

# Autauga County Master Gardeners Association



Membership Meeting  
January 11, 2023 10:00 am

## Minutes

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- I. Call to Order 10:02 am.
- II. Devotion- Shannon Mayes
- III. Program Schedule
  - a. Mallory Kelley – ACES - discussed online calendars, Helpline sign-up, Extension staff, and programs for 2023.
  - b. Don Armstrong – Forestry Council - There will be 9,400 trees for Arbor Day distribution. Prattville event will be February 18th beginning at 7 am, and February 16th in Autaugaville beginning at 7am. Master Gardeners are urged to pot some of the trees for the plant sale. Label-making for the trees will be scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> after our meeting. Friends of the Forest will be held on May 2-4 from 8am-2pm. More than 800 5th graders are expected to attend.
  - c. Debbie Boutelier - Friends of Master Gardeners - Information and sign-up sheets were distributed for Friends of Master Gardeners sign-ups.
  - d. Helpline - Awards for Helpline volunteers who work 3 days or more will be given in February.
  - e. Advisory Council - Ange Trimble and Adrienne Yarbrough bring information from the AMGA Advisory Council to the local association, and vice versa. A volunteer is needed to serve as AC Alternate, as Adrienne Yarbrough would like to be replaced,
  - f. Awards - Chair Adrienne Yarbrough reported that Autauga County logged the 4th most volunteer hours in the state in 2022, and the 3rd most education hours. She answered questions concerning the recording of hours.
  - g. Education - Sue Brasel was not in attendance. We need speakers for Doster Center and Prattville Library. The Master Gardener library has power points and other materials to assist presenters.
  - h. Fund Raising - The Plant Sale is scheduled for the last Saturday in April. A committee sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting. Members are asked to start preparing plants - trees, perennials, shrubs, annuals, herbs and vegetables for the sale. There will also be a garden shop featuring crafts, garden whimsies, and gently used tools.

The Friends of Master Gardeners fundraiser is accepting members now. The booklet offering gardening information for the Prattville area should be available in April.

- i. Gardens – Demo Garden - This garden grows food that is provided for those people in need in Autauga County. Food is distributed by the Autauga Interfaith Care Center. The Grow More Give More programs educates the gardening public. Compost bins have been built at the garden. Compostable items should be placed in either of the 2 end bins.
  - j. Gardens – Prattvillage Garden chair Jane McCarthy reported that the garden is used for educational programs, and for photo and special events which are used by the public for a fee. This fee helps to support the maintenance of the garden. Jane also chairs the Governor’s Mansion Gardeners. Master Gardeners from 3 counties work together on Mondays. Please contact Jane if you wish to join. The mansion guards will need your name and car tag number in advance.
  - k. Gardens – Pollinator
  - l. Garden Glimpses Tour 2024 - The tour will be in May, 2024. The committee will begin preparing for next year’s tour.
  - m. Hospitality - Chair Cheri Cook reported that the committee is responsible for meeting refreshments and providing water for Lunch and Learn. They have also collected personal items at the monthly meetings for AICC.
  - n. Intern Representative – This newly appointed position to the ACMGA Board is Samantha Bowen
  - o. Lunch & Learn / Farmers Market - Chair Vicki Williams reported that Lunch and Learn is a community education program that is presented on the third Wednesday of each month. This month’s program will feature Backyard Birds. On the first Saturdays in June, July and August Master Gardeners will have a booth where they will provide information to the public.
  - p. Membership - Jane Boysen is chair of this committee. Their purpose is to nurture, foster the growth and retention of members in the association. This committee will also recognize those members who have, illness, death, or other family issues.
  - q. Newsletter- Poll Results – It was voted to have Dirty Digs publicized quarterly.
- IV. Hummingbird Award - This month’s award will be presented to Lisa Carrick for her efforts and support of the cake auction.
- V. President Report - Soyna Moore has been recognized as the Master Gardener of the Year for 2022.
- President Sondra Henley is meeting with officers and committee chairs.
- VI. Vice President Report - Vice President Nancy Waggoner is looking for speakers and topics for monthly meetings, and also suggestions for field trips.

- VII. Secretary Report - A motion was made by Nancy Waggoner and seconded by Shannon Mayes to accept the report. The motion carried.
- VIII. Treasurer Report - A motion was made by Jane Boysen and seconded by Elijah Pugh to accept the report. The motion carried
- IX. Old Business - Rose McCauley is our dues tracker.  
Our web page has been updated and out-dated information removed.
- X. New Business - A Camellia Show will be held in Montgomery on the first Saturday in March.
- XI. Adjourn at 12:30 pm.