

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS GENERAL MEETING

February 20, 2024

Call to Order: The general meeting was called to order at 11:30a.m. Sara Jordan, President, thanked Past President Carol Mendel and presented her with a red metal bee and a spade to symbolize her past service to the group.

Visitor Introduction: Dr. Don Bobbitt, President of the University of Arkansas System, was introduced. He praised Cammack U/A System project on the grounds. He assisted Derek Reed, Pulaski County Agent, in presenting awards.

Award Presentations: PCMG Master Gardener of the Year Award went to Lee Gershner, Pinnacle Mountain Project. PCMG Friend of Master Gardener Award went to Mike Carter, Cammack U/A System Fruit Demonstration Garden.

Program: An excellent program and slide show were presented by Master Gardener Susan Rose on seasonal bulbs of Arkansas.

Announcements: Busy Bee award winners were announced by streaming the names on the front screens. Master gardeners earned a total of 115 pewter bees and 6 gold bees. Project chairs will pick up packets after the meeting and distribute them to project members.

In honor of our past member, Kathy Ratcliffe, the Demonstration Garden Project will be renamed the Kathy Ratcliffe Demonstration Garden at the Vines.

Changes have been made to the PCMG website. Members may link the website to a cell phone, and changes or additions to the website will be sent to Cindy Strauss.

PCMG will prepare a new printed directory. Members are requested to check all information including project and committee assignments and add corrections. New photos may be forwarded.

Please contact the Sunshine Committee and Extension Office about any member needs or events.

The Travel Committee has been making plans for the year. The first announced event is a trip to Memphis Area Master Gardeners Spring Fling on March 22, 2024, at The Red Barn. Transportation is up to the individual. For more information contact Jo Anne Jennings.

The Continuing Education Committee is meeting February 22, 2024, at 10:00a.m. at Pulaski Extension.

News from Derek: Derek reminded members to pay dues before the deadline of April 30, 2024. Dues amount will increase after May 1, 2024. He reminded members from now on Constant Contact will be the source of all communication such as emails, Magnolia Chronicle, and Derek's weekly messages. Any member can buy the new bound training manual while supplies last.

Door prizes were distributed to the new 2023 PCMG class members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Deana Montgomery, Board Secretary

