

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.
General Member Meeting
November 1, 2022

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CALL TO ORDER: Jewell Wilhoite at 6:01 pm at the Country Store.

ATTENDANCE: 39 including 2 guests.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Jewell welcomed all and thanked Erin for coming to take pictures for the new directory. She welcomed TN Regional Master Gardener representative, Sheila McNeely.

PROGRAM: Melinda Hedgecoth spoke on her family's genealogy and "Telling Weather by Nature". She is the daughter of Helen Lane who became famous for predicting weather by nature. This was the only method possible before the science of meteorology or radar. This lore was handed down through generations of her family through daily life and stories from Crab Orchard, TN. Some of the "signs" shared were:

1. A sow collecting shucks and corn cobs to build a nest meant a bad snow was coming.
2. Heavy, quiet air meant it would snow that night
3. If crows come to your bird feeders, look out for a bad storm.
4. The number of early morning fogs in August (this year we had 11) predicts the number of snows in the coming winter.
5. Heavy mast crop of acorns, hickory nuts, chestnuts and apples predicted a bad winter.
6. A hornet nest high in the trees implies a mild winter, but low to the ground predicts a bad winter.
7. Snow on a full moon will melt soon. Snow on a new moon will hang around.
8. If the mountain is "roaring" a bad storm is coming
9. The first frost will be 3 months after the first Katydid sounds.
10. Thunder in December will be a good fruit year, in January it wakes up the snakes, in February predicts deaths and frost dates in May.
11. January 1-3 predicts the severity of the next 3 months.
12. A ring around the moon with stars in the rings predicts the number of days until a bad change in weather. If no stars in the ring, it will rain or snow within 24 hours.

She didn't discuss wooly worms but mentioned the festival. She recommended we read the Foxfire Book, Vol. 1 or 2 about "Planting by the Signs" that documents much of this folklore such as planting potatoes on a waning moon and flowers on a waxing moon. She closed reading one of her poems and a short slide show of her family.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Julia Wood: Julia apologized for the late minutes.

MOTION: "I move to approve the October minutes as amended."

Moved: Connie Farley Second: Linda Ferris Approved: All in favor

Treasurer: Alan Baker: Through 10/12/22 total income was \$22,829. Total Expenses were \$18,002 for a net income of operations of \$4,827. The ending bank balance was \$13,639. Storage is paid through the end of the year. The memorial bench fund remains at \$108. No major expenses are expected for the remainder of the year. He does have several recent check requests estimated about \$500 to pay out.

MOTION: It was moved to receive the treasurers report:

Moved: Jan Rice Second: Rita Reali Received: All in favor

Vice President: Rhoda Hiller- There is no program at the Holiday Luncheon

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ernie Wood not present- none

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of New 2023 Officers: Linda Ferris introduced the slate of candidates for the election on new officers. Jewell Wilhoite again thanked the Nominating Committee (Alan Baker, Linda Ferris and Patricia Briney). The slate of candidates officers are:

President: Mike Barron Vice President: Rhoda Hiller President Elect: open

Secretary: Rita Reali Treasurer: Glenda Wisdom

There were no additional nominations from the floor. A quorum was present.

MOTION: Madam President, I move we accept the slate of officers by acclamation.

Moved: Sid Morgan Second: Carol Burdett Approved: All in favor & new officers were elected.
Congratulations to the newly elected officers.

Post-Election Bank Authorization for 2023:

MOTION: "I move that since we have changed officers for 2023, Glenda Wisdom is authorized to coordinate the change of the CCMG bank account signatures at First National Bank of Tennessee to the effect that the three authorized signers on this account will be Mike Barron, Glenda Wisdom and Rhoda Hiller, with any two being required to sign, that to be effective no earlier than January 1, 2023, and no later than January 18, 2023".

Moved: Alan Baker Second: Sue Partch Approved: All in favor

Veterans Parade: Connie Farley: Those in the parade should meet with Connie at the end of meeting to go over assembly details. Parade starts at 10:00 am this Saturday, Nov. 5. Please come and wave at us. Watchers will meet in front of the courthouse.

December Holiday Luncheon: Margo Carroll: the Luncheon is December 6th. Please get your tickets (\$15), and pick up a Flyer for the event. The event will be catered by Forte's. Wear your ugly sweaters, there will be prizes. If you choose, please bring an unwrapped book or toy to donate to that will go to local children in need. She thanked Julia Wood, Janet Russell and Louise Grilley for Awards will be in 2023 to allow all to enter hours before the end of December. If you were unable to buy your ticket, contact Alan Baker at (931) 239-0877 before November 22 to get your ticket. He can take credit card information over the phone. Please email Margo photos for the luncheon slide show.

Fundraising: Mike Barron sent a clipboard around to ask you to put your name on any fundraiser in which you have an interest in helping in anyway, no commitment. If you want to be a chair, put a C next to your name. Fundraisers proposed include:

Raising and Selling Plants,	Wine Gala
Fall Tree, Shrub and Bulb Sale	Seasonal Teas
Water Barrells	Outdoor Expo with TWRA, Forestry and
Classes	might be same weekend as FLAG show
Speakers that we could charge more for	which could hold our spot at the center.

Rosie Drechnik raised a concern about charging for classes when we have an education mission. Any proposal will be made by the committee working that issue and approved by the board. The Classes Committee should figure out recommendations for approval by the Executive Board and Umbrella Committee.

Photo Directory Erin Fletcher Connely has taken most pictures. If you have not taken a photo yet, please contact Erin. The directory will be delayed until probably spring 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Storage Alternative: Linda Glenn looked into a container as an alternative to the rented storage unit. The cost was \$4,000 for a container.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Author Day at the Art Circle Library-** Rita Reali shared over 30 regional authors will be at the Library after the Veterans Parade on Saturday. Please come and warm up!

2. **Field of Honor:** 500 flags will be flown at Garrison Park. The dedication is on Sunday. The Schedule is in the Chronicle for Veterans Celebrations.

CALENDAR:

1. **Bird Wreath Fundraiser:** Thurs. Nov. 3 at noon-3pm at the PDG indoor classroom, contact Vicki May.
2. **Veterans Day Parade:** Saturday, November 5 - Contact Connie Farley if you are veteran or spouse of a veteran.
3. **Umbrella Committee Meeting:** Nov. 14, 2022, at 1 pm at the PDG.
4. **Raising and Selling Plants Meeting:** Mike Barron will lead the meeting Wednesday, November 16th at 11:00 am in the Country Store. Please come.
5. **Board Meeting:** Thursday, Nov.17, 2022 at noon at the Country Store.
6. **Christmas Tree "Parade":** First National Bank of Tennessee on Main St. Please come and vote for our tree. You may vote daily. Trees will be on display Nov. 29- Dec.28.
7. **Holiday Luncheon** – Get your tickets before Nov. 22. Contact Alan Baker for tickets. December 6. Doors open at 12:30 pm, lunch will be served around 1:15. Come and enjoy fellowship. Tickets \$15. Wear your ugly sweater. Bring an unwrapped toy or book for local children.

DOOR PRIZES: Door prizes included books, succulents, a hand-sewn mat, hand tools, honey, dip. and a mystery bag. Winners were Connie Farley, Linda Glenn, Ray Busch, Rita Reali, Vicki May, Louise Grilley, Rosie Drechnik, Elaine Peters and Janet Coe.

Adjournment:

MOTION: It is moved to adjourn.

Moved: Alan Baker Second: Julia Wood Approved: All in favor

We adjourned at 7:53 pm

MOTION: "to approve minutes"

Moved: Connie Farley Seconded by: Linda Ferris Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



Julia Wood, Corporate Secretary