

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Sondra Henley, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed each one in attendance.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted on our web site. Jackie Hickman made the motion seconded by Elizabeth York. The motion was approved.

Pat Farmer, Treasurer, reported our opening balance as \$6724.70. She read the complete report and stated the ending balance on September 30 was \$6307.94. She asked for a motion to accept the report as read. Mildred Knowles made the motion seconded by Rick Miller. The motion was approved. She also stated the FFA are selling mums and gourds. Mums are \$15.00 each and gourds, small, medium and large are \$2.00, \$4.00 and \$6.00 each. She also stated there are jars of honey and eggs for sale in the back.

Susan Cleckler, VP, introduced our guest speaker and program for the day, Mr. Glenn Huovinen. Glenn is an Autauga County Master Gardener working on his Advance Certification in "Gardening in Small Spaces". Since Autauga County Master Gardeners are helping us sponsor the AMGA conference in May of 2019, he told us about the speakers that have been lined up for the conference. There are brochures to pick up and give out to advertise the conference.

Autauga County has two separate gardens. They have a vegetable garden that has produced over 1100 lbs. of vegetables to date. These vegetables are given to nearby needy families and organizations that feed the homeless and needy. They also have a DEMO garden with a Chapel that people use for weddings.

He stated that you need to make a plan before you plant a small garden. Only plant vegetables or fruits that your family likes and will eat. Also, have a soil test. This helps you know what plants to grow and how to prepare the soil. A garden needs at least 6 to 8 hours of sun each day. Always plant your garden close to your home so it will be convenient to work and harvest. Growing in raised beds are good for a small space as well as growing in pots. He told how to get a rain barrel hooked up to your gutter to help with watering. Don't let any of your garden go to waste any time of the year. There is always something you can grow. He covered many ways to keep your garden watered by using gutter pipe and commode floats. Also how to cut holes in large pots to cause air pruning and to irrigate those pots. He also explained the art of Espalier for growing fruit trees. This was a very extensive and interesting program.

Sondra announced the nominating committee that is formed to elect new officers for 2019 are Alice Broome, Chairman, Larry Jones and Pat Farmer. They should have the new officers in place to vote on at our November meeting.

Alice Broome, logo sale items, reported the shirts we ordered are in back and ready to pick up. If you ordered a cap or visor they should be here soon. They didn't come in with the shirts.

Sondra reminded us that October 16, 9:00 AM, we will plant pansies in the Jemison pots. The pansies have been ordered. The rain date is October 17 if we need it. Also, on the 17th in the afternoon at Sondra's house, those that want to bake Cinnamon Rolls for the yard sale are welcomed to come and help.

There is a sign-up sheet for you to list the food you'll be bringing to the Christmas Luncheon. Bring a pot luck dish that goes with ham or turkey. Also, we need you to sign-up if you can come early and decorate a table before the luncheon.

All chairmen of our committees need to turn in your budget needs. The board will work on the budget at the November board meeting and present it to the CCMGA members at our December meeting and will be voted on in January 2019.

Lee Walters, fund raiser, was not present but Sondra went over the October 26, 27 yard/plant sale. If you haven't signed up to work, the sheet is in the back and we need all the help you can give. The unit we have rented is full unless you are tall enough to put items on top. Sondra stated that her garage is full of items that have been donated. We need to be at her house around 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 25 to load items and to take them to the Extension Office. Meet at the EO at 9:00 AM on Friday, 26th to set up tents, tables etc. for the sale. If you have any items to bring from home bring them around 10:30 AM that morning. She reminded us to have all our items priced and if you are bringing plants make sure they are identified and priced.

Tisha Williams was not present but Sondra reminded us to bring items for the silent auction and door prizes for the AMGA conference we are hosting in May, 2019. Also save bubble wrap and sheets and give to Trisha to use.

We have three signed up for the Master Gardeners Class but we need 15 in order to have a class. Please talk it up and give out posters so we can have a class this year.

Also, you need to get started putting in your hours and not wait to the last minute. Try to keep them posted up.

Pat Farmer reminded us about the payment plan she has set up for the AMGA Conference fee. The fee is \$145.00 for everyone, even if you are working at the conference. You can pay some each month and not have to pay the total amount when you register.

Diane Clapp, reminded us that our CCMGA membership fees are due this month. You need to fill out the membership form and hand it to her or mail it to her before November 1, 2018.

Mary McCroan will present our program in November on Water Features.

The Spencer Farm Tour is October 24th. You need to sign up and Susan Cleckler will let you know the time and place to meet.

We gave out seven door prizes: Treasia Bennett, Faye Collins, Susan Cleckler, Imogene Bresse, Harriett Jackson, Linda Hand and Lanell Baker.

There begin no further business or comments the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

Guests present: CeCe Bresse and Glenn Huovinen

Members present: 27

Total present: 29