

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025

Clem Clapp opened our meeting at 9:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Hugh Nichols, VP, introduced Lanell Baker for our program today. She demonstrated and explained how she started her own plants from seeds.

Skip Coulter, President, explained what could be used for our country store sales. Anything that has something to do with gardening, like watering cans, gardening books, bird books, yard art and baskets were a few items he suggested.

Skip, gave out 3 door prizes. Sally Moore, Diane Clapp and Barbara Patrick were the winners.

Trisha Williams, membership chairman, presented our awards for the year of 2024.

The Perfect Attendance Award: Hugh Nichols and Trisha Williams

Helpline top hours award: Hugh Nichols had the most hours. Hugh was the helpline coordinator for 2024. Pat Farmer and Lynn Webb received a silver pin for days worked. Trisha stated that Pat Farmer and Beverly Williamson will be the helpline coordinators for 2025. The bronze pin was awarded to Beverly Williamson for working 3 or more days.

Awards for volunteer hours:

100 – 299 vol. hours, Kathy Oakes

Silver Star recipients are Lynne May and Chip Durham, 300 – 499 hrs.

Gold Star recipients are Leslie Durham, Hugh Nichols, Kerry Rush and Cheryl Herbster, 500-999 hrs.

Gold Badge awarded to Betsy Smith for 1000 – 1999 vol. hours

Top CEU hours also was awarded to Betsy Smith for 227 hours

Top intern volunteer hours went to Beverly Williamson, 84 hrs.

Top volunteer hours:

First place: Harriett Jackson, 389 hrs.

Second place: Lynne Webb, 364.5 hrs.

Third place: Hugh Nichols, 279.5 hrs.

The project of the year:

The Shade Education of Propagation, led by Pat Farmer and Hugh Nichols

The Master Gardener of the Year:

Judy Cobb

Skip Coulter, President, presented our first time Honorary Members, David and Martha Wright of Wrights Nursery. The Wright's have given soil, plants and very sound advice to our Association since attending. They met all the requirements needed as per our by-laws to receive this honorary membership. The nomination was passed unanimously and received by the membership with great enthusiasm and appreciation of the Wrights.

January 2025 treasurer report	
Beginning balance	8,360.28
Total checks	26.40
Net Balance Checking	8,333.88
Cash Box	100.00
CD balance	8,555.15
Total	16,989.03

Treasurer report approved as presented by Judy Cobb, treasurer.

Lanell Baker, secretary, asked if there were any corrections or changes to be made to the minutes as posted online. There were none. Minutes stand as posted on our website.

Hugh Nichols stated there is a tour of Wright's Nursery on March 7, 2025 and encouraged each one to attend then eat after the tour.

Kerry Rush gave a report of the Advisory Council. She encouraged all that could to attend the AMGA conference in Prattville next month. She also stated that everyone should have completed the MOU so you can enter your hours on the ACES website and to please get your hours in. She is also working on a Grant for the Demo Garden and she reminded us of all community opportunities that are available.

Amy Baker presented Diane Clapp with The Peach Appreciation Award. This award goes to the members that are voted on for going above and beyond their duties.

Trisha Williams asked for volunteers to sign the Plant sales and volunteer activities sheet. We still need leaders for the Plant sale and workers for the Country store. We also need someone to volunteer to be the leader of the Extension Office Garden.

Our game was on companion planting in your garden. We are divided into Annuals and Perennials. The annuals won.

There being no other business, Skip, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM

Present: 23 members, 3 Interns, 2 guests: Total 28

Minutes submitted by Lanell Baker, Secretary