

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting**  
**January 15, 2019**  
**St. James United Methodist Church**

President Suzanne Potts opened the meeting at 11:30 am. Suzanne gave outgoing president, Joellen Beard, a ruby bee, a ceremonial trowel, a glass paperweight and a kinetic yard pinwheel

Suzanne then introduced the 2019 Board, and had them stand and be acknowledged.

Paul Nolte introduced, Theo Whitsell, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission's Ecologist/Botanist. Theo gave a program on plants found in Arkansas that have migrated here from other areas, or that are only found in Arkansas.

The 2018 Pulaski County Awards were given out. 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

**Announcements:**

Pat Luzzi announced the reservations are now being taken for the chocolate tasting on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-2, at the MacArthur Military Museum. There will be a boxed lunch and a tasting of IZARD chocolates. The deadline is January 30, 2019.

Lisa Johnson reported that the Continuing Ed program on "Plants that changed the World", with Ann Wood from White County, will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, following the General Meeting. The cost is \$25, which includes a boxed lunch.

Paul Nolte explained that printed directories for 2019 were available for \$5 at a table in the hallway. They are going fast. He will print more for next month's meeting

Kathleen Wesson announced that several raised beds are available at the St. Paul Methodist Church Community Garden. There are also maintenance needs in the garden which would count as community service hours.

**Ramblings from Randy**

He explained that they are using SignUp Genius for volunteering for the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show.

The 2019 State Master Gardner Conference will be held in Hope on April 30. There will be pre-and post-conference tours available. The registration opened January 15, 2019.

Dues for 2019 are being collected today, and through March at the monthly meetings. They are \$20. After April 30, they go up to \$30.

Alf and Barbara Koros donated an assortment of flower pots which can be picked up from the parking lot after the meeting.

Janet Carson's replacement is Berni Kurz. He starts February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Door prizes were given out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young, Secretary