

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2023
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – President Jerry Farmer called the meeting to order at 9:31am.

PLEDGE TO FLAG – Hugh Nichols led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS – Patricia Agee, Amy Baker and Peggy McGraw.

MINUTES – Kerry Rush reported that the May 2023 minutes were emailed to the membership and were posted on the CCMGA website. There were no corrections or changes so the minutes stand as posted.

FINANCES – Lyn Webb, gave financials for May 2023:

\$7,486.81	Beginning Balance
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\$8,106.45	Ending Balance
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\$893.35	Deposits
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\$81.91	Withdrawals
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\$191.80	Checks
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\$ 0.00	Checks Outstanding
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\$ 0.00	Total Outstanding
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\$8,106.45	Net Balance Checking
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\$100.00	Cash Box Reserve
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\$8,188.70	Small Business CD
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\$16,295.15	TOTAL
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PROGRAM – Vice President, Leslie Durham, introduced the June guest speaker, Mrs. Suzanne Sikes from Pike County, who shared her knowledge and experience with Daylilies. Suzanne began her presentation noting the extensive work and awards presented to her mother-in-law, Sarah Sikes, who was known internationally for her Daylily work. Suzanne follows her mother's Daylily passion as she continues to propagate and educate, speaking to interested groups like Master Gardeners. Suzanne provided multiple handouts to the membership and used supporting photographs to speak about Daylily history, diseases, site selection and preparation, planting

recommendations and hybridization details. Suzanne ended her presentation by providing contact information (midnight.sikes@gmail.com; 334.300.9790) along with gifting each member with one of four ready-to-plant Daylily varieties (Little Skippy, Pandora's Box, Spacecoast Tiny Perfection or Special Moment).

ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Harriet Jackson's quarterly Advisory Council meeting focused on the charge of Kerry Smith (Master Gardener Program Coordinator): *to encourage all MG Associations to broaden their physical footprint*. Kerry's request echoed our own CCMGA President, Jerry Farmer's request, who, back in January, challenged the association to increase community presence and outreach. Both Kerry and Jerry have a passion and encourage MG outreach to include social media, print media, radio, chamber of commerce presence, etc., to fulfill this charge.

Upon the recommendation of the Fundraising Committee and approval by the The Board, Harriet Jackson reviewed the commitment of the association to facilitate plant sales simultaneous to the CREC's Friday Fruit Sales. In preparation for scheduled sales, Harriet provided physical samples and recommendations to enhance plant presentation. Members are encouraged to provide plants and to consider plant aesthetics to improve sales. Member participation (volunteer hours) will also be needed to assist with forthcoming Friday sale dates.

CCMGA CONSERVATION GROUP - Hugh Nichols shared that nine members of the Conservation Group met with Patrick Thompson at the Davis Arboretum in Auburn for training and tour. During this visit the group agreed upon five immediate goals:

1. To be represented at the Alabama Plant Conservation Alliance fall meeting in Union Springs.
2. Coordinate iNaturalist phone APP training to aid in plant identification.
3. Propagate plant material provided to gain experience.
4. Identify potential habitats for rare plants in Chilton Co.
5. Develop a community education plan.

Hugh also shared that Patrick will be our guest program presenter for the CCMGA September membership meeting.

DEMO GARDEN PRESENTATION – Hugh Nichols, who will be presenting on “Growing in Grow Bags and More, encouraged all members to attend and to enjoy what is happening at the CREC Demo Garden.

HOSPITALITY – Judy Cobb requested and provided a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the July membership meeting.

SHADE HOUSE/CAWACO GRANT – On behalf of the association and to support the care of plants targeted for CCMGA plant sales, Hugh Nichols suggested a shade house be purchased and installed at the Demo Garden. Jerry Farmer received permission from Matthew Price (CREC) to do so. The estimated cost is \$2500 for an 18' x 20' structure and necessary accessories. Pat Farmer is submitting for a CAWACO grant to finance this request.

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN/EXTENSION OFFICE/RECREATION CENTER – Trisha Williams, Pat Farmer and Amy Baker provided updates on these commitments. Volunteer participation is down at all locations and a sincere request for participation was extended. If scheduled workdays conflict with personal calendars, members are encouraged to contact location leaders (DG-Trisha Williams/Lynne May; EO-Gail Brooks; RC-Amy Baker) to arrange alternative site times and needs. Their contact information can be found at: [Master Gardener Service Report Login \(acesagmg.site\)](#) Simply log in and click on the “Directory” tab at the top.

PEACH JAM JUBILEE – Pat Farmer thanked the membership for filling all volunteer slots needed for the Extension Office booth. The event is Saturday, June 24, 2023, and all members are encouraged to attend.

PLANT SALE COMMITTEE – The following members have volunteered to serve on the Plant Sale Committee: Skip Coulter, Leslie Durham, Harriet Jackson, Rick Miller, Hugh Nichols, Jane Rabey and Trisha Williams. An organizational meeting will be forthcoming.

OPEN DISCUSSION

-Volunteer Need: John Higginbotham, on behalf of Maplesville Methodist Church, is requesting volunteers to review and advise the church for landscape updating. If you need volunteer hours and would be willing to assist, please contact John.

Appreciation is extended to Rick Miller and Lynne May for donating gardening accessories and potted plants as door prizes. Congrats to the winners Amy Baker, Clem Clapp, Leslie Durham, John Higginbotham and Trisha Williams.

With no new or old business, Jerry Farmer adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. The July 2023 membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00am at the Clanton Recreation Center.

ATTENDANCE -

Members: 26

Interns: 1

Guests: 4

TOTAL: 31

Submitted by Kerry Rush