

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting

April 16, 2019

St. James United Methodist Church

President Suzanne Potts opened the meeting at 11:32 am. She welcomed the prospective members who were visiting. Suzanne introduced Lori Monday, a regional educator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Lori spoke on, "Snakes, Friend or Foe".

Announcements:

The Staff Committee unveiled the "President's Shirt", a deep rose color, and announced they would be taking orders for \$8 after the meeting.

Jody Jackson announced that due to the inclement weather last Saturday, an additional Little Rock Greenhouse Sale will be held for MG's only, Friday, April 19th from 8-10 am. A public sale will be Saturday, April 20, 8am-11am.

Linda Mellberg said there were only 2 tickets left for the luncheon and tour at Marlsgate Plantation on May 17th at 11:30 am. The cost is \$35. Wear sundresses and hats, and shoes suitable for touring the gardens. Parking is in the field across from the Plantation, and arriving at 11:15 is encouraged.

Susan Reasoner announced the rescheduled date for the carpool caravan to Gary Coleman's Stone Ridge Japanese Garden in Blytheville, will be Friday, April 19th. Meet at the Second Presbyterian parking lot at 8:30 am.

There is a car caravan planned to Pine Ridge Gardens on May 3rd. It is limited to the first 15 who sign up.

Jackie Walker announced that two options for bus trips are being considered for the October 13th, Master Gardener's Day at Crystal Bridges. A Sunday afternoon option with dinner and a garden tour, or a Monday one day option. Send Jackie an email with your interest and preference.

Michele Wasson announced the registration for the Advanced Training at Heifer International on May 31st is open. Go to the MG only site for forms and information. The topic is "Water, Preserve, Protect and Conserve".

Michele also needs some more volunteers at Bemis Bee Day on April 27th. Katie will send out an email.

The spring St. James workday is Tuesday, April 23rd at 9 am. Pam Gadberry asked that everyone wear their MG shirts and name tags, and bring your tools. There are 61 people signed up, and assignments will be made that morning, in the north parking lot. The rain date is April 25th. Please check your emails if case of inclement weather.

The Pathfinders Sale last weekend was a success, but they still have a wide assortment of plants for sale on Friday April 26th and Saturday, April 27th.

The 2019 State Master Gardner Conference will be held in Hope on April 30.
Registration is closed.

Today is the last day to pay your dues at the \$20 price. After today, please mail a check for \$30 to Katie Reddick the county extension office.

Paul Nolte gave an in service on our website, www.armgs.org. Under the Organization tab, is where minutes and budgets are found. Under Mg Info, there are meeting notes and bios of the monthly speakers. There is a Calendar of Events, and much, much more!

Door prizes were given out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young, Secretary