

Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting Tuesday May 7, 2024

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Present: 94 members
Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: President Liz Hale called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

Vice President, Alfi Anderson introduced guest speaker, Richard Wagnon – Owner, Grant Wilson – Green house Manager of Good Life Farms in Bentonville. The Benefits of Vertical Growing Sustainability via Hydroponics presentation by Grant Wilson.

Business Meeting:

- Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024, WCMG monthly meetings as listed via link in the May 2024 Garden Thyme newsletter.
- Approval of March 2024 Treasurer Reports as listed via link in the May 2024 Garden Thyme newsletter.

April Photo Contest Winners – Theme Flowering Trees and Shrubs

- 1st Place – Jody Miskel – “April Tree Peony”
- 2nd Place – Amiee Payne – “Prairie Fire and Rain drops”
- 3rd Place – Kathy Launder – “You can bloom even if it is cold!”

Hillcrest Towers

- Needs Garden Assistance (Fayetteville Housing Authority)
- Mary Finch Community Engagement Coordinator
- Discussion of three gardens – need guidance of what are plants and weeds
- Working with Teri Kinsey and “Saturday Crew”
- Will be two work day and considered an unsanctioned project

2023 Arkansas Master Gardener Award Winners

- Cheer Them On at the AR MG State Conference
 - Thursday May 30th in Hot Springs
- Arkansas Master Gardener 2023 Mimi Cox Mentor of the Year Award (large programs)
 - Patsy Louk (class of 2009)

- Arkansas Master Gardener 2023 Individual Friend of the Year (large program, 51+ members)
 - Gilbert Alvis (Geri's husband)
- Arkansas Master Gardener 2023 Newsletter of the Year (large program, 51 + members)
 - Judy Smith, managing editor/submissions; Mary McCully, editor/submissions; Pam Butler, reporter; Olivia Harrington, reporter; Lynette Terrell, reporter; and Susan Young, production assistant.

Thank you for Showing Mother Earth some Love on Earth Day!

Thanks to our Organizers:

- **Mariette Spidel** – Chief Mother Earth Lover!
- **Geri Alvis** – Compost Demonstration Site Co-Chair
- **Tanya Collins** – Community Outreach Chair
- **Laura Underwood** – Publicity Chair
- **Susan Young** – Communications Chair

And a *special thank-you* to **all our participants!**

Recorded Hours through April 2024 – 109/289 WCMG

- Sanctioned Projects – 2,750.5
- Sanctioned Committees – 1,261.75
- Non- sanctioned Work – 191.5
- Education – 1,684.25

Value of WCMG Volunteer Work Hours through April

- All volunteers work hours – 4,203.75 = \$107,868.22

Busy Bee Awards

- Why: To celebrate and award more
- WCMGs for their contributions.
- Who: Everyone that records 50 hours of sanctioned work (project or committee).
- When: WCMGs recognized in our monthly meeting, beginning in April (based on monthly online hours report).
- What: Recipients will be awarded a pewter lapel pin.

April 2024 Recipients:

- Chris Bell, Class of 2015
- Kathryn Birkhead, Class of 2017
- Kristi Campbell, Class of 2022
- Pam Salamo, Class of 2024 – 1st Year MG/Trainee
- Janice Walker, Class of 2021
- Laura Wilkins, Class of 2002
- Aileen Wilson, Class of 2022
- Susan Young, Class of 2007 -Lifetime Member

Years of Volunteer Service Recognition – 5 Years

- Talya Boerner
- Mickey Boetel
- Pam Butler
- Margo Clark
- Karen Hanna-Towne
- Margaret Herold
- Steve Lisle
- Vicki Mayo
- James McGinty
- Susie McKinney
- Marilyn Misenhimer
- Alan Ostner
- Dale Thomas
- Jane Van Tuyl
- Suzanne Wasiluk
- Mary Wood
- Mel Zabecki

Years of Volunteer Service Recognition – 10 Years

- Anita Backus
- Sandra Bice
- Regina Gabel
- Mary Beth Lohr
- Marsha West

Years of Volunteer Service Recognition – 15 Years Life Time Name Badges

- Carolyn Griffith
- Martha Haguewood
- Judy Henbest
- Darielle James
- Pam Johnson
- Peggy Konert
- Patsy Louk
- Kendra Mattal
- Joanne Olszewski
- Berta Seitz
- Terry Smyers

Years of Volunteer Service Recognition – Life Time Plus 20 Years Service Pins

- Mary Ann Bardwell
- Martha Ward

Years of Volunteer Service Recognition – Life Time Plus 30 Years Service Pins

- Carolyn Newburn

June 4th WCMG Membership Meeting – **Potluck Picnic** near Neighbor's Garden at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

- 506 E Douglas St, 72753
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. BYOB (no alcohol), a **dish to share**, your own dining supplies & container to take your dirty dishes, and a folding chair.

- Grilled Item request – includes hotdogs, hamburgers, Cheese burger, veggies
 - An email with sign for grilled request will be sent out to MG members

Adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Launder,
Secretary