

NC State Extension Master Gardenersm Volunteer Association of Brunswick County

General Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeanne Pavero** at 9am with 31 members present. Refreshments for the meeting were supplied by **Sonia Smith** and **Anne Coleman**.

President's Message

President Pavero opened the meeting with a reminder to post all volunteer hours. Brunswick County is now in 10th place among counties in the state.

The online plant sale will begin on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Any members interested in filling soon to be vacated executive board and committee positions were asked to contact **Judi Thuer**. Open seats will be Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership, and Field Trip Coordinator.

President Pavero thanked **Anita Handler** for her work with Restitution and for assisting the clients with constructing a great looking garden.

Membership Acceptance

The Minutes from the June 2017 meeting submitted by **Anne Coleman** were accepted with no revisions.

The Treasurer's report is now published monthly in the Weekly Weeder, and the June report issued **by Hank Rapp** was accepted by membership. Hank noted a \$580 donation was received when the Winding River Garden Club chose to disband.

Committee Reports

Correspondence Committee- **Dotti Hunkele** reported issuing two thank you notes to Phil Ricks and Nancy Olsen, a sympathy card to **Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** on the death of her husband and three 'get well' notes to **Jennie Newton, JoAnn LaMarca** and **Vic Stephens**.

Botanical Garden Committee- **Maryann Horgan** announced the garden teams will conduct a plant survey and provide results to **Shawn Lennon**. On September 13 a representative from an interpretive sign company will meet with the committee to formulate individual garden signs. Each garden team must be represented.

Construction of the new Japanese Garden will be managed by **Maryann Horgan** and **JoAnn Edwards-Norman**. They will work closely with the new Master Gardener class through the planning and implementation process.

On September 19 the new Master Gardener class will be introduced to the Botanical Gardens. Garden team members are invited to meet the students and discuss goals and philosophies of the individual gardens.

An April tour is the first botanical garden visit scheduled for 2018.

Free plants are available in the hoop house located on the three tables marked 'Botanical Garden'.

The Southport Pilot Newspaper featured **Maryann Horgan** and the Botanical Garden. Another article featured **Woody Taylor** and his mentoring work with the 4-H.

Plant Sale Committee – **Jeanne Pavero** announced the on-line plant sale will begin Saturday, August 26 and end on September 19. Volunteers are needed the final week of September to assist with plant pick-up.

Speakers – **Sonia Smith** has arranged for David Barkley to speak at the membership meeting in September, Meg Shelton at the October meeting and Tom Erikson at the November meeting.

Extension Coordinators Reports and Updates

Shawn Lennon applied mulch and gravel to needy spots in the garden. He will tackle the vegetation problem in the waterfall area. The John Deere lawn mower was repaired under warranty. **Carol Kendall** applauded Shawn on his management of the botanical garden.

Anita Handler and the Restitution group helped in the garden with deadheading, pruning and general clean-up. In July they began with 14 clients, added 3, graduated 12 and dismissed 1 leaving 4 clients at the end of the month.

Tom Woods reported the 'Day in the Yard' class has been enhanced with the addition of an extra segment on native plants and a full update of the vegetable segment by **Krystyna Ochota**. It will be taught at four locations: Southport Library, Hickmans Crossroads Library, Leland Library and the Oak Island Recreation Center.

The House Calls Program is winding down. 130 requests were received with 8 cancellations. 111 House Calls are complete leaving 11 requests open. Regionally there were 30 requests in the Leland area, 7 from Supply, 39 from Southport and 17 from Calabash. All turf inquiries were handled by Tom.

NCSU determined it needs a strong central brand when competing for funding, students and staff. As a result the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer logo and service mark have been changed to assist in this matter. It is the responsibility of the Association to use the new logos. Refer to the publication:

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/nc-state-extension-master-gardener-brand> . A webinar will be conducted on September 14 at 11am for further explanation. The new association name will be '**NC State Extension Master Gardenersm Volunteer Association of Brunswick County.**' No Executive Board or general membership action is needed for this change. It will require changes in letterhead, checks, and signage. New nametags are not necessary, but if desired a new one may be obtained. Contact either **Tom Woods** or **Sam Marshall** for further questions.

Sam Marshall announced the new Master Gardener class will have approximately 20 students and begins on September 5. He will utilize the mentoring program again. Membership is encouraged to participate in the classes, and he will forward the syllabus. The class project will be a county wide pesticide survey.

Sam reported on the Prickly Pear Moth damage to **Fred Mina's** cacti on Oak Island, his being the first reported case in North Carolina. Larva is the damaging stage of the moth's lifecycle. If damage is spotted elsewhere report to Sam.

New Business

Krystyna Ochota thanked **Sam Marshall** for assisting her in insect identification and invited the membership to the New Hanover Native Plant Seminar on September 16 from 9 to 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Speaker Rebecca Skiba, Bats:

Submitted by Anne Coleman
Recording Secretary