

Master Gardeners of Clark County  
General Meeting Minutes July 9, 2025

The July 9, 2025 meeting was called to order by Jill Pfister President at 5:45 PM other officers attending was: Christi Lockhart outgoing president, George Simon II Treasurer, Teresa Magill Assistant Treasurer Karen Parsons, Gigi Wise Members at Large, Gary Watson Incoming President, Linda Asebrook Secretary, Pam Bennett, Beth Brooks and with 34 members present. President Jill Pfister asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting. A motion by Marianne Ober was made and seconded by Donna Myers to accept the minutes as reported and, as there were no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2025 is \$95,321.17 The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

At this point in the meeting, Howard Wingert was introduced from Miami County with a report on their upcoming event September 4, 2025 presenting 5 sessions and price for Master Gardeners is \$50.

**Pam Bennett Report:**

Hartman Rock Garden Tchotchkepalooza is Saturday, July 26, along with Southside in Bloom. If you are able to volunteer for the event, please let Pam know. She has the signup sheet. MGVs get volunteer hours for working at Hartman.

2. Working with Pannier on interpretive signage and looking at a 3D printer for the plant labels.

3. Wednesday, September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 walking tour of Ferncliff trees. How many will be attending, and do we want to hold a separate event for just MGVs? If so, we can do it earlier in the day like around 1:00.

4. Clark County Park District will have a replacement levy on the November ballot. We are looking for people to help serve on the steering committee or help with signs, etc. Let Pam know if you are able or interested in helping.

5. International MGV Conference is August 25-29 and is virtual – register today. Will have access to all of the recordings.

**Beth Brooks Report:** Beth reminded the Chairmen to send their reports from the meeting to Jill Pfister President email is [jillapfister@gmail.com](mailto:jillapfister@gmail.com), Gary Watson new email is [gary.watson1301@gmail.com](mailto:gary.watson1301@gmail.com), incoming president, and Linda Asebrook the secretary email, [lasebrook@gmail.com](mailto:lasebrook@gmail.com) Please send your write up to all the above and they will appreciate it.

Promise neighborhood reached out to Beth to see if we would be interested in hosting a Youth Service group of 32 from Findlay who would be attending church camp at Cedarville University. The organizers later had a site that canceled and asked if we would be willing to also host an additional group of 45 from Minnesota. To say these groups were heaven sent would be an understatement.

Here is a partial list of tasks they helped us with in SPGA:

-Weeded all three hydrangea beds

- Helped Tom pull up landscape fabric full of weeds and fasten the shade cloth to the pergola in Landscape with Nature
- Weeded and spread mulch in the rose research beds
- Weeded the entrance, under the big spruce, in the memory garden and the patio beds
- Dug out all the Little Bluestems in the River of Daffs and weeded that area
- Swept the pavilion
- Removed the foliage from the spent Spring bulbs
- Weeded the knockout roses by the shelter house and spread mulch in that area

Thank you to Theresa and Terry Gregory, Dennis, Marilyn, Tom D., Connie, Jill P., Deb B., Drew, Mark F., Jan, Kim and Jim for helping with the service days while the groups were with us.

Thank you to Gigi for cleaning the orange coolers for us to use for water for the students. Thank you Joyce and Gary for cleaning the coolers again as well as the shelf to put them on. During their time with us, we provided education regarding the history of Extension and MGVS and our program and mission and the impact we are making in our community. We shared the History of SPGA and talked about all the ways we are practicing sustainability in the gardens.

Thank you to Deb B. for giving the group an official Docent tour of the gardens and to Mark for interpreting the Early Ohio Settlers Garden, Tom for teaching them about bees and Mark and Drew for a tour and information about the Victory Garden.

We also had some fun “planking” in between pulling weeds and I did some dance fitness and yoga with them in the pavilion.

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The plants and shrubs to finish landscaping the patio beds in the Springfield Foundation Feature Gardens will be picked up this Friday. (Thank you, Deb and Connie for offering your vehicles and time / labor.) We are also working on xeriscaping the fallen log area. The Kiwanis Children’s garden donated a bunch of rudbeckia to us and we will be transplanting the little bluestems from the river and adding coneflower and big bluestems to that area. Thank you to Jim for all his hard work back there weeding, planting and watering.

Jim will begin his new position with OSU Extension August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Fair Committee:** Charlie Miller, chairman of the Fair committee, needs volunteers on Thursday July 17 from 9A to 1P at the fair for set up and making baskets.

**EOS Committee:** Mark Finnegan reminded all present that Ski Schaner will be presenting ‘How and why the Early Settlers came to Ohio’ on Thursday July 17, 2025 at 6P

**Golf Outing: Docent: Childrens' Garden:**

Date will be August 22, 2025 – Rain date will be September 5, 2025

Connie also reported on the Storybook Trail which the realtors received an \$800 grant and are creating giant shadowboxes for flowers and books.

The Docents will receive updated books for year 2025 with all the revisions.

**Jubilee Committee:** Christi Lockhart reported that the next meeting is July 24 from 1-3. They will be needing cut flowers and there will be face painting and they will need to know how many tents and tables the committees will need. The Jubilee is August 2, 2025. The committee is also asking for volunteers for ambassadors.

**Victory Garden:** Jill Phister reported that they have keep the weeds in check and got everything planted. All the tomatoes have been caged and staked up. Thanks to Dennis and Jim for help with the cages. The first corn planting suddenly tasseled and se silk now and the corn is filling out. Come see the Victory Garden. The potatoes are getting near the end of their growing season and we should start picking beans and harvesting more types of squash. We picked 102 pounds of mostly cabbages, zucchini and onions to take to the food bank.

**LWN Committee:** Tom Davidson reported that the garden looks good and they have no weeds. He also suggested we look at members who are growing older and having problems working in the gardens. The Board will add this to the agenda for the August meeting. This has been brought up in the survey and also in the strategic plan.

**Perennial Committee:**

Workdays have been spent maintaining the Clubhouse Gardens. The area is looking beautiful. Completed 2 Education evets for “Meet Me in the Garden”. Spring Pruning and Hypertufa Workshop. Appreciated all the help from the Serve Group from Cedarville College. They weeded and cleaned the River of Daffodils and dug out the grasses that have been transplanted in the Fallen Log Garden. See you at the Jubilee.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Next General Meeting September 10, 2025 place to be determined.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Deb Brugger and seconded by Donna Myers to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Motion passed.

*Linda Asebrook*

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Recording Secretary