

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday April 4, 2023**

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Zoom was unavailable for the meeting.
Present: 53 members. Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: President Joanne Olszewski called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Introduction of the program by Liz Hale: "Secrets of a Botanical Garden" Best management practices that result in garden successes, presented by Charles Kelly, Executive Director of the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks and Bernie Kurz, Director of Horticulture BGO.

Business Meeting:

Approval of March 2023 Minutes:

Delores Stamps moved to approve the minutes, Aimee Payne seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of February Treasurer's Report:

Terry Merchant moved to approve the treasurer's report, and Judi Sartwell seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Water Bottles: To be sold at a discount once number of members who wish to purchase one, sign-up sheet at the member sign in. These water bottles will be dish-washer safe, stainless steel and have MG logo on them. The order will be placed next week.

March Photo Contest Winners: Spring Bulbs

1st place – Nancy Sloan "After a Spring rain"

2nd place – Teri Kinsey "Worth the Trip"

3rd place – Aileen Wilson "Eye on Spring"

Announcements:

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

Carpenter Bee Traps: Steve Brizzi phone number - 870-350-6606

The bee traps are a \$10.00 donation to the Endowment fund. These traps are used to relocate carpenter bees from wood they are burrowing into that is undesirable.

VA Garden Program:

Assistance needed for dirt work, layout irrigation, putting together raised beds and planting a pollinator garden. Work days: Tuesdays at 9:00, Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00.

April Photo Contest Theme: Flowering Trees & Shrubs

Due the 15th of each month.

May meeting:

The next meeting, May 2, 2023 will be at the Extension office and a zoom link will be available. The topic will be: Dr. Erica Westerman, the U of A Westerman lab, which studies butterfly behavior.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary,
Kathy Launder