

Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday August 1, 2023

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Zoom was available for the meeting. Present: 62 members, Zoom 29 members Quorum: Yes

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

Introduction to the program: by Terry Smyers the sister-in-law of the presenter, Kay Shearer.

- Kay started her hobby gardening with her grandmother and mother. She started with her first daffodil in 1981.
- Over the years she has been awarded Best in Show, Directors award in 2019 and 2023. In 2014 her yard was on the garden tour for the American National Daffodil Convention.
- Kay has been a Master Gardener in Garland County and a member of the American Daffodil Society for 22 years. She lives in Hot Springs and has over 450 varieties growing in her yard. Kay also is a daylily enthusiast, with over 400 varieties.

Daffodils Have Class by Kay Shearer

Business Meeting:

Approval of July 2023 Minutes:

Mariette Spidel moved to approve the minutes, Geri Alvis seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of June Treasurer's Report:

Linda Smith moved to approve the treasurer's report, and Delcina Cunico seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Volunteer work hours and unfinished trainee policies:

- The board has voted to allow up to 50% of volunteer hours to be done on non-sanctioned projects and standardized the policy on unfinished trainees.
- All changes enacted or proposed follow Arkansas Master Gardener policies.

Washington County Fair - Doris Cassidy

- Policy change
 - Must wear name tag
 - Enter at the 1950 W. Knapp St. gate

Ask A Master – Laura Wilkins

- It is cool inside answering phones
- Volunteer to answer the Ask a Master phones

Headquarters House Sanctioned Project Update – Jan Lefler, Terry Smyers, Geri Alvis, and Wanda Gore

- Presentation of the historic Headquarters house, showing pictures of the gardens and the many volunteers assisting with this project.

July Photo Contest Winners – Critters in the Garden

1st place – Kitty Sanders – “Wonder What’s in Here”

2nd place tie – Mary McCully – “Hidden Blue Surprise”

2nd place tie – Danna Gear – “Weeding Helpers at Headquarters House”

Announcements:

Jacqueline Froelic’s “Ozarks at Large” July 12th Podcast at KUAF.com features West Fork’s new ordinance regarding ecologically beneficial landscapes.

- Go to KUAF.com to hear the July 12, 2023 podcast.

June 2023 Quorum Court meet and greet – photo by Aileen Wilson
Wildflower Arrangements:

Family Program at West Fork Summer Reading Series
Photo by Aileen Wilson

Austin Kennon,

Member of the

“Old-Timer’s Showmanship” club

Won \$110 - which he donated to the WCMGs

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.org

September Photo Contest : Flowering Perennials

Deadline is August 15th

Next Meeting September 5th

- **Tas Zinck & Chase Jones, Biodesic Consulting Firm Present:**
 - **“Permaculture-Based Edible Landscapes”**

Water Bottles – all sold!

Adjournment at 8:10 pm

Motion made by Ruthann Hill

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder

Secretary