

Hanover Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
June 10, 2021

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the HMGA General Membership meeting. The meeting was well attended. Pattie introduced Annette Schanz.

Annette Schanz, VP/Meetings, introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Nicholas Ruppel, who spoke on “Surveying Pollinator Assemblies on Virginia Native Plants.” He discussed the latest research results on the variety and numbers of pollinators that he and his students have found in the native plant garden on Randolph-Macon Campus in Ashland.

Pattie thanked Dr. Ruppel for the presentation and turned the meeting back over to Annette, who announced that she was working to schedule an in-person get-together for the HMGs in July. Pattie stated that more information would be sent to the MGs as the plans were finalized.

Pattie stated that the Plant Clinic program will be restarted shortly, starting at local Farmers’ Markets. She stated that details and dates will be listed on Better Impact.

Pattie stated that work is continuing in the Extension Office and invited MGs who have not had an opportunity to visit and to see the changes to do so.

Pattie Bland discussed International MG College that is being held virtually on September 12-17. She said the VMGA is providing scholarships for up to 2 MGs per unit. She said that the HMGA Board of Directors voted at the May 17 meeting to approve \$150 scholarships for up to 5 Hanover MGs. The deadline for applications for the HMGA scholarships is June 18, 2021.

The MGs and interns went into virtual “breakout sessions” for about 15 minutes.

The June 10, 2021, HMGA General Membership meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary