

CHILON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2014

Sondra Henley, President, called our meeting to order by welcoming our guests, interns and members.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our website. Peggy Harris made a motion to accept, seconded by Harriet Jackson. The motion was approved.

Margaret Goolsby, Treasurer, gave the following treasure report:

Balance last report	\$3,077.61
Deposits	+ 268.00
Unknown transfer	+ 4.02
Check #182 (Attorney General) voided and returned	+ 25.00
PayPal Verify (.16 + .02)	+ .18
Checks written: #177,#182,#183,#184	- 237.67
PayPal Verify (.16 + .02)	- .18
Bank Balance	\$3,136.96
Outstanding check #185	- 38.15
Actual Balance	\$3,098.81

Audrey Giles made a motion to accept this report, seconded by Lindy Helton. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sondra asked if anyone had a report on a fall conference they had attended. Sondra went to the conference in Oneonta. She reported this to be a very good one and she enjoyed it. Margaret Goolsby reported on the Conference at Lake Guntersville. She stated they had a wonderful time and really enjoyed it. Peggy Harris and Linda Hand attended the Fall Extravaganza in Alex City. They reported having a wonderful time and Peggy won a nice gas grill door prize.

Remember Ed and Wilma Sammons and Ben Matthews in your prayers. Wilma has stage four lung cancer and Ed is also having breathing and lung problems. Ben is back in the hospital (ICU) on life support. He is in a coma and has bleeding on his brain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sondra reminded us of events and dates coming up we need to remember.

October 28th, 10:00 AM, we'll be planting the Clanton Planters. Meet at the little park across from the courthouse.

November 3, 2014, Monday. We will tour Aldridge Gardens at 10:00 AM. Bring a sack lunch and drink, we'll picnic at the Gardens after the tour. Contact Pat Farmer with any questions you have.

November 6th or 7th, we'll be landscaping the Jemison City Hall. Sondra will let us know exact date and time after she talks with Jemison workers.

Award Nominations are due in by our November meeting. Pick up your nomination form and nominate someone for their work with CCMGA. See your MG handbook for complete details.

Our November meeting will be held on November 12th, Wednesday, because of Veterans Day. Please mark this on your calendar. We will meet on Wednesday and not on Tuesday in November.

November 30th is the deadline date for putting in your hours if you want to be in the running for an Hours Award. However, you have until December 31st to complete them for this year.

December 9th is our Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentation. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!! We will meet at 10:00 AM to set up for the Award Ceremony and Christmas Luncheon. There will be no snacks brought that day, only luncheon food. The food list is on the table in back. Please sign up for what you want to bring. This is not pot luck this is a planned menu this year. Those wanting to play Dirty Santa need to bring a wrapped gift, \$10:00-\$20.00, and stay after the meal.

MG class will start January 14, 2015. Don't forget to tell friends and family.

Volunteers were asked to take CCMGA brochures and hand them out at all local Libraries.

Sondra announced the nominating committee. Skip Coulter, Linda Hand and Ann Stocking. See one of these on the committee if you are willing to work next year. She also stated the Pat Farmer will move up from Vice-President to President for 2015.

COMMITTEES:

Jane Mason announced the Chilton County Forestry Tour on Friday, October 24th, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. This is a free event, come and bring someone with you.

Alan Reed reported the Demo Garden is in the final stages of demolition. Almost everything is gone. Jim Pitts and his crew will take up all the weed barriers we had in the middles of each bed. "Miss" Jewels bed will not be as it was, but there will be something in the new design of the DG that will be "In Memory Of" but the committee has not decided on that aspect yet.

Mildred Knowles reported that she still needs someone to bring fruit and cheese for our November meeting. Our Christmas luncheon is a planned meal this year and the list is on the table. Please sign the list as to what you want to bring and fix enough for at least 20 people. MGs will be serving in two shifts during the meal. The first shift will set up and serve and the second shift will finish serving and cleanup. She also read all the birthdays for the month of October.

Pat Farmer reported the helpline went very well this year. There were 27 volunteers, worked 26 days, had 46 calls answered, with a total of 309 hours worked by interns and MGs. Pat stated we have one more tour for the year. We will tour Aldridge Gardens in Birmingham on November 3, 2014. Meet at the Gardens at 10:00 AM in the parking lot and we'll start the guided tour. Bring a sack lunch and after the tour we will have a picnic at Aldridge Gardens. It is located on Lorna Road in Birmingham, AL. Trisha Williams gave a description of Aldridge Gardens and explained why you didn't want to miss this tour.

Alice Broom reported the Christmas Home Tour planning is going well. Four homes will be toured, one in Thorsby and three in Clanton. This year members will be able to sell tickets and they will also be for sale online through our CCMGA website and also at the Chilton County Extension Office. Our membership will be able to buy two tickets each at a reduced price. We need workers, hostesses and

parking attendants, at all four locations. Treasia Bennett will be at the table in back to answer any questions and to help you sign up. The tour will be Sunday, December 14, 2014, 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, gave a report on advertising for the Christmas Home Tour. We can purchase a 2x2 advertisement in the Clanton Advertiser for \$185.00. This ad will run one month prior to the tour in The Advertiser, one week prior to the tour in The North Chilton paper, and on The Advertiser's website for a month. All in color. After a time of discussion, Sondra Henley, asked for a motion to approve buying the advertising. Harriet Jackson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Bob Bates. The motion was approved by the members.

To take a break from business we had a numerous amount of door prizes to give out. Those that received door prizes were: Don Burdett, Barbara McAnally, Bill Harrell, Sondra Henley, Margaret Ennis, Betty Knight, Rose Utendahl, Bob Bates, Lanell Baker, Bonnie Harrell, Essie Edel, Audrey Giles, Jackie Hickman, Alan Reed, Lindy Helton, Jerry Farmer and Mildred Knowles.

Steve McAnally gave a report on the research he has done for purchasing computer equipment we need to set up our own system for the 501(c)3 account in the amount of \$850.00. This computer will be housed at the Chilton County Extension Office and used by MGs only. This computer will also be used at our meetings for power point presentation etc. This amount is approximately \$100.00 over what he has priced but it will give him some lead way in case of a problem. He will bring the cost down to the best price available for the best equipment we need. Once we have the equipment Steve will set it up. Because we are now a 501(c)3 organization we can purchase computers, programs, etc. through Tech Soup at very reasonable prices. After a time of discussion, Sondra Henley, President, asked for a motion to spend up to \$850.00 for computer equipment. Linda Turnipseed made a motion to buy the equipment, seconded by Diane Clapp. The motion was approved by the members.

Margaret Goolsby, Treasurer, asked for a motion to send \$500.00 to Auburn for the Student Scholarship Fund. Harriet Jackson made the motion to send the money, seconded by Pat Farmer. The motion was approved by the members.

Sarah Saunders told everyone they could go to Facebook at Chilton County Masters Gardeners Association and see our Facebook page. And it does have to be written out, not abbreviated CCMGA.

Trisha Williams stated she is receiving the annual dues today. You need to fill out your application and turn it in with your money. They are due before November 30, 2014. After November 30, 2014 there will be a \$10.00 late fee added. She reminded us again to get our hours in before November 30, 2014, if you want to be recognized at the December Awards meeting for top hours volunteered. Otherwise you have until December 31st to get hours in for the year. Also you need to sign a new photo release for 2015. They are on the table.

Pat Farmer introduced our own Master Gardener, Skip Coulter, to give our program on The Ways of The Amish. Skip was raised in Ohio not far from an Amish community and has always had a very deep respect for their way of life. He and his wife visit an Amish community each year on vacation. They have been to most of the states that have Amish communities. Ohio, of all the states, have the largest number of Amish living there. Most Amish live in the United States and their population has doubled in the last 20 years. The Amish have three basic values: God, Family and Soil. They are a very humble, hardworking and compassionate people. They do not show pride in themselves or any of their handy work. They love beautiful gardens both vegetable and flowers. Most of the time they plant the two

gardens together and they always garden in rows whether it's flowers or vegetables. Because of their population growth and land getting scarce about 90% of them work for Englishmen, as they call everyone else, outside the farm. They work in factories or helpers in different trades. The ladies make handmade quilts, dolls, baby clothes and bake to make money. The men are very skilled trade's men in making furniture, rocking chairs and tools. They love good made tools to work with. There are several different types of Amish. You have the Old Order, New Order and Mennonites just to name a few. They are a very peaceful people so they don't believe in fighting. During WWII they made thousands of quilts and sent them to our American soldiers. They are a fun loving people also. They have gatherings and play volleyball, corn hole (tossing a bag through a board with holes) and all types of board games. Skip said they cook and eat the same foods we do, but the way they cook it makes it taste so much better. The homemade ice cream made from their dairy cows is out of this world. He had some postcard pictures to show the farms and the beautiful gardens. The farm houses are beautiful and big to accommodate all the children and even the grandparents when they get to old to work the land. It was a very interesting program on a very interesting group of people. Thanks Skip for sharing with us.

Remember to sign the sheet to work the Christmas Home Tour and what you're going to bring to eat at the December luncheon.

Nominating committee is meeting with Skip a few minutes after our meeting.

Don't forget November meeting will be on the 12th, Wednesday, not Tuesday the 11th because of Veterans Day.

CCMGA Board meeting will be Monday, October 27th, 10:00 -12:00 at the Extension Office.

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

We had 41 members, interns and guests present.