

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday January 2, 2024**

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Zoom was not available for the meeting. Present: 61 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.

Recognition of 2023 Officers:

President - Joanne Olszewski

Past President – Karen Hanna Towne

Vice President – Liz Hale

Secretary – Kathy Launder

Treasurer – Darielle James

Assistant Treasurer – Glenda Patterson

Members at Large – Nicholas Sammer, Linda C. Smith, Dale Thomas

Parliamentarian – Ruthanne Hill

Installation of 2024 Officers:

President – Liz Hale

Past President – Joanne Olszewski

Vice President – Alfi Anderson

Secretary – Kathy Launder

Treasurer – Glenda Patterson

Assistant Treasurer – Marilyn Misenhimer

Members at Large – Carole Ball, Marty Powers, Mariette Spidel

Parliamentarian – not appointed for 2024

Housekeeping Rules:

No Snapdragons or Prickly Pears

“As a courtesy to the members and guest speaker, please take your conversations outdoors (that does not mean outside in the hallway where we can still hear

you.)” Randy Forst, AR MG Coordinator 8/5/2023 at the Plant-Nurture-Grow Leadership Conference

Speaker Presentation – Introduced by Alfi Anderson

Varying Sources of Soil Amendments by Tammy Holder

Tammy, Associate Professor of Agronomy and General Farm Manager, College of the Ozarks

December Photo Contest Winners – Winter Garden

1st Place – “Hang On” - Geri Alvis

2nd Place – “Berries and Icy Snow” - Patsy Louk

3rd Place – “Blooms in Winter” - Kathy Launder

WCMG – Class of 2023 Graduating Trainees

Carole Ball

Patricia Brown

Robert Callier

Jacob Campbell

J R Capps

Matt Cooper

Haley Deatherage

Luanne Diffin

Susan Donnangelo

Jessica Friedel

James Fraley

Roxanne Gallup

Carrie Gamble

Fredy Garibay

Danna Grear

Lisa Herrington

Gari James

Stacy Lake

Judy McDonald

Bob Pate

Sally Schoen

Jennifer Stewart

Laura Underwood

Dana Wikholm

WCMG – Class of 2023 Graduating Trainees and Their Mentors

Carole Ball – Karen Hanna-Towne
Patricia Brown – Kitty Sanders & Judy Smith
Robert Callier – Randy Butler
Jacob Campbell – Pam & Randy Butler
J R Capps – Jim Sposato
Matt Cooper – Linda Bennett-Smith
Haley Deatherage – Paula Dutton & Aileen Wilson
Luanne Diffin – Peg Konert
Susan Donnangelo – Loraine Heartfield & Linda Morrow
Jessica Friedel – Kathy Launder
James Fraley – Liz Hale
Roxanne Gallup – Patsy Louk
Carrie Gamble – Judy Sartwell
Fredy Garibay – Nicholas Sammer
Danna Grear – Chris Bell
Lisa Herrington – Talya Tate Boerner
Gari James – Doris Cassidy
Stacy Lake – Jody Miskell
Judy McDonald – Talya Tate Boerner
Bob Pate – Lynette Terrell
Sally Schoen – Marilyn Misenhimer
Jennifer Stewart – Laura Wilkins & Lindsay Neely
Laura Underwood – Chris Bell
Dana Wikholm – Jim Sposato

Potential Class of 2024 Washington County Master Gardeners

Fall 2023 Self-Paced Online Training Participants who Completed the Modules:

Jodie Arrington-Franklin
Sheri Bucciferro
David Edwards
Rick Oliver
Catalina Restrepo
Carlie Willett

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
Connor Peterson
Bruce Redinger
Pam Salamo
Thalita Santos
Patty Stith
Hayot Tuychiev
Laura Anne Watson
Laura Winburn
Linda Womack

WCMG – Potential Class of 2024 Graduating Trainees and Their Mentors

Jodi Arrington-Franklin – Kristi Campbell
John Ball – Gail Pianalto
Sheri Bucciferro – Liz Hale
David Edwards – Steve Brizzi
Sharon Ferguson – Delores & Truman Stamps
Peter Gavin – Mike Mohler
Gerry Harris – Karen Hanna-Towne
Haley Hausam – Kathryn Sampson-Stinson
Courtney Kirkpatrick – Aimee Payne
Ronda Marks – Linda Bennett-Smith
Stephanie McGuire – Jim Sposato & Alfi Anderson
Rick Oliver – Marty Powers
Lucy Day Ozanne – Chris Bell
Connor Peterson – Matt Cooper
Bruce Redinger – Randy Butler
Catalina Restrepo – Kathryn Birkhead

Pam Salamo – Sara Cain-Bartlett
Thalita Santos – Lynette Terrell
Patty Stith – Doris Cassidy
Hayot Tuychiev – Carrie Gamble
Laura Anne Watson – Jayne Laster
Carlie Willett – Mariette Spidel
Laura Winburn – Kathy Launder
Linda Womack – Susan Donnangelo

Class of 2024 In-Person MG Basic Training: Helpers Needed

- Training Helpers needed MON-WED-FR: MON, 1/22 through FR, 1/31/2024
- To Volunteer, contact: Alfi Anderson TheGabbyGardener@gmail.com or Patsy Louk PJLouk@gmail.com

2024 Member Resource Guide & Directory

- Send updates by 1/15
- To Jan Lefler JanLefler@cox.net

Membership Directory Updates, e.g., - Mail Address - Email - Head Shot

- Contact information updates (mailing address and/or email address) to Linda C. Smith smithlindacook@gmail.com
- New photos (head shots) to Susan Young staymoreark@gmail.com

Recorded 28,634 Hours through 12/15/2023 - by 210 WCMGs (includes Lifetimers)

- Sanctioned Projects - 15,525
- Sanctioned Committees - 3,506
- Non-Sanctioned Work - 637
- Education - 8,966

Value of 2023 WCMG Volunteer Work Hours

- 210 WCMGs volunteered, including 5 Lifetime-Plus and 23 Lifetime Members.
- 19,668 hours x \$25.66 per hour = \$504,680.88

Remember to track ALL WCMG hours from 12/16/23 through 1/15/2024, when the Online Reporting System is to re-open. Simply place ALL your hours on an open date in 2024.

February & March meetings

- No zoom options are available
- 2/6/24 at Tyson Center Class of 2023 Graduation and 2023 WCMG Awards Ceremony
- 3/5/24 at offsite location TBD Meet the Class of 2024 Trainees and Project Fair

Announcements:

Agenda Items/Announcements:

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

Garden Thyme

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

2/6/2024 Meeting

- At Waldrip Hall, Don Tyson Center
- (no Zoom option)
- ***Class of 2023 Graduation***
- ***2023 WCMG Awards Presentation***

Adjournment at 7:45 pm

**Respectfully Submitted by
Kathy Launder
Secretary**