JEFFERSON COUNTY
Master Gardeners

Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

Members Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026/Auditorium / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL 35223

The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM - President Katherine Ennis.

- A motion to accept the Minutes of the May 12, 2026 were made by Stanley Faulkner and seconded by Charlie Reed.

First Order of Business-Treasurers Report - Skip Craig

Regions Checking Account Starting Balance 4/25/2026		**$15,586.13**
Deposits		
Membership Dues	$ 35.00	
Apron Sales	$ 15.00	
$ 50.00		
Expenditures		
Hospitality	$ 11.55	
JCMGA Grant	$ 250.00	
Community Service Self Storage	$ 155.00	
		$ 416.55
Regions Checking Account Ending Balance (5/22/2026)		**$15,219.58**
Regions MM Account Operating Reserve Balance (5/20/2026)		**$12,668.35**
Regions MM Account Grant Balance (5/20/2026)		**$ 6,543.17**
	TOTAL ASSETS	**$51,063.80**
Current Liabilities (Intern Projects, AMGA Dues)		
(5/22/2026)		**($9,274.44)**
	NET ASSETS	**$41,789.36**

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

- There will be a Board Meeting and a Conference Committee Meeting immediately following this meeting in the Hodges Room. All members are welcome to come.

Third Order of Business - Announcements - Bethany O'Rear

- The "250 lb Challenge" to help alleviate food insecurities runs from Memorial Day until Labor Day. It is a project for home gardeners to collectively donate 250 pounds of food to their local/favorite food assistance program, senior center, or persons in need.

- The “Pollinators Partners of Alabama” program will be held on different dates throughout the state. The two closest classes near Jefferson County will be held on June 23rd in both Tuscaloosa and Petals From The Past. Check the website for other sites and details.
- The “Great South Eastern Pollinator Course” is an online course consisting of 7 sessions. This course is from Georgia.

Fourth Order of Business - Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Susan McNamara - The plant sale raised over $300.00 this year. The fall bulb sale and the holiday bulb sale are both upcoming. There will be another fundraiser with a restaurant, to be determined in the future.
- Helpline - Susan McNamara - Volunteers are needed
- Community Services - Misha Unruh - This committee is the first point of contact when someone wants to know about master gardening, whether it be becoming a master gardener, asking for assistance in a community garden/project, or requesting a speaker. This committee is looking for a lead gardener for programs, such as “The Fiesta” in September.
- Hospitality Committee - Katherine Ennis - The committee is looking for volunteers. Those who like to cook, entertain, decorate, and the like, please join this committee.
- Communications Committee - Mary Hendley - Mary is looking for someone to help with the website. The need is for someone to update the information, the newsletter, and the AMGA quarterly entry.
- Other Announcements - Ken Hall - The Fern Sale is June 20th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Fern Glade at the Botanical Gardens.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:28

The Educational Program - Vice President Beverly Vonder Pool

The Educational Program began at 10:30 with the speaker being **Michelle Reynolds.** Michelle is a writer, artist, naturalist, and plant enthusiast. Her topic was building a homegrown habitat. Michelle presented delightful slides in conjunction with her teaching. She discussed many varieties of plants that we could incorporate into our landscapes that benefit all of the pollinators. In addition, she told us of several projects and gardens that exhibit success in being a pollinator magnet that could always use volunteers to keep them going strong. Michelle was very inspiring in listing shrubs for birds, rain garden ideas, and names of books that could feed our gardening souls.

The Educational portion of the meeting concluded at 11:25 am, with door prizes to follow.

ATTEST BY:

Jennye McCreary

Jennye McCreary, Secretary

Katherine E. Ennis

Katherine Ennis, President