

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2018

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed each one present and thanked them for coming.

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

Pat Farmer, Treasurer, is on vacation and will give our treasure report at our next meeting.

Susan Cleckler, VP, introduced our guest speaker and program for the day, Mr. Bill Evans. Bill is the VP of the Alabama Beekeepers Association and a Master Beekeeper of Chilton County. He stated he had been working with Honey Bees for approximately 25 years. Bees were introduced to this country around 1622 at Plymouth Rock. The Natives called them the white man's flies. Why are bees important? One out of every three fruit or vegetable we eat has been pollinated by the honey bee. Our food supply depends on the honey bee. He advised us to be careful when we buy honey. The best place to get honey is from a local grower that harvest their own honey. In order to produce honey the Bees need Nectar, Pollen and water. The wild or feral bees are hard to find these days. If you see a swarm of Bees call a Beekeeper to retrieve them. Any EO in the state has a list of Beekeepers that can help retrieve them. NEVER poison a Honey Bee! He stated that a swarm of Bees is worth approximately \$150.00. The law requires to keep bees in movable hives or frames to prevent disease. A hive of Bees include the Queen, Workers and the Drone. He explained the function of each Bee. He warned not to swat at a Honey Bee. They are not aggressive but will sting if they feel threatened. He also explained the difference of other bees such as the Bumble Bee, Carpenter Bee, Yellow Jacket, Wasp, Red Wasp and Hornet.

Bill said to feel free to contact him if you have any question about Bees or Beekeeping at:

Bill Evans, Master Beekeeper,  
Rose Hill Farm, LLC,  
1031 Co. Rd. 50, Jemison, AL 35085  
Bill @RoseHillFarmLLC.com,  
Cell # (205) 310-3800.

This was a very interesting and informative program.

Sondra stated that next month she would have information on storage for items for the yard sale. This time we want all items priced before you bring them. The yard sale will be October 27 and will coincide with Chilton County's 150 year celebration. Gay West will be with us next month to tell us more about how we can work with the EO during this celebration.

Matthew Price has been chosen to take Jim Pitt's place at CREC. We look forward to working with him.

Faye Collins stated that she has mailed two cards in the last month. Linda Hayes a get well card and Margaret Goolsby a missing you card.

Trisha Williams stated the CCMGA Board voted to let the Silent Auction Committee use the money taken up each month, in the cup, to purchase door prizes and items for the silent auction basket for our 2019 conference.

Trisha also stated that Charles Walker has completed his hours and class course. She presented him with his Master Gardener Badge and Certification. Congratulation Charles and welcome to the CCMGA.

Those that received door prizes were: Imogene Bresse, Diane Clapp, Linda Hand and Elizabeth York.

Clay Vinson, the Eagle Scout that built our Pergola and Butterfly bed at the DEMO garden as his project, will be presented with the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Grace Fellowship Church on July 15, 2018 at 3:00 PM. You are invited to attend.

If you are making payments on our AMG conference for 2019, you need to get the money to Pat.

Susan Cleckler reported on the tour of the Morgan Creek Winery. Everyone had a good time and after the tour went to Trish Williams' home for lunch. She stated there may be another tour this fall.

There being no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM

Visitors: Bill Evans, Nelson Wynn

Members: 23

Total Present: 25