

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
General Business Meeting, January 3, 2017
Jane Bryant, Secretary

PRESENT: 24 trainees, 83 members

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. by president, Joyce Mendenhall. Joyce thanked Carol Butler and the Mentoring Committee for the refreshments and reception from 5:30-6:30 pm recognizing and thanking the 2016 Mentors. The Awards Committee also served refreshments honoring the award winners for 2016. Washington County Agent, Berni Kurz, expressed appreciation to the 2016 Executive Committee and the officers for their past year of service to the organization. He then introduced the 2017 Master Gardener officers, giving each a garden tool as a metaphor of their future service, and a charge for the new year.

Installed officers: President, Gail Pianalto; Vice President/Programs, Judy Smith; Secretary, Jane Bryant; Treasurer, Mike Wulf; At Large Board Members, Paula Dutton, Pam Johnson, Janet Brown.

2017 President Gail Pianalto presided over the remaining meeting. She announced and recognized Beverly Didier as Parliamentarian. The Minutes and Treasurer's report were not printed and distributed in December, thus, no move was taken to approve.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The new trainees were welcomed. Training dates are Jan. 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 in Elm Springs.

The winners of the December Photo Contest were announced: 1st place, Jody Miskell; 2nd place, Patsy Louk; 3rd place, Geri Alvis.

Kitty expressed the need for more participation. The theme for January is "Winter Landscapes."

Announcements:

Jan Judy announced that the City of Fayetteville is giving away **mulch** during the month of January to anyone. **Compost** is sold at the regular rate of \$20 per pickup load to Fayetteville residents only. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 8-3 pm and 1st Sat of the month. She also announced that the Elkins MG project will be planting a tree in honor of Becky West, a local resident who passed away recently. Becky was a great helper and friend to the city of Elkins.

The BGO 12 Gardens of Winter will be taking down decorations on Jan. 8, 10:30 am.

2016 Awards: Presented by Joyce Mendenhall, the following were awarded recognition:

Rob Hulse, Mayor of Lincoln - Friend of Master Gardener

"Yes I Can" - Jan Hayes

"Yes I Can" Rookie - Sara Hardin

Mentor of the year - Geri Alvis

Excellence in Education Project of the Year - Springdale for Monarchs

Committee members recognized: Mary McCully, Marty Powers, Alan Jarrett, Mary Ann Bardwell, Jack Bardwell, Rita Littrell

Master Gardener Project of the year - Lincoln Community Garden, Jim Sposato, Project Leader

Master Gardener Rookie of the Year - Paula Dutton

Master Gardener of the Year - Kitty Sanders

Volunteer Service Awards:

“Trowel” Award Recipients (200+ hours)

Gayle Howard
Beverly Didier
Jan Judy
Kitty Sanders
Susan Gardner
Carol Butler
Dorothy Carney
Jim Sposato
Geraldine Alvis
Chris Bell
Terry Smyers
Patsy Louk
Paula Dutton
Carol Gulley
Mary McCully
Gail Pianalto
Judy Smith
Peggy Waddell
Mary Beth Lohr

“Watering Can” Award Recipients (200+ hours for 5 years)

Mary Crumbly
Judie Branson
Dian Holmes
John King
Jan Lefler
Joyce Mendenhall
Robin Selman
Truman Stamps
Martha Ward
Margaret Barron

Perfect Attendance at Monthly meetings

Anita Backus
Gail Pianalto
Dolores Stamps
Truman Stamps

Five-Year Service Awards

Linda Auman
Anita Bukey
Tanya Collins
Susan Dawson
Ken Fladie
Jan Judy
Jody Miskell
Marty Powers
Bill Ross
Kitty Sanders
Tiffany Selvey
Nancy Sloan

Ten-Year Service Awards

Wilma Bonds
Mary Crumbly
Judy Hammond
Lorraine Heartfield
Judy Hyden
Kathy Launder

Lynn Sheridan
Truman Stamps
Susan Young

Fifteen-Year Service Awards
John Borbas
Kerri Russell

Gail Pianalto presented the outgoing president, Joyce Mendenhall, with a gift in appreciation for her service as 2016 president.

Thank you to all Washington County Master Gardener volunteers in 2016.

Special Report - Dolores Stamps

Truman Stamps builds “Little Free Library” boxes in his spare time. He and Dolores have distributed more than 65 “Little Free Library” boxes in Washington and nearby counties. They are looking for interested patrons to sponsor and monitor LFL. The boxes promote literacy and help to build community wherever they are placed. Books are placed in the boxes for anyone to take to read. The idea is that citizens will take and replace books. If interested, contact Dolores and Truman Stamps or visit littlefreelibrary.org. Dolores left bookmarks in seats of various members.

Move to Adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Minutes approved by Gail Pianalto, January 10, 2017