

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

April 16, 2024

Call to Order: The general meeting was called to order by President Sara Jordan at 11:31 a.m.

Program: Board member Susan Rose presented the speaker, Scott Smith, owner of River Valley Horticultural Products in Little Rock, Arkansas. The topic was the many varieties of Japanese Maples and their care in our area.

Announcements: President Sara Jordan had several announcements.

Sara recognized the PCMG workday at St. James United Methodist Church on April 15, 2024. Thirteen members participated in the volunteer workday organized by board members Denise Devlin and Patti Womble to thank the church for their service to PCMG.

A master gardener Spring Luncheon will be held on May 15, 2024, at Bemis Tree Farm in Little Rock, Arkansas. Members can register online with the Social Committee chair, Sharon Priest. The charge is \$15 per person.

On October 7, 2024, there will be a Vines 4-H Luncheon at our project in Ferndale. The cost will be \$25. The speakers will be Randy Forst and Dr. Anthony Bowden. A silent auction will benefit the garden. Online registration is available.

On April 17, 2024, from 12:00-2:00 p.m., a program will be offered at Rattle's Garden in Vilonia on how to build a butterfly garden. The contact person is Jo Anne Jennings.

Pulaski County Master Gardeners have the opportunity on April 18, 2024, to attend a program on how to convert your yard into a native place. The program is at the State Extension Office from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and the charge is \$15. Please register at the Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Office.

The Mount Holly Garden Series will have the first presentation April 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Programs are held on the third Saturday each month through October.

The PCMG plant sales will be held at the PCMG Greenhouse April 19 and 20, 2024, 8:00-11:00 a.m. and at Pathfinder Greenhouse in Jacksonville April 19 and 20, 2024, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Sara reminded members that annual dues are due April 30. From May 1st dues are considered past due and the amount increases to \$30. Dues may be paid online or to the treasurer.

The Busy Bee dremel committee will be available in the lobby following the meeting.

Several committees are looking for new members. Contact Bill Harris for the Facebook and Photography Committee. The Magnolia Chronicle is seeking new members; contact Sheryl Porter.

News From Derek: Derek reminded members to record all work hours throughout the year. The hours worked by our group impact the services and employees of our extension program.

Door prizes were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary