

Chilton County Master Gardeners Association
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Susan Cleckler, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM. She welcomed all members and Gail Brooks to our meeting. Gail is waiting for the new class to begin in January so she can become a MG.

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

Minutes were accepted as posted on our web site. There were no additions or corrections.

Audrey Giles, Treasurer, read our report and stated our balance at the end of August was \$5562.39. This balance included a \$221.00 deposit from the CREC plant sale. The report was accepted as read. Also, our annual Review of Financial Activity for 2018 was conducted on August 7, 2019 by Jackie Hickman and Joyce Lawson. The CCMGA Board approved this report on September 5, 2019.

Birthdays for the month of September: Debbie Housner, Alan Reed, Lanell Baker and Elizabeth York

Mr. Don Armstrong, a Master Gardener from Autauga County, presented our program. This was a very interesting program on the different types of propagations of plants. He calls it "Sex in the Garden". He brought with him numerous plants he has propagated at his home and gave them away. He demonstrated the technique of seeding, air layering, tipping and taking cuttings. He also touched on the way to pull up and divide plants as Bearded Iris and Mexican Petunias. He said to save on soil he has a source for wood chips that he puts in bottom of pots to save soil. His formula is 3 to 1, 3 parts wood chips and 1 part Pro Mix and he also adds some Black Cow to his mix. This was a very fun and informative program.

Alice Broome, CHT Chairman, reported she has four homes in

the Verbena area for the tour. These homes are close together which should be good for tour sales. The tour will be on December 8, 2019, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$15.00 before the date and \$20.00 on the day of the tour. All Master Gardeners can purchase two tickets for \$5.00 each. Again as in previous years there are no children allowed in these homes. A preview tour for workers will be December 7, 2019.

Elizabeth York, 2020 plant sale chairman, stated the plant sale will be April 18, 2020 with a rain date on April 25, 2020 if needed. She passed around a sheet for people to sign for a plant sale committee. We'll hold the sale at Goose Pond Park and will have to wait and set up for the sale at 7:00 AM on April 18th.

She ask for everyone to have at least 8 plants for the sale. She doesn't want anyone to be overwhelmed with getting plants ready. Please have all your plants labeled as to what the need of the plant is: sun, shade, part sun/shade, perennial, biennial, native plant etc. If it's not blooming have a picture of bloom with plant. If you bring tubers or rhinezones have a picture of the plant attached with them. We'll have an Ask-A-Master Gardener booth set up if anyone has questions. The best way to label your plants is with a No. 3 lead pencil on a mini-blind that has been cut up.

She stated that this sale would set the tone for future sale.

Trisha Williams presented Charla and Kaylee Doucet with their Master Gardener Certification after completing their study and volunteer hours. Congratulations and welcome to the Master Gardeners Association.

Trisha also announced there will be a fermentation class on September 19th, 2019 at the Jemison City Hall Conference Room 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Also, you can start paying your dues at our October meeting.

She asked us about having a closed group on Facebook with just MG and Intern members. You will be able to exchange ideas, ask gardening questions, ask about plants you would like to have etc. Everyone seemed to like this idea.

Our next MG class will begin January 22, 2020. We already have two applications. Talk it up so we can get a full class. Share it on Facebook and anywhere else you can, we already

have all of our speakers lined up for the classes.

The fall planting at Thorsby School will be Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

Susan reminded us of the AMGA Fall Seminar in Blount County on October 3rd. The registration fee is \$30.00.

A Bee Keeper Conference on September 20th and 21st at CPAC, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Record hours under Community Special Project.

We need helpers on September 14th and 21st at the CREC Demo Garden for the Eagle Scout to work on his project. You don't need to do anything just be there. If you can work a couple of hours on either of these Saturdays let Sondra know.

Our next meeting will be October 8th, 2019 and Fred Bassett will have our program on the Southeastern Hummingbirds.

There begin no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

Member present:	20
Interns:	9
Guest:	3
Total present:	32