

Pulaski County Master Gardener

General Meeting Via Zoom

April 20, 2021

Welcome: President Sharon Priest welcomed the general membership at 11:30 a.m.

A Moment In History: Jane Gulley recapped Master Gardener history from its inception in 1989 to the move to the new extension office at UALR in 1997. At this point she shared many trials and tribulations the group encountered leading to the new meeting space at St. James in January of 2004.

Speaker: Jodie Mahony introduced speaker Marion Lewis-Lognion from Hocutt's Nursery who shared information about various ferns.

Announcements:

Busy Bees: Members are reminded that 40 volunteer hours on an assigned project are required to earn a Busy Bee.

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show: Cory Fetters reminded members about the statewide garden design contest to raise funds lost from the temporary Arkansas Flower and Garden Show cancellation. Two designated divisions, Professional and Non-Professional ornamental gardens, will have until May 31 to submit educational and informative garden videos to be judged in June. Winners will be announced July 1. Entry fees for Professional gardeners will be \$75 and \$25 for Non-Professional gardeners. Information and application forms can be found at ARgardenshow.org.

Dues: Members who have not paid dues are to do so by April 30. May 1 dues will increase to \$30.

Social Committee: There will be Meet and Greet will be held at the Old Mill in North Little Rock Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Due to covid restrictions there will be two visitation times, from 2:00 to 3:00 and 3:00 to 4:00. There will be limit of 100 people per visitation time. Reservations can be made by calling the PC Extension Office.

County 76: County 76 will be conducting a virtual auction from June 4 through June 11. Funds will support various County 76 programs, the Janet Carson Scholarship and PNG Leadership Conference. Contact Becky Gibson or Faith Morrison for further information.

Ramblings with Randy: Randy reminded everyone to cover delicate plants to protect them against the forecast frost.

He currently has 76 babies on the ground with about 40 more to be lambbed. Lucifer the lamb has been a visitor at the office for a couple of weeks. As he has been a little troublemaker, he

has been moved to the barn. Lucifer is not happy with his new living arrangements but is adjusting.

Randy names some of his lambs after Master Gardeners if they happen to remind him of someone. OG, (Obnoxious Grandmother) nicknamed by her grandchildren, is for Sharon Priest. Katty is for his secretary at the extension office. Katty is on her 6th set of twins. Janet Carson II so named as Janet Carson I passed away from old age.

Adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Jordan

Secretary