

WCMG Membership Meeting
November 7, 2017

President Gail Pianalto called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Note: The October and November Minutes and the September and October Treasurer's Reports will be voted on in January.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Gail Pianalto asked the membership for a motion to de-sanction the Clinton House Museum. After the second there was a brief explanation of why the move was being made. There has been a change in the staff and the plan for the future of the garden. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Nominees for awards are due November 15. Annette Pianalto is accepting dues for \$20 in the lobby.

The Christmas Party will be held at the new Don Tyson Agriculture Center, December 5, 6:30 pm. Potluck dishes are requested. Jim Sposato will also cook pork loins. Trainees who have completed their hours will be recognized as full-fledged Master Gardeners. Members may bring one guest. Canned goods will be collected for Seven Hills Homeless Shelter.

Mary Crumley announced that the membership drive for the fair is on Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:00 PM, Thompson Hall at the fairgrounds. Mary is running for the Washington County Fair Board again. She encouraged folks to come vote for her. A fine meal is included that evening. Dues of \$10 goes to support scholarships for county youth.

Kitty Sanders announced the photo winners: September - Theme "Potpourri" 1st Georgia Ross, Tiger Swallowtail. 2nd Jody Miskell, Ferns at Crystal Bridges, 3rd Bill Ross, Froggie in Pot. October - Theme "Fall Bloomers" 1st Joyce Mendenhall, Sumac, 2nd Kitty Sanders, Busy Bee, 3rd Geri Alvis, Mums the Word. Fall Scapes and Vistas is next month's theme.

Judy Smith introduced Linda Williams Palmer, guest speaker. Linda is the well-known artist of the *Champion Trees of Arkansas*. Her medium is colored pencils. The Arkansas Agricultural Commission website, aad.arkansas.gov lists the locations of the Champion Trees of Arkansas. AETN has produced a documentary, *Champion Trees*, showing the actual trees and accompanying narratives. Champion trees are the biggest trees in the state. Her book, "The Champion Trees of Arkansas, An Artist's Journey," note cards, and prints were available for sale. Linda sees her work as art, nature and history. Each tree has a story. The many oohs and aahs were indicative of the appreciation for Linda's presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm