

**Pulaski County Master Gardener General Meeting  
Hybrid Meeting  
September 20,2022**

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Sharon Priest, who will chair the meeting due to the absence of Cindy Strauss, President. Sharon announced that Cindy, along with other officers, are returning from a trip. She also commented about the recent promotion of our County Agent, Randy Forst.

**Garden Thyme with Jane Gulley:** Jane announced that today's segment features fellow master gardener Dana Downes from the Pinnacle Mountain project. Dana began her volunteer work in Pulaski County after a nursing career and raising four children.

Jane also reminded everyone of the Master Gardener website, armgs.org. She said it contains in one place all the information that members usually require. She also commented that at her own birthday party she served recipes from the old master gardener minutes.

**Speaker:** Pam Abrams of the Speaker Bureau announced that the Pulaski County Master Gardener project, Pathfinder Greenhouse, is the featured program today. She introduced the chairs, Theresa Funkhouser and Laura Robinette. They explained that the project is located on the campus of Pathfinder Inc. The project began in 2006 in a vacant greenhouse on campus. It has 21 members who work from January thru April growing and then selling plants. The money generated goes to the Pulaski County Master Gardener general fund.

**Announcements:** Sharon announced that the 2023 Master Gardener State Conference will be held June 8-10 in Russellville, Arkansas. The theme will be "Celebrating the River Valley."

Sharon reminded everyone to please pay any outstanding 2022 dues to Assistant Treasurer, Jill Bloom. Please enter your hours during the year and do not wait until the end of the year suggested Sharon.

Sharon reminded members of the program "Trees of Arkansas" September 29, 8:00-1:00, at the State Office, 2301 South University, Little Rock. Contact Melody Parsley for information.

The Arkansas Master Gardeners Appreciation Day will be held October 13, 2022, at the Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas. Registration is online at [uaex.uada.edu](http://uaex.uada.edu).

Cori Fetters of the Stuff Committee announced that she is taking orders for Master Gardener items. The shirt color this year is green. Several different items are available including hats and vests. The items will be delivered at the general meeting in November.

Betty Raley of the Social Committee announced that November 15 will be the annual reception for new master gardeners. Also, the committee is working on a Christmas luncheon December 9 at Pleasant Valley Country Club.

The next general meeting will be October 18 with Janet Carson as speaker.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deeana Montgomery  
Secretary