

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting  
November 13, 2018  
St. James United Methodist Church**

President Joellen Beard opened the meeting at 11:30 am.

**Announcements:**

Joellen reminded the group of the November 15<sup>th</sup> trip to the Dickson Gardens in Memphis, the cost is \$7. Email Susan Reasoner for more details. December 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip to Garvan Gardens to hear a musical presentation in the Anthony Chapel. The cost is \$35. Contact Cherith Beck. All trips will be carpool caravans, departing from the Second Presbyterian Church parking lot. Check your emails for deadlines and times.

Margo Rowe announced a chocolate tasting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30, at the MacArthur Military Museum. There will be a boxed lunch and a tasting of Izard chocolates. Details to follow.

Lisa Johnson reported that the Continuing Ed program on “Plants that changed the World”, with Ann Wood from White County, has been rescheduled to February 19<sup>th</sup>, following the General Meeting. The cost is \$25, which includes a boxed lunch. The sign up will be sent out in January.

Joellen announced that recognition has been given to the Old Mill by TripAdvisor, Savvy Magazine and USA Today. Certainly, the landscaping around the site has contributed to those recognitions.

The State Fair Board gave an Award of Merit to the State Fair MG Project.

Chris Lalande handed out 2019 calendars to those members who had pictures accepted for the publication.

Joellen gave out special ruby bees to all the past presidents. She and Randy then gave out awards from 5 years through 30 years.

Joellen reminded everyone to record your hours online, before the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline

**Ramblings from Randy:** Randy had the new members stand and be recognized. He emphasized the importance of recording your hours. We get credit for our hours, and the number impacts our county, state and federal funding. This year we have 16,000 hours recorded, whereas in 2017 at this time we had 25,000.

Ballots for the slate of officers for 2019 were passed out, ballots are to be placed in the box at the bank of the auditorium.

Carol Young announced that Peggy Trokey from the Jack Evans Senior Center Project is our Rookie of the Year, The Quapaw Quarter Association, nominated by the Curran Hall Project is the Organization Friend, and Cindy Strauss from Mt. Holly is the Master Gardener of the Year.

Joellen thanked everyone for a great year

Door prizes were given out.

After the adjournment, everyone was invited to Jones Hall for the New Member Reception

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young, Secretary