



Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

Membership Meeting

March 8, 2023 10:00 am



Minutes

*****Before 10:00 - Registration, Sign ups, Information table, coffee, fellowship*****
Special "Get to Know Your Fellow Master Gardener"

Door Prize winners have their name tags on and are on time to the meeting!

- I. Call to Order 10:07
 - a. Reserve Table- A table has been reserved for members who have audio and visual needs.
- II. Devotion – Shannon Mayes
- III. Membership Report – 5 recruits have been contacted. Please give Jane Boysen, Membership Chair, names and contact information of people interested in becoming Master Gardeners.
- IV. Darrue Stewart – Friends of the Forest - Friends of the Forest will be conducted May 2-4 from 8:00 until 1:30. All 5th graders in the county will be participating. Volunteers will lead the students to each of the forestry stations.
- V. Door Prize Drawing
- VI. Program – Denise Brown with AICC (Autauga Interfaith Community Center). The AICC started in 1998. Five denominations met to set up the program. Different churches contribute, with the focus on food, clothing and bill assistance. The contributions of the Master Gardeners represent the only fresh produce that the Center receives. The Montgomery Area Food Bank is the largest supplier of food, charging AICC 18 cents per pound. AICC also makes additional purchases of food items.
- VII. Break - Getting to Know You - Selected members introduced their new "gardening friend."
- VIII. Door Prize Drawing
- IX. Vice President Report – Nancy Waggoner - There is no scheduled program for April. Following the Membership Meeting, we will be preparing Prattville Garden for the plant sale. We will have a carpool trip to the Lee County Garden Tour on May 18th. A bus trip to Hills and Dales is scheduled for May 18th.
- X. Secretary Report – Linda Barry. A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Dian Owens and seconded by Shannon Mayes. The motion passed.
- XI. Spring Plant Sale – Linda Barry and Jane McCarthy discussed the April 29th plant sale. Members who wish to volunteer were requested to sign up on the Plant Sale Volunteer

list. Jane outlined the procedures for donating plants. On Thursday and Friday before the sale members are requested to bring plants and garden shoppe donations.

- XII. Treasurer Report – Dian Owens - Marty French moved to accept the report. Debbie Boutelier seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- XIII. President Report – Sondra Henley
 - a. Hummingbird Award – Adrienne Yarbrough presented the award to Dian Owens for her fund raising initiative with the coffee mugs, beer glass and refrigerator magnets, and for her continued efforts in the Prattvillage Garden. Reach for the Stars pins and Certificates were presented. Linda Barry, Kathy Hartman, Shannon Mayes and Dianne Wonderly received the Bronze Star. Elijah Pugh and Vicki Williamson received the Silver Star.
 - b. Conference facilities tour on March 23 at 2:00 at First Baptist Church. The church has offered its facilities for the AMGA conference in 2025.
 - c. Conference Round Table Discussions will start in May - with the date and time TBA
 - d. Extension office pruning today - Jane McCarthy will lead a pruning demonstration in front of the office after this meeting. MG Interns and other volunteers will prune the roses and weed the beds.
 - e. The Helpline needs volunteers for April, May, June, July, and August.
 - f. Herb Day will be held in downtown Montgomery on April 22nd.
 - g. Jane McCarthy will lead “Adopt a Houseplant and Plant Cutting Swap” on Tuesday, April 25th from 6-7:30 at the Prattville Library.
 - h. Member Concerns - Don Armstrong and Al Booth are ill.
- XIV. Old Business
- XV. New Business – Door Prize Drawing
- XVI. Adjourn – You may pick up your door prize at the Registration Desk