

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

January 15, 2008- Regular Monthly Meeting- 10:00am- Canton Methodist Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Brannon at 10:00 a.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Treasurer Nell Gillespie, Historians Mary Ellen Roos and Linda Robbins, Betty Adams, Monte Bores, Marie Cutts, Mageeda Doe, Jean Garner, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Carol Mumaw, Pam Raines, Ellen Reagan, Jane Shelnett, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Marcia Winchester, Susan Wyman, Steve Scott, Tom Walston, Pat Whiting, Katie Van Hiel, Billie Davis, Marianne McNelly and Diane Smith.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Past President Glenda Thompson announced the new officers for 2008: President, Russell Brannon; President-Elect, Suzie Thomas; Secretary, Maurya Jones; Treasurer, Nell Gillespie; and Co-Historians, Mary Ellen Roos and Donna Howard.

Newly elected President Russell Brannon thanked Past President Glenda Thompson for all her hard work and presented her with a thank you gift from the Master Gardeners.

President - Russell Brannon announced the Atlanta Garden and Patio Center is having a Master Gardener Day at the Cobb Galleria on Thursday Feb. 7th. Dr. Jeff Lewis from State Botanical Gardens will be there. Tickets are \$5.00 and you must show I.D.

F.F.A has requested judges with horticultural experience to judge a speaking contest in March at Cherokee High School.

Lunch & Learn--You need to sign up if interested in attending;

Russell reminded members to turn in monthly logs and time sheets.

Handouts distributed at meeting were the 2008 CCMG Committees and the 2008 CCMG Monthly Meetings/Speakers. A partial listing of 2008 MG Seminars was also distributed.

Russell stated that we have 53 active members plus 14 new Master Gardeners. Last year the CCMG volunteered 4,528 hours which equated to \$79,692.80.

President-Elect Suzie Thomas went over the 2008 monthly meetings/speakers schedule. Discussion ensued over having a picnic at Poole's Mill in July. All daytime business meetings will be at the Canton Methodist Church in Room 123. Suzie added that Pam Crawford will speak on Container Gardening at the Oct. 21st meeting and she is open to suggestions for our Christmas party in December.

Secretary - Maurya reported a thank you note was sent to Preston Harbour for the 100 Hellebores donated to Sr. Center and read thank you notes from Shirley Clayton, Hickory Flat Library; Judy Haygood, Monte Bores and Janet Newman. Joan McFather moved and Pam Raines seconded approval of Nov. minutes, which were accepted by a show of hands.

Treasurer - Nell Gillespie will receive the books upon audit completion. There is \$9,066.61 in the checking account and a total of \$55.29 in Pike's Greenback account. Nell asked members to e-mail budget requests by Tuesday Jan. 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Care and Share--Betty Adams asked that you contact her about anyone who is ill. Russell announced that Lynn Knotts' husband is still waiting for a liver transplant. Dot Martin is recovering from second stay in hospital.

Habitat for Humanity Landscape Class--Marianne McNelly announced the class will be held in the evening at R. T. Jones Public Library on March 20th. Fifteen new Habitat Homeowners are invited to attend the class that is also open to the public in Cherokee Co. The MG are planning to give the Habitat Homeowners a Starter Kit to take home with them. It will include gift certificates and handouts. Ellen Reagan made a motion to include our Gardening with the Masters handbook in the Starter Kit. Marcia Winchester seconded it. The motion was approved and carried. Marianne added that Pat Whiting and Roxanne Rutledge have prepared an hour and a half Power Point presentation to show at the class.

Master Gardener Class--Glenda asked mentors to stay in contact with sprouts while taking the MG course and to follow up with them to get their volunteer hours completed. Glenda still needs volunteers to help register students at the last three classes.

Senior Center--Marcia announced that the Jan. 17th Sr. Center Workday may be moved to Thurs. Jan. 24th because of weather. Workday will start at 10:00 or possibly after lunch, depending on weather. Marcia reported that 100 Hellebores and seedlings have been donated to the Master Gardeners. She needs help planting daffodils on hill. Some of the Hellebores need to be potted to sell. Marcia added that the Seed Separation will be Feb. 6th at the Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. There will be no plant sale this March at Autumn Hill. Marcia will have an Intern "Hands on Training" demonstration on Feb. 7th at 1:30 p.m. at Sr. Center. This demonstration is optional, but well worth your time. Let Marcia know if you can help with this hands on training. Also, Marcia announced there will be a "Pruning" class on Feb. 21st at 1:30. Pat Whiting, Pam Raines, Mary Ellen Roos and Betty Adams volunteered to help Liz, Merrily, Nell and Marcia. Bring tools!

Newsletter--Newsletter will be on the website at the end of January. If you want a hard copy, send \$7.00 to Nell Gillespie.

Seminars--Susan Wyman distributed schedules of first five seminars. This year the seminars will either be at the Hickory Flat Library or the Emergency Operations Center, 498 Chattin Dr., across the street from the Animal Shelter.

Tee Shirt Committee--Mary Ann Szostak said we will wait until April, after interns finish class, to order tee shirts. She added that we need at least a total of 20 to get a good price.

Field Trips--It was announced that none have been set up at this time.

Garden Books--Carol Mumaw stated that there are 15 books left which will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Marcia made motion to order more books. Viviane Decker seconded motion. The motion was approved and carried. Carol will call Debbie, get price and check with Nell about reordering books.

Landscape Class & Woodstock Senior Center Project--Nell Gillespie announced the Landscaping Class will be \$50.00 for 5 classes. The dates are March 13, 18, 25, 27 at Cherokee High School from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (first class only) and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. the remaining four classes. The date of fifth class is undecided at this time. A minimum of 15 couples is needed. Anyone including Master Gardeners can sign up for class through Judy at Extension Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Collins needs help laying out and irrigating vegetable garden at Ball Ground Elementary School. Russell asked for volunteers.

Grant Writing: Russell needs someone to write a grant to design and construct a sign for Demonstration Gardens at the Senior Center

Marcia has asked for someone to look into possibility of solar power for the greenhouse at Senior Center. If this is feasible, someone needs to write a grant before July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Every Master Gardener needs to turn in a Recommitment Form for 2008 to Russell or the Extension Office.

The monthly meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Maurya Jones, Secretary

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 25 - GMGA Winter Conference - Athens, GA
Jan 29 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Jan 30 - Feb 3 - Southeastern Flower Show
Jan 31 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Feb 5 -Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Feb 7 - Senior Center Workday
Feb 9 - Wonderful World of Roses - Hickory Flat Library
Feb 12 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Feb 14 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Feb 16 - Primed for Pruning- Hickory Flat Library
Feb 19 - Master Gardener Monthly Meeting-Awards-6:00-8:30
Feb 21 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Feb 21 - Senior Center Workday
Feb 21 - Lunch & Learn 12:00-1:00
Feb 26 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Mar 1 - Organic Vegetable Raised Gardens-Emergency Operations Center
Mar 4 - Master Gardener Training- Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Mar 6 - Senior Center Workday
Mar 6 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Mar 11 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Mar 13 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00
Mar 18 - Master Gardener Monthly Meeting 10:00-12:00
Mar 18 - Master Gardener Training-Bartow County Extension 9:00-12:00

BIRTHDAYS:

1/5 - Glenda Thompson	2/8 - Monte Bores
1/15 - Nell Gillespie	2/8 - Gerry Slaughtter
1/19 - Viviane Decker	2/15 - Ellen Reagan
1/22 - Russell Brannon	2/18 - Pam Raines
2/4 - Janis Marshall-Kroen	
2/7 - Vickie Lindsey	