

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

April 18, 2023

Welcome: President Carol Mendel called the general meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. Carol introduced a new format for the general meetings to include speakers at the beginning of the meeting.

Speaker: Susan Rose introduced the speaker, Bo Renshaw, from Harris and Renshaw Physical Therapy. The topic was "Managing Back Injuries in the Garden".

Announcements: Carol reminded members that the offer of a free master gardener t-shirt ends April 30, 2023. T-shirts should be available for pick up at the May and June meetings.

Carol announced that the St. James Methodist Church workday was a success with 37 members participating in work on the church grounds. These hours count as sanctioned project hours.

Carol mentioned that several Pulaski County Master Gardeners are slated to attend the state convention June 8-9 in Russellville. A new master gardener, Laurie Drew, created special wreaths for the Pulaski County Master Gardener donation to the convention silent auction.

Derek's Comments: Derek congratulated the greenhouse projects for the successful plant sales. He reminded members to sign up for the Horticulture Hotline Project hours.

Derek also mentioned that there is a volunteer opportunity at the Wrightsville Women's Unit, Arkansas Department of Correction, Wrightsville, Arkansas. Members should sign up by Monday, April 24, 2023.

Derek plans a monthly feature on a plant of the month to encourage and inform gardeners. This month's feature is petunias.

Door prizes were distributed to members attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary