

**CCMGA MEETING AGENDA**  
**February 8, 2022**  
**CLANTON RECREATION CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER – Pat Farmer at 9:30 a.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Larry Jones

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays in February.

INTERNS - Pat Farmer welcomed five interns to membership meeting.

MINUTES – Review of February Minutes presented by Treasia Bennett. She asked for any corrections or additions as shown on February minutes posted on CCMG website. There were no corrections or changes so minutes stand as posted.

FINANCES –Lyn Webb gave financials for January 2022:

\$9,609.98 Beginning Balance

\$9,495.46 Ending Balance.

\$0.00 – deposits

\$53.67 – withdrawals/checks

\$60.85 – outstanding checks

PROGRAM – Gail Brooks presented Edible Landscaping by Debbie Boutelier, Master Gardener from Autauga County. First edible landscape garden was the Garden of Eden of edible fruits. There are several types of edible gardens:

Monastery Gardens – grown for food and medicine.

Kitchen Gardens – grow food to eat usually at back door.

Victory Gardens WWII – Grow food to send to soldiers. 40% of nation's vegetables were grown at that time.

Lawns became a symbol of wealth and decorative. The current trend, the lot sizes smaller and/or reduced size of lawns.

Some impacts in gardening are food scares such as e-coli, listeria, GMO's, organic vs conventional, and supply chain issues. However, gardening is not without problems such as neighbors' perception, HOA's, unlawful by who's standards and not traditional landscaping.

Some benefits of edible landscaping are growing medicinal, food, health, and not in stores. You can make gardens pretty if in front yard and maintain neighborhood aesthetics. Herbs and vegetables can be integrated with plants and shrubs. Back yard gardening is more private for growing vegetables and herbs while kept neat with raised beds, vertical plantings, and pots. 50% of vegetables can be grown in a 4' x 10' area. Design principals can be integrated with structure, form, repetition, texture, pleasing in form such as leggy tomatoes or bush tomatoes (indeterminate vs determinate), leaves remain healthy. Screens, fences, and trellises can be used in gardening. How to choose? Select something you like to eat, what plant/tree looks like, matured size and maintenance.

2021 CCMG AWARDS: Pat Farmer and Trisha Williams. **Bronze** stars for 100-299 volunteer hours were awarded to Patricia Agee, Gail Brooks, Linda Church, Sharon Hosch, Peggy McGraw, Ruby Moberg, Jim Rabey and Jane Rabey. **Silver** stars for 300-499 volunteer hours were awarded to Clem Clapp and Judy Cobb. Top intern hours awarded to Victoria Brady (79) and top CEUs to Lynn Webb. Top hours volunteers: 1st Lyn Webb (476.5), 2nd Harriett Jackson (346) and 3rd Sondra Henley (317.5). Helpline pins were awarded to several members who worked the helpline: Pat & Jerry Farmer, Ruby Moberg, Victoria Brady, Lanell Baker, Larry Jones, Jackie Hickman. Master Gardener of the Year award went to Harriett Jackson.

PLANT SALE – Pat Farmer asked for a listing of plants for the upcoming 2022 Spring Plant Sale. We need 1-gallon pots. The plant sale will be at Goose Pond Park on Friday, April 15 – 16, 2022 with rain dates April 22 – 23, 2022. Setup and pricing will be Friday, April 16 at 7:30 until noon. The sale will begin Friday, April 15 at noon until 4:00 then resume on Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 am. Flyers were handed out for posting throughout communities. Members should start planting and labeling plants now for the sale.

Alabama MG Advisory Council - Harriet Jackson. There are representatives from every MG association in state. Debbie Boutelier chairs the council. All master gardeners are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings are held at the Barn at Petals from the Past. If anyone would like to serve on State Board, Harriett will be glad report your name. Members not receiving the Pathway publication should check their email and mailing address. The Pathways publication can be found at <https://alabamamga.org/winter-pathways-2021-2022/>. There is a new MG unit, Lauderdale County. 2022 AMGA State Conference is May 2-4, Montgomery, Alabama. 2022 fall seminar is at Auburn University at the Transformation Garden. 2023 AMGA State Conference is in Tuscaloosa. 2024 AMGA State Conference is hosted by Baldwin County.

TEE SHIRTS – Trisha Williams. Two colors: heather royal and heather red. \$12 S, M, L \$14 XL or larger. Price goes up if order is less than 25. Need to order before April.

DEMO GARDEN – Sharon Hosch has checked on beds. Need a volunteer for circle beds. Workdays are on Tuesday for 2 hours, please come out and help. Flyers will be at Petals from the Past advertising the demo garden. Committee planning on “Talks in the Garden”. May need refreshment in March.

ACES OFFICE: Workday on Mondays at 9:00. Plan to replace bricks with stone. We always need to pull nut grass.

HELPLINE: Pat Farmer. 2021 stats: 17 volunteers, 166 calls, 317.75 hours. This year CCMG is responsible for one week each month, January – December. Cannot work from home. Signup sheets at each CCMG membership meeting. Need a chairperson.

HOSPITALITY: Pat Farmer. Members can now bring snacks. Hospitality committee: Jane Rabey, Judy Cobb, and Joan Barber.

ARBOR DAY: February 22, 2022, at Clanton City Hall parking lot. You can get seedlings and pot up for plant sale.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Larry Jones and his crew will setup chairs for membership meeting and afterwards put up.
- Pat Farmer is talking with mayor of Clanton for landscaping and landscaping sign.
- Ask a Master Gardener – signup sheet to work on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - noon in April. Duties consist of helping people with plants and answering questions.
- Jerry Farmer asked for help in participation at the Peach Outdoors event held on March 12, 2022, at Mahindra Tractor from 9:00 till??

Three door prizes were given away.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Members Present:

27 members

1 guest

5 interns

33 total