

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Meeting minutes  
June 12, 2018

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting at 9:35 AM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for reports on the Aldridge Garden Tour and the Fern Glades Tour. Those that went on the tours had nothing but good things to say. They were very educational and fun tours.

She also asked if anyone had made any trips or vacations they would like to share. Skip Coulter reported on his trip to Amish Country in Ohio. He talked about the beauty of their gardens and especially a plant called "Bubble Gum" petunia. He stated how unique it was. There were others that shared their trips also.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our website. Alice Broome made the motion seconded by Susan Cleckler. The motion was approved.

Pat Farmer, Treasurer, stated that the ending balance on May 31, 2018 was \$6,731.14. She read the full report and asked for a motion to accept the report as read. A motion to accept the report was made by Harriett Jackson and seconded by Debbie Housner. The motion was approved.

Pat also stated that our Financial Review will be June 19.

Sondra asked for people to help at the EO DEMO garden at 8:00 AM, Thursday, June 14, to weed, cut roses and get plant off bricks etc. She said Gay wants to leave all the squash, cucumber, tomatoes etc. that are coming up volunteer.

Susan Cleckler introduced our guest speaker, Mallory Kelly, Regional Extension Agent. Mallory explained to us about becoming a Certified Advanced Master Gardener. The AMG program motivates those with special gardening interest to develop those interests into specialized knowledge so they can enhance their communities and share their knowledge and passion for gardening with others. She explained the Roles and

Responsibilities, The Training/Study outline and The Community Outreach of the AMG program. If you are interested in getting an AMG Certification please call the Extension Office. This program started approximately 10 years ago with 3 ladies from Elmore County getting certified in pruning. It was then decided that more areas in gardening needed to be added so the curriculum was changed to cover different areas. Some of the specialty areas are: Herbs, seed starting, ferns, organic fruit production, Horticulture videography etc. Sondra Henley is now working on her AMG certification in composting. Mallory made the statement that the Master Gardeners are available to educate and not to be a labor force.

In Old Business, Sondra stated that there were 9 people that showed up two days to get the Jemison planters and baskets ready and planted. They planted 17 pots and 42 baskets.

Pat Farmer needs people to sign up for the helpline. Since we didn't have a class this year we need to step up and help out. She explained how important the helpline is for Gay and the Extension Office program.

In New Business, Lee Walters asked if we should have another yard/plant sale this fall, probably in October. Many of those present stated they still have items they could donate. It was also suggested that we could maybe sell candies, baked goods and canning items under the Cottage Law Label. After a short discussion there was a suggestion made to have the yard/plant sale this fall. There was no opposition. We will talk with Gay about having it at the EO again. After our next board meeting we'll get back to our members on renting storage, etc. This time we want all items priced when you bring them. You can get a Cottage Law Label online if you are interested in baking or Sondra invited anyone interested to come to her home as she already has one.

Sondra stated we "hopefully" have been granted a 60 bag pallet of Scott Nursery soil. She stated she was going to ask Matthew about constructing a lean to on the back of the garage at the DEMO garden.

This will cost approximately \$275.00 to \$300.00. This area will hold the soil and pine straw we use in the DEMO garden. There

are some things that need to be improved at the Little House.  
She will ask if the CREC will cover the cost for these materials.

John Wallace has completed his hours and was presented his Master Gardener Badge and Certificate by Trisha Williams.  
Congratulations John and welcome to the MG's.

Trisha also explained that we needed to start getting items up and ready for our Alabama MGA meeting we are hosting next year. Items such as plants, books, gloves, paintings, etc. are needed for our silent auction basket. They do not have to be garden related. We also need about 80 to 100 door prizes. If you would like to donate money that will be good and we can buy items we need. She stated that the AMGA conference they attended this May raised around \$6000.00.

Susan Cleckler reported that the first program at the Library went well. Sondra will have the program on the 14<sup>th</sup> on composting, Larry Jones has the program on the 21<sup>st</sup> on vegetables, and Lanell has the program the 28<sup>th</sup> on starting you plants from seeds.

We gave out several door prizes to: Charles Walker, Treasia Bennett, Susan Cleckler, Jimmy Knowles, Alice Broome, Rose Utendahl and Debbie Housner.

In closing Sondra reported there are two fall seminars coming up. One is September 27, 2018 at Taylor Road Baptist Church in Montgomery, and one is October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the D. S. Loyd Building in Oneonta, Alabama.

No one has signed up to bring food next month so anyone that wants to bring something may do so.

Susan Cleckler stated that our next tour is on June 29<sup>th</sup> to the Morgan Creek Winery. Please sign the sheet if you are going.

There being no further business the meeting was dismissed at 11:05 AM

Members present: 25

Visitors present: Shelia Jones, Nelson Wynn and Mallory Kelly

Total present: 28

