Members Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025/Auditorium / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham AL 35223

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President, Katherine Ennis.

First Order of Business- Member Meeting - Katherine Ennis.

- The minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were approved. Judith Rives made the motion to accept the minutes and Jennye McCreary seconded the motion.
- The minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting were approved. Mary Hendley made the motion to accept the minutes and Judith Rives seconded the motion.

Second Order of Business - Treasurer Report - Skip Craig

- May beginning balance as of 4/25/25 was $15,896.25
- After deposits and expenditures, our balance is $15,326.08.
- Money Market operating fund balance is $12,630.24
- Grants Money Market account balance is $6,529.86
- CD balance is $16,149.34. Total ASSETS are $50,635.52
- Liabilities of AMGA dues and grants balance total $8,239.50
- Our total net assets are $42,396.02.

Third Order of Business - President's Announcements - Katherine Ennis

- The 2026 Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA) Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL. Katherine Ennis and Mary Hendley visited one of their planning meetings to gain insight that we might use to prepare for our conference.
- The 2027 AMGA Conference will be held here, in Birmingham.
- The next newsletter will contain the names of the committee chairs and their contact information so that members may determine where they might like to volunteer.
- The Board and Leadership Meeting will be held immediately following this meeting along with a meeting of all conference committee chairs. If you would like to get more details on the conference you are welcome to attend these meetings.

There were no Committee Reports

There was no Garden Showcase

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM

The Educational Program began at 10:17 AM - Introduction by Judith Rives:

Speaker Bethany O'Rear - "The Great Southeast Pollinator Census"

- Betty Griffin is the overall coordinator of The Census. Georgia was the pilot location with South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and now Alabama being added in succession.
- The Census is August 22, and 23 of this year. The time frame is a 15-minute window to count the NUMBER of times a pollinator appears in an area.
- 67 counties will be represented.
- Ways of sharing the Census were shared.

- We are urged to pick drought-resistant, tough plants that draw several types of pollinators.
- A slide show presentation was given on pollinators and their identifying characteristics in order to familiarize us with these insects.

Speaker Announcements - Bethany O'Rear

- There will be a hydroponics workshop in July
- A new Blount County Master Gardeners class will be held in the fall in Cleveland, AL Registration closed June 30.

The Educational Program adjourned at 11:12 with door prizes to follow.

ATTEST BY:

Jennye McCreary (signature)

Jennye McCreary, Secretary

Katherine E. Ennis (signature)

Katherine Ennis, President

Jennye McCreary