

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENRS
MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2014

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting as she welcomed all of our guest to our Christmas Luncheon and Annual Awards Ceremony. Because of time restrains, we had a very short business meeting.

Alice Broome, Christmas Home Tour Chair Person, gave a report on the upcoming Christmas Home Tour on December 14th. She gave times out as to when to be at your hostess home or parking stations. She asked that everyone wear casual Sunday dress, no blue jeans. Those working in the homes and parking will have special name badges to wear. The Captain hostess at each home will hand these out so see her when you arrive. For more questions you might have please talk with Alice after our meeting and she'll be glad to help you.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our web site. Harriett Jackson made the motion, seconded by Pat Farmer. The motion was approved.

Margaret Goolsby, Treasurer, gave reports for the months of October and November.

October 2014 report

Balance Last Report	\$3136.96
Deposits (Cup \$9.00, Donation \$3.00, Refund SF \$20.00, Dues \$780.00, Logo \$223.00, Swedish Fest \$431.51)	+ \$1466.51
Checks written (#185 \$38.15, #186 \$16.35, #187 \$64.45, #188 voided, #189 \$161.31, #190 \$50.32, #194 \$185.00)	- \$ 515.58
Bank balance	\$4087.89
Outstanding Checks (#191 \$193.50, #192 \$54.40, #193 \$504.49, #195 \$500.00, #196 \$100.00)	- \$1322.39
Actual Balance	\$2765.50

November 2014 Report

Balance Last Report	\$4087.89
Deposits (Cups \$22.95, Dues \$50.00, Tour \$355.00, Tour \$115.00)	+ \$1042.95
Checks written (#191 \$163.50, #191 \$54.40, #193 \$504.49, #195 \$500.00, #196 \$100.00, #197 \$323.00, #198 \$224.45, #199 \$9.20, #200 \$154.59)	- \$2033.63
Actual Balance	+ \$3097.21

Bob Bates made a motion to accept these reports seconded by Harriett Jackson. The motion was approved.

Mildred Knowles thanked everyone for the support and food supplied for the hospitality committee. Because of unforeseen circumstances, Imogene Bresse and Betty Knight cannot take the hospitality duties for 2015. A new committee will be announced in January. Mildred read all the Birthdays that were in December. She also reminded us that Lee Walters lost his mother since our last meeting and to remember the Ben Matthews family as this is their first Christmas without him. Ed and Wilma Simmons need our prayers. Wilma has stage four lung cancer and Ed is battling severe health conditions of his own. Mildred and Jimmy received a standing ovation for a job well done over the past couple of years.

Trisha Williams, Hours Coordinator, reminded us to get all our hours in before December the 30th, 2014. They will be celebrating her mother's 99th birthday on the 31st and hours will not be on her agenda that day.

Demo Garden committee reports the Demo garden is flat, no fencing, no beds. The shade garden has been staked out and some other areas laid off. They are trying to decide each area so they will know where to run conduit for wires for lights and water to areas in the garden. If you have any conduit or electrical wiring laying around you're not using and would like to donate these items, please see Sondra or Alan. Sondra will try to get up a list of items needed for the Demo garden and send it out.

Pat Farmer, 2015 President elect, stated that her theme for 2015 is "The Year of The Members". She wants it to be a fun and learning experience for and about each member.

2015 Officers are: President - Pat Farmer, Vice-President - Jackie Hickman, Secretary - Margaret Ennis, Treasurer - Steve McAnally.

Pat's Board members for 2015 are Trisha Williams, Audrey Giles, Harriett Jackson, Margaret Goolsby, Sarah Saunders and all of her officers. Pat stated she was looking forward to a very good and productive year.

Skip Coulter, Awards chairman, welcomed each one to our second annual Awards Ceremony. He thanked everyone that nominated or turned in a nomination. They had three judges to read the nominations, discuss them and determine the winners of each category. He stated that all nominations were very well written and very impressive as to why they nominated the person or project. The judges' job was not easy. He also told some funny "You Might Be a Red Neck" Master Gardener jokes before Sondra spoke.

Sondra Henley, gave an overview as to why we recognize our members for their outstanding service to the community and the volunteer hours put into the Master Gardeners Association. She named just a few of the things accomplished in 2014. We had computer classes, a grant writing class and a class on how to present and make a power point presentation. We also had thirteen service projects that we completed this year. We applied for and received our 501(c)3 status as a Master Gardeners Association. We have had fund raisers. Started reworking our Demonstration Garden from scratch. This is an ongoing project to be completed later in 2015. Several Master Gardeners have attended many conferences this year to stay up to date on what is going on in other counties and Master Gardener Associations in our state. Also at these conferences there are new tools and products introduced to help with gardening.

AWARDS:

The first award or recognition was for the "Friends of Master Gardeners". They were:

Eddie Reed, Mayor of Jemison

Tammy McGriff, Librarian, City of Jemison

Shannon Welch, Administrator, City of Jemison

Hosts of the Christmas Home Tour: Milliard and Linda Abrams, Richard and Sally Moore, Gene and Geraldine Sorrell and Julia Wood

Each one of these individuals or couples were thanked and given a certificate of appreciation for all the support they have given to our Chilton County Master Gardeners Association.

In return, The Mayor of Jemison, Eddie Reed, presented our Association with a plaque in appreciation of the landscaping and beautiful flowers we supply to help make Jemison a lovely place to visit and live.

The next award was for the "Demo Garden Contest Winners":

1ST place: Sun loving pants with a touch of Basil by
Alice Broome, Lanell Baker, Steve and Barbara McAnally

2nd place: Beautiful Potato Bed by
Harriett Jackson and Tammy Walters

3rd place: Pass Along Plants by
Audrey Giles and Trisha Williams

Each person was given a certificate and a pin of appreciation for this award.

"Top Hours" Awards: (excludes officers and hours coordinator):

1st place to Steve McAnally for 541.3 hours

2nd place to Audrey Giles for 429.25

3rd place to Jerry Farmer for 280.5

Top CEU's goes to Mildred Knowles with 54

Top Hours Intern is Sarah Saunders with 427

The nominees for "Service Project of Year" Recognition:

Ask a Master Gardener

Chilton County Extension Office Landscape

Christmas Home Tour, 2013

Demonstration Garden Flower Beds

Jemison Library Fairy Tales

National Agents Conference

The winner was the Chilton County Extension Office Landscape.

The nominees for "Outstanding Service and Dedication to CCMGA":

Alan Reed

Audrey Giles

Jerry Farmer

Jimmy Knowles

Sondra Henley

Steve McAnally

The winner of the Outstanding Service and Dedication Award was Sondra Henley. She was given a certificate and a pin for her service.

Pat Farmer gave our closing remarks. She stated that 2014 had been a whirlwind of activities and projects. She also announced that in 2015, CCMGA will host a Fall Conference here in Clanton. She is very excited about this and what it will do for our county and association. It will take everyone working together to have a successful conference.

Joan McGriff, representing the Chilton County Extension Office, thanked everyone for the beautiful landscaping job at the office. They have also striped the parking lot making it look better also. She presented everyone with a small gift of appreciation.

There being no further comments or business, there was an invocation and Christmas Lunch was served. The meal was delicious and was served to all workers of the City of Jemison, guest and members present.

A total of 49 members and guest were present for the meeting.