

CHILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019

Susan Cleckler, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed each member present and asked if there were any visitors. The only visitor was our speaker and program for the day, Dolores Hydock.

Larry Jones led us in a moment of silence and the Pledge to our Flag.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as posted on our website. There being none, Harriett Jackson made the motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Jackie Hickman. The motion was approved.

Audrey Giles, Treasurer, read our financial report and reported an ending balance June 30, 2019 of \$5,596.90. She asked if there were any corrections to this report. There being none, Pat Farmer made the motion to accept as read, seconded by Alice Broome. The motion was approved.

Trisha Williams stated we have some silent auction items on the table for us to bid on. Go by and place your bid.

July birthdays: Alice Broome, Jimmy Knowles and Jane Mason.

Susan announced that our Speaker, David Doggett, is in the hospital with pneumonia and very sick. He asked his friend Dolores Hydock to take his place and do our program. Dolores is a professional Storyteller to grown-ups on all sorts of topics. She stated she was not a Master Gardener but she loved gardening. She does hands on make my own mistakes gardening experiences. She told us a very detailed story about a lady, Mrs. Thomas, which lived at the end of the Azalea trail in Mobile, Al. She gave us a visual tour of Mrs. Thomas's garden and home through a very funny, interesting and entertaining way. She also stated that she and David Doggett are gardening partners. He propagates Hydrangeas and Japanese Maples. He has filled her back yard with many of these plants because he does not have space for them. She announced some dates and places she would be Storytelling in the near future and invited us to come. This was a very unique and fun presentation.

Trisha Williams, presented Betsy Smith with her certification and badge after completing all her requirements of the Master Gardener program. Congratulation Betsy, welcome to the Master Gardeners.

Trisha also state our next Master Gardener class will begin on January 22, 2020. Start trying to recruit new interns now so we will have enough for a class.

Sign-up sheets are on the table for areas to work during the August 17, 2019 CREC Field day. The hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. We need volunteers for Fruit cutting/tasting, Ask a Master Gardener, Registration and Plant sale. We'll be selling water and Trisha will be giving an informal talk about Native Plants. We'll also give tours of our DEMO garden.

There will be CREC workshops from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Fire Ants, Fig Workshop and Trap Plots, a tour of the North Farm and a 4-H Chick Chain Auction.

Susan said she would be meeting with Christina at Thorsby School soon to plan the fall project. She stated the bed that was planted in May looks good. They have a good water source now for the bed.

Renee Powers has left some mini-blinds at the Extension Office if you need them to label your plants for either of our plant sales. Rick Miller also brought some today.

Sondra Henley, DEMO Garden Chairman, stated she needed to explain why some of the baskets in the Town of Jemison are missing. Three have been stolen and she has filed a police report. Two on the street across from McDonalds were taken down because it was a safety issue. It was dangerous for workers to water them without getting run over. One on the corner at the Chevron station keeps getting knocked off by big trucks so it was taken down. She is talking with Steve about getting some more baskets and new brackets. If he approves then Sondra and Susan will meet with the City Council to get them approved. Susan will take over the care of the baskets and planters once the Council approves.

Lanell Baker is taking the Extension Office Garden to help keep it maintained. The DEMO garden at CREC is in good shape and just needs to be kept weeded, pruned and make sure the watering is OK. New work days and hours are July 22nd, August 5th and 12th at 8:00 AM. It should look good for the CREC Field Day activities. There is still no news on the new shade cloth for the shaded area. Mr. Majors promises to have it installed before the Field Day but she has not heard any more him. The old shade cloth is back over the shaded area and the plants are doing well. She stated that there is a problem with chamber weed in the garden. She asked Lee Walters if he still had any of the expensive chemical that was used before and he stated he didn't. He stated it was \$100.00 for just a few ounces. Sondra said we just need to keep it pulled so it will not spread.

Susan reminded us to fill out the survey that Gay West, Extension Office Coordinator, sent us.

There being no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Members Present:	25
Interns Present:	8
Guest:	1
Total Present:	34