

Cherokee County Master Gardeners
Regular Monthly Meeting–April 15, 2008 - Cherokee County Senior Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Brannon at 6:40 p.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, Immediate Past President Glenda Thompson, President-elect Suzie Thomas, Treasurer Nell Gillespie, Historian Mary Ellen Roos, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Judie Bicknell, Patricia Bowen, Monte Bores, Debbie Califano, Viviane Decker, Mariana DiVita, Lin Harris, Linda Lullie, Dot Martin, Joan McFather, Carol Mumaw, Helen Ogren, Pam Raines, Gail Roos, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Katie Van Hiel, Maura Watson, and Marcia Winchester. County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese was also present.

GUEST SPEAKER

County Extension Agent Pugliese introduced our guest speaker, Marjorie Hicks, the “Stormwater Coordinator” for Cherokee County Public Works. A landscape architect and former member of the Georgia Native Plant Society, Mrs. Hicks said her focus is on our natural resources under the direction of the Cherokee County Engineering Department. She is the first to fill this newly created position, and she stressed that it entailed not so much conservation as keeping the water we have clean. Thus she manages the oversight of what the state requires of the county. There are two mandates: those of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The NPDES has six requirements: 1- Public Education, 2-Public Involvement, 3-Illegal Pollution Dumping, 4- Construction Site Runoff Control, 5- Post-construction Management, and 6-Pollution Prevention. Mrs. Hicks explained what each entailed and also alluded to the focuses of Metro North. It was a very informative talk.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Brannon welcomed all interns and encouraged them to get involved, participating in the various projects.

- There is a plant sale going on at Redbud Nursery.
- The Christmas party will be on Saturday evening, December 6th at the Rock Barn. There will be no charge for the facility since a number of MGs had a work day there, sprucing the planting beds and removing trash. Russell thanked those in attendance.
- The Georgia Native Plant Society is holding a home & garden tour this weekend and could use some volunteer help from 9 to 5 on Saturday.
- There are also signup sheets available for the plant clinic this weekend, 10 to 2 at the Sixes and Route 5 Home Depot.
- Remember to keep up with your hours and turn in your log sheets.

President-elect Suzie Thomas announced that the May 20th regular meeting will be at 10:00. The program will be given by Pat Whiting and Dot Martin on seminar preparation.

Pro tem secretary Joan McFather asked that the minutes be approved. A reference to Pat Whiting under Tomato Tasting should be changed to Dot Martin. Marcia Winchester moved and Mary Ann Szostak seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried. Joan read two cards of thanks from Judy Haygood.

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

- Paul announced two more Lunch and Learn sessions. Todd Hurt will be the on line instructor for one on trees. *Please see below.*
- Advanced MG training classes will be held on August 19th, September 16th and October 14th. Plan on full days at Metro Tech for each. Each will carry 1 credit hour for a total of 3 credit hours possible.
- The Boy Scouts have asked Master Gardeners to provide a class on April 26 leading to their achievement of a gardening merit badge. Someone is needed to teach the class.

- The 40 Gallon Challenge has 114 people registered. Paul asked Glenda Thompson to draw names for two rain barrels; winners were Mike Gloria and Barbara Fulbright.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Care and Share: Betty Adams reported purchasing a hydrangea for Judy Haygood. She announced that the farewell lunch for Billie McIver will be held after the Senior Center Workday morning on Thursday, April 18, at Muilan Restaurant at Prominence Point.

By-Laws: Gerry Slaughter reported that several minor grammatical changes were made to the Bylaws. They will be posted on line with amendments attached.

Senior Center: Marcia explained to the interns that within the experimental garden exist a number of small gardens, each with a chair and co-chair. Group care of the gardens takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Newsletter: Marcia noted that the newsletters are on the web and that interns would be welcome to write articles for future issues.

Field Trips: Glenda is still working to coordinate with Bartow County MGs a trip to the *Southern Living* home and garden in Ball Ground.

Plant Clinics: Sign up sheets were passed.

Rabies Clinic: The event has been organized for this Saturday, April 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Arts Center has asked the Master Gardeners to man a booth downtown Canton at the Arts Fair, May 17th and 18th. Joan McFather will look after the sale of books there.
- We could also participate in the Ball Ground Heritage Days, May 17-18.
- Boy Scout Merit Badge University: see Paul.
- Meeting Dates/Times: It was moved by Betty Adams, seconded by Carol Mumaw to move the August and September meeting dates up to the previous Tuesday in each month so as to avoid the conflict with the Advanced Master Gardeners class schedule. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Burgess Arboretum: New training dates are to be decided.
- Rain Barrels: Pick up for rain barrels was arranged for Tuesday, April 22, between 8 and 11 at the Fairgrounds.

DOOR PRIZES

Marcia Winchester and others contributed a number of plants as well as gardening-related things for door prizes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m..

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/16 – Mary Hughes
- 3/17 – Pat Ball
- 3/24 – Suzie Thomas

3/28 – Susan Cox
4/22 – Liz Ellis-Porter
4/24 – Dot Martin

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr. 17 – Lunch & Learn – Tree Root Protection During Construction Activities – 12:00-1:00
Apr. 18 – Senior Center Workday
Apr. 18/20 – Plant Clinic – Home Depot Opening at Sixes and Route 5 – 10:00-2:00
Apr. 19 – Seminar – “Establish a Backyard Wildlife Habitat/Butterflies” – Safety Facility – 10:00
Apr. 19 – Seminar – “Luscious Shade Plants” – Hickory Flat Library
Apr. 19 – 4-H Rabies Clinic
Apr. 22 – Lunch & Learn – “Landscape Design & Maintenance for Water Conservation”
Apr. 26 – Earth Day Celebration – Funk Heritage Center
May 01 – Senior Center Workday – 9:30-3:30
May 03 – Plant Clinic – Orange Methodist Church (220 Orange Church Cir., off Hwy 20 in Lathemtown)
May 03 – Seminar – “Native Plants of North Georgia” – Hickory Flat Library
May 10 – Seminar – “Container Gardening” – Senior Center
May 17 – “Harvesting Rainwater with Rain Barrels” – Public Safety Facility
May 20 – MG Monthly Meeting – First United Methodist Church – 10:00
May 24 – Seminar – “Drought Tolerant & Native Plants of Georgia” – Ball Ground Public Library
May 31 – Opening of Cagle Dairy Farmer’s Market

ATTACHMENT I

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Cherokee County Master Gardeners.

March 18, 2008

Underline and bold indicates an insertion.
Strike through the words in italics means to delete.

ARTICLE I – NAME

In the first sentence, Strike through “*an affiliate of the Georgia Master Gardeners Association, Incorporated,*”
Reason – We are not an affiliate.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 2

A. Projects

1. All **proposed** projects **require** (substitute “require” for “*requiring*”) the endorsement and/or support of the CCMG, (strike through - *as an organization*) and will be directed to the Project Committee composed of the Extension Agent, (strike through - *and current*) president, **and president-elect** for initial review and recommendations. Projects **shall** (substitute “**shall**” for “*can then*”) be presented (strike through – “*in person*”) at a regular monthly meeting (Strike through – “. *Project presentations*”)...and will include the following:
Reason: For clarification and for the addition of president-elect to Project Committee. “Current” not needed before “president” to indicate “president.” We only have one president.

j. Strike through – “*J. Annual review of project.*”

Reason: Annual review of the project is not pertinent during presentation of new project.

2. Strike through – “*or the termination of any ongoing project*”

Reason: The phrase is not pertinent to presentation of a new project described in Section 2, A

Insert: **4. Projects will be reviewed annually. The termination of any project will be by majority vote of members present at any scheduled monthly meeting.**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Insert **Section 9: Dues may be assessed only by a majority vote of active CCMG members.**

Reason: The insertion of Section 9 is needed as a guideline, if at a future date, the membership considers authorizing dues as a source of revenue for the CCMG.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Strike through – “*Historian*”

Reason: The historian felt that a historian was a member of a committee.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICER, EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 2: Strike through the last sentence. “*The President-Elect will also be responsible for door prizes at selected monthly meetings.*”

Reason: The President-Elect no longer is responsible for door prizes. The president has assigned door prizes to the Social Committee.

Section 4: Strike through the last sentence. “*The Treasurer shall mail out paid newsletters subscriptions.*”

Reason: The Editor of the newsletter currently assigns this duty to a committee member.

Strike through *Section 5: The Historian shall collect photos of CCMG projects, newspapers, magazine articles, etc., which are pertinent to the history of CCMG and post them in a CCMG History Book.*”

Reason: The historian is not an elected officer and the description should not be given under Article V – Duties of Elected Officers, Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1: Strike through the last sentence. *The January meeting shall be an awards luncheon with a brief membership meeting.*”

Reason: Naming the month and the type of meeting does not allow for flexibility.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1: In the third sentence strike through “*their*” and insert “**a**” and delete the “*s*” on folders. The new sentence will read: “All committee chairmen will be responsible for a procedure folder. Reason: Editorial change

Section 3: C, 1. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of “**whom**” (substitute “**whom**” for “who”) **shall** (substitute “**shall**” for “will”)...

Reason: Editorial changes

ARTICLE XI – CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Insert: **Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present at a regular monthly meeting.**

Insert: **Section 2: Recommendations for amendments to the bylaws shall be presented to members at a regular monthly meeting prior to voting on them.**

Reason: Section 1 and Section 2 were voted on at the November 21, 2006 meeting and were inadvertently omitted during retyping.

Section 3 remains as the information given in Article XI of present bylaws:

Section 3: “Revised Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the business of CCMG unless specified by the Bylaws or amendments to the By-laws. Section 3:

Bylaws are on the Cherokee Extension website. They share a box with committees. Next, click on “Bylaws.”

2008 Bylaws Committee Members: Gerry Slaughter, Chairman; Russell Brannon, Glenda Thompson, Betty Adams, Mary Ellen Roos, Marcia Winchester

ATTACHMENT II

CCMG PROJECT PROPOSAL OUTLINE

PROJECT TITLE: Burgess Arboretum Restoration

MG Proposing Project_ Russell Brannon_____ Date March 18, 2008_____

Contact Info: _____Zach White, Horticulturist, Reinhardt College_____

1. Purpose of Project: Assist in the restoration of existing arboretum as well as become a part of a learning center that will be an outgrowth of the arboretum.

2. Number of Master Gardeners needed to make the project a success: Minimum or 6-8 MGs.

Number of Hours needed: _____64 hours for 2008; 128 hours for 2009_____

Training needed: _Minimal in tree/shrub identification, use of GPS and digital camera, researching history of founder, data entry. Eventually learn to provide guided tours on special occasions, outdoor learning facility for master gardener training in plant ID and other horticultural training.

3. Funding Needed/Financial Source: _____None

4. Other groups or organizations involved: _____Reinhardt College staff and students, possibly other Master Gardeners from Bartow & Pickens counties

5. Anticipated effect project will have on the community it serves: ___Project will be used to educate the community (Cherokee County) through learning about plants in the Arboretum, educational tool for Reinhardt College & local elementary & High schools. Become a tool for local green industry, as well as become a draw for new college students. It could also become a destination point for Arboretum enthusiasts nationwide.

6. Educational value of project: _See anticipated effect of project # 5 above_____

7. Projected beginning and ending date: begin May 16, 2008; no ending date

8. Procedures required for implementing the project: Need at least 6-8 MGs for 2008 and maybe more for 2009. Training provided by Reinhardt Horticulturist Zach White & others from the college.

9. Projected sustainability and maintenance plan: None required of Master Gardeners

10. Annual evaluation and measurable impact of project: Annual evaluation should be performed to determine continued involvement in this project.