

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 2023**

The meeting was held in-person at the Don Tyson Center. Zoom was unavailable for the meeting. Present: 120 members Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: President Joanne Olszewski called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the November 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Kathryn Birkhead moved to approve the minutes from January 3, 2023, and Kitty Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the November Treasurer's report:

Linda C. Smith moved to approve the November Treasurer's report, and Diane Sandefur seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the December Treasurer's report:

Darielle James moved to approve the December Treasurer's report, and Karen Hanna-Towne seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Membership Directory:

Please contact information changes to Marsha West, Membership/Directory Chair, marsha.i.west@gmail.com

Please send updated photos to Susan Young staymoreark@gmail.com

Report of Member survey by Nicholas Sammers Ad Hoc Committee chair:

147 members have filled out the survey; will extend the closing date to February 8, 2023. Reminder we want your input, and participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of five gift certificates to White River Nursery.

January Photo Contest Winners: Topic Potpourri

1st place - Sarah Tegue

2nd place – Marsha West

3rd place – Geri Alvis

Announcements:

2023 Basic Training – Alfi Anderson

Please contact her if you would like to assist her during the new training event. All of the new trainees that were present at the meeting were recognized.

Agenda Deadlines:

If there is a member who would like to be on the Executive Board meeting agenda, please have this information to Joanne Olszewski the Tuesday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month. WCMG.Joanne@gmail.com

February Photo Contest Theme: Cacti & Succulents

All photos are due February 15th

March Meeting:

This meeting will be held at UAEX, no zoom option.

Meet the Class of 2023 Trainees led by Alfi Anderson.

A project Fair led by Nancy Sloan and Regina Gabel will be held.

New Business:

2022 Master Gardener Awards by Joyce Mendenhall and Jan Lefler

The awards committee – Chris Bell, Patsy Louk, Kitty Sanders, Susan Young, Joyce Mendenhall.

2022 WCMG FRIEND (INDIVIDUAL)

Mike Cassidy

2022 WCMG “YES, I CAN AWARD”

Patsy Louk

2022 Rookie “YES, I CAN AWARD”

Aileen Wilson

2022 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Kristi Campbell

2022 WCMD OF THE YEAR

Jayne Laster

2022 TROWEL AWARD

This award started in 2011. The county award recognizes a WCMG or Trainee who has recorded 200+ hours for 1 – 4 consecutive years.

Alfi Anderson	Mary McCully	Kathryn Birkhead	James McGinty
Marilyn Misenhimer	Kristi Campbell (Rookie)		Jody Miskell
Paula Dutton	Annie Moore	Elizabeth Hale	Karen Hanna-Towne
Jill King	Aileen Wilson (Rookie)	Terry Kinsey	Susan Young

2022 WATERING CAN AWARD

This award began in 2016. The county award recognizes a WCMG who has recorded 200+ hours for 5-9 consecutive years.

Geri Alvis	Mary Beth Lohr	Chris Bell	Patsy Louk
Doris Cassidy	Gail Pianalto	Susan Gardner	Jim Sposato
Neta Winston			

2022 WHEELBARROW AWARD

This award began in 2020. The county award recognizes a WCMG who has recorded 200+ hours for 10 or more consecutive years.

Jan Lefler	Joyce Mendenhall	Kitty Sanders	Martha Ward
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There were No Nominations for the following awards:

WCMG 2022 Project of the Year award

WCMG 2022 Mentor of the Year award

WCMG 2022 Excellence in Education of the Year award

WCMG 2022 Friends of Master Gardeners (Organization)

2022 Recorded Volunteer Hours

Washington County Master Gardeners

2537 – Committee hours

15,942 – Project Hours

507 – Non-Sanctioned Hours

8716 – Education Hours

2022 WCMG Volunteers Hours

Most Project Hours Recorded

1. Botanical Gardens Projects – 3,793
2. State MG Conference – 3,287
3. Headquarters House – 1,181

2022 Recorded Volunteer Hours for Washington County

Total Hours – 27,702

The motion made to adjourn at 7:45 by Judi Sartwell, seconded by Jodi Miskell.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Launder, Secretary