

CCMGA monthly meeting, July 8, 2025

Meeting opened at 9:30 AM with Clem Clapp leading us in our Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Hugh Nichols, vice-president, introduced our speaker for the day, Mr. David Doggett. Mr. Doggett is a Jefferson County Advanced Master Gardener specializing in Japanese Maple Trees. He gave a very interesting program on the many different varieties of the Japanese Maple Tree. They come in all sizes, colors and leaf formations. He explained that some varieties leaf out green in the spring and turn to deep reds and rust in the fall and some leaf out blood red in the spring and turn green and yellow in the fall. There are different sizes of these trees. Some can reach 10+ feet while others are short pygmy size great for containers. Do not plant them any closer to your home than 10 feet to give them plenty of space for air circulation and to prevent damage to your home. These trees cannot be grown from seed or from cuttings, they have to be grafted which is why they have so many different varieties. This was a very interesting and informative program on Japanese Maple Trees.

After a short break, Betsy Smith and Jacob Turner presented 7 interns with their Master Gardener's certificates and badges. Congratulations, Callen Alred, Sam Blackmon, Diane Handley, Kimberly Hudson, Sonja Johnson, Donald Jones and Becky Roper for a job well done.

Treasurer's report submitted by Judy Cobb, treasurer:

Report for June 2025

Beginning balance	11,781.65
Total deposits	17.00
No withdrawals	
Total checks	112.34
Net checking balance	11,686.31
Cash box	100.00
CD balance	8,555.15
June Balance	20,341.46

Treasurer report approved as read.

Lanell Baker, secretary, asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes as posted on our web site. There was none so they are approved as posted.

Skip Coulter, president, recognized our people with birthdays this month: Clem Clapp, Gail Brooks and Claire Sluyterman van loo

Skip also gave out our door prizes: the first prize went to Ben Handley, the second prize to Debbie Housner, third prize to Harriett Jackson and the fourth prize to Barbara Patrick.

Amy Baker reported the Recreation beds are looking good.

Kerry Rush reported the Demonstration Garden looks really pretty and the Shade Garden's new shade cloth has been measured for and will be ordered soon.

Donald Jones reported the Extension Office beds are looking good. They have put out fresh pine straw and have sown wildflowers that will add beauty to the bed as well as pollinators.

Hugh Nichols gave reports on our education and conservation groups: He suggested we have a field trip to Aldridge Gardens this fall to see the Japanese Maple Trees that Mr. Doggett oversees at the Garden. Also, he thanked Lucy Ellington, EO, for the field trip to Auburn. He announced and thanked Pat Farmer for taking on the job of getting a Junior Master Gardener program going and she'll be needing help.

Hugh brought some Barbara Button seeds from the Auburn trip, for the conservation group or anyone that would like to seed them and grow them off for the spring plant sale. He did bring a single plant back for the sale. We still need to look at the Pitcher Plants to see how they are doing.

Amy Baker presented the Peach Award to Beverly Williamson for her hard work.

Skip divided us into Annuals and Perennials to play a trivia game about trees.  
Annuals: 7   Perennials: 6

Skip adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM

Members: 25   Honorary members: 2   Guests: 5   Total present: 32

Minutes submitted by Lanell Baker, secretary