

# **Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

**The PCMG meeting was called to order at 11:35 by President Marylea Gazette.**

**Our speaker, Dr. Eric Sundell, was introduced by Joellen Beard. He presented a very interesting and informative program, the Pollination of the Milkweed Family and Its Importance to Monarch Butterflies.**

**Darla Adams, Treasurer, presented information regarding raising the yearly dues from \$15 to \$20, and raising late dues from \$20 to \$30. After discussing the raises, a motion to raise the regular dues as presented was made by Valerie Smith. It was seconded, and the motion carried. Jackie Walker made a motion to raise the late dues, and it was seconded. The motion passed.**

**Randy Forst, PC Extension Agent, introduced Mark Brown. Mark is a water and turf management expert with the extension agency.**

**Two projects that were nominated for Project of the Year were presented. The projects were the Maumelle Community Center and the Old State House. The membership voted to select the Old State House as the Project of the Year.**

**There were two nominations for Friend of the Year. They were Danny McPeake, nominated by the Witt Stephens Nature Center project, and Ed Garrettson, nominated by the Old State House project. Danny McPeake was chosen as Friend of the Year.**

**Jeffery McKinley was introduced at the newsletter editor.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Fulbright**

# **Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

**The PCMG meeting was called to order at 11:30.**

**Randy Forst recognized the Master Gardener Training Committee. Members are Susie Green, Junie Harris, Dana Boyster, Kay Harris, Cissy Skarda, Valerie Smith, Dianne Woodruff, Suzanne Potts and Fay Dobbins.**

**Joellen Beard introduced our speaker, Kelly Irwin, who presented a program on Snake ID.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Little Rock Garden Council's Spring Garden Tour is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to act as docents at the different homes.**

**The Mount Holly Garden Series will begin in April, and continue through October. It is held the third Saturday of the month. A \$5 donation is suggested.**

**The Green House is having a plant sale April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 to 11:00.**

**The Stuff Committee is taking orders for merchandise. Order forms are available and must be turned in by the April meeting.**

**Two continuing education seminars were announced: Celebrating Our Plant Heritage and Totally Tomatoes. The first seminar is March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the second, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**New directories are available. Dues must be paid before you can receive one.**

**Randy Forst presented a request for a new project at Heifer International. The Board voted to present the project to the membership. Ballots were passed out for voting. The result of the vote was in favor of the project, 209 to 11.**

**Busy Bee Awards were presented.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Fulbright**

## **Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting**

**April 21, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

**The meeting was called at order at 11:30 by President Marylea Gazette.**

**The program, Novel Ideas for Growing Healthy Trees, was presented by Patti Erwin, Urban Forestry Coordinator with the AR Forestry Commission.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mentors are needed for the summer and fall class members. The summer class is June 13<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>, and the fall class is August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The City Beautiful Commission is accepting nominations for the Landscape Award for Eye of the Beholder.**

**The AR Green Industry Association announced the AR Diamond Plant Promotion which recommends plants that consistently perform well in our area.**

**The Greenhouse is having a plant sale April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 11 AM.**

**The annual picnic will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Pinnacle State Park. There will be a special guest and music. The cost is \$12.00.**

**The Hayes Center, Argenta and HAMS projects were recognized for their work at St. James. The next work day is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Today is the last day to pick up new directories here. After today, the directories will be at the County Extension Office.**

**A reminder that 2015 dues of \$20 must be paid by May 1, 2015, was made. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, dues will be \$30.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Fulbright**

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting  
May 19, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

**The meeting was called to order by Joellen Beard who announced our program, Threats to our Trees: Emerald Ash Borer by Tamara Walkingtonstick, Associate Professor of Extension Forestry.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Arline Jackson announced 2 garden tours. Three Gardens in North Little Rock on June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at 9:00 a.m. and tour of Little Rock Audubon Center on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Contact Arline for further information.**

**Mentors are needed for both Summer and Fall MG classes. Ann Griffin will be in the Welcome Area after the meeting so please consider signing up.**

**Reminder to those who have not paid their dues, John and Glenda will be in the Welcome Area to take the dues and to check their list if you are not sure if you have paid.**

**Our first newsletter in a while, Magnolia Chronicle, was sent to the membership recently and our thanks to Jeffery McKinley and her committee for a great job.**

**Reminder Ice Cream Social will be July 21, 2015 with tour of several projects in the River Market area. Ice Cream at Choctaw Building, Clinton Center. More information to follow.**

# **Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

President Marylea Gazette called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Marylea presented two items for the membership to vote on: changing the installation of officers from October to January; and the addition of two new projects – Family Home and the AR State Fairgrounds. Robin Dean presented Family Home, and Emily Bemis presented the AR State Fairgrounds. Both projects meet the requirements of being a nonprofit, having a water source and a financial host. Ballots were distributed, and the results will be announced at the next meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Herb Society is having a function at the Governor's Mansion on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 - 4:00. The cost is \$35. Please RSVP by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The annual iris sale will be held September 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 2:00 at Grace Lutheran Church.

The Social Committee announced the reception for new members. It will be following the November meeting. Members' whose last name begins with letters A – L are asked to bring finger food for the reception.

The Travel Committee has arranged for a tour of Karen Smeltzer's garden, 19125 Kanis Road, to be held October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00. Also, a trip to Garvin Gardens is being planned. It will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 5:00. The cost is \$55 which includes transportation, dinner and garden admittance. Please RSVP by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Hotline Orientation dates are October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00.

Master Gardener Becky Kennedy, who passed away this summer, was remembered with a moment of silence.

## **PROGRAM**

Joellen introduced our speaker, Jane Gulley, who presented a very entertaining program on shrubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

GENERAL

# Pulaski County Master Gardener ~~Board~~ Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**St. James Methodist Church**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Marylea Gazette.

## PROGRAM

Carol Young introduced our speaker, Dr. Kathryn Larson, Associate Professor of Biology at University of Central Arkansas. She presented a very interesting program on "Weather, Climate Change and Global Warming."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Travel Committee announced that a bus trip to Garvin Gardens was being planned for December 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$55 per person. The reservation deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Plantopia is hosting an open house for Master Gardeners October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

The Social Committee announced the reception for new members will be after the November meeting. Members whose last names begin with A – L are to bring food. Please bring the food in disposable products.

On October 27 from 5:30 to 7:00, the garden at the home of James and Sally Jones will be open to our group. Their address is 5700 N. Grandview.

David Wirling reminded members to check our Facebook page.

The Greenhouse will have a sale on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 10:30. The Greenhouse is located at 7<sup>th</sup> & Palm.

Alan Hall announced the muscadine jelly is available for pickup for those who placed orders.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Linda Fulbright

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The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by President Marylea Gazette.

### **PROGRAM**

Randy Forst, Pulaski County Extension Agent, presented our annual awards program. Awards were given for Professional of the Year, Friend of the Year, Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty and Twenty-five years of service.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Travel Committee announced that the bus trip to Garvin Gardens planned for December 7<sup>th</sup> now has enough people to make the trip. The bus leaves at 5 PM. The cost is \$55 per person.

The Code of Conduct form has been emailed to members. Please sign and return to the County Office.

Please turn in project and education hours by December 24<sup>th</sup>. The State and County Offices will be closed over the holidays, and all hours must be reported by January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, contact Mary Helen Henry.

The Christmas Luncheon is Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 1:00, at the Marriott. Valet parking is available for \$10. Send your \$30 check to Fran Ables by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will be by Top of the Rock.

New Master Gardeners were reminded of the phone orientation to be held today at the County Extension Office from 1:00 – 3:00.

Ballots were distributed for voting on the following:

Project of the year – no nominations

Friend of the year – no nominations

**Rookie of the year – Jennifer Van Norman, AR Arks Center: Tim Kelly,  
HAMS: and Bob Anderson, County Extension Office  
Slate of Officers – President – Patti Womble, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Kathy Radcliffe, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
VP – Jo Ellen Beard, Past President – Marylea Gazette, Treasurer – Pam  
Gadberry, Asst. Treasurer – Sharon Gragg, Secretary – Linda Fulbright,  
Members at Large – Cathy Mayton, Ann Filiatreau, Vicky Kessel, Carol  
Young**

**Marylea, as our outgoing president, was recognized and thanked for her service  
by Randy. The incoming president, Patti Womble was introduced.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Fulbright**