

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Call to Order 6:02pm

President Rick Clayton called the Thursday, February 12, 2026 meeting to order. The meeting was held in person at the Agricenter Auditorium.

Speaker

Vice President, Jan Dickey, introduced Jill Maybry, Curator of Tropical Plants and Seasonal Displays at Memphis Botanic Garden. She spoke about "Building a Tropical Garden in West Tennessee".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the January 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Recognition of Milestone Achievements

Jan Orick congratulated and presented awards to those members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service to MAMG.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy Smith presented the financial report in a new and more legible format.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Chris Cooper introduced Jessica Maestas as the incoming MAMG coordinator. Dr. Cooper stated that he is stepping down after 18 years of service. He will continue in his role as County Director.

Jan Orick reported that the 2026 Interns are doing well. Only one day of class was missed during the winter weather.

Committee Reports

Spring Fling: Ginny Fletcher, chair, recognized subcommittee chairs for updates and needs.

Kandi Reilly, Silent Auction chair, requested garden-related items only which could include horticultural society memberships and gift cards for garden centers.

Kim Lane, Plant Sale chair, stated that sticks for labeling plants are available and require only common names. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers. Also needed are heavy fruit boxes for packing plants for buyers. There will be an express check out for 5 or fewer items.

Susie Temple, Refreshment Booth chair, requested donations as listed on the MAMG website.

Carolyn Fisher, Garden Jumble chair, requested only garden-related items that are free of dirt. Large, heavy duty paper bags, or heavy reusable grocery bags are also needed.

Lora Thomas noted that promotional signs will be available at the next meeting.

Day of Education: Jan Dickey, Chair, noted that registration closed with 194 tickets sold. Volunteer hours may be earned during clean up and reset of the venue after the event. She reminded of the food drive and requested peanut butter, canned meats, pasta as well as other nonperishable foods.

Announcements

*The Proven Winners plant sale for MAMG will be March 16-27 and April 6-17. Please check the website for more details.

*Volunteers are needed for Oaklawn Garden. The co-chairs have resigned. Please contact Lynn Petry if interested.

*Memphis Herb Society has CEU opportunities. Please find these on the website.

*Please see the website for information regarding the Mississippi State MG Convention in Nesbit, as well as the Tennessee State MG Convention in Knoxville.

<http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu>

*Next meeting-March 12, 2026, 6PM at Agricenter Auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary