

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed all members and guests, Clem Clapp and Martha Thornburg.

Martha Thornburg is a past Master Gardener. She was a member with Jewel Robinson, another former member before she passed away. "Miss" Jewel loved wild flowers and raised red poppies. She had a field of both double and single blooming red poppies that she had shared with Martha. Martha brought each member a small bag of the seeds she has gathered from her garden. She instructed us to sow them in October on sandy soil, don't cover them up, and they will germinate next spring after the weather warms up. She also invited us to come by Senior Connections and check out all things they have going on for senior citizens. Scarlett Teel teaches an art class on Wednesday at noon, they have exercise classes each morning just to mention a few of the activities. Membership is only \$20.00 a year and well worth it.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting as posted on our web site. Harriett Jackson made the motion, seconded by Audrey Giles. Motion was approved.

There were four thank you notes read for services the MG had done over the last three months.

Pat Farmer, Treasurer, reported the balance ending August 31, 2018 as \$6,624.70. She read the full report to the membership and asked for a motion to accept the report as read. Skip Coulter made the motion, seconded by Elizabeth York. Motion was approved.

There were seven door prizes drawn. The winners were:
Margaret Ennis, Alice Broome, Steve McAnally, Robin Cagle,
Alan Reed, Jerry Farmer and Harriett Jackson.

Sondra announced she needed help today at the Extension Office with the hyper tufa class she will be teaching children. Be at the EO at 3:15 PM, the class will start at 3:30 PM and last about an hour.

She also stated that October 16th we will plant pansies and add mulch in the Jemison Planters. We will start at 9:00 AM. The rain date will be on the 17th. She has talked with the City of Jemison about putting in more pots and new soil in the spring.

Lee Walters, Fund Raiser, reviewed the Yard/Plant sale on October 26 and 27. This is a Friday and Saturday and he stated he needs a lot of help on these days. Start setting up around 9:00 AM on Friday.

If you are bringing plants, make sure they are identified and priced when you bring them. There is a sign-up sheet going around for you to sign.

Sondra stated the storage unit we have rented to store yard sale items is almost full. Only boxes that can be stacked is about all that can go in the unit now. If you still have large items for the sale just bring them to the EO on the 26th. Those of you that brought items today to store go with her after the meeting and she'll open the unit for you.

Alice Broome, Logo, stated that shirts she has with her today are for sizing only. The colors available are on the order forms.

There will be an order form online thru Friday, September 14. Orders will be placed next Monday September 17 and delivered at our October meeting.

Trisha Williams reported she still needs money and items for the silent auction at the AMGA conference.

She is using the money we give in the cup each month but more is needed. Items you donate does not have to relate to gardening. All sorts of items are needed. Also, we need smaller items for door prizes. Go shopping and look for sale items. If you are asking businesses for donations make sure no one else has been there. Check with Sondra to make sure we don't go to the same business twice. Remember to save foam and bubble wrap for the conference and we need your Wal-Mart bags for the yard sale also.

Trisha also announced the dates of the upcoming Master Gardeners class. The classes will begin on January 3, 2019 and end April 10, 2019 with a makeup date on April 17 if needed.

The class will cost \$150.00 and we have a new book for the class. We have approximately three people interested so far but we need 15 people before we can have a class. She ask that everyone promote the class and she has brochures and flyers that you can take and put out.

She also reminded us to get our hours posted.

Pat Farmer reminded us the fee for the AMGA conference is \$145.00 and she has made up a chart of accounts if we want to make payments and not have to pay it all at one time. This fee goes to the AMGA not CCMGA.

Susan Cleckler has set up another winery tour. The sign-up sheet is in the back. She also reminded us of the idea box in back. If you have any suggestions on trips or tours please place them in the box.

The sign-up sheet for the Spencer Farm tour is also in the back. This is an all-day event.

Our membership dues are due in October 2018.

Rick Miller, one of our own MG, shared a power point program of his extensive tours and trips to Asia.

He showed many interesting places of his trips. He had pictures of Bougainvillea's that were beautiful.

They are native there and grow 12 months of the year. When you buy property there you have to plant fruit trees on the property. If you buy property you also have to put up a privacy fence around it. He also showed their food markets and how they prepared their food. This was a very interesting program. Rick thanked Audrey Giles for preparing the power point for him.

Remember Jerry and Karen Giles, former CCMG members.

They live in the path of Florence the Hurricane coming into North Carolina.

Joyce Lawson was in a car wreck and has three broken vertebrae

in back. She is home but it's going to be a slow recovery.

Gardening in Small Spaces will be our program for next month.

There being no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Member present: 32

Guest present: Clem Clapp, Martha Thornburg, Nelson Wynn

Total present: 35