

Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office and virtually via Zoom. Present: 90 members (39 in person, 51 on Zoom). Quorum: Yes

Tonight's presentation came first. Vice-President Linda Morrow introduced the speaker, Jennifer Ogle. Jennifer is a botanist, author, and collections manager of the University of Arkansas Herbarium. Jennifer discussed the purpose and work of the UA Herbarium as well as *Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of Arkansas*, the book she co-authored with Theo Witsell and Johnnie Gentry.

Project Reports

Jim Sposato gave a report on the Lincoln Community Garden. The bounty from the garden is given to the Senior Center and G.R.A.C.E. Place. He shared the list of Lincoln Community Partners as well as photos and a video of the garden and loads of vegetables grown and given away.

Call to Order: Vice-President Linda Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. She stated she was using the agenda and slides prepared by President Karen Hanna-Towne who was absent due to COVID.

Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes: Judy Smith noted that the garden tour is no longer Through the Garden Gate, but just Garden Gate. Pam Johnson moved to approve the minutes, and Martha Haguewood seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of June 2022 Treasurer's Report: Susan Young moved, and Judy Sartwell seconded. Motion carried.

Master Gardeners in the News:

Joanne Olszewski, Peg Kohnert, Kathy Launder, and Judy Reighter were photographed working at the Firefly Fling at BGO. Ruth Cohoon was awarded the Silver Cane Award from the Lions Club. Marty Powers was on KNWA.

Photo Contest Winners: *Birds in My Yard, Birds in My Garden*

First Place: "Woody" by Geri Alvis

Second Place: "Holding Court" by Marion Stevens

Third Place: "Bird Rescue" by Diane Oliver

August's theme is Shade Gardens

September's theme is Butterflies/Insects in the Garden

As always, the deadline to submit a photo is the middle of the month. If you want to submit a photo, fill out the form and send it to Kitty Sanders by the 15th.

Old Business

Kathryn Birkhead reported that the Saturday Crew now has almost twenty signed-up. If anyone wants to get the Saturday Crew news, let Kathryn know.

Finance Committee: Jill King, Darielle James, Joanne Olszewski, and Glenda Patterson will develop the 2023 budget. Members will vote for approval at the November meeting.

Linda reported the Annuals to Perennials Watch Party held July 18, 2022, at the Shiloh Meeting House was a success. Twenty-one people met in a wonderful setting. Special thanks to Liz Hale for getting the place, Karen Hanna-Towne for the tech set-up, all the mentors who volunteered, and to Pam Johnson and Delcina Cunico for the treats.

New Business

The Nominating Committee has presented the Slate of Officers, published in the Garden Thyme. The slate includes Joanne Olszewski for President, Elizabeth Hale for Vice-President, Kathy Launder for Secretary, Glenda Patterson for Assistant Treasurer, and Members-at-Large: Nicholas Sammer, Linda Cook Smith and Dale Thomas. Darielle James will become Treasurer and Karen Hanna-Towne will be Past President. Members will vote at the September meeting. Thanks to Kathryn Birkhead, Doris Cassidy, and Annette Pianalto for serving as the Nominating Committee.

Announcements

2023 Garden Gate Chair is Diane Standefer, and Karen Smenner will assist. After they organize a little more, the tour committee will be looking for more members.

Board approved policy changes. Officers and chairs will submit final reports to Historian for Archives. Deaths of spouses and children of members will be noted in the newsletter.

Colin announced that long-time and well-loved Master Gardeners, Ricky and Ginger Candrilli, asked him to let the group know Ricky is suffering from ALS and in rather advanced stages. Colin said he knew cards, letters, or calls to Ginger and Ricky would be appreciated.

Susan Young announced that Ruth Cohoon should be acknowledged for being inducted into the U of A Sports Hall of Fame.

There being no other business, Ruth Cohoon moved to adjourn the business meeting, and Delcina Cunico seconded. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Terrell, Secretary