

Chilton County Master Gardener Association meeting minutes

June 14, 2016

Pat Farmer opened the meeting at 9:37 AM.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting

Jackie Hickman presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$4240.92. Ending May balance was \$3885.39. New transactions to June 2, 2016 bring the balance to \$4,007.01. Harriett Jackson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sondra Henley seconded the motion. All approved.

Kimberly Lyn asked for a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Anne Moore made the motion, and Alice Broome seconded the motion. All approved.

Birthdays were acknowledged.

Skip Coulter facilitated an Ask a Master Gardener session.

Q: Cabbage growth is slowing down

A: Cabbage is a cool weather vegetable, it will not grow any more. Harvest what is left and plant more in cooler weather

Q: General care question about philodendron plants

A: They are shade or inside plants. The plant can be divided by pulling and planting suckers.

Q: Can a bee balm plant be cut down now?

A: No, wait until fall

Q: My potato plants are growing tall in straw, what should I do?

A: Check to see if potatoes are growing in the straw, if so can pull some out. If not, let them grow longer

Q: Green plants are turning brown, what to do?

A: Add magnesium to the soil

Q: Squash bug or vine borerr problem, what to do?

A: Spray Malathion or plant radishes next to the squash to deter the borers.

Q: Slugs in the garden, how do I get rid of them?

A: Distract them with beer in a container or use diatomaceous earth....slugs won't cross over it.

Q: What is causing blossom end rot in my tomatoes?

A: Uneven watering, or the need for magnesium.

Door prizes were drawn

Program for the meeting was presented by Trisha Williams and Audrey Giles on the topic of Day Lilies.

Committee Reports:

Sondra Henley covered the progress of the demo garden. She described the garden as in "maintenance" phase. Watering and weeding are priority now. A few final touches such as the straw bale garden by Margaret Goolsby will be installed. A vertical garden will be installed by Kimberly Lyn. Sondra reported the infestation of a parasite called "Dodder" has invaded the garden. The demo garden team is working hard to eradicate it. The Keyhole garden has been built.

Invitations will be sent out for opening day. Let Alice Broome or Sondra know if you would like some to distribute.

All Master Gardeners are asked to attend the opening. August 9, 2016. Grand opening is scheduled for 11:30 am. Volunteers should arrive by 9:00 am

Volunteers are needed to make the ceremony give away item; seed bombs. See Sondra if you want to help make them.

Lanell Baker covered the Extension office landscaping and watering. Volunteers needed to water. See Lanell if you can help.

Alice Broome covered logo items; Nothing new to report. There are still a few items left to sell, such as lanyards, magnets and car tags. See Alice if you want to purchase.

Cards: Diane Clapp will report next meeting

Pat Farmer covered the help line. Stated that there are very few calls coming, however still need volunteers to cover the phones. A signup sheet is available with open dates. Call Pat if you can help.

Trisha presented badges to members who accumulated significant hours.

For 1000+ hours: Jerry Farmer, Lanell Baker, and Harriett Jackson

For 2000+ hours: Pat Farmer, Audrey Giles, and Allen Reed.

Sondra Henley achieved over 4000 hours and was presented with ruby at the state conference.

Audrey and Trisha covered the web page. Several members' pictures are not present yet. Contact Trisha to help you to upload a picture.

Margaret Goolsby stated she had a few plants left over from the Jemison planting for sale.

Kudos was given to Harriett Jackson for her work on the Montgomery TV station coverage of the Chilton County peaches.

Harriett Jackson covered a tour group from the Farmer's Federation. She advised that 75-100 visitors came to the experiment station to tour. Master Gardeners sliced and served fruit.

Trisha Williams and Audrey Giles advised that Tyler Weldon noted the CCMGA website as a good example to those at the conference.

Trisha gave an overview on navigating the new website.

Skip Coulter made a presentation on some Hawaii facts. And Rick Miller discussed the Plumeria plant.

Harriett discussed the August expo still needs volunteers. Please sign up for a role, or as a floater. All volunteers are asked to be present at 9:00 am.

Ice cream and salsa makers are needed.

Rick Miller covered plant sales. He advised that very few of the fig cuttings survived, therefore membership was asked to donate plants for the sale. Have your donations by the Friday before the Expo.

Sondra covered Home for the Holidays seeking vendors. Please let her know if you want to be a vendor. Site fee is \$20.00. Event will be held October 15, 2016

An interest sheet was available for a tour of Bellingrath Gardens. Actual date to be determined, but it will be sometime after Home for the Holidays.

Open Discussion:

Reminder about the watering schedule at the Extension office. Rose volunteered for Wednesday

Next membership meeting will be July 12, 2016

Next board meeting will be June 28, 2016

This meeting counts for 1 hour volunteer time, 1 hour CEU and drive time if you were part of the meeting set up.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

