

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
June 2, 2026

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Store.

Opening Remarks: Margo congratulated us on the win of the Silver Shovel in the Search for Excellence program

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Sharon McKinney reported. Minutes of the previous general meeting were distributed via email 5/14/26 and are posted on the website. Elaine Hanson moved to accept the May 2026 general meeting minutes as approved. Vicki May seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Briggs reported. Through April 30, 2026, beginning balance was \$38,589, total income was \$17,168, total expenses were \$13,119. The ending bank balance was \$42,438. Patti Smith moved to receive the treasurer's report as approved. Rita Reali seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Committee Reports

Classes in the Gardens: Deni Martin reported. She recognized past leaders of the CITG program: Rosie and Ron Drechnik, who were instrumental in setting up CITG, as well as Julia Wood for leading in 2024 and 2025. This year, Deni and Sue Maruska are the leaders, with Sue taking care of the host schedule.

Publicity: Kristi Dubois reported. Contributions of photos, poems, observations, personal stories, etc. are needed for the Fest publicity. Theme is "Why do I like gardening- let me count the ways".

Teas in the Gardens: Susan Partch reported.

- A few on-call volunteers are needed in case some of the previously signed-up hosts cannot host Saturday, 6/13
- There will be a plant sale at the 6/13 Tea; please bring your labeled plants Friday, 6/12
- A few of the ticket holders for the 6/13 Tea indicated they could not attend; there is a waiting list for those who were not able to purchase a ticket previously
- If anyone can help deadhead the daylilies, they will help the Gardens look wonderful for the Tea and other events
- If anyone has natural-colored baskets they are willing to donate or lend, they are needed for the Fall Festival decorations and will then be used at the Fall Tea. They will be exposed to the weather for a few weeks and if you wish to have them back, please let it be known. They can be brought to any of our meetings or left in the Master Gardener greenhouse at the Gardens

Visionary Committee (aka PDG Planning Committee, or UTG-C Planning Group): Carla Lund reported.

- The Route 40 highway signs will be erected soon; all paperwork, design, payment, etc has been completed
- A suitable material for walkways at the UTG - Crossville may be crushed granite. Used at the *Knoxville Smokies warning track at Covenant Health Park in Kodak, TN*, it provides durable and permeable material for foot and mechanical traffic. More information is forthcoming

New Business:

- Participation in research is encouraged; turf is the current concentration. Please let Gregg know if you are interested
- Margo showed a list of 'Help Wanted' projects. It includes:
 - A new President for next year
 - FLAGF Event and Volunteer coordinators
 - Fall Gardeners Festival Volunteer Coordinator
 - Rain Barrel Program Coordinator
 - Grant Research and Funding Coordinator
 - Search for Excellence Award Coordinator
 - Website Design, Updates and Management Assistance
 - Media, Promotion, and Educational Materials Design Team
 - Community Outreach and Partnership Coordinators

Announcements:

- The Fairgrounds are going to be renovated, starting with a new building to be constructed in the field across from the Country Store. Timeframe is unknown at this time
- Every Thursday this summer, there is a late afternoon-early evening Farmer's Market in downtown Crossville. We will have a presence there each week to give out promotional materials regarding CCMG and if anyone would like to assist with this, please let Margo know. You may need to answer questions, but you won't be alone if you need to be mentored
- Barbara Moore was recognized for having been an MG for 20 years
- Dagmar Grunwald and Maureen Gries were recognized for having been an MG for 10 years
- Gregg spoke to us regarding the success of the TEMG State Conference in Knoxville and our win of the Silver Shovel for our CITG program. He is proud of all our hard work. He would like feedback; please fill out the evaluation sent by email from Natalie Bumgarner. We tied with another county for having the most attendance at the conference

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Next general meeting: July 7th, at 1:00 pm at the Country Store with Alan Baker giving a presentation on water gardening.

Respectfully submitted as *corrected*,

Sharon McKinney, Corporate Secretary