

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2022
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Clem Clapp and Jerry Farmer

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Lanell Baker, Debbie Housner, Alan Reed.

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

FINANCES – Lyn Webb gave financials for August 2022:

\$10,786.19 Beginning Balance

\$10,232.42 Ending Balance.

\$ 0.00 Deposits

\$ 53.77 Withdrawals

\$500.00 Checks

\$ 74.96 Checks Outstanding

\$10,157.46 Net Balance Checking

\$ 100.00 Cash Box Reserve

\$ 8,104.66 Small Business CD

\$18,363.12 TOTAL

PROGRAM – Rick Cybulsky, a Jefferson County Advanced Master Gardener presented a program on “PERENNIALS – Beds, Borders & Beyond”. A **perennial plant** or simply **perennial** is a plant that lives more than two years. The term per-+ennial, is often used to differentiate a plant from shorter-lived annuals and biennials. Things to know about perennials: biggest bang for a buck due to multiple growth seasons, right plant for right place, know growing zone, soil and rain, bloom in cycles, provide maintenance as needed, versatile: shade, sun, bloom in winter, ground cover, etc. Perennial care includes, dead head, fertilize, mulch for retention of moisture and limit weeds, staking for tall plants, pinching to remove small leaves which manages shape and larger flowers, thinning to provide air circulation and prevent overcrowding, pruning in early summer of cutting back 12-18 inches helps to keep plant bushy, promotes growth, and extends blooming. Pruning after flowering makes plant look better and promotes growth. For fall care cut plants back 3 inches above ground. Divide plants when they appear declining, growth slows, center looks dead. Divide when dormant which is early season and late fall. Replant divided plants ASAP so that roots are not over exposed. Perennial blooms are cut for flower arrangements. Perennials are good for wildlife in that birds eat the seeds. Zinnias for butterflies and butterfly weed is a host plant and food source for the caterpillars. Perennials make good container plants in that they can be transported, shared and free. Perennials can be grown from cuttings. The cutting should be of new growth and best in spring. Tug on cutting to see resistance which means growing. University of Georgia has a good Perennial book.

CERTIFICATION OF INTERNS – Trisha Williams. Four interns were awarded master gardener pins and certificates. Chip Durham, Leslie Durham, Susan Parkinson, and Rene Day.

DEMO GARDEN – Trisha Williams. The September “Talks in the Garden” was held on Tuesday, September 6. Sharon Hosch and Betsy Smith made a presentation on the herb garden. The final “Talks in the Garden” for 2022 is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4. The committee is pleased on the results and participation of combining the demo garden and ACES beds workdays. Each is worked every other Monday.

EXTENSION GARDEN - Gail Brooks. Alan Reed is working on leak in sprinkler system. Two weeks ago, plants were thinned, pulled out and potted for the 2023 Plant Sale. 81 plants were potted. The beds are looking good.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2023 BOARD MEMBERS – Lyn Webb and Harriett Jackson. The nominating committee introduced their nominee for the 2023 year: President-Jerry Farmer, Vice-President-Leslie Durham, Secretary-Kerry Rush, and Treasurer-Lyn Webb. The committee asked for any nominees from the membership to be communicated to them. These new officers will be voted on at the November membership meeting.

DOOR PRIZES – Pat Farmer. Several books and gardening gloves were given away.

MEMBERSHIP DUES – Trisha Williams. At the October membership meeting, membership dues will begin to be collected with all dues collected by November 1. Trisha asked members to please input your volunteer hours. If you need help, Trisha will help you or enter for you. Just let her know.

CLANTON REC CENTER LANDSCAPING – Pat Farmer. The old bushes and a holly tree in the front and along the side of the building have been removed. The fall 2022 interns will present a landscape design to the ACES coordinator, Lucy Edwards, for review. This will be a class project for spring 2023.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Pat Farmer. The party will be held at our usual meeting place, Clanton Recreational Center on Tuesday, December 6. The board will provide the meat and membership provide side dishes and dessert. We will be playing “Dirty Santa” afterwards. Gifts should range between \$10 - \$20 and be of some gardening theme. Be thinking about your gift.

FALL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR AT AUBURN: Pat Farmer. 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 show of hands showed several members planning to attend the conference. Anyone interested in carpooling or caravan should meet at ACES office at 7:15 am on October 6.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Greenhouse? No action has been taken on this.
- Help with Bee Conference on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Help is needed for setup for a couple of hours. Conference is held at the Jeff State campus in Clanton.
- 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.
- A big shout out to the interns. They represented 33% of the attendees at this meeting. We are so proud of our interns and their commitment to this organization.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Members Present:

20 members

1 speaker

10 interns

31 total