopkins.

2013 Arkansas Master Gardener calendars are now for sale for \$1 each. Please use them to spread the word about the MG program. Three Pulaski County members' photos made the calendar – Georgia Harris, Martha Bowden and Lee Gershner. Congratulations!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Judy Chapman called on all to participate in a workday at St. James scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your power hedge trimmers. This is our opportunity to thank St. James for hosting our meetings.

Marianne Ligon reported the last of the Mount Holly Garden Series is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, at 9 a.m. at Mount Holly Cemetery. Chris Olsen will be speaking. Suggested donation is \$5.

Marcella Grimmitt, Travel Committee, reported the annual PCMG Wine and Cheese Event at Hocott's Nursery will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. PCMGs will receive a 20% discount on all purchases that evening.

Bren Coop, Treasurer, thanked the approximately 400 members who have paid dues this year. There are still about 25 who have not paid. Those wishing to may send the \$20 to the County Extension Office or to Bren.

Jackie Walker, Travel Committee, said there are a few seats left for the trip to Crystal Bridges on October 5 and 6. See her if interested.

Rochelle Greenwood, Mentoring, reported there are more volunteer mentors than those to be mentored this year. Many thanks to those volunteers!

Krista Quinn, Executive Director of the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, announced the Tour of the Gardens at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion on October 18 from 5:30 – 7 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Greening of Arkansas grant program which helps to beautify public spaces around the state. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance.

Beth Phelps reported PCMG Training starts next Wednesday with a bus tour of garden projects. The training will be held each Wednesday at the State Extension Building through November 7<sup>th</sup>. Beth asked for volunteers to help set up before the trainings – getting coffee started, taking care of handouts, greeting people, etc.

Beth also reminded the membership of the weekly Thursday Tour of Projects, with an open house format, from 9-12. These start October 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to showcase all PCMG garden projects to those in training and others interested.

Don called for election of PCMG officers, introducing Jet Cuffman to report for the Nominating Committee the following candidates:

President – Marcella Grimmett  
First Vice President – Walter Jennings  
Second Vice President – Marylea Gazette  
Secretary – Coralie Maxwell  
Treasurer – Bren Coop  
Assistant Treasurer – Susan Crawford  
Member-at-Large – Georgia Harris (2 year term)

Jet thanked the committee for their work, including Jane Gulley and Laura Hathaway.

Don called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he called for a vote. Judy Chapman moved and Nancy Kirsch seconded that the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee be accepted. The motion passed. Don reported that Earline Zahn will continue to serve on the Board, her second year as Member-at-Large.

Don reported that the Board met this summer and reviewed all projects and new project requests. He announced that the Board decided to continue all current projects and that no new projects will be added this year.

Beth reminded all to turn work and education hours in. Those who went to MG Day at Garvan Gardens yesterday are to turn in the hours they were there. Beth has a list of all hours reported thus far.

Walter Jennings reported that next month's meeting program will be a Case Study on a Landscaping Project by Mary Evans.

Walter introduced the program speaker, someone that needs no introduction to Arkansas gardeners – Janet Carson.

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Marcella Grimmett called the meeting to order at 11:40 and welcomed those attending from the new Master Gardener class. She also welcomed transferring member John Annulis.

Marcella presented a paperweight to Past President Don Ford and thanked him on behalf of the PCMGs for his service to the organization.

Marcella thanked Carol Randle, Carol Carlan and the Amy Sanders Library Committee for manning the PCMG Booth at BJ's Pumpkin Festival.

The Dorothy Hobbs Memorial Bench has been installed at the Old Mill.

Receipts must be turned in to Treasurer Bren Coop by November 1<sup>st</sup> for reimbursement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mary Ann Brown, Social Committee, reported there will be a reception for the new members next month. Current members whose last names begin with I- Z are asked to bring savory or sweet treats for this.

Patti Womble, Stuff Committee, reported that there will be two sales of "stuff" per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Orders are being accepted through the end of this month for November pick-up. If anyone wishes to see items available, the committee will present a style show tomorrow at the new Master Gardener class.

Beth Phelps thanked the Retention Committee for making calls to members to get work and education hours turned in as well as dues.

Beth reminded committee chairs to check their emails so she can get information to pass to the new MG training class about project workdays.

Beth reported that the County Extension Service's Public Policy Center publishes fact sheets to educate the public about issues that will be on ballots in upcoming elections. Beth has some today to distribute to those interested. These may also be found on the Extension website.

Beth reminded the membership that the Little Rock Greenhouse Plant sale will be this Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m.

Don introduced PCMG Mary Evans who gave a presentation entitled, "Landscape Design, A Case Study".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting  
Tuesday, November 20, 2012  
St. James United Methodist Church**

Marcella Grimmett called the meeting to order at 11:40 and introduced the new Master Gardeners, Class of 2012: Darla Adams, Kay Allen, Bette Anders, Mary Campbell, Jackie Conklin, Deborah Doyle-West, Jane Evans, Pat Ferguson, Lynda Ford, Katherine Friday, Mike Fuller, Melanie Greenwald, Junie Harris, Mary Harrison, Martha Henry, Phyllis Holiman, Sharon Hollaway, Tom Horton, Chris Hulett, Debbie Jernigan, Arnold Jochums, Brad Klein, Kate Lincourt, Minerva Lohani, Sherry Means, Linda Melberg, Melody Parsley, Kevin Pride, Becky Rainwater, Kathleen Reynolds, Rachael Richey, Terri Root, B.J. Sanders, Bridget Shuffield, Cherry Smith, Pat Smith, Virginia Summers, Al White, and Jackie Wiggs.

Marcella announced the deaths of Sarah Henson, Sunshine Committee Chair, and Dorothy Veirs. These Lifetime PCMGs will be missed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Beth Phelps asked that all work and education hours be turned in so they are credited properly for this year.

Patti Womble, Stuff Committee, asked that all "stuff" recently ordered be picked up today.

Louise Starling, Retention Committee, gave a gentle reminder to those who have not already done so, to pay dues and complete work and education hours for this year. The deadline for doing so is December 15.

Arline Jackson, Travel Committee, reported that garden tours in the Wynne area are scheduled for May 4, 2013. Save the date.

Jo Ellen Beard, Social Committee, reminded all to make reservations for the December 4<sup>th</sup> PCMG Christmas Party at Pleasant Valley Country Club. The party starts at 6 o'clock and \$27.50 includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine or beer.

Charlotte Perdue has Angel Trumpet cuttings for those interested.

Susan Rose, Central Arkansas Iris Society, has iris rhizomes available in several colors.

David Werling, Photography Committee, reported that photos for the annual directory are now being taken outside the meeting room. Stop by if you'd like a new picture.

Steve Lopata reminded the membership that Master Gardener volunteers are needed for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show scheduled for the last weekend in February. Watch for volunteer forms to be distributed soon.

Marcella thanked the Social Committee for their work on the reception welcoming our new Master Gardeners, immediately following this meeting.

Beth recognized Holly Morgan, Horticulturist for the Governor's Mansion and 2012 Friend of PCMG as the 2012 Friend of Arkansas Master Gardeners and presented her with a paperweight memento.

Beth recognized our 5, 10 and 15 year (Lifetime) PCMGs:

**5 years of service (2007 class)**

GAYE ANDERSON  
BONNIE BADAMI  
FAYE BARD  
BUDDY BROCK  
MARTHA BOWDEN  
JOHNNY BROWN  
MARY ANN BROWN  
BELVA COOK  
PHOEBE CROCKER  
ANNE CROW  
KAREN CRUTCHFIELD  
RICHELLE DANIEL  
LU ELLIOTT  
NANCY FITTS  
SANDY FURRER  
DON GEPHARDT  
MARY BEA GROSS  
MURRAY HARDING  
LAURA HATHAWAY  
RUTHIE HIETT  
MILLIE HILLARD  
SUZANNE LANKFORD  
EVA LATHROP  
KAY LAVEY  
CORALIE MAXWELL  
NANCY MITCHELL  
BRENDA MIZE  
ELENA MOERMAN  
MARGARET ROSE NALLEY  
DIANA NOLTE  
ANN OWEN  
WANDA PAES  
CHARLOTTE PERDUE  
MARITA PERKINS  
SUSAN PORTO  
MARGARET SCHULZ  
CATHERINE STANGER  
MARTHA STOBAUGH  
GAIL VAUGHN

**10 years of service (2002 class)**

FRAN ABLES  
CARLEE ADAMS  
WARREN BOOP  
SHANNON CHAMBERLIN  
PHYLLIS COLCLASURE  
JET CUFFMAN  
DON DAVIS  
DENA DIXON  
ELIZABETH A EDWARDS  
DONALD FORD  
SHIRLEY C GUNNELS  
EARL HILLARD  
JANET JORDAN  
ALF KOROS  
BARBARA KOROS  
GAY MCDANIEL  
DEBBIE MICKEL  
JENNY SMITH  
ANNE SPEED  
BETH STEWART  
MARY VANCURA  
BONNIE WELLS  
BRUCE WESSON  
LYNN WINNINGHAM

**15 years of service (lifetime membership, 1997 class)**

JIM CAMPBELL  
SUSAN CRISP  
ELISABETH DILLON  
PEGGY GAY  
BETTY GLASSCOCK  
ROCHELLE GREENWOOD  
JEANNE SPENCER  
HELEN HRONAS

**Lifetime Plus**

Azalea - HILDA BOGER

Beth reminded the membership that we will celebrate 25 years of the Master Gardener Program in Arkansas next year.

Beth recognized new Advanced Master Gardeners: Sandy Furrer, Frank James , and Alf Koros.

2013 Arkansas Master Gardener Calendars are available for \$1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the reception at 12:15.