

Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association of Cabarrus County

October 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 9:30 in the auditorium of the extension office.
- The mission statement was recited.
- Meeting Topics: Propagation, MG's by-laws, and events
- Lauren showed a section from the new MG's Handbook along with a YouTube video entitled Plants, Pests and Pathogens. Links to these will be listed below. Lauren's propagation experience was at Clemson where she worked with a professor using tissue cultures of succulents. The hope was that this work would lead to a plant based medical application; unfortunately the research did not support the supposition this time. The purpose of propagation is similar to why we save seeds: 1) saves money, 2) in order to preserve a special plant, 3) to clone the parent plant 4) to protect a plant against unforeseen environmental maladies and diseases and 5) possibly to create a new cultivar. The overall techniques that are the same in all methods of propagation are: 1) good sanitation is required, 2) know the terminology for the parts of the plants, 3) delicate handling especially the roots, 4) provide the vital elements: warmth, water, light or lack of light, and 5) good drainage. The two types of propagation are Sexual (producing plants by seeds) and Asexual (vegetative parts used to produce plant). Propagation is divided into categories by the plants vegetative properties and thereby the technique used (Ex. woody will be grafted). The advantages of sexual propagation are: less technology, genetic diversity, easy to ship and seeds are viable. Advantages of asexual propagation are: Bigger plants faster, no seeds required, plants are genetically identical, avoid juvenility.
- <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/13-propagation>
- The YouTube video is two hours long use your slide bar to go to minute 6:49 we watched through 22:00. That section is entitled The Art and

Science of Plant Propagation presented by Lis Meyer, Lecturer NCSU
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdQhsGATKR0>

- The motion to accept the August meeting minutes was made by Debbie Smith and the seconded by Jackie Ashton. The acceptance of the September meeting minutes was motioned by Ellen Vandenberg and seconded by Gerri Harris.
- Mary Quay provided the Treasury report for September.
- Scott acknowledged and thanked the chairs for our September events. Wendy Tate who chaired the CCF booth from set up, to staffing, to break down. Marianne Scully and Pat Gladden were thanked for their work for ABD. A special thanks to Gerri Harris, the floor runner and Nelson May, whom provided the consistent look for our stations. Marianne reports that the easels were bought for this event and belong to MG's. These easels are stored in the atrium closet.
- James Polk announced that our November speaker will be Wendy Tate; her topic will be fruit tree pruning. Wendy reminded us of the Fruit tree sale that is currently running; Lauren sent the link in an email. Here it is as well: <https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/spotlight/cooperative-extension-spring-plant-sale/>
Deadline to order Tuesday 10.25.16 Cost is \$10. Per plant in a one gallon size Pickup dates 11.3-11.4, 9a.m. to 5p.m. Proceeds are for programming support of Extension Services.
- Joe Ormsby reports the following field trips: 10 a.m. on October 11th Grass Creek Gardens located at 15404 Mooresville Road. On November 17th he has arranged for us to see the poinsettia operation at Kings Nursery. The trip is at 10 a.m.; Joe will provide the address later in an email.
- Robbie Furr introduced us to Frankie Bogutsky (Becky Lewis' replacement) she will be in the office 10-2. M-TH.
- Aurora Ormsby spoke to explain she brought in the scrapbook which is a work in progress and is displayed for viewing on the front table.

- Wayne Fisher called for volunteers who were willing to proof read MG's Cabarrus County website to ensure up to date and accurate information is reflected. James Polk, Joe Ormsby and Ellen Vandenberg volunteered.
- Mitchell Hagler reported that the Grants and Scholarship committee have made some edits to the guidelines in order to clarify who can apply for these monies, the deadline to submit applications was moved up about a month, award amounts were increased to up to \$500., and now will include elementary schools. The application process will now be paperless; students will be directed to the website for electronic submission.
- Mitchell then addressed a section of the by-laws concerning the length of time an officer would be able to serve in their position. Bridget Kolda motioned to split the officers into two groups with one pair serving a one year term and the other pair serving a two year term. Glenda Steel seconded the motion. Further she motioned that one pair (Pres and VP trips) be nominated in even years and the other pair (VP programs and Secretary) be nominated in odd years with at least one year lapse before the same person would be eligible to be nominated for a position which they had previously held. Overall this entire package to begin with nominations in November 2017. Steve Mosier seconded the motion; by a show of hands the motions carried 28 to 38.
- Renee Hedrick advised that the Christmas Party will be held on 12.16.16. Renee will be meeting with the events person at the Cabarrus County Country Club to finalize details tomorrow.
- Renee Hedrick asked for volunteers to bring dirt to Lomax (Scott volunteered), asked for plastic pots (Wendy volunteered) and for members to meet at Lomax to pot ferns on Friday 10.7.16 Aurora and Joe Ormsby, Emily Dunn and Mary Haynes volunteered to assist. Renee has volunteered to do the watering at Lomax in order to maintain healthy plants until the annual Herb Fest sale.
- Gerri Harris, chair of the nominating committee, addressed the group asking everyone to get involved and send their recommendations for association officers to her, Gerri said she wanted to see lots of nominations

so she could be persuasive when she spoke with the candidates to serve. Voting will be at the November meeting with their term starting January 2017.

- Scott announced that there is a need for a chairperson for the Garden and Landscaping Show at the Cabarrus County Arena at the end of January.
- Lauren urged everyone to record their volunteer and educational hours with all pertinent details on www.ncsugarden.com Please have this completed by December 1st.
- Tickets were drawn for the kitty and prizes awarded
- Meeting adjourned at noon
- 38 members in attendance

Respectively submitted,

Karo Nerenberg, interim Secretary