

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday December 5, 2023**

The meeting was held in-person at the Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences. Zoom was unavailable for this meeting. Present: 75 members, Guests 27 members Quorum: Yes

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

Our Mission Statement:

As horticulturally trained volunteers, Master Gardeners extend research based information through demonstration and educational programs using horticulture best practices, strengthening communities and families throughout Arkansas.

Business Meeting:

Are there any corrections to the Minutes from the November 7, 2023, WCMG monthly meeting as posted as a link in the December 2023 Garden Thyme newsletter? There were no corrections, the minutes stand approved as posted.

Are there any questions on the October 2023 Treasurer's Report as posted as a link in the December 2023 Garden Thyme newsletter. There were no corrections; the report will be filed for audit.

November Photo Contest Winners – Fall Colors

1st place – Vicki Spencer – “Misty Morning”

2nd place – Aimee Payne – “Pepper Boots! Too Cute”

3rd place – Delcina Cunico – “Autumn Brilliance”

3rd place tie – Kathy Launder – “Golden Leaves – No Worries”

Fall 2023 Self-Paced Online Training Participants:

Jodie Arrington-Franklin

Sheri Bucciferro

David Edwards

Rick Oliver

Catalina Restrepo

Carlie Willet

January - February 2024 In-Person Training Participants:

John Ball
Sharon Ferguson
Peter Gavin
Gerry Harris
Haley Hausam
Courtney Kirkpatrick
Ronda Marks
Stephanie McGuire
Lucy Day Ozanne
Conner Peterson
Bruce Redinger
Pam Salamo
Thalita Santos
Patty Stith
Hayot Tychiev
Laura Anne Watson
Vicky Willis
Laura Winburn
Linda Womack

Announcements:

Special thanks:

Susan Young, WCMG Compost Queen, for tonight's composting with the City of Fayetteville! Susan's the one with the "compost claw" at the back of the room. Help her "feed" the bin.

2024 Dues are Due Now

- \$20 if paid by 11/30/2023 • \$25 if paid 12/1/2023 or later
- Beginning today, write a check or money order to CES (Cooperative Extension Service) or hand-deliver cash (cash receipts are required to those who pay in cash.)

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

January Photo Contest - Potpourri

Due December 15th

For more information:

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

February Photo Contest – Beauty in the Garden

January 15th

For more information:

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

2023 Washington County Master Gardener Awards

30 Nominations Submitted

Rookie of the Year – 4

Joyce Mendenhall Yes, I Can (Rookie) – 2

Mimi Cox Mentor of the Year – 2

Master Gardener of the Year – 7

Joyce Mendenhall Yes, I Can (MG) – 4

Excellence in Education – 1

Individual Friend of WCMGs – 3

Business/Organization Friend of WCMGs – 2

Project of the Year – 5

Duplicate nominations for Rookie (1), MG (2), Individual Friend (1) & Project (2)

Recorded 24,147.25 Hours through November 2023

by 184 WCMGs (includes Lifetimers)

Sanctioned Projects - 13,031.75

Sanctioned Committees - 3,218.25

Non-Sanctioned Work - 593.25

Education – 7,304

Reporting 2023 MG Volunteer Hours Deadline is Friday, December 15, 2023

1. Report ALL your volunteer hours - ALL education and work/project hours - as they are very important to your county and state program. Hours count towards UAEX and MG funding.
2. Lifetime Members (15-year members) - Report all your hours, please. To accrue hours toward Lifetime Plus status, you need to report at least 10 project/work hours.
3. Lifetime Plus Members (beyond 15 years) – Must report at least 10 work/project hours each year past year 15 in order to receive Lifetime Plus designation. Lifetime plus is a pin for 20 year, 25 years, 30 years and 35 years.
4. New members of the fall 2023 Self-Paced Online Class - You will begin reporting your hours in 2024 since the classes end in December this year. Once you are entered in the online reporting system by the AR MG program, you will be notified by our county online reporting managers Annette Pianalto and Kathryn Birkhead, who will give instructions for reporting your hours in 2024.
5. New members of the 2024 In-Person Class – Please see above.
6. Certified WCMGs - Log into the online reporting system ASAP if you have NOT logged into the system this year. Please do not wait until the deadline to log into the system for the first time this year – you will be shown no pity or mercy for your delay. Phone a friend if you need assistance.

Garden Thyme:

Our primary source of news and information, takes the month of January off each year – so please plan accordingly.

Next Meeting – January 2, 2024 – Zoom option available

Varying Sources of Soil Amendments – Tammy Holder - Associate Professor of Agronomy and General Farm Manager, College of the Ozarks

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathy Launder,
Secretary

