

CCMGA monthly meeting June 10, 2025

Skip Coulter, President, opened our meeting at 9:30 AM

Clem Clapp led us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Hugh Nichols, Vice President, introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Edgar Vinson. Dr. Vinson works with the Auburn Extension Research Center in Thorsby, AL.

He stated that he has always been interested in science and research and fell in love with horticulture when he entered the horticulture building on the Auburn University campus.

He explained where research questions came from, how they design a research project, conducting the research project, how they use the results of the research data and how they get the funding for these projects. The plants he listed from some of their research projects were strawberries, figs and peaches. He said these studies usually take about two years to complete.

This was a very interesting and in depth program on how they try to keep our farmers and growers informed on the most current information for their crops.

After a short break, Skip announced our June birthdays: Peggy McGraw, Amy Baker, Sam Blackmon and Patricia Agee

We gave away three door prizes: 1st prize went to Harriett Jackson, 2nd prize went to Angie Cable and the 3rd prize went to John Higginbotham.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	11,837.11
Total deposits	-0-
Total withdrawals	55.46
Total checks	-0-
Checking balance	11,781.65
Cash box	100.00
CD balance	8,555.15
Total balance	20,436.80

Treasurer report submitted by Judy Cobb, Treasurer, and approved as read.

Lanell Baker, Secretary, asked for any changes or corrections to our minutes as posted on our website. There were none so the minutes are approved as posted.

Kerry Rush welcomed Angie Cable to our meeting. She is formerly from Nottingham, England and has been helping in the Demonstration Garden. Kerry stated we had 8 people to tour our garden from Elmore County.

The Recreation Center beds are looking better after the dead snapdragons were pulled out and replaced with Vinca. Audrey Giles deadheaded the roses and sprayed them again for leaf spots.

The Extension Office bed has been trimmed and they worked on the sprinkler system. Pine straw will be put out on the next work day.

Skip Coulter, President, thanked Audrey Giles for inviting us to her home to tour her beautiful garden.

Hugh Nichols reported the conservation group is going to check on the pitcher plants since the burn to see how they are doing.

The Peach Award was presented to Callen Alred and Donald Jones for all their hard work this month.

Trisha Williams, asked us to please start entering our hours. She explained how to get to the ACES page and find where to enter them or contact her for help. She also stated that the month of June is a great month to start propagating plants. We need to get started getting plants ready for our sale next spring. Trisha also stated that she and Judy Cobb are going to check on prices and colors for new T-Shirts.

Hugh Nichols presented the sign showing the name of the shade garden structure at the Demonstration Garden. It is named "The JERRY FARMER OUTDOOR CLASSROOM" 2024. Jerry was very instrumental in getting money for the structure, getting it put up and wanting to use it as an outdoor class room for children and adults.

Hugh also reminded us of upcoming workshops for building bluebird houses, worm tower and propagating plants.

Hugh also reminded us of the June 25, 2025 tour to Auburn University. He has the signup sheet, so please sign it so they will know how many to plan for. Contact Hugh or the Extension Office for more details.

We are hoping to partner with the 4-H and establish a Junior Master Gardener program for our youth.

This Christmas we would like to participate in the Christmas tree trail at the Peach Park. This would be a great way to promote our CCMGA. The cost is \$25.00 for a tree and the board voted to pay this fee. There were many volunteers for this event, Betsy Smith, Sam Blackmon, Sonja Johnson, Audrey Giles, Skip Coulter and Judy Cobb. These volunteered but everyone was excited about this project.

Skip Coulter asked the membership if they would be interested in a newsletter. Many people do not have face book so they don't know what is happening. The newsletter would have pictures and stories about gardening events that all can see. Those that were really interested in doing this were Skip Coulter, Sonja Johnson, Audrey Giles and Sam Blackmon.

Skip divided our group into two sides, Annuals and Perennials, to play a game about our Native plants. Annuals: 6 Perennials: 5

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM

Members: 18 Interns: 4 and 3 guests Total: 25

Minutes submitted by Lanell Baker, Secretary