



**WCMG Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021**

Members Present: 92+

Extension Office Staff: Colin Massey

Quorum: Yes

The January 5 meeting of the WCMG was held via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Birkhead welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30pm.

Trainees: Colin Massey welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our new members from the 2020 training. Colin then read the names of the new members. We have a new group ready to start training in March.

Installation of Officers: The outgoing Executive Officers were recognized and thanked for their time and effort for making this a good year, in spite of the challenges of COVID.

President – Kathryn Birkhead

Vice President – Steve Brizzi

Secretary/Parliamentarian – Ruthanne Hill

Treasurer – Chris Bell

Assistant Treasurer – Wanda Gore

Past President – Susan Young

Members at Large – Linda Morrow, Diane Standefer, and Mel Zabecki

The incoming Executive Officers were recognized and asked if they agree to serve in 2021 to the best of their abilities. All agreed.

President – Kathryn Birkhead

Vice President – Karen Hanna-Towne

Secretary/Parliamentarian – Kim Hughes

Treasurer – Wanda Gore

Assistant Treasurer – Jill King

Past President – Susan Young

Members at Large – Randy Butler, LaDeana Mullinix and Jim Sposato

Business Meeting: President Kathryn Birkhead called the business part of the meeting to order at 6:43.

Approval of Minutes: Not available. Will be presented at February meeting.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Not available. Will be presented at February meeting.

Committee Reports

- Endowment Committee. Dolores Stamps thanked everyone for contributing to this account, and especially to the anonymous donor who matched all contributions.
- Mentoring Committee. Elizabeth Hale announced there will be a need for mentors for the new class for 2021, that will be held March – May.

Announcements:

- Photo of the month winners: 1st is Ruth Cohoon with her photo *Through the Garden Gate*. 2nd place went to Mary McCully with *Fall Water Trough*.
- The subject of the January contest is "Potpourri". Kitty stated this could be anything relating to an Arkansas garden. Submission deadline is January 15. More information can be found in the MG Volunteer Workbook.
- Susan Gardner said a few more recipes could still be submitted to her for the recipe collection of our traditional holiday dishes. The collection will be available for the February meeting.
- Chris Bell stated that a "mystery cash dues payment" was received at the Extension Office for 2021 dues from William Gardner. He is not a member, but was perhaps paying for someone else. Anyone with information about this, please call Chris.
- Kathryn reminded everyone that we get 2 hours of education credit for monthly meetings. Monthly board meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm and all are welcome to attend. Let Kathryn know if you want to be included on the email list for notification & links to Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Karen Hanna-Towne. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Awards Program – Joyce Mendenhall presented the winners of the year-end awards. The first four will be submitted to the state office for consideration in the state-wide contest.

1. **County Agent of the Year** – Colin Massey
2. **Newsletter of the Year** – Garden Thyme
3. **Master Gardener of the Year** – Truman Stamps
4. **Master Gardener Rookie of the Year** – Annie Moore
5. **Challenge Award** – Susan Gardner
6. **Yes, I Can Award** – Linda Morrow
7. **Yes, I Can Award - Rookie** - Elizabeth Hale
8. **Mentor of the Year** – Glen Robillard

9. Trowel, Watering Can and Wheelbarrow Awards

- **Trowel** – 200+ hours
 - Kathryn Birkhead
 - Doris Cassidy
 - Annie Moore
- **Watering Can** – 200+ hours for 5 or more years
 - Chris Bell
 - Susan Gardner
 - Patsy Louk
 - Jim Sposato
- **Wheelbarrow** – 200+ hours for 10 or more years
 - Kitty Sanders
 - Truman Stamps

Joyce will make sure people can pick up their awards at the Extension Office.

Colin also stated the awards would be available at the Extension Office. He added that he would send out the comments from the Chat box since there were so many congratulatory comments.

Kathryn asked Colin about the format of the new class. He stated that some of the modules will be the same, but there will be new ones as well. It will be run the same way as in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Hughes