Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

Members Meeting

09 January 2024 / Auditorium / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham Al 35223

Educational Program began at 10:02 AM by Richard Smith

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. R. Scot Duncan - Executive Director, Alabama Audubon, “How Alabama Gardeners Can Help Stem the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis”

Business Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM by Amy Weis

First Order of Business - Approval of Minutes of October 10th Members Meeting - Amy Weis

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Second Order of Business - Financial Report - Cynthia Funderburk

Beginning Balance $14,464.93

Deposits $795.00

Expenditures $1,664.18

Regions Checking Account Ending Balance $13,595.75

Regions MM Account Operating Reserve Balance $12,617.48

Regions MM Account Grant Balance $6,528.64

Regions Certificate of Deposit, matures 5/17/2024 $15,000.00

Current Liabilities, including O’Rear fund $10,763.48

Third Order of Business - Partner Announcements

ACES - Bethany O'Rear, Regional Extension Agent

New Service Report is live. There is a link to the training video in the *January Roots and Shoots* newsletter. An in-person training is being planned for March 5th at 10 AM at BBG, room is pending.

All MGs will be required to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding. It's not ready yet but will be live on the acesagmg website when you log in to access the Service Report or Directory. It will be on the first page you see.

Bethany is planning several continuing education workshops for all the counties she is responsible for, not all will be in JeffCo, but everyone is welcome to attend.

Master Gardener Intern Class of 2024 is full with 40 Interns. The classes will meet at Jones Valley Teaching Farm this year and will rotate there every other year. The class project will be at JVTF as well, but the class will also learn about volunteer opportunities at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Please notify Bethany if you would like to attend the class as an audit, there is a lack of space in the classroom.

Electronics Recycling will take place January 27 at the Birmingham Zoo. If you are not getting the newsletter, please contact Linda Massey.

Fourth Order of Business - President's Announcements - Amy Weis

Amy identified all of the 2024 Board & Committee Members in the room, and reiterated the names for those that did not attend the October Members Meeting to vote, and did not attend the Graduation, and may not have read the newsletter. She announced that Hana Berres offered her resignation as Vice President at the end of the year so the Board asked Amy to continue in her final year on the Board as President. The names of all Leadership positions are in each monthly newsletter.

Fifth Order of Business - Announcements from Committees

Awards Coordinator - Ken Hall, Chair

Asked that we please log volunteer hours by January 15 so as to be recognized at the February meeting. Name badges will be ordered quarterly.

Community Service - Bunny Fite, Co-Chair

The Volunteer Opportunity Spreadsheet was published in the Roots & Shoots newsletter and will be updated once or twice a month.

Fundraising - Susan McNamara, Chair

Online bulb sales raised $1,564.00. Committee will meet after the meeting.

Hospitality - Reminder for February Awards Luncheon Potluck. Please Sign-Up

Program - Richard Smith

February is Reach for the Stars Award Ceremony and Potluck.

March 2024 is a Presentation on the Transformation Garden in Auburn by Kerry Smith, the State Master Gardener Program Coordinator

April will be the Plant Swap

May will be a Talk and Walk with the Fern Society, Charlers Murray

June will be a Talk and Walk with the Hydrangea Society, David Doggett

July - October are TBD.

Sixth Order of Business - Any other Announcements from the Membership

Announcement from the Birmingham Camelia Society with invitation to attend their meeting on January 21 at 10:30AM. Their annual show is to be February 17, 2024, Please see their Facebook page for more information.

The meeting adjourned 11:40 AM

ATTEST BY:

_____Janet Humphreys, Secretary

_____Amy Weis, President

ADDENDUM: Vice President's Programs

Date	Location	Topic	Speaker / Tour Guide	comments
February 13	BBG - Auditorium	Reach for the stars luncheon	Ken Hall - Master of Ceremonies	Potluck Luncheon - Hospitality will provide bread, drinks, ice, cups, tablewear, decorations, plates and cutlery.
March 5	BBG - Auditorium	Service Report / Reporting System Training	Bethany O'Rear / Amy Weis	Need to confirm room availability with Annette
March 7	Jones Valley Teaching Farm	March Mingle with Interns	Amy Weis / ????	Let's see if we can plan a tour for the Board of Jones Valley after lunch. Board and Committee Chairs Only due to limited seating and space)
March 12	BBG - Auditorium	Members Program (Transformation Garden - Tentative)	Tentative - Kerry Smith, Extension Statewide Program Coordinator for the Master Gardener Program	Hospitality will need to be provided. Also, planning to coordinate this talk with a field trip to the Transformation Garden in May. Include tour of the roof-top garden at the Laurel Hotel.
April 9	BBG - Auditorium	Plant Swap	Tentatively - Terri Barker & Hana Berres	Hospitality will need to be provided.
April 22-24	Daphne Civic Center	AMGA State Conference	Multiple Speakers, Workshops, and Field Trips	Let's have great representation of JCMGA! Let Amy Weis know if you are attending! Hospitality will be provided by the Conference Hosts, JCMGA need not provide anything during the trip. We should plan to have meals together when we can.
May 14	BBG - Auditorium & Fern Glades	Members Program - Fern Talk and Walk	Charles Murray - President of the Fern Society	Hospitality will need to be provided.
May __	(Auburn University Field Trip -	Transformation Garden Tour	TBD	Coordinate Picnic Lunch (collect money, order and arrange pick-up or delivery) - No Hospitality
June 11	Aldrige Gardens - TBD	Members Program - Hydrangea Talk and Walk	David Doggett	Coordinate Picnic Lunch (collect money, order and arrange pick-up or delivery) - No Hospitality
July 9	BBG - Auditorium	Members Program & Board and Leadership Meeting	TBD	Hospitality will need to be provided. Board and Leadership will meet immediately after Members Meeting/Program in the same room so no tour can be planned for this afternoon.
August 13	BBG - Auditorium	Members Program	TBD	Hospitality will need to be provided
September 10	BBG - Auditorium	Members Program	TBD	Hospitality will need to be provided
September 17	BBG - TBD	Reunion / Cocktail Party	Feature 2024 Intern Project/Projects	Would need Ireland Room and East Room (East Room for interns and dessert) or Auditorium and Hodges (Hodges for interns and dessert). Hospitality will coordinate cocktails with the Vice President (either have a mixologist come in or we make and serve our own concotions), and Hospitality will coordinate set up, coordinate with members as they bring food items in, and clean up afterwards. Vice President / Hospitality will set up a sign-up for the food items brough in by members
October 15	BBG - Auditorium	Members Program	TBD	
November 12	Auditorium	2024 Intern Graduation/Luncheon	Keynote Speaker TBD. Will also allow interns to select a speaker to present or talk about their final project.	Need to set up slideshow. Need to book the room for four hours. Hospitality to coordinate catered lunch.

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January 14, 2025	TBD	Members Program	TBD	

IDEAS

Yellow Hammer Farms	Field Trip to Hydroponic Garden Facility	205-820-9430	Previous talk on Tower Gardening at Miss Sims Garden in 2022
Cameron Strauss / Phyllis Light	Herbalism (cancelled in 2023)	205-790-4102 (Cameron) / Emailed Phyllis - awaiting reply	
Petals from the Past	Piggy Back on AC Council Meeting. They occur in February, May, July, and November	Amy/Fletcher will find out the dates of the Advisory Council Meeting	
Stone Hollow Farmstead - Deborah Stone	Dahlia Talk and Walk	(205) 777-5558	Would need to break up the talk from the walk. Would have to be July, August or September as that is when Dahlias are in bloom.
Barber Motorsports Tour	Field Trip to Barber Motorsports Gardens / Landscape in Leeds, AL	David Callahan - JCMGA - Retired from Barber recently Sherri Maddox - Blount Co. MGA - Husband works there now Mary Fuglaar - JCMGA - Volunteer there	Suggested by Linda Massey
Tour of Longleaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston	Field Trip to ??? Tour Guide / Point of Contact: Hayes Jackson	?	Suggested by Fletcher Harvey