

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2022
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Clem Clapp

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Joyce Lawson, Abby Messer, Linda Hays, Skip Coulter

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

FINANCES – Lyn Webb gave financials for July2022:

\$10,990.91 Beginning Balance

\$10,786.19 Ending Balance.

\$ 0.00 Deposits

\$ 0.00 Withdrawals

\$204.72 Checks

\$ 0.00 Checks Outstanding

\$10,786.19 Net Balance Checking

\$ 100.00 Cash Box Reserve

\$ 8,104.66 Small Business CD

\$18,990.85 TOTAL

PROGRAM – Glenn Huovinen, Autauga County Master Gardener. Glen gave a presentation titled, “Gardening in Small Spaces...Alternative Gardening Methods”. One should start by planning for your area, prepare the area and get a soil test. It is best to grow what the family will eat such as strawberries, vegetables, and herbs. Ornamentals and florals are also good for small spaces. Once you get soil test results from Auburn University, the soil may be amended according to the results for maximum results. A rain barrel for collecting rain is the best source for watering your plants. Rain barrel kits may be purchased from Amazon for approximately \$35. A drip irrigation system is best for consistent watering. Containers are good for growing citrus. A good reference is a book titled “Grow a Little Fruit Tree”. Espalier means to grow a plant such as a fruit tree or shrub flat against a support railing, trellis, or wall. These are beautiful to see the challenge of growing in a prescribed design. Other small gardening ideas are growing in GROW BAGS. Grow bags aids in fibrous roots and air pruning. Another consideration is planting companion plants along with vegetables to decrease vegetable pests. Examples of this is growing sunflowers with tomatoes or radishes with squash. Crop rotation also helps in decreasing pest on vegetables.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2023 BOARD MEMBERS: The committee was introduced. Susan Cleckler, Lyn Webb, and Harriet Jackson. These ladies are looking for candidates to fill the President, Vice-President, and Secretary positions. Please give this some serious consideration when asked. The board would like to get fresh new ideas for the group.

DEMO GARDEN – Sharon Hosch. The garden is looking good. Workdays are the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7:30-10.00. We are partnering with extension office. Workdays at the extension office are 2nd and 4th Mondays. “Talks in the Garden” will resume September and October.

EXTENSION GARDEN: Gail Brooks. Workdays are the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The Sunshine Ligustrum was

trimmed on the 2nd Monday.

HELP LINE: Pat Farmer. Pat signed up volunteers for upcoming workdays.

REC CENTER WATERING SCHEDULE – Pat Farmer. A list was passed around for volunteers to help with watering this area on a weekly basis. Key to turn on and off water is at extension office in the master gardener's room.

PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE (Landowner Tour, Water Fest, Classroom in forest, Fairy Tales in Jemison). Landowner Tour is in October. Master Gardeners help in registration and serving lunch. Fairy Tales in Jemison is February 2023 with theme of Peter Rabbit. Water Fest is in March 2023. This is where all fourth-grade classes in Chilton County come to the Jeff State campus and participate in classes of the water cycle with lunch following.

FALL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR: Pat Farmer. A couple of flyers were passed out. PLANT Alabama will hold a Fall Garden Seminar on August 27 at 8:30am in Athens, Alabama. The Alabama Master Gardener Association 2022 Fall Seminar is being held at Auburn University October 6, 2022. Several CCMG's are meeting and carpooling to attend this event.

A/C MEETING: Harriett Jackson. This is the AMGA Council Meeting. There was a discussion and vote taken to see if Chilton Master Gardeners wish to make a funding commitment for the new Master Gardeners Way in the Transforming Garden at Auburn University. The membership wishes to get more information on this project before making a full commitment to it. The majority wish to donate toward the pathway but decisions need to be made about amount of donation and duration of commitment. The AMGA committee are soliciting all the county organizations to get a measurement of support.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- New master gardener, Lynne May received her certification and badge. Congratulations and welcome to Lynne.
- Lucy Edwards, Chilton Extension Coordinator, reported Elaine Densmore replacement will be posted mid-September – October.
- Fall intern class for the Chilton interns meeting at the extension office has started. They will have projects like working at Clanton Rec Center, digging, and dividing plants, etc.
- Trisha Williams asked to please post weight and hours on "Grow More Give More". Also post volunteer hours. Last quarter of year is fast approaching.
- Iris plants for sharing were at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Members Present:

23 members

1 guest

4 interns

28 total