

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025

Call to Order 6:03 pm

President Terry Merriweather called the Thursday, September 11, 2025, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice president Rick Clayton introduced Dr. Mark Follis of Follis Tree Preservation. He spoke on "The Everyday Tree Pest Blues; Problems I Have Seen This Summer".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the August 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A point of order was raised after the vote was taken to approve the August Meeting Minutes. The vote was postponed for the minutes to be published on the MAMG website.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Chris Cooper introduced Ms. Susan Tyree, Board President of the Volunteer 4H Leader Association. She expressed thanks to the Master Gardener volunteers and patronage of the 4H Corn Crib at the Delta Fair. The Corn Crib had net proceeds of \$6000 which will help fund college and camp scholarships for the local program. She also welcomed requests for 4H volunteers to assist with any Master Gardener projects.

Dr. Cooper also thanked the Master Gardener volunteers at the Delta Fair and for welcoming 4H students to Collierville Victory Garden. Additionally, he recognized first responders on the 9/11 anniversary. Dr. Cooper reminded membership that Kelly Grayson's husband passed away unexpectedly, and encouraged support of Kelly and her family during this difficult time.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cindy Smith presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Linda Pittman, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that nominations are being accepted until September 25, 2025, at 4 pm. She encouraged nominations for all positions.

Audiovisual Committee: Linda Pittman of the AV committee requested volunteer to serve, as more assistance is needed.

Announcements

Tom Rieman announced that “Experience Memphis Gardens” yard signs are available to those who have opened their gardens to visitors in any of the past three years of the project.

Interviews for the 2026 MAMG intern class are being planned. There are 80 applicants for the 45 positions available.

MAMG Fall Festival is October 9, 2025, at Memphis Botanic Garden, Hardin Hall from 6-8 pm. The 30th Anniversary of MAMG will be celebrated. Food should be dropped off from 3-4pm. Due to renovations at the Botanic Garden there will be signage and staff members directing members to proper parking and entry areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary