

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
St. James Methodist Church**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Patti Womble.

Carol Young introduced the speaker, Randy Forst, Pulaski County Extension Agent. Randy presented the program, "Making the Right Cut". His pruning tips on ornamental shrubs were very informative.

Patti introduced the members of the PCMG Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Werling will be in the lobby for 30 minutes after the meeting taking photographs. If you have not had your picture taken for the directory, or if you want your picture updated, please see David.

The PCMG Directory will be printed soon. If you have artwork for any MG historic garden projects, native plants or heirloom and heritage plants, submit them to David or Dana Rogers by next week.

2016 dues are payable now. After May 1st, dues will increase to \$30. If paying by mail, send your check to Sharon Gragg.

Members were reminded to sign the Volunteer Agreement. Copies are available in the lobby.

There is a Hotline Orientation and Open House today, January 17, from 1 – 4 PM.

The Stuff Committee orders are in the lobby. If you placed an order, please pick it after the meeting.

The Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs is hosting a book signing with Tom Wilhite, author of The New Southern Living Garden Book. It is scheduled for April 14, 5:00 to 6:30, at the Governor's Mansion. Tickets are \$25.

Ann reported on the Busy Bee Awards. They will be presented in February.

Randy reported he had received two requests for a leave of absence. Marylea made a motion that the requests by Nancy Clark and Kwami Abdul-Bey be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Randy reported that eleven Master Gardeners did not complete their required hours in 2015.

The location of our monthly board meetings has been moved to the St. James Board Room.

Carol announced the speakers and programs for 2016-~~2017~~.

Randy said he had been approached by the Pulaski County Judge, and was asked to consider taking the rose garden at the Courthouse as a project. After some discussion, the board requested that Randy gather more information as to the responsibilities involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
St. James Methodist Church**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:35.

Carol Young introduced our speaker, Mary Evans, who is a Pulaski County Master Gardener. Mary's presentation, Solving Problems While Making YOUR Garden YOUR Own, was very interesting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues of ²⁰~~\$25~~ are payable now. After May 1st, the cost will be \$30.

Patti reminded everyone to sign the Volunteer Agreement.

Twilight at the Mansion is April 14th, from 5:00 to 6:30. Tom Wilhite will be signing his book, The New Southern Living Garden Book. This event is being held in conjunction with the CALS Literary Festival. The cost is \$25.

Spring Fling, a Master Gardener event, will be at Heifer International, April 22nd at 6:00. The theme is International Gardening. Tickets are \$20.

The Flower and Garden Show is scheduled for February 26 – 28.

The 2016 Directory will be available in March.

BUSINESS

Jane Gulley made a presentation for the proposed Pulaski County Courthouse project. Jane will chair the project committee if approved. Ballots are to be cast today.

Patti and Randy presented the Busy Bee Award to 80 people. To receive the award, one must have completed 40 hours or more on your assigned project.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

The meeting was called to order by *President Patti Womble* at 11:30.

Our speaker, *Paul Creel*, an occupational therapist with UAMS, was introduced by *Carol Young*. He spoke on avoiding bodily gardening injuries.

Jane Gulley was recognized for her many years of service at the Flower and Garden Show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 dues are due. You may pay after the meeting at the table set up in the foyer.

Jeffery McKinley, editor of the *Magnolia Chronicle*, announced the deadline to submit articles or information for the newsletter. It is the 25th of each month.

The *Pathfinder Greenhouse sale* is April 8th and 9th, 9 – 12 pm. The *Little Rock Greenhouse sale* is April 16th, 8 – 11 am.

There will be a book signing of The New Southern Living Garden Book at the *Governor's Mansion*. *Twilight at the Mansion* will be held Thursday, April 14th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased in the foyer after the meeting.

Cathy Mayton shared the details of the *Ice Cream Social*. There will be three gardens in the *Heights/Hillcrest* area that can be toured from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Ice cream will be served at *Hillcrest Hall* from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

The *Spring Fling* committee announced that 27 of 30 projects are participating this year. *Spring Fling* will be held at *Heifer International* on April 22nd.

Randy Forst reminded everyone that every Master Gardener must sign the *Volunteer Agreement*.

The new directory is available today in the foyer for those who have paid 2016 dues.

There were over 10,000 attendees at the AR Flower and Garden Show this year.

Garland County is planning a trip to Memphis and Nashville May 4th – 6th. If you are interested in going, please see Randy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:35.

Carol Young introduced our speaker, Kay Shearer. Ms. Shearer is a Master Gardener from Garland County who spoke on daffodils.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County 76 is having its meeting April 26th, 10 to 3 pm at the State Extension Office. RSVP by April 20th.

There will be a plant sale at the Greenhouse April 30th.

On Thursday, May 12th, there will be a seminar on Monarch butterflies, from 8:30 to 12:30. Katie has sent out several emails regarding this seminar.

Spring Fling will be held at Heifer International April 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

The Ice Cream Social is May 14th. Three Heights gardens will be open for touring from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and ice cream will be served at Hillcrest Hall from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

There will be a Horticulture Hotline Orientation April 27th, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, at the County Extension Office. First year Master Gardeners are required to complete orientation. It is also available if you need to get extra hours.

Directories are in the foyer. Please send all updates to Katie at the Extension Office.

Preference sheets for preconference tours for the 2017 State Meeting, which will be held in Little Rock, were passed out. Members were asked to mark their preferences and turn them in as they left.

It was announced that the Horticultural Society was looking for homes to tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Fulbright**

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Carol Young introduced our speaker, Nolan Buffalo. Mr. Buffalo spoke on Indoor Bucket Gardening with Hydroponics. He owns The Water Buffalo here in Little Rock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues for the 2016 year are now \$30.

Patti gave a recap of Spring Fling and the Ice Cream Social. Both events were very successful, and the committees are to be commended for all of their hard work.

The Fall Master Gardening class is now accepting applications. Please encourage anyone that has an interest to sign up. The deadline for applications is June 21, 2016. The class will begin August 24th, and will cost \$110.

Ann Griffin made an announcement that mentors are needed for the Fall, 2016, class. Mentors facilitate integration of the attendees to the program, and then are asked to follow up about six months later to make sure they are with a project.

Katherine Friday, with the Social Committee, announced the Fall Harvest picnic will be September 10, from 11 – 2 pm. There will also be a scavenger hunt.

Randy Forst ask for volunteers to help rework four flower beds at the AR School for the Deaf. The work would be in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Our speaker, Joyce Hardin, a professor at Hendrix College and a Faulkner County Master Gardener, was introduced by Carol Young. She presented a program on the History and Design of the English Garden: 1485 to 1800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues are now \$30.

The Fall event, a picnic and scavenger hunt, will be held on September 10th, 11 - 2, at Wildwood. There will also be a plant exchange. The cost will be \$15.

The 2016 class of Master Gardeners begins August 24th. The cost is \$110, and the deadline to sign up is June 24, 2016.

Mentors are still needed for the 2016 class. You can sign up in the lobby after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Carol Young introduced the program speaker, Kayti Ewing, who spoke on the Wildflower Programs and Pollinators and Roadside. Kayti is a botanist with the AR State Highway and Transportation Environmental Division.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any changes for the directory to Katie at the County Extension Office.

Joellen Beard announced that volunteer commitment forms can be found on the website for the State Master Gardening meeting. Volunteers will pay an \$80 registration fee or less.

The Christmas Luncheon will be December 6th, 11 AM, at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Tickets are \$27. You must purchase your ticket by November 15th to be eligible for the bonus drawing. The last day to purchase tickets is November 21st.

The 4H Fall Festival will be at the 4H Center at Ferndale October 29th. Twenty-five volunteers are needed to work at a variety of booths. There will be a chili lunch available for \$10.

Our New Member Reception is November 15th from 1 – 2:30, in Jones Hall. Members whose last name begins with N – Z are to bring an appetizer or desert. Please bring the items on disposable products.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2017. They are:

President – Kathy Ratcliffe

1st Vice President – Joellen Beard

2nd Vice President – Suzanne Potts

Past President – Patti Womble

Treasurer – Pam Gadberry

Asst. Treasurer – Sharon Gragg

Secretary – Linda Fulbright

Members at Large – Carol Young, Greta Wright (completing the term of Cathy Mayton, Paul Nolte, and Kathleen Reynolds (Speakers))

The Horticultural Hotline is having an Open House today from 1 – 4:00.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright

**PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2016
ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH**

President Patti Womble called the meeting to order at 11:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pick up your "stuff" items after the meeting today. After today, the items will be at the county extension office. Master Gardening calendars are also available for purchase.

Project chairs must turn in receipts to Pam Gadberry or Sharon Gragg by December 1st to be reimbursed.

The Christmas party is Tuesday, December 6th, at Pleasant Valley Country Club. It begins at 11:00. Tickets must be purchased by November 21st.

Valarie Smith and Joellen Beard, co-chairmen of the state MG convention, gave a report on the progress of the planning effort. Volunteers are still needed.

The travel committee announced a trip to Schultz Nursery and Garvan Gardens in Hot Springs, Friday, November 18th. Meet at the commuter parking lot at Shackleford and I430 at 9AM.

The service awards were presented. A list of the individuals will be included in the Secretary's notebook. Witt Stephens Nature Center received Project of the Year, and Terry Wright of the Arkansas Ark Center project received Master Gardener of the Year.

The new member reception is in Jones Hall immediately following our meeting.

Ballots were passed out for voting on the 2017 board members

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fulbright