

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2014

President, Sondra Henley, opened our regular Association meeting as she welcomed all our members and guests present.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, ask for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our web site. Motion by Audrey Giles and seconded by Trisha Williams. The motion was approved.

Margaret Goolsby, Treasurer, was not present. Sondra Henley gave the treasurer report in her absences.

Balance last statement	\$3,226.92
Deposit	+ 312.00
Checks written and paid	- 246.57
Bank Balance	\$3,292.35
Checks not cleared and paid	- 98.72
Actual Balance	\$3,193.63

Tammy Walters made a motion to accept the treasurer report and Jackie Hickman seconded it. The motion was approved.

Old Business:

Sondra reported that Phase I of the Extension Office Landscape Project has been completed. Plants from the DEMO garden and donated plants were used to landscape the front of the office. She thanked everyone that helped with the cleaning of the bricks and the planting. The rain barrels, Phase II, for keeping the beds watered have not been installed. This should be completed in the next few weeks. Phase III will be landscaping around the Maple Tree and Phase IV includes an arbor and vines planted on the back side of the building.

Cedar Ridge Veterans Home flower bed is looking good and well established. The owners of the home send their thanks to everyone that helped improve the looks of the facility. They will soon decorate the yard with a display of flags for the Fourth of July.

Garrison Farms has ask the Master Gardeners to come back in the fall to host "Ask a Master Gardener" on Saturdays in September and/or October for the fall planting season.

New Business:

July thru December calendars are ready to pick up. You'll need to punch holes in them so you can place them in your notebook. Two 2015 dates were added. The Arbor Day Tree Handout, February 24, 2015 and The Water Festival March 13, 2015. On Arbor Day the Master Gardeners would like to get a list of the plants and have them labeled and instructions on how to plant them. Also for a donation to the Master Gardeners Association we will go home and plant the trees for them.

Sarah Saunders will be the CCMGA representative at the National Agents Conference in July.

July 30 will be the judging date for the DEMO Garden flowerbeds. Make sure your plot is in good condition and labeled on that date. Because of the heat, rain and other weather conditions it was

suggested that everyone wait until the latest date possible to put out your labels so they will be fresh and clean.

Skip Coulter was not present but there were questions that people wanted answers to during our Q&A session.

Question: How do you get rid of squash borers?

Answer: Treat plants when you first plant them. Nelson Wynn, extension agent, stated that you could use Bifenthrin to control them. One product is used for spiders and there is a garden product with Bifenthrin in it that is labeled for garden use. Just look for this ingredient on the label of the product you buy.

Question: How do you deter Raccoons from eating your corn?

Answer: Trap, Shoot or get a horse or dog.

Question: Why are my Angel Trumpets losing green color?

Answer: Nelson Wynn looked at plants and stated that because of all the rain there is an iron deficiency. Either fertilize with a fertilizer with iron or treat with liquid iron.

Question: How do you get rid of Voles or Moles?

Answer: Use a mouse trap or get something that vibrates the ground.

Question: What is the best way to treat Whiteflies?

Answer: You can use insecticidal soap for an organic method or you can spray with Malathion. Make sure whatever method you use that you spray under the leaves. Under the leaves is where they lay the eggs and feed from. You will need to spray every two weeks to kill all of the adults and the eggs.

Question: All my peas are turning yellow, what is happening to them? They are growing in a low area where a lot of the rain we've had is not draining off.

Answer: Fertilize them again. All of the nutrients are being washed out of the soil. They should green back up.

Jerry Farmer stated that the DEMO garden is looking very good. In the near future there will be pine straw or mulch added to the walk ways.

There were four door prizes given out. Ann Stocking, Lanell Baker, Margie Robinson and Imogene Bresse were the lucky winners.

Wally Walters stated that help is still needed at the EXPO. No one has signed up to pick the figs that morning and there is a need for many more fruit cutters. She also explained this year they are going to have containers to keep the fruit in so it will stay cleaner.

Mildred Knowles, Hospitality, read the birthdays for June. She also stated there is a need for more help with refreshments for the months of July, September, October and November. She will have the menu ready for our December Christmas and Awards meeting soon. She explained that December would be their last month to serve as the hospitality committee. If anyone is interested in filling this position next year please let Mildred, Jimmy or Sondra know.

The DEMO garden committee will meet today as soon as the regular meeting is adjourned.

Ann Baker is in charge of the plant sale at the EXPO this year. She is asking for everyone to please pot all plants in one gallon pots or larger for the sale. All plants will be set up on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure all plants are labeled correctly, watered and ready to sell.

Sondra Henley is making another order of the Kombi Garden Tools. Put your name on the list as to what you want. She will mail the order in by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pat Farmer introduced our guest speaker, Sally Hooker. Sally is a Certified Family Life Educator, Regional Extension Agent, Family and Child Development and is bringing our program today on Tablesapes for Every Season. She had a very impressive power point presentation of how to decorate the table for every season and occasion. There were ideas on how to decorate from very casual to very elegant and elaborate. She explained that when decorating a dining room or any eating space never make the center piece arrangement so large you cannot see over or around it. You need to be able to see the person seated across from you. There were ideas as to how to decorate with fine china or every day stoneware. Some of the designs used candles, napkins, greenery, flowers, candelabras and many more items to make your table more appealing. Being a former florist employee, she explained the importance of having your arrangements balanced. When making your arrangements keep in mind the balance, flower size and vase height and width, also, you need a focal point and use accent colors to brighten up your arrangement. You need to know the basic shape you would like the arrangement to have before you start. Fruits and vegetables can be used in any design. Just make sure you have repetition, harmony where the flowers flow together, unity and stay with a basic shape and your arrangement will turn out lovely. A suggestion when you are using roses in your arrangements always cut them under cold running water and they will last longer. This was a very informative and lovely program on tablesapes. We appreciate Sally sharing her expertise with us.

Josephine Walters, 4-H Agent, needs help at Minooka Park the last week in June. If any of the interns present needs hours this would be a good time to earn them as after June there are not many opportunities for hours.

CCMGA Board Meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2014, 10:00 - 12:00 at the Little House in Thorsby.

There being no further business or announcements the meeting was adjourned.

There were 40 members present and 6 guests: Total 46