

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
St. James United Methodist Church**

Marcella Grimmatt called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Marcella opened the meeting with her presentation of the "Good Egg Award" for March. This award is to recognize someone who is a dependable worker, working hard without a lot of attention. Marcella asks Project Chairs for nominations. This month's award went to Bernice Johnson in the County Extension Committee. Congratulations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nancy Kirsch talked about the functioning of the Horticulture Hotline Committee. She noted there is a need for a few good substitutes to fill in occasionally at the hotline position at the extension office. She asked that anyone interested contact her, Ann Cooper or Beth Phelps.

Patti Womble, from the Stuff Committee, reported that next month's meeting was the last time this spring to order "stuff". Orders made in this cycle should be available in May. The next order period will be in the fall, around October or November.

Kathy Ratcliffe, from the Continuing Education committee, reminded everyone that the committee had scheduled a talk by Felder Rushing on 3 April, and that there is a 4 hour continuing education seminar scheduled on 4 April. The subject of the seminar is "Native Plants – Our Natural State."

Marcella talked about an upcoming trip by the Travel Committee to Wynn and Forrest City on 4 May. She noted that there was a sign-up sheet circulating in the auditorium.

Marcella noted that the garden of one of our own Master Gardeners, Marilyn Tilley, has been featured in a recent issue of Arkansas Gardener magazine.

Beth reported on the upcoming dates of our greenhouse sales: Saturday, 13 April for the Pathfinder greenhouse; and Saturday, 20 Apr for the Little Rock greenhouse.

Beth asked for a show of hands of those who have started using the online reporting system. Approximately 50% of the audience indicated they had started using the system. Beth reiterated that the online system is very useful in answering questions about Master Gardener participation.

Marylea introduced our speaker, Susan Weinstein, DVM, MPH who gave a presentation entitled "Skeeters & Ticks".

Respectively submitted,
Don Ford, acting secretary

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
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Marcella Grimmatt called the meeting to order at 11:30. She introduced Arline White, a MG transfer from Pine Bluff. Welcome Arline!

The membership was reminded that \$15 PCMG dues for 2013 are due by May 1st, and then go up to \$20. They may be mailed to the Extension Office or to Treasurer Bren Coop.

Marcella's "Good Egg" award this month went to Lee Gershner of the Pinnacle Mountain Project. Congratulations, Lee!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judy Woodard asked for help transporting leftover plants from the Pathfinder Greenhouse Sale. This Thursday at 9 a.m., the plants need to move to Little Rock.

Arline Jackson, Travel Committee, reported the following upcoming events:

Thursday, April 18 – Tour the Dunbar Community Garden in Little Rock at 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 4 – Trip to Wynne and Forrest City to tour gardens, a nursery and have lunch

Monday, May 20 - Wine and Cheese Social at the Good Earth Garden Center, 5:30 p.m.

Pat Freeman, Little Rock Greenhouse, announced the spring plant sale will be this Saturday, April 20, from 8 – 11 a.m. A follow-up sale will be held on the 27th. Pat also reported that plant orders made by Project Chairs are ready for pick-up.

Marianne Ligon announced the Mount Holly Garden Series begins on Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m., with our own Beth Phelps presenting. The series runs on the 3rd Saturday every month from April through October. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Suzanne Potts, Social Committee, announced the PCMG Spring Picnic will be held on Monday, April 29th, at 6 p.m. at Camp Aldersgate. Adams Catfish will be catering. The cost is \$13.50 and all are encouraged by Fran Ables to participate in a plant swap – "Bring a plant, get a plant".

Ann Cooper announced the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs Tour of Gardens will be the weekend of June 1 and 2. The theme is "Urban Gardening" and gardens include those of two PCMGs. Garden locations include Sherrill Heights, Ridgeway, Beechwood, Centerwood, and Sherwood Roads. Ann asked the membership to volunteer to be the Tour's "Experts in the Gardens". Tickets will be available May 1 at garden centers and Colonial Wine & Spirits.

Patti Womble, Stuff Chair, reported that today is the last day for the spring order of "Stuff".

The new sign for PCMG gardens was shown. Thanks go to Walter Jennings for making this happen for all our garden projects.

Marylea Gazette introduced the program speaker Don Greenland, Faulkner County Master Gardener, who grows seeds for Baker Creek Heritage Seed Company. Mr. Greenland presented "The Top 10 Vegetables".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
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Marcella Grimmett called the meeting to order at 11:33 and presented her "Good Egg" award to Bonnie Clough of Amy Sanders Library Project. Congratulations, Bonnie!

She reported that the recently held State MG Convention was well attended and fun.

The State MG Leadership Conference will be held on September 23rd.

October 14th will be the 25th Anniversary of the MG Program. \$25 includes bus transportation and admittance to the celebration at P. Allen Smith's farm.

Marcella also reported that the recent PCMG trip to Cross and St. Francis Counties was great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jackie Walker, Travel Committee, invited those interested to join the committee. She reported an upcoming trip in late June to Heber Springs to tour gardens, have lunch and shop at Aromatique. The date is not yet confirmed.

Judy Chapman, on behalf of St. James, thanked the PCMG workers that helped on the church grounds yesterday. This is our way of thanking the church for use of their space for our meetings.

Laura Sholes and Richelle Daniel, Recruiting Committee, reminded the membership to "Bring a Friend" to their project or PCMG event. If you do, you will be in line for a prize!

Save the Date -The Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 5th, at the NLR Riverfront Wyndham. It will be a sit down dinner with program and door prizes.

Ann Cooper has tickets available for the upcoming Tour of Gardens, June 1 & 2. Volunteers are still needed to be garden experts.

Patti Womble, Stuff Committee, asked those who have "Stuff" to pick it up.

Marianne Ligon is peddling New Dawn Roses to benefit Mt. Holly Cemetery.

Don Ford, PCMG Past President, asked those interested in serving on the Board to see Beth Phelps, Marcella, or him.

David Werling and Sarah Falasco introduced the new PCMG Facebook Page. They encouraged PCMGs to check it out. The focus of the page is education and fun for gardening friends.

Beth Phelps had several announcements:

Our PCMG nominees for Friend of MG and Project of the Year were not chosen as winners of the State MG Awards at State Convention. They will be recognized as our county winners in November.

September 24th is MG Appreciation Day at Garvan Gardens.

October 14th is 25th Anniversary of MG Program.

Don't forget to bring a friend to your project. This is a great way to get potential members.

Applications for next fall's PCMG Training Class will be sent out in July. If you know of someone interested, email or call Beth to ask for an application.

If registered to attend the International MG Conference, see Beth.

PCMG Facebook Page is a public page. Encourage people interested to look at the page. It promotes the program and will help recruit member and educate the public about what we do. The Facebook Committee will monitor the page.

Walter Jennings introduced the program speaker, Tamara Walkingstick, Ph.D., Associate Professor – Forestry Extension and Associate Director – Arkansas Forest Resources Center, who gave an interesting and fun presentation entitled "You Know, Parts of a Tree are Edible: Wild Foods from Arkansas Tress and other Plants".

**Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2013
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Marcella Grimmatt called the meeting to order at 11:33 and presented her "Good Egg" award to Paul Pilkington of the Arkansas Art Center Project. Congratulations, Paul!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Werling, Facebook Committee, encouraged all to visit the PCMG Facebook page and tell friends about it.

Marylea Gazette, Programs, reported the Ice Cream Social and Garden Tour is to be Tuesday, July 16th from 9 – 11:30. The four gardens to be visited include Bernice Gardens, Mount Holly Cemetery, Dunbar Community Gardens and the County Extension Office Gardens. Watch emails for more information.

Jackie Walker, Travel Committee, reminded members of the trip to Heber Springs on Saturday, June 29th, including stops at Aromatique, gardens and a nursery, and lunch at the Red Apple Inn.

Beth Phelps asked for mentors for the new PCMG class in the fall. To be a mentor, just be welcoming to the new member, meeting them at the November meeting and inviting them to the January meeting. See Rochelle Greenwood if this is something you can do.

Beth reminded us that there is no general meeting scheduled for July or August.

If anyone knows an interested person for the PCMG program, contact Beth or the Extension Office so that an application can be sent to them. Applications will go out in July.

Save the date for the PCMG Christmas Party, December 5th. It will be a sit-down dinner at the Riverfront Wyndham in North Little Rock.

Marylea introduced the program speaker, the horticulturist at the Governor's Mansion, Board member for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, a past Pulaski County and State Friend of Master Gardener, Holly Morgan.

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting

October 15, 2013

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Walter Jennings called the meeting to order at 11:35. Walter welcomed members of the new Master Gardener class who were present. A reminder of the 25th Anniversary celebration at Moss Mountain was made. It was announced that MG Calendars were on sale in the lobby. Walter then presented Marcella Grimmett, the outgoing president, with a gift.

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A note of appreciation from County 76 for the monetary gift in support of the 25th Birthday Celebration was read.

The Social committee made an announcement about the Christmas Party. It will be held on December 5, 2013, at the Riverfront Wyndham in North Little Rock.

The Travel committee announced a trip to Bellingrath Gardens in March. Details will be provided as they become available.

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The Social committee asked members whose name begins with A – L to bring finger food for the new member reception after the November meeting.

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President Walter Jennings called the meeting to order at 11:35. Today's program will be the Recognition Program. Susan Voss, a new member, was recognized. An honorarium given in appreciation of Clark Trim was announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Social Committee reminded the members of the Christmas party to be held at the Riverfront Hilton, December 5, 2013.

The Travel Committee gave details of the Bellingrath Gardens trip. It is scheduled for March 19-21, 2014. February 20, 2014 is the deadline to register.

David Werley ask members who have corrections or changes to the directory to contact him. New photographs for the directory will be taken in January.

Marylea Gazette announced that the State Extension project committee needs a chairman.

PROGRAM

Beth recognized the following people:

2013 Friend of Master Gardeners

Individual - Fred Smith, husband of Master Gardener Valerie Smith, nominated by the historic Arkansas Museum Project.

Organization - Maumelle Parks and Recreation department, Phillip Raborn, Director. Nominated by the Maumelle Community Center Project. Phillip was joined by The Honorable Michael Watson, Mayor of Maumelle.

Years of Service 2013 -- Pulaski County

5 years -- Class of 2008

John Annulis

Tom Bruce

Carol Carlan

Betty Chaddock

Jack Cornett

Susan Crawford

Thersa Funkhouser

Mary Ann Gammill

Sarah Jines

Paul Nolte

Jane Partain

Suzanne Potts

Robbie Schuchard

Laurel Shirley

Cissy Skarda

Cydney Smith

Lou Ellen Treadway

Ted Treadway

Nao Ueda

Chuck Garlington

Lu Smith

10 years – Class of 2003

Linda Anderson
Jane Baldwin
Jan Bowen
Judy Chapman
Theresa Crowson
Laverne Davis
Betty Deere
Laetitia East
Steve Engel
Sandra Hall
Joan Howard
Frank James
Walter Jennings
Vicky Kessel
Marybeth Kirkland
Darla Lavender
Connie Prewitt
Joseph Reed
Susan Rose
Clark Trim
Carolyn Turner

Judy Woodard
David Werling

15 years – Class of 1998

Shirley Acchione
Rose Bradley
Lois Clifton
Lee Gershner
Ann Green
Sandy Harrison
Lorraine Hensley
Nancy Kirsch
Frances Searcy
Claudia Stallings
Laura Anne Warren
20 Years and still active
Jim Bowling
David Dodson
Laura Lasiter
Maxine Ramage

25 Years and still active!

Nancy Phillips

The Class of 2013 was introduced. A reception was held in their honor after the meeting.

Walter recognized Beth and commended her service to the Master Gardener Program. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright