Directory's Minute

by Richard Smith continued**...**

I am a real estate agent, and as I drive all over different parts of town it's always amazing to me the difference that gardening and landscaping make in a community. It raises home values as high as 20%. With inflation driving up the cost of commodities, food prices (and blood pressure from financial stress), gardening is a way that we can lower our cost of living, improve our health, and provide for ourselves and our families some much needed exercise, stress relief and fresh food!

It is our goal as Master Gardeners to help educate others and inspire them to garden by showing them how easy it can be to raise their own vegetables, eat healthier and get more fresh air and sunshine while also planting flowers and natives to help improve the aesthetics of their communities.

As secretary, it was so fulfilling to sit down with some of the new interns during the Boards March Mingle last month, and share the little that I know, which seemed like a lot to them! There are so many committee opportunities and volunteer opportunities available, I hope that you will feel called as I did to serve in some capacity in one of those opportunities, or maybe even on the Board next year! Let's all do our part to make our community in Alabama an even more beautiful and wonderful place to live.