

CCMGA Meeting May13, 2025

This was our annual plant swap meeting at Judy Cobb's home in Rockford, Alabama.

Skip Coulter led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Diane Clapp led us in a prayer of thankfulness for all our food and other blessings of the day.

After every one finished eating we had a brief business meeting.

May birthdays were Lynne May, Pat Farmer, Diane Clapp and Audrey Giles.

Judy Cobb reported we made \$4079.81 from our plant sale. \$779.00 of that total was from the country store sales.

April treasurer report:

Beginning balance	\$7,937.37
Total deposits	4,616.24
Total withdrawals	635.93
Total checks	62.57
Net balance checking	\$11,837.11
Cash box	100.00
CD balance	8,555.15
Total	\$20,492.26

Treasurer's report by Judy Cobb, treasurer.

Trisha Williams reported we had around 1100 plants to sell and approximately 10% of them were left.

Lanell Baker, secretary, asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none so they are approved as posted on the website.

Amy Baker reported the Recreation Center Beds look good. The rose bushes have been deadheaded and we added more pine straw in a few places to get the beds looking good for the AMGA meeting that took place there.

Elizabeth York, president of the Shelby County MGA, reported the AMGA members at the meeting were very complimentary on how good the Recreation Center beds looked.

Kerry Rush and Hugh Nichols stated they were using the tools they bought with the grant money and the Demonstration Garden was looking really good.

Donald Jones and Callen Alred reported they had a good group working and the beds at the Extension Office are looking great.

Hugh Nichols:

Conservation group had a field trip to Clem and Diane Clapp's farm and the National Reserve to document the "Owls Eye Ginger". Also Trish Williams and Gay West have this plant on their property but it needs to be photographed and documented before they stop blooming.

Hugh announced plans for a field tour to Auburn University on June 25, 2025.

Lucy Ellington, Extension Coordinator, gave a report on the tour and the professors that would be giving the tours. We will have to bring a sack lunch.

10:00 AM ALFA building (plant and soil diagnostic labs.)

11:00 AM Picnic lunch at Donald E. Davis arboretum

12:30 PM Transformation Garden Tour

Contact the Extension Office or Hugh Nichols if you are interested in going on this tour.

Hugh also stated there was interest in some workshops such as building Bluebird houses, a worm tower, propagating fig trees, etc. These would be used for our plant sale next year. Also, if anyone has a Confederate rose please propagate several for the sale. These are what people were asking for this year that we didn't have.

Jacob Turner, ACES office, stated there is a workshop scheduled on Blueberries and a field day to view the fruits and vegetables at the Research Center in Thorsby

on May 29, 2025. Also a Hydrangea propagation class at Petals from the Past, information has been sent out.

Jacob also thanked all the interns and members that helped with the seed starting workshop at Penton Farms last month.

Skip Coulter, President, welcomed our guests that attended, and adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM

After our meeting adjourned we drew numbers for the plant swap. We had 28 plants to choose from or steal if we were so inclined. Much fun was had by all.

After the plants were swapped every one could stay and fish, play games or go home. A great time was had by all. Thanks Judy for inviting us.

Members: 21, Visitors and guests 14. Total of 35

*There may have been more present, I forgot to bring the sign in sheet to the meeting!

Minutes submitted by Lanell Baker, Secretary