

## Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

May 21, 2024

**Call To Order:** The general meeting was called to order by President Sara Jordan at 11:30 a.m.

**Program:** Board Member Suran Rose introduced the speaker, Mark Gibson, who spoke about ponds and koi in the garden landscape. His family owns Green Thumb Nursery, a combined water feature and garden center. Mark specializes in water features only and encouraged gardeners to consider a water feature in the garden.

**Announcements:** The Travel Committee has planned a tour of Natural State Lavender Company in Scott, Arkansas, Saturday, June 8, at 9:00 a.m. The committee is also offering a tour of Izzy's Native Pollinator Garden in Roland on Friday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Jo Anne Jennings for more information.

Sara announced that the new printed member directory will be available at the September General Meeting.

Sara reminded the members of the upcoming fall event at the Kathy Ratcliffe Garden at the Vines on October 7 at 11:00 a.m. The event at the 4-H Center in Ferndale will include lunch and a silent auction to benefit the garden. The cost is \$25, and registration is due by September 15.

The Continuing Education Committee class in April on converting your garden to a native place has videos and handouts available. Contact Christy Bolling.

The new Magnolia Chronicle for May/June is available online.

Dixie Land will be arranging a swap for Master Gardener clothing and items.

There will be a holiday event on December 4 at Chenal Country Club. The cost will be \$35.

Sara reminded members to record all hours.

**News from Derek:** The Hort Hotline is still active. Members may volunteer to work on the hotline for required hours. Derek reminded members to stay hydrated when working outside and to avoid working at the hottest time of day. He suggested working with a partner and keeping a phone available.

Many door prizes were offered to members present at the meeting.

The general meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary