

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

April 19, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome: President Cindy Strauss called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Pam Abrams introduced the speaker. Morley Halter spoke on insects in the yard and garden. She has eight years of garden experience. Morley is with the 4-H Cooperative Extension Service Youth Development Program. She emphasized identifying and protecting good bugs in our environment. She also stressed using insecticides responsibly. She answered many questions from members.

Thyme with Jane Gulley: Jane spoke about our own PCMG member, Cindy Franklin. Cindy has been on projects such as Pinnacle Mountain and Demonstration Garden. Jane reminded us that our master gardener website has much interesting information.

Announcements: Cindy announced that dues of \$20 are due and payable by cash or by check to PCMG. Dues will increase to \$30 after April 30. Today Assistant Treasurer Susan Stewart will take money and distribute membership cards. Checks may be mailed to Susan.

Cindy announced that Pathfinder Greenhouse will hold shopping days April 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the greenhouse. She thanked both greenhouse projects for successful spring plant sales.

Arline Jackson, chair of the River Market Project, informed the membership that she is recruiting new members for this Saturday project. The project answers questions from the public at the Market, gives out plants, and plans programs for youth.

A St James United Methodist Church Master Gardener workday scheduled April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be rescheduled to today 1:30 p.m. due to the prediction of rain. For those who volunteer, the hours may be counted on the sanctioned/assigned project. Members should bring their own tools and water and wear a MG shirt. Sign-up sheet will be in the foyer at the meeting today. Sign up can also be by email to Pam Gadberry.

Cindy announced that the new uaex.uada.edu website for entering volunteer hours is still being tested. Members are asked to please keep written records of hours so that we may accurately account for volunteer work done by members. Training will be offered when the system is complete.

Ramblings with Randy:

Many free door prizes were passed out today to members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery, Secretary