

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed everyone to our meeting and acknowledged members that have not been there for several months. She also welcomed all of our guest.

She stated that Diane Clapp has our membership sheet with all contact information on a table in back. Go by and check all your information and make sure it is up to date. Make changes if your information is not correct so she will have a correct updated list. Also, if you do not have an email address and would like to have all announcements that are sent by email, just bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope, give it to Lanell Baker and she will send the information to you.

A couple special announcement were made for upcoming events:

Gay West, E.O. Coordinator, stated that Dr. Robert Tubbs, from Montgomery, is having two business seminars on September 5. The first one is "Should I be a Business Entity: Which One", starting at 9:00 AM until noon. The second is "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" starting at 1:30 until 4:40 PM. These will be at the Alabama Power Conference Center sponsored by the Chilton County Extension Center. There is a \$15.00 charge for each seminar. For more information please call the CCEO, 205-280-6268.

Derric Scott, member of the Sesquicentennial Celebration committee, told us about all the events coming in October to celebrate Chilton County's 150 birthday. These celebrations will be held October 21-26, 2018. There will be a 5K Fun Run, Parade, Car Show, Art Stroll and a Goose Pond Gala in the City Park. He handed out brochures with all the events and history of the county. He asked us to take some and hand them out anywhere we can.

Susan Cleckler, VP, introduced our guest speaker, Terese Goodson. Terese is from Montgomery, AL and is the current Alabama/Mississippi Daylily Society President. She is a retired educator and she and her husband farmed beet cattle for 40 years. After her husband died in 2006 she retired from the cattle business and started gardening. She became a Master Gardener in 2012. She gave a very colorful and interesting program on plants you can use in your landscape that will give you year around color. She shared a "Bloom Times" chart by Anne Waldo showing when many plants will be blooming during the year for this area. She also brought many plants from her own garden to show color and texture. She shared the plants that would make a pretty cut flower vase. She stated there are over 8000 varieties of Daylilies. If you want one that re-blooms make sure it has an R on the label when you buy it. She also said that Tulips are not a good bulb for this area. They will probably bloom the first year but not much after that. This was a very informative program.

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

Pat Farmer, Treasure, gave June and July's financial reports. The ending balance in June was \$6,270.87 and the ending balance in July was \$5,830.04. She read the reports and asked for a motion to accept these reports as read. Elizabeth York made the motion and Audrey Giles seconded. The motion was approved.

Pat also stated that Roger Clark completed our annual financial review on July 19, 2018. Mr. Clark is a Jefferson County Master Gardener, a CPA and a past treasurer of the Alabama Master Gardener Association. She read the review. Mr. Clark stated he found no discrepancies and that we have an excellent accounting system. He also thanked Pat Farmer, treasurer and Audrey Giles, bookkeeper for their help and cooperation during the review.

There will be an AMCA workshop for a garden whimsy next May at our conference. If you have items we could use for this activity please bring them to Sondra.

Susan Cleckler, VP, reported on a field trip she has lined up for October 24, 2018 with two tours. The first stop is at Spencer Farms. This is a self-contained farm located in Marion Junction. They grow all their own meat, vegetables, fruits and nuts. They make their milk, butter, cheese and soap. After the tour we will eat a sack lunch at the farm. The second stop will be at Tracy Britnell's farm, "Just Dig It" on our way home. There is a \$10.00 fee for this trip and you'll need to bring your sack lunch.

Susan announced that she has an idea box in the back on the table. She ask for anyone to place ideas of places to tour in the box. When she gets 5 suggestions we will discuss them and decide which ones we can do. She also stated since the Morgan Creek Winery tour was such a hit she will find another winery to tour if there is enough interest.

Sondra announced that if you signed up to work at the AMGA conference we are hosting, you must attend the last two planning meetings. The schedule is in an email that she has sent out.

Our next fund raiser is October 26 and 27, 2018. This will coincide with the Sesquicentennial celebration of Chilton County. If you have items to store for the sale contact a board member. They will be glad to meet you in Thorsby, Unit D7, to store your items. Also, please save plastic bags and bubble wrap to use during the sale.

Trisha Williams stated we have a MG class scheduled starting January 23, 2019. She needs volunteers to put out posters and information to get the word out. She also reminded us about using the money we take up each meeting to buy items for our silent auction. She also reminded us to bring items for door prizes. If you get a donation please do not go to the same people or company twice. She also ask for bubble wrap or foam sheets. She reminded us that the end of the year is coming very fast and we need to start getting our hours entered.

Pat Farmer reminded us of the payment plan she has set up for us to pay our conference fee. If for some reason you cannot attend the conference you will get your monies back less any lunches that have been bought.

Sondra is teaching a hyper tufa class for children after our next meeting September 11, 2018. She needs some volunteers to help her with this class.

Our next meeting is September 11, 2018 and our next Board meeting is September 6, 2018.

There is a Fall Seminar “My Garden Sanctuary” at Taylor Road Baptist Church in Montgomery on September 27, 2018. If you are interested contact alabamamg.org or capcitymga.org.

There being no further business or announcements the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

There were four door prizes given out: Jimmy Knowles, Margaret Ennis, Sondra Henley and Joyce Lawson

Guests present: Terese Goodson, Roy Sallis, Derric Scott, Gay West and CeCe Bresse

Members present: 30

Total present: 35