



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

EXTENSION

Master Gardener Program

Extension Program Development Team (PDT) Minutes

Agent: Paul Pugliese

County: Bartow

Date: May 17, 2024

Program Area: Bartow County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEV)

Members Present: Vicki Jones, Greg Frisbee, Gracie Jordan

Members Not in Attendance: Dee Anne Wyse, Renee Carleton, Sheryll Sproull, Shirley Andrews, Tricia Spivey, Candice Sims, Steve Zuber, Mary Willis, Deborah Beck, Kate Posey, Rick Shireman, Don Hassebrock, Venia Etta McJunkin, Gisele Butker.

Review:

1. Review: February 2nd PDT meeting minutes and action items.
2. Budget Update: Current MGEV program balance is \$14,176 | Investment Fund: \$34,014.
3. Landscape Design Lunch & Learn – April 18 (35 attendees)
4. Children’s Container Gardens Workshop – April 13 (10 attendees)
5. Native Plants Lunch & Learn – March 14 (26 attendees)
6. Bird Songs and Bird Houses Workshop – March 9 (9 attendees)
7. Bog Gardens Lunch & Learn – Feb. 15 (19 attendees)
8. Hydroponics Workshop – Feb. 10 (14 attendees) – missing activity report?
9. UGA/Botanical Gardens Tour in Athens: April 23 (9 attendees)

Education and Updates:

1. Upcoming Thoughtful Thursday Webinars (2pm): **June 13** – Wild Harvesting Plants; **July 11** – Home Hydroponics; **Aug. 8** – Ornamental Insects; **Sept. 12** - Fall Turf Care; **Oct. 10** – MGLOG Tips; **Nov. 14** – Plant Breeding.
2. Advanced Trainings – None currently scheduled.
3. Bartow County School Gardens Tour: **May 20** (limited to 27 on buses)
4. Motor Vehicle Training and Driver Acknowledgement Forms
5. Non-Discrimination Letters for Non-Governmental Organizations

Plan Upcoming Programs and Events:

1. BCMG Workshops: **June 8** – Charcuterie Boards; **July 13** – Growing Herbs; **Aug. 10** – Rain Barrels; **Oct. 12** – Square Foot Gardens; **Nov. 16** – Wreath Making.
2. Extension office will be **closed for holidays: May 27, June 19, July 4**

Engage Project Teams:

1. Continuing Education: (Shirley/Vicki): Monthly meeting programs scheduled through November by Shirley. July and December will not have a program.
2. MGEV Finance/Fundraisers (Sheryll/Dee Anne): MG Plant Sale – May 21 at Extension

office. Sheryll is no longer interested in serving as treasurer. Dee Anne has volunteered to step back into the treasurer role for the remainder of the year.

3. Workshops/Lunch & Learns (Dee Anne/Shirley): See upcoming programs above.
4. KBB Projects (Pete/Kate/Katie/Gracie):
 - a. Cleanup at Shakespeare Garden on May 2nd. Need a new site coordinator. Dee Anne and Lynne Frye are interested in being site coordinators.
 - b. River Cleanup at Neel's Landing on May 31st ([RSVP online](#)).
5. Propagation and Seed Starting (Rick/Mary): **May 4-5**: Rose Lawn May Market sales went well. Cleaning out nursery area after plant sale on May 21st. Plants that are going to be sold this fall will be divided amongst members to provide care at homes during the summer.
6. School Garden/STEM Consults (Kate/Katie/Gracie): Last day of school is May 24th.
6. Rose Lawn Demo. Garden (Steve/Paul B.): **June 29** – Open Garden Day Event (Shirley).
 - a. Rose Lawn Workdays are now on Tuesday mornings.
7. 4-H Day Camps/Forestry (Tricia/April/Don): **June 10-12** - Play in the Dirt Day Camp.
 - a. STEM focus for Play in the Dirt on June 11-12. June 10th is a setup day.
 - b. Forestry Day Camps: July 9, 12, 23, 26.
8. Mentoring New MG (Vicki/Venia Etta): Mentors should continue to check-in with new mentees. Invite them to committees, etc.
9. Office Support (Mary): no report.
10. Media Outreach (Deborah/Greg): Working on radio PSA's with local station.
11. Community Gardens/ARC (Gisele): Workdays on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30pm-8pm. Third Saturday of each month workdays 9am-11am. Teaching mini-gardening classes on third Saturdays 9:30-10:30am during workday.

Additional Information: Upcoming PDT meetings: **Aug. 16 and Nov. 1 @ 1pm.**

Action Items:

| *Action Items | Person(s) Responsible | Completion Date |
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| Promote upcoming workshops | Media Outreach committee | Ongoing |
| Complete Motor Vehicle Driver Forms | All volunteers | ASAP |
| Promote Open Garden Day at Rose Lawn | Media Outreach committee | June 29 |
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