

**CCMGA MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2024**  
**CLANTON RECREATION CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Skip Coulter called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG** – Jim Rabey led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** – Joan Barber and Wally Walters

**PROGRAM** – *“The Making of a Moon Garden”* was the presentation title from this month’s guest speaker, Mrs. Dianna Fortner. Introduced by Betsy Smith, Mrs. Fortner is a member of the Lee County Master Gardener Association and is currently in the final phase of obtaining her Alabama Advanced Master Gardener certification. Moon gardening is Dianna’s focus area of expertise. A moon garden is a type of garden that is meant to be enjoyed by the light of the moon or at nighttime. Its reflective and shimmering features are a result of white, pale-hued, or silvery foliage that typically blooms late in the day and often releases sweet fragrances at night. Dianna shared her passion, research, and personal experience regarding her own Moon Garden. Beginning with location and surface area, she described her garden’s selected site, the importance of soil testing, her consideration of a bubble pond, plant purchases and hardscapes. Identifying the garden size, shape, and a focal point (for her, the bubble pond) was all part of the diagram and planning stages. Plant selection considered compatibility, bloom season, garden flow, fit, and maturity. Dianna enhanced her presentation with stock photos of her plant selections that included White Daffodils, Dahlia, Eyeliner Lilies, White Salvia, Gaura, and Muhly Grass, which due to its fiber optics effect, she considers the star of the garden. Pest and disease management, deer resistance, and her scheduled garden maintenance . . . Spring Fling, Summer Fun, Fall Out and Winter Rest . . . were addressed. Dianna closed her presentation with the importance of budgeting and planning to ensure success and beauty. If you would like to contact Dianna for questions or advice, she can be reached at [dianna.fortner1424@yahoo.com](mailto:dianna.fortner1424@yahoo.com).

**GENERAL MEETING**

**FINANCES** - Judy Cobb shared the March 2024 financial report as listed below:

**Chilton County Master Gardener Association**  
**Monthly Reconciliation**  
**March 2024**

Beginning Balance	\$ 2537.92
Ending Balance	\$ 7435.09
<hr/>	
Total Deposits	\$ 5000.00
Total Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Total Checks	\$ 102.83
<hr/>	
Checks Outstanding	\$ 26.43
<hr/>	
Net Balance Checking	<u>\$ 7435.09</u>
Cash Box Reserve	\$ 100.00
Small Business CD	<u>\$ 8361.18</u>
<hr/>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,796.27</b>

**MINUTES** – Kerry Rush reported that the March 2024 minutes were posted on the CCMGA website and emailed to members. With no changes or additions to the minutes stand as posted.

**CCMGA ANNUAL PLANT SALE** – As lead for our April 13<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale, Trisha Williams provided final details regarding this event. We appreciate her coordination and organizational efforts and look forward to a prosperous fundraiser.

**SHADE HOUSE** – Hugh Nichols extended a request and volunteer opportunities regarding the auxiliary needs for our Shade House. Specifically, if you can assist with plumbing, irrigation or electrical, contact Hugh at (256) 506-7953. Assistance spreading gravel will also need volunteer help so be on the lookout for forthcoming communications.

**MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING/PLANT SWAP** – Skip Coulter/Trisha Williams shared the plans for our annual May meeting and plant swap. This year’s event will be at the home of Judy Cobb located in Coosa County. Members are to bring their lunch (drinks and desserts provided) and if participating in the plant swap, a \$10-\$20 valued plant to play “Dirty Plant Swap”. Plan to arrive at 10:30am and if fishing is your thing bring your pole! There’s no rain date . . . she has a barn! Look for an email with additional details and directions to Judy’s home.

**AMGA** – The state convention is April 22-24, 2024, in Daphne, AL. There is information regarding the registration process, on the [ACES Alabama Master Gardeners](#) site.

**CLOSING ACTIVITY** – The Annuals defeated the Perennials in this month’s garden trivia game, winning a box of chocolates which were graciously shared with the losers!

**DOOR PRIZES** – Thanks to Judy Cobb, Skip Coulter and whomever donated the seed packets . . . winners included Lanell Baker (fresh eggs), Teresa Freeman (seed packets), and Joan Barber (chocolates).

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the home of Judy Cobb. Email details and directions will be forthcoming.

Skip Coulter adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Members: 26                      Interns: 1                      Guest: 2                      TOTAL: 29

Minutes submitted by Kerry Rush