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June Meeting Hostesses

Jon Anna Calleton
Rae Grasso
Ann Michalec
Kim Hughes



Did You Know???

- The average cruise ship burns 1 gallon of fuel just to move 6 inches.
- The average American eats 15 pounds of watermelon a year.
- The first bathing suit for women featured long sleeves with woolen bloomers.
- If you count a cricket's chirps for 15 seconds and add 37, you get the outside temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Editor's Message

Now that the "Great Deluge" is over and summer is underway, it's nice to sit back and take it all in. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in lists of garden chores and forget to put your feet up and enjoy what you've worked so hard on. After all, what are summers in the South for if not to sit on your porch and drink sweet tea while admiring your hydrangeas?

I wonder if Noah and his family did something similar when the flood waters receded and the sun dried the earth again. I'm sure after being stuck for so long on the ark, they spent a good long time lying in the sun and thanking God that summer had returned to the world. Chores could wait another day.

It's important for us to remember when we get busy and frantic to take things easy once in awhile, to string up a hammock or set up a lawn chair and be at rest. As many years as I've been working in my garden, it's when I rest between weeding sessions that I notice things I haven't seen in awhile, like the new leaves on my roses or the birds darting in and out of the brush pile. I hope we can all better learn to be kind to ourselves by resting, and that it refreshes us body and spirit this summer.

Kindness Matters!

Becky Norris, Editor

Polk County Master Gardener
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm at Farm Bureau by President Linda Elliott. 18 members present.

MINUTES

Linda asked for approval of minutes as published in Mountain dirt by show of hands. Minutes approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No questions asked. Carol stated not a full report but accurate as of today—May 14. All invoices and other monies not turned in to date. Carol needs all invoices for plant sale and receipts for gas to be turned in as soon as possible. Filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Board report as no meeting held as not enough members for Quorum.

Linda thanked membership for all the hard work on plant sale to make it an overwhelming success. Will have after action review at next meeting.

Gave brief description of trip to Crystal Bridges which was also a tremendous learning experience from all information given by Scott and Clay. Enjoyed by all who went.

Everyone needs to let Linda know when they can work at Rose Garden & Court House so work schedule can be developed to maintain these projects. There will be a work day on Tuesday May 19 to plant annuals. Carla brought up need to coordinate with Dianne Osmore about revamping area at Court House that has red bud and rose bush planted by Dianne. She wishes to save these but needs some assistance in redesigning area.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Linda asked the membership for approval to amend the By Laws as printed in the agenda(see attached copy). Motion by LaRayne. Second by Karen. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda asked for second motion to amend the Standing rules as printed in agenda(see attached copy). Motion by Karen. Second by Rae. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Patricia said she had Thank You cards to be sent to plant sale workers other than members. Need people to sign up for refreshment for June meeting. Sheet was sent around.

Regular Meeting will be June 11 at Farm Bureau at regular time.

Special Meeting will be June 18 at 6 pm at Farm Bureau with Janet Carson. Carla asked that everyone attend as it is about MG program in Polk County

NEW BUSINESS

Linda announced the regular monthly meetings will now be held at Farm Bureau unless notified otherwise. Judy brought up need to do something for use of building and this will be discussed at later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rae is ordering an excellent book on trees from Forestry Service for \$5. Let her know if you want one.

LaRayne brought up in-town tour possibly to Manis garden in early June with picnic in park afterward. She will send email when plans firmed up. Also other suggestions were to go to members gardens and projects as possibilities.

Frances gave information on Foraging class mentioned in another meeting. Would start in August and have one per season. After all 4 classes would be a Master Forager. Cost is \$10 per class with some books to be purchased but Extension Office has one of needed books. Kim will scan brochure and sent out by email and also print a few extra to have available at Extension Office. Contact Frances if you wish to take this class.

Linda said need to have a workday at Smith's to clean up after plant sale and to pot up new items donated by Peggy Young.

Linda asked for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Patricia. Second by Jessie. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

PROGRAM

Members who went to Crystal Bridges told what impressed them the most. Great response and participation. Jon Calleton said she would put together a slide presentation from all the members pictures to be presented at later date.

Respectfully submitted by
Jon Anna Calleton—Secretary

Local Garden Tour: Wednesday, June 10th

On Wednesday, June 10th, those interested in touring the garden of Bob and Suzanne Manis will meet at the Pizza Hut parking lot at 10:30am to caravan out to Penny Lane. Bob and Suzanne have been working on their garden for many years, and it features shade gardens and other interesting features worth seeing. Water and drinks will be provided, so please bring your own snacks and a bag lunch to eat at Janssen Park afterward. Call LaRayne Riesenhoover to rsvp before Wednesday so she can get a final head count.



Man standing with sunflowers.

PCMG TREASURER'S REPORT - June 1, 2015

BALANCE -	OPENING- May 14, 2015	CLOSING - JUNE 1, 2015
Total Balance	\$ 11725.80	\$ 10,974.42
Unrestricted Funds 5/14	10171.33	9620.25
Restricted Funds 5/14	1554.47	1354.17
Courthouse	594.17	594.17
Rose Garden	930.30	730.00
Depot	30.00	30.00
RECEIPTS		\$ 586.00
5/14 Gift Card Walmart - Plant Sale donation		80.00
5/28 Gift Card Bear Bank - Plant Sale donation		50.00
5/28 Deposit		441.00
Badge fees 5/14	2.00	
Union Bank - Plant Sale Donation	100.00	
Plant Sale T shirts (17) - members	174.00	
Plant Sale - presale - Linda	62.00	
Plant Sale - Post sales- Fran, LaRayne, Linda, Carol	103.00	
5/31 Deposit Plant Sale post sale - Karen		15.00
EXPENDITURES		\$ 1337.38
5/14 ck #1738 Patricia Roberts/Walmart - Plant sale 104.03 & 4.57		108.60
/Walmart - Mena Electric raffle prize 104.03		
/Walmart - Walmart 4.57		
raffle prize 39.40 & door prizes 45.17=84.57 less 80.00 giftcard		
/Walmart gift card (used on 84.57)		80.00
5/14 ck #1739 void		-----
5/15 ck #1740 Linda Elliott		117.38*
/Lowes - Plant Sale fertilizer 18.59		
/Freds - Plant Sale - worker refreshments 2.61		
/Walgreens - Sunshine committee cards 6.00		
/Walmart - Fellowship - advanced MG party cake 28.02		
/Murphys - Education - Crystal Bridges gas 62.36		
5/21 ck #1741 Fran Hadaway - Education - Crystal Bridges gas		47.32
5/21 ck #1742 Patricia Roberts - Education - Crystal Bridges gas		44.90
5/21 ck #1743 Peggy Murphy - Education - Crystal Bridges gas		35.11
5/25 ck #1744 David Anderson - Plant Sale - speaker mileage		36.12
5/25 ck #1745 Pat Smith - Plant Sale - speaker mileage		36.12
5/25 ck #1746 Friday Gladheart - Plant Sale - speaker mileage		36.12
5/25 ck #1747 Linda Elliott - Plant Sale 289.86 less 50.00 gift card		239.86
gift card (Bear Bank)		50.00
/Plant pickup mileage 250.00		
/Berbee invoice - shipping plants 39.86		
5/25 ck #1748 Carol Schulz/Spring Creek 4/12 - Plant Sale plants		286.25
5/28 ck #1749 Linda Elliott/USPO - Treas. & Sunshine Committee stamps		19.60
5/28 ck #1750 Carol Schulz - MGY convention subsidy		200.00
TRANSFERS		\$ 0.00
5/31 From Rose Garden restricted funds		(200.30)
5/31 To Plant Sale Presale purchase 123.80		123.80
5/31 To Plant Sale Postsale purchase 76.50		76.50

*Treasurer's addition error - check should be \$117.58 - we owe Linda \$0.20



*A group of master gardeners admiring a small creek.
Photo by Ann Michalec.*

PCMG Tour Botanical Garden of the Ozarks and Crystal Bridges Museum

On May 7th, several of our very own PCMG's took a trip up to the beautiful Ozarks to experience two Arkansas treasures; the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, and the Crystal Bridges Museum.

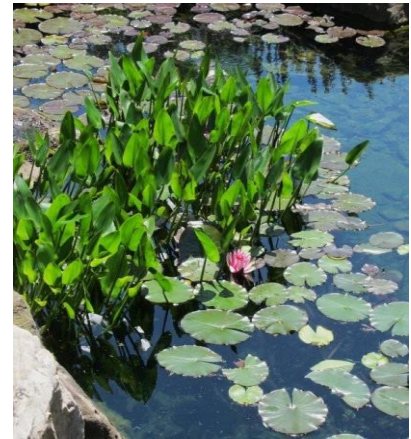
The Botanical Garden draws around eighty thousand visitors per year, and though the PCMGs did not get to see all of it, they did get to have a talk with Dr. Klingaman, the garden's Director of Operations. There was a

separate vegetable garden, as well as a play area for children. The following day led them to Bentonville, where they took a tour of the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. One of the highlights of the tour was seeing a relocated Frank Lloyd Wright house that had been moved onto the property, known as the Bachman Wilson house.

“We were so fortunate to have a break in the rainy weather that lasted through both of our tours,” commented Ann Michalec. In addition to its art exhibits and gardens, Crystal Bridges offers audio tours as well as personal talks by its staff. Both educational and inspirational, it's certainly worth a visit if you ever get the chance.



Rae Grasso enjoying the summer blooms. Photo by Ann Michalec.



Water lilies in a pond. Photo by Ann Michalec.



Man sitting on the roof of a flooded house.

How to Deal With Flood Damage in the Garden

We all had more than our fill of rain in May, and are now dealing with the resulting damage. Here's how you can help plants

recover:

- Watch for signs of die back on branches, but hold off on pruning. Live branches might lose

leaves but later recover.

- Light fertilization might help replace nutrients that have been leached from the soil.
- Spray for fungicides and mildew, and be on the lookout for cankers and insect pests.
- Carefully cover any roots that have been exposed due to soil erosion.

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Mark Your Calendars!!!

2015 PNG Leadership Conference Registration



Hands holding a plant.

If you haven't registered yet for the PNG conference October 19-20th this year, don't miss out! Early registration is open from June 15th- July 31st, costs \$55, and includes a \$30 subsidy from County 76. This year's conference at the Red Apple Inn in Benton, and will feature keynote speaker Chris Boyette, the Vice Chancellor for ASU Heber Springs. Breakout sessions will be offered on a variety of topics relevant to Master Gardeners, the details of which will be announced at a later time. In addition, the Red Apple Inn offers leisure activities such as swimming, tennis, pontoon boat rentals, and golf. This is a wonderful

opportunity to broaden your leadership skills as well as meet Master Gardeners from all over the state, so register and make your room reservation early!

Horticulture Field Day in Hope, AR

On June 18th, there will be a field day workshop event at the Southwest Research and Extension Center in Hope. There will be a multitude of speakers and topics offered, including nematodes, birds of Arkansas, gardening for butterflies, cooking with greens, and an introduction to new small fruit varieties developed by the U of A. If you register by June 17th, cost is \$17, and registration at the door is \$20. To register, visit <http://swrec.uark.edu/>. For more information, call Sherry Pote at (870) 777-9702 ext. 100.



Woman in bushes holding a rake 1

Field Trip to St. Louis with Garland Co. MG's

Woman in the bushes holding a rake.



The St. Louis arch.

Garland County Master Gardeners have invited members from other chapters to join them on a bus trip to St. Louis, Missouri August 11-13. The group will spend the day at the St. Louis Botanical Gardens, including the Chinese Lantern Festival the evening of the 12th. The bus cost is \$100, and two nights at the Drury Hotel is \$360, including a hot breakfast. Members of the Garvan Gardens gain free admission to the

Botanical Gardens, but all admission to the Lantern Festival is \$26 a person. To sign up for this trip please contact Diane Daniel @ arhogfans@hotmail.com. Please include in your email a contact phone number. Deadline for payment is July 16th.



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