

December 2017 CCMGA Newsletter

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3 January 2018, Lunch & Learn Noon,

Program: Kitchen Orchids by Charlotte Bent, Montgomery Learning Arts Center

23 January 2018, CCMGA Meeting,

Social 9:30, Meeting 10:00,

No Program: Business Meeting



Janine Koslofsky
President's



Ruth Padgett
A Note from the Editor

As most of you know, I have been the editor of the MUD in name only for the past 6 months. This Christmas I am thankful for my recuperation and all the folks who have thought of me during this time and taken over all of the tasks for which I volunteered. Mallory Kelley and Carolyn Love-Dorsey took over the Helpline management and Eileen Webb resumed her role as Editor of the MUD. My gratitude overflows.

Volunteerism is the heart and soul of this Master Gardener Association. As you look through the December newsletter, take note of the variety of roles and tasks accomplished by the many different members, old and new. What you do all year long is the spirit and joy of the season - all year long. Thank you & Season's Greetings to all of you.

Ruth Padgett

***CCMGA Meeting
and
Christmas Luncheon***

Meditation read by Janlyn Diggs

"I love trees with all the fibers of my being, with the roots of my heart, with the leaves that spring out of my body to meet the light and warm presence of love, with the thick bark of me feeling the atmosphere and translating minerals into a song of praise and wonder, with the sap that flows through my veins carrying sweetness throughout my body, with the holdingness that welcomes birds and squirrels and anyone seeking shelter or home, with the limbs of me dancing to meet the sky in a delight of surrender, with the seasons of me meeting all the elements and using them as paint to splash across mountains or the sky or frames to hold deep blue absence, with the forest of me gathered in monk-like meditation listening into the heartbeat and breath of silence, with the coniferous fur and needles of my being keeping a green light of hope glowing and a soft embrace dispelling cold winds, with the fruits and berries and nuts and acorns given freely to others, with the pollen searching the sky for communion and meeting in the alive air of Spring, with the songs of crickets and cicadas dousing the summer with rivers of swimming sound, with the creakings and the whoosh of me highlighting the depth of peace in our vast skies, with the giving of my body to soft earth as the food for further acts of love, with the ability to soak in and receive rain answering the cloud's surrendered falling with a rising up and rooting down toward the two loves of earth and sky, with the simple presence of being enough as I am and revealing the beauty of nowhere to go but here and now." ~ Ben

Presentation of CCMGA Officers 2018



The following members will serve as officers for the year 2018.
Janine Koslofsky, President;
Susan O'Connor, Vice President of Programs;
Margaret Cully, Treasurer
Janell Diggs, Secretary.

**Graduation of 2017 Interns
- Congratulations to**

Janlyn Diggs who completed her requirements in 2016



Christy Anderson
Jim Cannon
Betsy Cannon

**Fran Copeland
Connie D'Amico
*Sheila Davis
*Clyde Eller
Richard Goff
Dittra Graham
Diane Hill
Judi Jehle
*Rose Levanduski
Fran Miller
*Paula Sexton
**Leonard Shannon
*Bobbie Speziale
Linda Dianne Stanford
*George Szabo
Sharon Watford
*Jim Williams
*** contributed 100 or more volunteer hours**
**** contributed 200 or more volunteer hours**



Christmas Luncheon Awards:

These awards were announced at our Christmas Luncheon.



- Outstanding Intern of 2017

Leonard Shannon

- Top Hours of 2017

Eileen Webb

- Catherine Maddox Lifetime Hours (includes all years plus 2017)

Tom McLemore

-President's Award of the Volunteer of the Year

Margaret Cully

Star & Badge Service Awards

The stars awards and badges will be presented at the February 2018 CCMGA Meeting.

December 8 Lunch & Learn

Houseplants



Speaker: Barbara Witt, Master Gardener



Treasurer's Report Pending January Meeting

Annual Audit

Cathy Maddox, Vickie Raney and Linda Carleton have agreed to be on the audit committee to go over the financial records for 2017.

Below is the **Reimbursement/Payment Request** form to be completed if you incur out of pocket expenses related to CCMGA activities and need to be reimbursed by our treasurer.

Minutes Pending January Meeting

CCMGA November Meeting

Program: Cover Crops

Presenter: The Bordens





It's CCMGA Membership Renewal Time!

The membership form is available below. Dues for members: \$25. Dues for Lifetime members or Dual Members if your primary membership is in another county: \$15

Hurry and sign up to make sure you will be in the 2018 Membership Directory.

For information on joining, contact Janice Jackson
at janice.jackson.al@gmail.com

Boom Magazine Gardening Article



Thank you to George Szabo for writing an article "A New Resident" for the January issue of [Boom](#). Below is a link to [Boom](#).

<http://riverregionboom.com/current-issue/>

Lilly's Garden - a Presentation





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Member Information Updates

This list includes changes to member information after the member directory had been printed. Please update your information with the following: If you have a change in your address, email or phone number, contact capcitymga@gmail.com and we will add it to this listing.

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The Prairie Mud will be published monthly on the 15th. Please send photos and announcements to capcitymga@gmail.com. If you have a flyer to submit, please make sure it is in a PDF format. This publication would not be possible without the help from our photographers Janice Jackson and Carolyn Dorsey. Thank you to Sara Brown for seeing that printed copies are mailed each month to those requesting them.

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