

Big Country Master Gardener Meeting Agenda for: Association/Education meeting; topic is Electroculture gardening

Date: August 19, 2025

Time: 7:20

Location: Big Country Extension office – in person

Facilitator: Dawn Graham

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Rachel Perkins

1. Review:

- **Last Month** meeting minutes, motion to approve as written: **Ellen_Preseley**___second **Grace Broyles**_vote in favor
- **Last Month** treasurer's report (Kathy): **Accepted as presented**

2. Upcoming events, workshops, community outreach, Volunteer opportunities:

- August 30 9:00 a.m. Saturday Seminar, Extension Office Conference Room. The topic is Victory Gardens.
- September 2 6:00 p.m. Library Program, South Library Branch in the Mall. The topic is Overwintering Your Plants.
- September 9 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

3. Committee updates:

- **Awards** (Ann Clark): **Busy Bee: Doris Oltman; You Rock: Wendy Porter**
- **Budget & Finance** (Kathy Turner)

Plant sale (Kathy Turner & Jackie Sledge) – No updates

- 2026 date April 5 - 12
- **2025 Fall:** (building reserved October 6 – 12)

Membership (Jackie Sledge)

- **Last month hours:** VOL (volunteer) **335.50**; CE (education) **75.25**; totaling **410.75**, reported by 44 Master Gardeners & Interns, contacts **50** reported in VMS

Projects (Jackie Sledge, Chair)

- **Modern living mall** (Kathy Turner)
- **Expo planters** (Kathy Turner): **There will be 2 hanging baskets to hang on Pergola.**
- **Swenson House** (Sandy Shaw & Jackie Sledge) : **There will be a Sept 6 event where Martin Jensen is to be honored.**
- **Zoo** (Heidi Oracion)
- **Hope Gardens** (Lauren Clark)
- ~~Thomas Elementary School~~ removal of MG property has been postponed
- **Greenhouse** (Jo)
- **Maple Street** (Rachel)

F. Recurring special events (Stephanie McKee, Chair)

- **2025 parties:**
 - Fall 10/18: **5 pm at Donna Long Wolfer's home.**
 - Christmas 12/09: **6 pm Big Country Hall, Catered by Rosa's. Theme is Feliz Navidad. Charity TBD.**
- **Business/Education program:**
 - **September: Nathan Smith**
 - **October: Jackie Sledge & Kathy Turner**
 - **November: Barbara Newman**
- G. Resource/Marketing/Extension office (Dawnyel)**
- H. Association updates**
 - **Newsletter**
 - **Garden articles**
 - **Public requests:**
 - **Jackie Sledge mentioned acknowledgement from Big Country Iris Society. We provided MG swag.**
 - **Concho Valley MG Symposium Saturday, 9/13.**
- I. Strategic planning: (president, and past presidents)**
- J. Nominating committee (Stephanie) :**
 - **Voted on Treasurer Elect: Jackie Sledge - Vote carried**
 - **Voted on President Elect: Stephanie McKee - Vote carried**
- K. Advanced training (Jo): Grace Broyles and Natasha Henderson attend Turfgrass 9/4-5.**
- L. Programs**
 - a. **Library (John)**
 - b. **Saturday Seminars (Kathy)**

4. Old business:

5. New business:

- Earth Kind project approved for Maple St
- An Herb/Tea Garden at Maples St has been proposed, pending approval

6. Open Forum: any questions/comments/suggestions:

- **Meeting of those interested in HERBS at Maple Street and beyond will be at Teacopia, 6838 S. Clack, Saturday, 8/23, 1 pm.**
- **Jean Seymore brought iris rhizomes to share.**

7. Wrap-Up and Next Meeting Details:

- **Next Executive meeting** – September 9th
- **Next Association/education meeting** – September 16th
 - Education topic is Climate resources for MGs presented by Master Naturalist Nathan Smith

8. VMS: Don't forget to add your hours

- **For monthly Association Business meeting:** Association meeting - Monthly Association Business Meeting VOL (Volunteer) Hours. Complete remarks.
 - HOURS 1
- **For monthly Association Education class before meeting:** Association Meeting – Monthly Continuing Education class before Business Meeting, CE (continuing education) hours. Complete remarks.
 - HOURS 1
- **If you bring a snack:** Other - Food. VOL (Volunteer) 1 Hour. Complete Remarks.

Email – BCMGardeners@yahoo.com Members' Only Section Password: BCMGA (all caps)

Website – bcmgtx.org

Hour requirements: 20 volunteer & 10 continuing education

Adjournment:

- **Time; 8:20 pm**
- **Motion: Pleas McKee**
- **Second: John Geib**

Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them. ~ Liberty Hyde Bailey