

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

Call to Order 6:03 PM

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

Speaker

Vice President Rick Clayton introduced Robin Howell, Curator of the Japanese Garden at Memphis Botanic Garden who presented "The History of Japanese Gardens and What is New at the Memphis Botanic Garden".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes of the November 13, 2025, member meeting as published.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Chris Cooper thanked membership for a productive year despite Spring Fling being rescheduled and abbreviated to one day due to severe weather. He expressed condolences to members who have lost family and fellow members over the past year. He expressed gratitude for Jan Orick and her efforts throughout 2026. He concluded with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Committee Reports

Membership: There are currently 381 active members. Linda Weiss, chair, reminded that the deadline for membership renewal is December 15, 2025.

Finance: LeAnn Drewry, chair, presented the proposed 2026 MAMG budget. Questions were addressed regarding e-commerce and Spring Fling budgeting. Subsequently a vote was held. The budget was adopted. A quorum was present for the vote.

Day of Education: Jan Dickey, chair, reported that registration for the members-only event will go live on January 9, 2026, at 7 AM. Registration is \$20 plus a \$1.50 processing fee. The event is limited to 200 active members. Volunteers from among the registrants are needed during the event. Volunteer sign up will be available at the January members meeting.

Announcements: Jan Dickey announced that the March members meeting will include a presentation of available volunteer opportunities. The 2026 Intern class will be invited to that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary