Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association
AgriLife Building, Burnet, Texas
General Meeting
June 2, 2026

Present: In person 44/ Guests 2 /Via Zoom 24

Proceedings: *Meeting called to order* at 2:08 p.m. by Kerry Nyquist, President.

Kerry Nyquist introduced our speaker, James Green with Texas Tree Diversity. He presented "Texas Native and Small Trees and Their Many Benefits."

Break at 3:18 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 3:38 p.m.

Kerry thanked James Green for the presentation. He mentioned that members earned 1 Advanced Training hour for the presentation today, 1 Volunteer Hour for attending the meeting and 1 Volunteer Hour if the member brought snacks.

April Meeting Minutes were approved as emailed and posted online.
April Financials were approved and will be emailed and posted online.

Kerry presented the financials. He explained that the financial reports for May were not sent in advance due to the early meeting date but were displayed on screen. Kerry noted the reports will be posted to the website and sent via email.

MOTION to accept the year-to-date comparison report was made by Joan Altobelli and seconded by Lyda Woodul. All were in favor with none opposed.

MOTION to accept the statement of activity report was made by Reno Lamb and seconded by Coleen Catlett. All were in favor with none opposed.

Kerry announced that Laura Koontz and Margaret Shelby have completed all requirements to become fully-fledged Master Gardeners. They will receive their official metal badges at the end-of-year award ceremony. It was also noted that name cards for members are available in the back, which can be used for discounts at local businesses like Backbone Valley.

<u>Projects</u>
***County Fair* – Roxanne reported that the fair is on June 12th and 13th, with volunteer opportunities starting Tuesday, June 9th. Setup begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Volunteers are needed from Tuesday through Saturday for setting up, assisting with entries, helping judges, placing ribbons, and welcoming visitors. Roxanne also encouraged members to enter items in categories such as baked goods, potted plants, vegetables, and flower arranging. Kerry added that there will be two different quilts being raffled: one for the 2027 Lawn and Garden Show and a separate one for the County Fair.**

***Farmer's Market* – Kerry mentioned that Patty Young is looking for volunteers to help at the Farmer's Market every Saturday and is also seeking members to train as coordinators to eventually take over the position.**

***Lawn and Garden Show* – Lorna Bernard announced that the show date is set for April 3, 2027. Three of the four coordinator positions have been filled, with one opening remaining for a volunteer coordinator. The duties for this role were outlined, which include reserving the building, arranging work crews to move chairs and tables, managing volunteer sign-ups, coordinate the t-shirt order, arranging for speakers, recruiting an announcer, coordinating concessions and parking, recruiting volunteers for a children's booth, recruit people to encourage quilt donations and handling signage. Members were also reminded to save items for next year's silent auction.**

***The Gardens* – Kerry reported that both the Kingsland Garden and the Marble Falls Trinity Church garden are in the middle of a busy harvesting season. Volunteers are needed, especially on Fridays. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. at both locations.**

***Burnet Nursing Home Courtyard* – Ann McClanahan requested volunteers for a workday on Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m. to help with weeding the courtyard at the nursing home on Jackson Street.**

***Mustang ACE Program* – Kerry shared that the program has wrapped up for the year, and they are awaiting information on plans for the next school year.**

***Green Thumb Program* – Sherry announced the next session is on Thursday, June 18th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the AgriLife building. Jana Hernandez from Lone Star Lettuce Growers will be the guest speaker on hydroponics. The following session is Thursday, July 16, 2026, meeting will feature Martelle Ludecke speaking on the Art of Propagation at the Agrilife Building.**

<u>Committees</u>
***Scholarship Committee* – Lyda Woodul announced the three scholarship recipients for the year: Riley Arrington (third-time recipient), Kennedy Dalton, and Miley Evans. The board approved increasing the scholarship amount to $2,000 for each student, for a total of $6,000.**

Kerry reminded everyone that the virtual Texas Master Gardener Conference is on June 29th, and April Cothran will organize a group to watch it together at the AgriLife building if anyone is interested. He also encouraged members to follow the new association Facebook page, "Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association of Burnet, Texas." Donna Cagle is coordinating the face book page.

Kerry announced the next general meeting will be on July 14th at 2:00 p.m., featuring Wade Hibler presenting on "Rainwater Harvesting."

Connie Stein asked about the three-year background checks, and Kerry confirmed that Kelly will send email notifications to members when they are due. The association dues cover the $12 fee.

Virginie Lamb thanked everyone for bringing snack. Jana Barner won the drawing, and she received a Wildflower Arrangement.

Meeting Adjourned 4:26 p.m.
Minutes submitted by the Recording Secretary April Cothran