

CMGA 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting
August 1, 2023
Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Paula Russo.

56 CMGA members attended.

Business meeting – update on CMGA activities.

- Current Board members, county affiliations
- Interested? Submit an application.
- 2023 accomplishments
 - Annual symposium
 - Financial support for Master Gardener program – scholarships, Extension Center grants
 - Plant sales for fund raising.
 - Member events
 - Winter tree walk ID
 - Azalea tour
 - Meigs Point tour
 - TSV tree walks for interns
 - Upcoming
 - Lockwood Farms
 - Hidden Gems
 - Enders Island
 - Broken Arrow Nursery
 - 2023 CMGA annual meeting
 - Retailer discount program update – 10% discount to CMGA members

New Lifetime Members – awarded at 2023 Symposium

- Maureen Egan
- Karen Berger
- Theresa Hennessey
- Michele Sorenson
- Beth Miller

Featured speaker Christine Darnell spoke about “Radically Rethinking Garden Design”.

Christine created her garden design studio, Christine Darnell Gardens, in Lyme, CT in 2011. Creative plant combinations characterize her work, and Christine is known for her beautiful, habitat-based, naturalistic perennial designs.

Christine teaches Landscape Design for the CT Landscape and Nursery Association and serves on the Nurserymen’s Advisory Foundation. She represents the town of Lyme on the Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Committee. She also serves on the Florence Griswold Museum Buildings and Grounds Committee. Christine is a frequent contributor to Connecticut Gardener and The New Haven Register. She has over 20 years of experience as a professional designer and horticulturist.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Jean Fletcher, August 3, 2023.