

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Present: 86 members. Quorum: Yes

Tonight's presentation came first to accommodate our speaker, Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Brent's topic was "Tropical Paradise Garden with Summer Bulbs."

**Call to Order.** President Hanna Towne called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M.

**Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes.** Kathryn Birkhead moved and Darielle James seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of January's 2022 Treasurer's Report. Linda Morrow moved and Nancy Sloan seconded. Motion carried.

**Photo Contest Winners: Potpourri**

First Place: DeLee Holbert for "Reminder of Sunshine"

Second Place: Sarah Teague for "Pay Attention to See Me"

Third Place: Kathryn Birkhead for "Logs at Shiloh"

March's theme is Early Spring Bloomers.

**Old Business**

Peer Review Financial Inspection team is complete due to their diligent work and will be submitting to the Executive Committee on March 15. Many thanks to Jennifer and Darielle.

**New Business**

Training sessions will begin at the end of March. Colin Massey stated there are 53 interested in the WCMG program. The planning committee felt like it would help us more than hurt to have a spring training class so as not to have a backlog of people wanting to do the training. Currently, we are finding in-person speakers. The training will begin March 30, and continue April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes are usually capped at 30, and it may be under that number so that social distancing can be practiced. Some want to wait for the winter training class. Mentors are needed. Get in touch with Elizabeth Hale if interested in being a mentor.

Colin added that there are still some spots for Ask a Master. Get in touch with him if you're interested.

Brooke Spenser has agreed to be our new Historian and has begun working on the archives. All documents will be accessible from the Cloud and backed-up on a hard drive.

Many thanks to outgoing Historian, Renee Baldwin.

A mailing went out on February 22 regarding a Photo Release. If you haven't received one by early March, please email Karen and she'll send a copy to you electronically. Deadline is March 9. Our new website will launch in mid-March.

## **Announcements**

Project Chairs Meeting March 7, 3:30, at the Extension Office

State Conference Planning Progress. Patsy Louk stated that 255 Master Gardeners from across the state have registered so far, and 100 volunteers have registered. Registration ends April 18. With seven more weeks of registration, the preconference tour is full, 3 of 4 tours on Friday are full, and Thursday afternoon limited space seminars are full. All committees are working on their tasks and things will begin ramping up.

She also gave a plug for the Master Gardener calendar produced by County 76. The beautiful photos sent in for our newsletter are not automatically sent in for the calendar, so please send photos in for possible publication in the calendar. Friday, May 20, is the deadline for the 2023 calendar.

In Memoriam. A contribution to the Endowment Fund has been made in memory of Johnny and Vande Southerland who both worked at Mock Park. With no family contact information available, WCMG has not been able to let anyone know. If members know how to contact family or close friends, please let Colin know.

There being no other business, Darielle James moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Terrell, Secretary