

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

October 18, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome: First Vice President Carol Mendel called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. President Cindy Strauss was absent. Carol recognized members of the new fall Master Gardener class.

Garden Thyme with Jane Gulley: As usual Jane highlighted a master gardener. This month she featured our speaker, Janet Carson. Janet has degrees in horticulture, served Pulaski County Extension as the first female agent in Arkansas, and has provided gardening expertise through her newspaper column and radio show.

Jane also reminded members of the valuable information available on the website armgs.org.

Speaker: Janet Carson chose a timely subject, "Putting the Garden to Bed."

Announcements: Dues are due and payable by check of \$30 to PCMG. Checks should be sent to Pulaski County Extension Office.

Carol reminded members to enter volunteer work hours on a regular basis. For help with the recording system contact members Mary Helen Henry or Charlotte Lauderdale.

Sara Jordan, Second Vice President in charge of committees, recognized the new committee chairs.

Travel Committee reported on a recent trip to Toltec. Fun trips are being planned for 2023.

The new master gardener training class of 2022 will complete training November 16, 2022. The 46 new members will be recognized at a reception at the upcoming meeting November 15, 2022. Food will be provided.

Carol asked that chairs inform her immediately if new members are needed.

PCMG Holiday Luncheon will be held December 9, 2022, at Pleasant Valley Country Club. The Social Committee will provide further details. The Social Committee headed by chair Betty Raley is looking for new members for all social events.

Corey Fetters, Chair of the Stuff Committee, announced that the last day to order items is October 20, 2022.

Junie Harris, Chair of the Welcome Committee, needs two new people to join the committee.

Ramblings with Randy: Carol voiced congratulations to Randy on behalf of all PCMG members for his new post as State Consumer Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator. Randy spoke of the success of the October 13, 2022, Master Gardener Appreciation Day. The State Conference next year will be in Russellville, AR. Randy will be able to finish 2022 with PCMG, and a new agent will hopefully be chosen by January 2023.

Carol announced that beginning January 2023 the online zoom broadcast of the general meeting will cease. We will hold meetings in person. All meetings will be recorded, and members will be able to request a link to the recording.

Door prizes were distributed to those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Secretary