

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

November 19, 2024

Welcome: The general Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Sara Jordan. Sara introduced the members of the new training class by asking them to stand and be recognized. There are 47 people taking the class in person as well as 10 candidates online.

Program: Susan Rose introduced the program speaker, Marine Manceau of Marche Farms. The farm sells flower bouquets at roadside markets and is expanding to retail sales locations.

Award Nominations: PCMG has award nominations in two categories. For the category “Rookie of the Year” the nominee is Dianne Rhodes and for “MG of the Year” the nominee is Valerie Boyce. Our nominations will be submitted for the state awards. Sara encouraged members to nominate deserving projects and individuals for the various award categories.

Announcements: The PCMG Holiday Event and Luncheon will be held at Chenal Country Club on Wednesday December 4, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35. The registration deadline is November 29, 2024.

The Education Committee has presented “Gardening with Master Gardeners- Part One”. The next event will be Part Two of Eight entitled “Planting for Production”, and it is scheduled for Saturday February 8, 2024, from 9:30-12:30, at the Arkansas State Extension Auditorium. The registration fee is \$5.

The Magnolia Chronicle needs new members with skills in website design and graphic design.

The online Stuff website is taking orders for various logo items from the Trivia Marketing online store. Members can order and pay online. The address of Trivia Marketing is 1100 West Markham and the website is mastergardenerspulaskicounty.itemorder.com.

Sara reminded members to record all work hours before the deadline of December 15, 2024.

Sara discussed the requirements for a Busy Bee Award, which is based on recorded work hours on a members sanctioned garden project.

The meeting was shortened as immediately following the general meeting there will be a new member reception in Jones Hall. An envelope is available for contributions to gifts for Derek Reed and Brenna Hyatt.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary

