

WCMG Meeting  
September 5, 2017

There were 95 members present.

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

The August minutes were approved as printed on the website.

The July Treasurer's report was approved as printed on the website.

There was no old business:

New Business:

The slate of officers for 2018 was presented for a vote from the general membership. Those approved were:

Judy Smith, President

Susan Young, Vice-president

Carol Butler, Secretary

Karen Jeck, Treasurer

Jim MacLean, Member at large

Neta Winston, Member at large

Elizabeth Woods, Member at large

Jan Lefler read aloud the changes to the Bylaws as printed in the Garden Thyme and after brief discussion they were approved.

Donilyn Rutherford gave the highlights of The Clinton House Project. She presented a review of their work for 2017. The Clinton House became a sanctioned project last year. Jim and Linda MacLean and Donilyn and Chuck Rutherford took care of the gardens. The original director left and Sandra Bennett took over. Perennials and bulbs were planted. Later Angie Albright was hired as the director and wanted more Arkansas natives and hired Lisa Netherland as the new horticulturist. The beds at the Clinton House are called the First Ladies Garden.

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Due to the absence of Kitty Sanders, the photo winners for September will be announced next month.

Announcements:

Joyce Mendenhall and Gail Pianalto announced the Garden Explorers won a Grand Champion award at the Washington County Fair.

West Fork Master Gardeners are sponsoring a luncheon and presentation by Janet Carson on Thursday, September 21, 11:30-1:30 pm. Janet will review her new book, "Field to Feast," at 12:30 pm. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation. No reservations needed and the salad luncheon is free.

Master Gardener Appreciation Day, South Arkansas Arboretum, El Dorado, AR will be Oct. 9, 9 am-3 pm. If enough folks are interested a bus might go from Fayetteville. Contact Joyce Mendenhall if interested.

A Crystal Bridges event, "Discovering Lichens," will be held on Sat., Sept. 9:00-11:30. The program is free but registration is required.

The Botanical Garden of the Ozarks celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, Tuesday, October 10. Details to come.

The FGN Society presents Susan Jasen on Sept. 16, 9:30 am, at NW Technical Institute in Springdale. Program is free.

Mary Crumley thanked those who worked at the fair. Joanne Olszewski worked with the Washington County Environmental Affairs to add recycling to the Washington County Fair. Taco and Trash Night is sponsored by that office and they extended an invitation to our group. Around 316 pounds of produce was donated to local food pantries. Kudos to Mary Crumley. The audience responded with a rousing applause for the numerous hours she puts in to run the horticulture building.

Jan Lefler announced Headquarters House celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a WCMG sanctioned project. Betty Swope was presented a gift by the Washington County Historical Society in recognition of her longtime service to Headquarters

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House. Along with Kathryn McDuffie, the two were honored as serving the longest at Headquarters House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 30 pm.