

**Gwinnett County Master Gardeners Association
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014, 7:00 pm
Bethesda Senior Center, Lawrenceville, GA**

President Becky Wolary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, welcoming all attendees and expressing a special Thank You to the members who have agreed to be committee chairs.

Announcement Sheet: At the sign-in table is an Announcement Sheet, according to Becky. She plans to compile information of interest to members each month as a time-saving measure. Tonight's is available at the front table.

One late announcement that didn't make it into the Announcement Sheet: Maria Turk is moving and will have a sale for gardeners. More details will be forthcoming.

Susan Hanson, Chair of the 2014 Plant Sale spoke briefly.

- She highlighted winterberry as a way of calling attention to the upcoming sale and its emphasis on native plants.
- If members are interested in purchasing winterberry plants, she asked that they indicate such at a signup sheet at the front table. If there is sufficient interest, she will arrange for pre-purchase and have them available at the Plant Sale.
- The Sale will be on April 25, the last Friday in April.

Tim Daly of the Extension Office announced that the Home Show is Friday, Feb 21, through Sunday, Feb 23. They will need three volunteers throughout the period at the extension booth, with one or two selling honey. He also noted that another Home Show will take place in October.

Becky introduced the evening's speaker, MGEV Class of 2004 Grad Mary Bachner, also an Atlanta Audubon Society Master Birder. Mary gave a presentation covering the AAS Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Certification Program and what it takes to create a bird- and wildlife-friendly habitat in your backyard.