

February 14, 2017

Chilton County Master Gardener Association meeting

Program Presenter: Harriett Jackson; Topic: Butterfly Gardening

Sondra Henley called the meeting to order at 9:30.

CCMGA Awards: Help Line award winners, Sarah Saunders, Lanell Baker, Ann Moore and Bonnie Hairrell.

Volunteer Hours awards: Harriett Jackson - 905.5, Audrey Giles - 581.00, Alan Reed - 480.50

Top CEU Hours: Mildred and Jimmy Knowles

Silver Stars awarded to Bob Bates, Paula Blevins-Russell, Lamar Giles, Kimberly Lyn, Anita McGhee, and Ann Moore

Gold stars awarded to Treasia Bennett, Linda Hays, Lee Walters and Wally Walters

Gold badge awarded to Alice Broom, 1000+ hours. Platinum badge awarded to Harriett Jackson 2000+ hours. Badges will be presented at the AMGA conference. None for Ruby stars.

Master Gardener project of the year: Demonstration Garden Redesign

Master Gardener of the year (6 nominations) Winner - Audrey Giles-

Kimberly Lyn asked for a motion to accept the February minutes. Anne Baker motioned, Lindy Helton made the second. All approved.

Pat Farmer read the treasurer's report: Beginning balance - 7402.97, Deposits - 75.00. Cleared transactions - 5874.27. Outstanding checks 495.74 Ending balance 5378.53

Pat asked for a motion to accept the February treasurer's report: Jerry Farmer made the motion, Harriett Jackson made the second. All approved.

Water Festival is scheduled for 3/17/2017 at the Jefferson State Conference Center. Volunteers needed to support. Contact Pat Farmer if you want to volunteer.

Harriett Jackson: Silent Auction basket needs items donated. Auction proceeds to go the scholarship fund.

Advisory council is developing a study group to examine small master gardener groups of 59 members or less, or large groups of 60 members or more to see what is happening in the smaller units.

AMGA examined the number of volunteer hours logged. Over 1/3 hours are logged as administrative. It is thought that many hours are being logged in incorrect categories and we are all reminded to be more selective when logged hours to correct headings. Trisha Williams will send out a grid to membership to help guide selections when logging hours.

Margaret Goolsby announced that Jim Pitts has advised there will not be a 2017 Expo.

Lee Walters, Chairman of Fundraising advised without the Expo we should all be thinking of ways to fund raise and all are welcome to join the fundraising committee to brainstorm fund raising ideas.

Sue Webb spoke of several upcoming programs and encouraged all to attend; 4/20 Kaul Wildflower Garden at Birmingham Botanical Gardens; 5/4 Tour of Ebenezer Swamp, and 4/4 June May's Garden for example.

Sue asked for volunteers to help build a walking trail in Minooka Park. Signup sheets available.

Hands on propagation class being held 3/21/19 at Petals from the Past. 9-12. Only 20 slots available. MG will get first chance to sign up, un-used slots will be open to other interested groups.

Ann Moore reported that Ask a Master Gardener at Garrisons will begin 4/8/17 and will continue through the month of April. Please advise her if you'd like to participate.

Committee Reports: Cards sent to Ira Jones, Glenda Gower, Debbie Housner, and Margaret Goolsby

Trisha Williams: 20 interns in the Master Gardener class. The 3/22/17 class will be held at Petals from the Past. Master Gardeners are asked to supply lunch for the interns. Please contact Trisha Williams to advise if you can help.

Trisha Williams announced the Chilton County Master Gardeners are the first to use the e-newsletter. If you didn't get a copy in your email you can log into mg.aces.edu/Chilton. To the right of the banner click the subscribe button then enter your email address.

The conference in Huntsville is now open for registration.

Today's meeting counts at CEU .50 and volunteer hours 1.50

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.