

Pulaski County Master Gardener

General Meeting via Zoom

December 8, 2020

Welcome: President Sharon Priest welcomed members at 11:31 a.m.

A Moment in History: Jane Gulley reviewed last months Moment in History. This month she shared how we became a registered nonprofit corporation with the state in 1993. With growth, the office moved from the county extension office to The Blue Flame Room at Arkla Gas Co. Dues were \$10. The first two projects were the State Hospital Garden in Little Rock and the Old Mill in North Little Rock. Janet Carson, who was instrumental in initiating the Master Gardener program, left in the fall of 1992 to become the State Extension Horticulture Specialist and helped expand the program statewide. She worked with both programs until Beth Phelps became Pulaski County Extension Agent in 1993. Beth led the program until 2015 to be followed by our current Pulaski County Extension Agent, Randy Forst.

Speaker: Carol Mendel introduced Janet Carson who shared information about holiday plants. Using PowerPoint photos Janet told us how to care for Poinsettia, Holiday Cactus, Amaryllis Bulbs, Paper White Narcissus, Rosemary, Kalanchoe, Cyclamen, Bromeliads, Boxwood, Norfolk Pine, Roses. Live Christmas trees and holiday greenery.

Janet introduced a recording of "Randy Got Run Over by a Reindeer" sung by the Not Ready for Primetime Singers as our special entertainment. The members were Sharon Priest, Carol Mendel, Beth Phelps, Suzanne Potts, Janet Carson, Joellen Beard and Valarie Smith. The song was a hit with Randy and the membership.

Announcements: Sharon Priest awarded Janet Carson and Beth Phelps with Lifetime Memberships and badges.

Members were reminded that hours must be logged in by December 15. Anyone not logging in the required number of project and education hours will lose their membership.

Members were also thanked for contributions given for gifts to the Extension Office staff.

Ramblings with Randy: Randy also encouraged everyone to log in their hours. He thanked everyone for continuing to work hard on projects despite difficulties presented by Covid-19. Calls are often received at his office complimenting various projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jordan, Secretary

