

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday May 2, 2023**

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Zoom was unavailable for the meeting.
Present: 92 members Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: President Joanne Olszewski called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Introduction by Kitty Sanders of the program “A Butterfly’s Perspective of Flower Preferences, Wing Patterns and Development of the World’s Most Colorful Pollinators,” presented by Dr. Erica Westerman, a tenured associate professor of comparative invertebrate biology at the University of Arkansas and manager of the Westerman Lab.

Business Meeting

Approval of April 2023 Minutes:

Diane Standefer moved to approve the minutes; Jim Sposato seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of March Treasurer’s Report:

Mariette Spidel moved to approve the treasurer’s report; Karen Hanna Towne seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

The 100 water bottles are here to purchase for \$5.00 each. You may pay by check, Zelle or cash. Pre-orders will be served first.

New Business

Ad Hoc Plant Label Committee Update by Dale Thomas:

Dale explained the label making process for plant markers that will be used at each garden for the Garden Gate Tour. A workable data base is also being developed for future use. This group would like to become a sanctioned project.

Sanctioned Project Report

Garden Gate Tour: Karen Semmner & Diane Standefer, Chairs

The tour will take place on June 3, 2023 9:00-4:00 with volunteers arriving at 8:30. The Compost Sight, Mary Oxford and Kathy Launder are WCMG whose gardens are on the tour. A QR Code will be on posters at the local nurseries and at each garden on the tour.

Veterans Community Garden: Mo Shamseldin, Chair

Mo explained how the project has slowed due to grading issues at the site, with hopes to get back on track in a couple of months.

Arkansas Air & Military Museum: Jim McGinty, Chair

This is a Saturday work crew, pulling weeds and beautifying the beds. There will be color all summer due to the previous plantings.

The Importance of Recording Your WCMG Hours Quarterly

Recording hours are used as a tool in making decisions which affect the entire WCMG program.

April Photo Contest: Flowering Trees & Shrubs

1st place – Sarah Teague “Quite Taken with Quince”

2nd place – Kathryn Birkhead “Early Bloomer”

3rd place – Judy Smith “Clouds of Fragrance”

Announcements

Newsworthy WCMGs

Women in History Honorees – Glenda Patterson

Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award – Kathryn Birkhead

Sprucing Things Up – AR Gazette – Luanne Diffin

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WCMG Years of Service Recognition

5 Years Service – Kaleb Allee, Doris Cassidy, Camille Gollon, Wanda Gore, Ruthanne Hill, Debbi Mohler, Michael Mohler, Brandy Molloy, Lisa Owen, Glen Robillard, Sarah Teague.

10 Years Service – Tamara Burnett, Beverly Didler, Susan Gardner, Carole Jackson, Elaine Mills, Judi Sartwell, Ken Sartwell, Jim Sposato, Joyce Veasey.

15 Years Service *Life Member* – Jan Lefler, Gail Pianalto, Phyllis Wilkins, Elizabeth Woods.

25 Years Service *Life Member-Plus* - Delcina Cunico.

Agenda Deadlines

If there is a member who would like to be on the Executive Board meeting agenda, please have this information to Liz Hale the Tuesday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

LizHaleARMG@gmail.com

Carpenter Bee Traps

These traps are for Sale at \$10.00 each with the proceeds going to the “Endowment Fund”. We advocate for a “Release in the woods approach” verses extermination.

May 2023 Photo Contest Theme

Something in the Garden that Makes You Happy!

Photos due by the 15th of the month

wcmgar.org/photo-of-the-month-competition

Next Meeting

Potluck Picnic:

- 6:30 to 8 p.m. on June 6
- Willard & Pat Walker Pavilion in Agriculture Park
- 1167 W. Knapp St., Fayetteville 72704

Please bring with you to the picnic:

- Covered dish
- Plate & eating utensils
- Non-alcoholic drink
- Lawn chair
- Susan Young (a.k.a. "Compost Queen") will lead us in our composting efforts at the picnic.

Potluck Picnic MG Swag Swap (in person only)

- MG Swag Swap Table – Drop off your clean donations before the picnic to Karen Hanna-Towne, who will sort by size.
- Class of 2023 will be allowed 1st pick.
- Limit: 1 piece of swag.

Needed Potluck volunteers:

- Volunteers needed at 4 pm to set up.
- Volunteers needed to assist with clean up and replacing tables and chairs to onsite storage.
- Contact Program Committee co-chairs **Pam Johnson** or **Delcina Cunico** to volunteer

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Launder
Secretary