

April 12, 2016 Chilton County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes

President Pat Farmer opened the meeting at 9:35.

Because the hospitality theme for the meeting was Japan, Jane Mason provided an overview of Japanese culture.

Thirty members were present, and three guests attended.

Jackie Hickman gave the Treasurer's report; March beginning balance was \$4731.18, March ending balance was \$3631.52. Audrey Giles motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Sarah Saunders made a second. All voted in favor.

Kimberly Lyn asked for a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Harriett Jackson made a motion and Dianne Clapp made the second. All voted to accept the minutes.

A request was made to deliver the minutes via e-mail in PDF format via email.

Harriett Jackson spoke to the membership about an opportunity for CCMGA to host approximately 50 Fayette, LA Master Gardeners. Date is 5/18/16 (Wednesday) 5:00 pm. The board approved a meet and greet. The menu is chicken fajitas, Mexican corn, refried beans with cheese, strawberry spinach salad with poppy seed dressing, peach short cake with real whipped cream. Crock pots, cups and napkins are needed. All members are requested to bake their favorite pound cake recipe for the peach short cake. The event will be held at the experiment station under a tent. Entertainment will be provided by Vinson Singers. Gay West is invited. All membership is encouraged to help and to come meet another Master Gardener association. Volunteers should be there by 3:00 pm.

Wally Walters asked membership, by a show of hands, who was going to the Jim Scott tour on April 19, 2016. No bus will be provided as a result of a lack of participants. She encouraged the group to go because the tour is remarkable. Everyone will meet at the extension office at 8:30 – 8:45 to caravan to the site. No cost to attend the tour.

Pat advised the group that the upcoming computer class has been moved to the summer months. Dates TBA.

April birthdays were acknowledged.

Sondra Henley covered Lunch and Learns and CCMGA programs. See attachments for topics and schedule. Sondra still needs a few more slots for volunteers to conduct lunch and learns. Contact her if you are interested.

Sondra advised that CCMGA will be participating in Antiques in the Garden on June 22 and 23rd.

Ask a Master Gardener volunteer opportunities at Garrisons have been filled for April.

Skip Coulter and Jerry Farmer discussed the recent Jr. Master Gardener course held at the experiment station. Volunteers Pat Farmer, Skip Coulter, Sondra Henley, Anita McGhee, Don Burdett, Audrey Giles and Harriett Jackson, were acknowledged.

Harriett Jackson provided an overview of the recent succulent tour. She advised membership to go if the opportunity comes up again in the future.

Sondra Henley provided a quick overview of hypertufa making. She provided several items for sale.

Door prizes were drawn.

Skip Coulter led an Ask a Master Gardener Q&A session. Questions on voles, armadillos, wild onions, mulch and flies were discussed.

Membership was advised that information on Estate Planning is now available via the extension office.

Sondra made a presentation on Keyhole gardening. A power point presentation showed diagrams for designs. Keyhole gardens are planned for the demo garden. Sondra needs membership to save kitchen scraps for use in the demo garden keyhole gardens.

Anthony Richards from the Clanton Advertiser was introduced. He was attending the meeting for an upcoming newspaper article.

Committee Reports:

Jane Mason, the Water Festival. 460 children attended.

Dianne Clapp, Cards sent cards to Peggie Harris (Get Well), Steve McAnally (Thinking of you) and Wayne Short, (Thinking of you).

Sondra Henley, Demo garden. Covered progress to date and work dates. Monday and Thursday from 9 am to ? Everyone is welcome to work in the garden.

Alice Broome, Logo Items, Shirts have been ordered and delivered. Pat reminded the group the AMGA now has a website for logo items. VictoryDesigns.com. Click on Custom. Minimum order of twelve items.

Help Line is now open. Volunteers needed to fill Thursday spots. Volunteers no longer have to log into the phone. Gay West asks that we turn down the phone at the end of our shift so the extension office does not hear it ringing.

Trisha Williams discussed logging hours. She also discussed the membership directory will be kept online. You can send Trisha or Audrey a current photo to upload to the site. Take photo from the shoulders up, on a dark back ground. Paper directories will not be printed. Trisha can also send directions on how to upload your own photo.

Margaret Goolsby reported that there is no news on the Jemison planting.

Audrey Giles discussed the website migration as being almost complete. Auburn tech support has moved all the photos from old site. Website is mg.aces.edu/Chilton/

Plant swap will be at Michele Thomas' house.

This meeting counts for 1 hour of continuing education and 1 volunteer hour plus travel time if you had a duty for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15pm with a reminder that the next meeting will also be at Michele Thomas' house in an abbreviated format in order to accommodate the plant swap.