

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Hanover Evangelical Friends Church**  
**February 7, 2019**

*Minutes*

President Pattie Bland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed the members; interns; trainees; guests; and our speaker, Daniel Wright. She invited everyone to enjoy the pot luck dinner.

Ginny Nicholas, VP, introduced the speaker, Daniel Wright, Butterfly Co-curator at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. His presentation on “Marvelous Butterflies” was interesting and informative.

Pattie called the business meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Pattie turned the meeting over to Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator. Angelette stated that there will be twelve trainees in the class starting February 12. Classes will be held in the DSS Building in Ashland. Volunteers are still needed; please check VMS to sign up. Angelette introduced the trainees in attendance. The 2019 trainees are:

Jennifer Baker	Darlette Meekins	Victoria Shipp
Brenda Ham	Ginny Meeks	Marcie Townsend
Monhae Harris	Kelli Moore	Jane White
Carol Koger	Diane Mullins	Richard Wood

Pattie reported for Ed Wall, HGS Committee Chairman, that the 2019 HGS program will run through April. The Mechanicsville classes are being held at Covenant Woods, in the multi-purpose room in C Building between the Manor and the Manor East. Volunteer opportunities are still available, and MGs can attend for educational hours.

Christy Brennan, VMGA Representative, asked MGs to consider joining the VMGA. She stated dues are only \$12.00 per year. Meetings are every other month and there are good speakers. She said the VMGA gives MGs direct contact with VT Extension personnel, who attend the meetings. She informed the MGs of the upcoming VMGA meeting on Saturday February 9, 2019, at the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. Christy reminded MGs that MG College will be in Norfolk this year. It will be a test run for International MG College being held there in 2021. Christy explained that the VMGA has entered into an agreement with VT and VCE to endow the State MG position. The endowed position will ensure that there will always be a faculty position to coordinate and support the Extension MG program in Virginia. She encouraged all MGs to support the endowment program.

Pattie reminded MGs to please read the weekly HMGA event email. She encouraged MGs to review projects, programs, and committees listed on VMS and to consider volunteering for some of those positions. Pattie thanked everyone who helped organize and set up. She thanked Betty Jane Hughes for making the centerpieces, Linda Hazelwood for Hospitality, and Diane Dean for her technical assistance. Pattie reminded members to pay their dues. She stated that members can pay dues to Pat Reyes or Betty Jane Hughes by cash, check, or credit card. MGs can go to <http://hanovermastergardeners.org/> to pay dues online. Pattie stated the next member-led meeting will be held on March 4.

Ginny recommended that a committee be formed to rehabilitate the garden in front of the Extension Office. She asked for volunteers, and several MGs expressed interest. Ginny will work to form a committee, create a plan, and propose a budget to the Board of Directors.

Door prizes were won by Monhae Harris and Angelette Pryor.

The February HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**Present:** The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Bryant**  
**Secretary**