

Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting
June 18, 2019
St. James United Methodist Church

President Suzanne Potts opened the meeting at 11:34 am. She introduced Allen White, who introduced our speaker, Hollie Anderson, the Urban Conservationist for Pulaski County, who spoke on the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership.

Announcements:

Sharon Holeman announced the car caravan to the Memphis Botanical Garden will meet at the Second Presbyterian parking lot at 8:00 am, on Tuesday, June 28th. General admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors. There will be a tram tour of the gardens from 10-12. Lunch will be at Fratelli's Café in the Garden, on your own, followed by a floral decoration class taught by Julie Wilson. The cost for the flowers and materials is \$40. RSVP to Cherith Beck. Bring scissors. Everything else is provided. It was suggested to bring something to hold the arrangement for transport back to Little Rock.

Saturday, July 13, 2019 there will be a tour of The St. Joseph Center building and gardens, 6800 Camp Robinson Road, North Little Rock, AR. The tour begins at 9am. The Farm stand is open from 8 am - noon. Transportation is on your own.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019a car caravan will travel to Cook's Lake Potlatch Education Center ,625 Cook's Lake Road, Casscoe, AR. 72026. The topic is hummingbirds and includes banding. The program will be from 11 am - 2 pm. Volunteers needed to help release the birds. Program is indoors. Bring your own lunch and drink. We will leave from 2nd Presbyterian Church at 9 am. RSVP to Sharon Holman via text or phone at 501-786-5331

Chris Lalande invited everyone to an Azalea event at Ronnie Palmer's in White on Saturday, June 22nd. Lunch will be provided.

The "President's Shirts", are available for pick up after the meeting.

There will be a dedication and butterfly launch at the Carti Garden Project at 2pm today. The project has planted over 500 plants over the past several weeks

Randy gave updates on several projects that have been recognized for their outstanding work:

Swanee Bennett, Director of the Historic Arkansas Museum, praised the HAM project for their hard work

The County Extension Office plantings look great.

The Demo Garden held a workshop for STEM teachers

BRI had a MG patient from Saline County, and she was so impressed she wants to start a similar project in Saline County.

The Old State House Garden has hosted several brides who have had pictures made in their garden.

Door prizes were given out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young, Secretary