



**WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
Minutes  
May 4, 2021**

**Present:** 95 Members; 8 Trainees; 3 Guests

**Quorum:** Yes

The January meeting of the WCMG membership was again held virtually with Colin Massey serving as host.

**Call to Order.** President Kathryn Birkhead called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of April Minutes.** Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Martha Haguewood and seconded by Mel Zabecki. Motion carried.

**Approval of March Treasurer's Report.** Motion to approve by Carolyn Griffith and seconded by Kitty Sanders. Motion carried.

**Committee reports**

- Website Committee.  
Kitty Sanders reported that they are studying aspects of a website design and trying to determine what is needed for our new website.
- Photography Committee.  
The theme this month was "Wooden Structures in the Garden". First place winner is Ruth Cohoon with *Wooden Bridge over Pond*. Second place winner is Wanda Carlin with *Flowers on Wall*. These photos can be seen in the *May Garden Thyme*. The deadline for the next contest is May 15. The topic is "Pets in the Garden".
- VA Garden Committee.  
Colin spoke about communication issues with the VA concerning the VA Garden. A letter was sent to them saying the project has been suspended for now until new plans can be made.

## Announcements

- Colin reported that the required 20 hours of education will stand through the year. Volunteer hours required are still to be determined, possibly in June. He asked us to try and work as much as we feel comfortable with, and to report our hours on the website. If you need to set up extra times to work, contact the chair of the project you want to work on.
- Botanical Garden of the Ozarks is planning on having their Terrific Tuesday programs June through August. If you are interested in volunteering, you will need to attend a training session either May 11 at 11 am, or May 13 at 6 pm. Go to the BGO website for more information.
- Appleseed Farms needs a volunteer who know how to use Quick Books. It will be for 10-15 hours per month and they would like someone that could make a 1-year commitment. Contact Tanya at tanya@appleseedsnwa.org.
- The Washington County Fair is on for this year. There will be a clean up on August 20 and 21. Plan to volunteer, if you can. Fair dates are August 24 – 28.
- The Saturday Crew of volunteers plans to work May 8 at the Elkins Community Center from 9 am through noon. All are welcome.
- There will be a watch party for the Master Gardener State Conference at the Washington County Extension Office on June 10 & 11, daily from 9 am – 3:30 pm. There is limited space, so let Kathryn know if you would like to attend. You must be registered for the state conference which has a deadline of May 17.
- Patsy Louk reported that County 76 will have a virtual auction from June 4 – 11, as part of the state conference. Items can be picked up at the Extension Office on Wednesday, June 16 from 3-7 pm. Funds raised will support the Janet B Carson Scholarship, County 76 programs, such as PNG Leadership Conference, and Annuals to Perennials program. Some of the items to be in the auction include a cedar potting bench, pallet wood planter box, decorated rain barrel, watering can, 2 fairy gardens, a butterfly wreath, 2 succulent pots, jewelry, a children's basket, two garden parties hosted by Talya Tate Boerner, and more.

### Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no other business to come before the group this month and with a motion to adjourn from Karen Hanna-Towne, the business meeting concluded at 7:04 pm.

Following the meeting a very informative program was presented by Dr. Joanne Westphal titled "Therapeutic Garden Design – Folklore to Contemporary Practice". The program was recorded and can viewed again at a later time if desired.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Hughes