

**Washington County Master Gardeners Business Meeting
Tuesday October 1, 2024**

The meeting was held in-person at the Extension Office. Present: 73 members
Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: President, Liz Hale called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Alfi Anderson, Vice President, introduced our speaker, Nathan Bell, “Interior-Scaping for Hoarders: Home Terrariums”. Nathan is the Greenhouse Supervisor, Clint McDade Orchid Collection at College of the Ozarks and American Orchid Society Accredited Judge.

Business Meeting:

- Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2024, WCMG monthly meetings as listed via link in the September 2024 Garden Thyme newsletter.
 - Due date for dues is December 2nd as amended by Kathryn Birkhead
 - Minutes approved
- Approval of August 2024 Treasurer Reports as listed via link in the September 2024 Garden Thyme newsletter.
 - Report approved
- Approval of the revised 2025 Budget as linked in the September 2024 Garden Thyme newsletter
 - Discussion of cost regarding off campus meetings
 - \$2,000.00 from Katie’s CES budget
 - \$1,000.00 donated from Garden Gate Tour
 - A vote will be sent out once all possible locations submit fees per month
 - Report approved

September Photo Contest - Butterflies/insects in the Garden

1st Place – “Double Delight” – Roxanne Gallup

2nd Place – “All Dressed Up” – Chris Bell

3rd Place – “So Thirsty” – Kitty Sanders

Haiku Contest Winners

1st Place – Sarah Teague

2nd Place – Delcina Cunico

2024 Master Garden Awards Nominations

- Due October 15, 2024
- NEW FORMS are on the **wcmgar.org** website page under the password-protected “Member Portal” button → Member Resource Guide → “Awards Information”, then “Forms”.
- Email Jan Lefler as a last resort... before Friday, 10/11.

Project Reports

- Washington County Fair – Doris Cassidy – Chair, Beverly Didier & Kathy Launder – Co-Chair
 - 362 Exhibitors
 - 1,072 Entries
- West Fork Gardens
 - Community Outreach & Education
 - Courtyard and Main St. Gardens
 - Lepidoptera (butterfly club)

Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks - Scarecrow Showdown

- Presented by Chris Bell
 - Voting starts October 6

Recorded Hours through September 2024 – 161/289 WCMG

- Sanctioned Projects – 10,551.75
- Sanctioned Committees – 2,533
- Education – 5,075.25

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.

September Winners:

- Steve Brizzi, Class of 2015
- Peter Gavin, Class of 2024* (1st Year WCMG)
- Terry Hedden, Class of 2020
- Jill King, Class of 2010
- Courtney Kirkpatrick, Class of 2024* (1st Year WCMG)
- Steve Lisle, Class of 2019
- Jim MacLean, Class of 2015
- Vicki Mayo, Class of 2019
- Annette Pianalto, Class of 2006** (Lifetime Member)
- Kathryn Sampson Stinson, Class

36th Annual MG Appreciation Day

- To celebrate 10/13/1988 AR MG Founding
- Hosted by AR MG Coordinator Randy Forst and MG Agents
- October 14, 2024
- 10:00a.m. to 2:00 pm at BGO

Any Items or Announcements from the Audience

Fall Plant Sale – Mariette Spidel

- Informational meeting October 29th
 - At extension office
 - 10-12

Retention of future Master Gardeners – Colin Massey CES Agent

- A trial with the seven online MG trainees
 - Will be assigned ten hours at a project of the trainees choosing with a mentor
 - Hopefully to encourage more engagement and start off in a positive direction

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm