

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting of November 6, 2018
Jan Lefler, Interim Secretary

Convened: 6:30 p.m.
PRESENT: 96 Members

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

President Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made and seconded and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the minutes from the October 2018 WCMG Meeting available on Website www.wcmgar.org and by Mailchimp e-mail. A motion was made and seconded and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the September 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report available on Website and by Mailchimp e-mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 11, 2018 WCMG Program. President Judy Smith announced the December program has been moved to the 2nd Tuesday of December and will be held at the Tyson Center. It is the Holiday Potluck Dinner; everyone is to bring a dish (salads, meats, vegetables, casserole, desserts). Jim Sposato will cook chicken for the dinner. Each WCMG may bring one guest. Seven Hills Shelter donations are encouraged; needs include canned protein goods, cold-weather hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, blankets, or sleeping bags.

January 8, 2019 WCMG Program. President Judy Smith announced the January program has been moved to the 2nd Tuesday of January due to New Year's Day on the 1st Tuesday. It will be held at the Tyson Center and is the WCMG Awards Program. Judy reminded WCMG members that nominations for the annual awards for Master Gardener of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Friend of Master Gardeners (individual and organization), Project of the Year, Excellence in Education, Mentor of the Year, and "Yes, I Can" are due Thursday, November 15, 2018. Nomination forms are located in your WCMG Volunteer Workbook and on website www.wcmgar.org.

2019 WCMG Membership Dues. Collection of 2019 WCMG membership dues will be collected through the month of November. Members may drop off their check or mail it to Washington County Extension Office, 2536 North McConnell, Fayetteville, AR 72704. After December 1, 2018, the 2019 WCMG annual dues will increase to \$25.

2019 New WCMG Training. President Judy Smith announced the one week of training is scheduled from Monday, January 29 – Saturday, February 2, 2019 during daytime hours. It will be held at the Extension Office. Applications have been mailed and interviews will be completed in November.

Moss Mountain Bus Trip Funds. President Judy Smith announced leftover funds from the WCMG Bus trip rental will be used to pay for the use of the Tyson Center for the December and January WCMG Programs.

Master Gardener Hours Recording. President Judy Smith reminded WCMG members and trainees to please record their volunteer hours. If questions, please contact **Annette Pinalto** at pianacjp@cox.net or **479-361-2007**. WCMG members' deadline for recording hours is December 15, 2018.

2018 WCMG Trainee Hours. President Judy Smith congratulated the trainees who completed the required 40 hours of work and 20 hours of education. They will receive their certificates and official WCMG Name badges at the December 11, 2018, WCMG Program.

2019 Master Gardener Calendars. President Judy Smith announced the 2019 Calendars are available for purchase of \$1 and make excellent gifts. Please contact **Patsy Louk** for calendar purchases.

John Gilbreath Memorial Gift. President Judy Smith announced that in John's memory, his wife has made a donation for two Sanctioned Projects – Jr. Master Gardeners (4H) and Garden Explorers. John was a WCMG member from 2013 to 2014 and enjoyed working with these children-focused projects.

November 6, 2018 WCMG Meeting, Page 2 NEW BUSINESS:

2019 WCMG Proposed Budget. The Finance Committee, chaired by Karen Jech, and members Chris Bell, Patsy Louk, and Wanda Gore prepared the proposed 2019 WCMG budget. A copy was provided to members through the November Garden Thyme newsletter, WCMG website, and by Mailchimp e-mail. A motion was made and seconded and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the 2019 WCMG Budget.

Sanctioned Project De-sanctioning. The Arkansas/Missouri Railroad Depot project has evolved and the depot has hired their own gardener. There is no longer a need for WCMG volunteers. A motion was made and seconded and a majority vote of "yes" was to approve the de-sanctioning of the project.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Website Committee. Website Committee chairperson Kitty Sanders reported on the results of the October WCMG Photo Contest. The October theme was **Native Plants**. First place was awarded to Judy Smith for her photo entitled Fall's Fuchsia Feathers. Second place was awarded to Geri Alvis for her photo entitled The Garden Jewel. Third place was awarded to Joyce Mendenhall for her photo entitled Beautyberry. The November theme is **Texture in the Garden**, and the December theme is **Fun in the Garden**. The Website Committee is recruiting additional members with website experience, especially in GoDaddy and Word Press programs. The committee is also asking for ideas for the 2019 Photo Contest themes. If interested in contributing ideas and/or talents, please contact Kitty Sanders.

SANCTIONED PROJECT REPORTS:

2018 Washington County Fair. Project chairperson Mary Crumley reported the 2018 County Fair was a great success. There were 427 exhibitors and 492 exhibits in Horticulture. Over 1500 WCMG hours were contributed during fair week. Over 5712 visitors came to the Horticulture Exhibits. The donation table collected \$409. She asked for all who volunteered to stand; and they were applauded. She encouraged those who donated 8 hours or more to attend a dinner at the Catfish Hole. She collected names of those who wanted to attend.

Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. Project co-chair Patsy Louk shared the many opportunities to volunteer time and talents at the BGO. Patsy and Gayle Howard co-chair the WCMG volunteers' activities. In 2017, WCMGs donated 4644 hours. These hours were earned by physical gardening, Butterfly House work, cleaning ponds, helping with BGO events/tours, office work, children's programs, etc. Patsy provided application forms for anyone interested in volunteering. The main BGO garden activities start in February 2019. A Volunteer Potluck for all 2018 BGO volunteers is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7.

Shiloh Museum Gardens. Project chairperson Marty Powers (with help from Susan Young) provided a slide show and video of the many activities involving WCMG volunteers at the Shiloh Museum gardens. In 2018, the Monarch Waystation garden has tripled in size. It is now considered a "Milkweed Mecca" containing seven different milkweed varieties for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Other period-appropriate plantings have been added around the historic buildings. Students are coming in ever-increasing numbers to the gardens for education and the garden experience. The presentation finale was a video of a Monarch butterfly release that enchanted meeting attendees.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: Vice President Susan Young introduced Dr. Val Eylands, co-owner (with wife Jana) of Ozark All Seasons Farm in Winslow, which specializes in the hydroponic production of lettuce, salad greens, and microgreens. He spoke and shared photos about his different career/life adventures and on the topic of Hydroponics.

After the program, Susan Young did the monthly drawing for door prizes.

Jan Lefler,
Interim Secretary

Attachment 1 – 2019 WCMG Budget

Reviewed/corrected/approved by President Judy Smith on 11/9/18.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	
2019 PROPOSED	
INCOME	
New Member Dues	\$360.00
Renewing Member Dues	\$4000.00
Sales – Ask a Master Books	
Donations/Gifts	
Merchandise	\$600.00
WaCo Fair Premium Donation	\$300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,260.00
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
	\$600.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,660.00
EXPENSES	
Awards	\$500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$60.00
Conferences / Training	\$800.00
IMG Conf or Regional conferences	
State Conference for V.P.	
Leadership Training Registration for 4	
Community Outreach	\$200.00
Technology	\$200.00
Memorials	\$150.00
Programs at MG Meetings	\$1,000.00
Rental of Venue (Tyson Bldg.)	\$450.00
Newsletter/Postage	\$50.00
Signage	\$50.00
Special Projects (selected by Exe. Comm.)	\$300.00
Sunshine Committee	\$ -
State Convention Contribution	\$100.00
Extension Grounds Project	\$500.00
Fair Premium Awards	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,660.00
GAIN/REDUCTION OF FUNDS	\$ -