

Cabarrus County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association

September 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

- President Wendy Tate called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the extension office
- Meeting Topic: Member presentations, one of Lauren's goals is to develop a Speakers Bureau, these are members who will choose a horticulture related topic and then be able to give a talk. Currently Lauren is unable to satisfy all the requests she receives for gardening talks; with this Speakers Bureau developed she will have a pool of MG's she can call on to assist with some of these engagements. Three people have agreed to speak today. First, Karen Lankeet told us that she will be developing the topic of "Essential Oils" for a future talk. Today Karen spoke about growing Garlic. Karen provided details of the types of Garlic she found to be successful in our zone and her tried and true methodology. Karen is a member of the 2017 Master Gardeners graduates; please contact her for in depth information. Next, Harry "Mr. Compost" Stanhope taught us about growing Spinach. Harry is a resource to our association who has been gardening in N.C. for forty-nine years. We were told planting date, where to buy seeds, about pests, bolting, soil, and splash; all the information required to grow spinach successfully. Bob Wilbur will present his topic at a future date.
- August meeting minutes were asked to be approved, so motioned by Renee Hedrick and the second was CeCe McFadden.
- Gerri Harris reported the bank balance as well as the checks she has written.
- Lauren reiterated details about the upcoming county fair and Agri-Business Days. Lauren detailed her upcoming activities, watch your email for volunteer opportunities with the Rhubarb project, discussed donation venues for Harvey victims.
- The chairs for the Fair and ABD reported they are staffed and people are scheduled to cover these two events therefore expecting another year of success.

- Joe Ormsby has set a tour of the largest under cover greenhouse in the country, Metrolina Greenhouse, on October 12th at 9 a.m. SHARP! Tour last 1.5 hours. Joe asks if there is interest in attending the Chinese Lantern Festival at Daniel Stowe the cost is \$20. held all month long from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Carpooling would be advised due to the distance.
- Wendy apprised us that Karen Lankeet has set up an Instagram account: cabarrusemg. On September 23rd you can come to McGill Baptist Church to help David Goforth with the sweet potato harvest.
- The October monthly meeting will be held at Lucky Leaf Gardens located at 7624 Hillard Lane which is off Piney Grove in Concord.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
- The kitty was drawn and prizes awarded.
- 26 members in attendance

Respectively submitted,
Karo Nerenberg Secretary