

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Call to Order 6:02 pm

President Terry Merriweather called the Thursday, August 14, 2025, meeting to order.

Speaker

Vice president Rick Clayton introduced William Brussel Martin of Brussel Bonsai who spoke on "The Art of Bonsai".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes of the July member meeting as published.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Merriweather announced the resignation of Jimmy Dickey from the office of treasurer. The next treasurer report will be given at the September meeting.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Chris Cooper reminded members to complete the survey from the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener program. This was reiterated by Ginny Fletcher. The information gathered from this survey will help to shape the work of Master Gardeners going forward.

Committee Reports

Education: Jan Dickey of the Education Committee presented a new project-Day of Education/ Each One Teach One. This will replace Master Gardeners Present. The goals are to build enthusiasm for members, educate and equip members to serve the community more effectively, and inform of volunteer opportunities through a volunteer fair. A survey was distributed to members to assist in defining the scope of the one-day event planned for February 2026. More details will be forthcoming.

Organization Updates

MAMG 2025 Intern Graduation: Graduation is Thursday, August 21 at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Members who volunteered to bring food for the reception are reminded to drop these off between 4:00 and 5:45 pm.

Nominating Committee: Linda Pittman, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that nominations are now open for the 2026 MAMG Executive Board. Before submitting a candidate, the nomination must be discussed with the nominee to ascertain willingness to serve. Nominations close on September 25, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

Announcements

Jan Hamilton of the Delta Fair asked for entries as well as volunteers. She expressed appreciation for MAMG's contributions in years past.

Dr. Cooper requested volunteers at Delta Fair specifically for "Ask a Master Gardener" and for "The 4H Corn Crib" which sells water, sweet tea, and corn on the cob to benefit the 4H program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary