

Cherokee County Master Gardeners

Regular Meeting- April 19, 2005, Bridge Mill Community Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. The meeting was called to order by President Jean Garner at 10:04 a.m. Members present were President Jean Garner, Immediate Past President Mary Ellen Roos, President-elect Betty Adams, Secretary Joan McFather, Treasurer Pam Raines, Lois Andresen, Pat Bowen, Mignon Fleishel, Maurya Jones, Lynn Knotts, Debbie McCollum, Billie McIver, Carol Mumaw, Janet Newman, Beth Ochsner-Childs, Helen Ogren, Linda Robbins, Jane Shelnett, Gerry Slaughter, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Glenda Thompson, Marcia Winchester, and Margit Woods. Extension Agent Todd Hurt was present also.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Jean introduced two guests, Debbie McCollum's daughter Heather and Elizabeth Smith's daughter Mazie. She announced that the Members Garden Tour would take place rain or shine on May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the homes of Ruth Keightley, Lois Andresen, and Jean Garner and be sure and stop by the Senior Center. She would like more volunteers to serve as hostesses—ideally two per venue in shifts. Contact Jean to volunteer.

There will be an article coming out in the AJC in regards to the Cherokee Master Gardeners.

Carpooling is available for traveling to the Lunch and Learn series at GA

Perimeter College. Meet at 9:15 at the Senior Center for the April 20th seminar "Trilliums" and again on April 27 for "Bog Basics." Also, don't forget to turn in your hours (monthly) by the 6th day of the month!

President-elect Betty asked everyone to make any corrections necessary to the new roster by contacting her. Also, those who made hanging baskets at Redbud Nursery should pick them up. Door prizes can be donated and left at the Senior Center or the Extension office. Call Betty and let her know. Also call her regarding your attending the May 15 picnic—yes or no—since food must be ordered. Among other activities at the picnic will be a pass-along plant swap.

Secretary Joan asked for approval of the minutes. Mary Ann Szostak moved same, Linda Robbins seconded and the motion carried. The secretary wrote one thank you to Home Depot for the new potting bench.

Treasurer Pam reported a checking balance of \$8880.18 and a Pikes receipts balance of \$29.04. Please keep turning in the receipts—we're up to \$4100-worth currently.

Extension Agent Todd reported on the following:

- Awards. Mary Tucker has earned a 10 Year Lifetime Certificate. New members having earned their 50 hours for this year are Mageeda Doe, Maurya Jones, Janet Newman, Elizabeth Smith, and Margit Woods.
- Members still working on their 50 hours include Jean Collins, Viviane Decker, Donna Howard, Linda Kendall, Debbie Osborne, Lesli Peterson, Sherry Rainey, Karen Rockwell, Karen Schutt, Suzie Thomas, Tom Walston, and Deborah Weiner. Mentors let's put in some extra support to help them finish their hours!
- We welcome transfer Becky Willis.
- There is new software at the Extension which Mignon can use to create PDF files. We are hoping soon to have *Contribute*, to be supplied by UGA, by which we can contact other websites and thus collaborate with other groups. A new computer for the office is taking longer than expected: MG funds were supplemented by the Extension to purchase a Dell—preferred by the University system so that all agencies have the same hardware to be purchased by the University. This will also help when computer technical support is needed; with all the systems being the same, support will be easier to maintain.
- The Rabies Clinic was a great success, inoculating over 1,000 animals. Thanks to Mary Ellen Roos, Betty Adams, Helen Ogren, Nan Copenrath, Mary Ann Szostak, and Linda Robbins for your help.
- MG training announcements will be postponed until June, pending the outcome of Todd's interview for a position in Griffin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reinhardt: Elizabeth would like to have a co-chair—her work schedule makes it difficult to get it all done. Between 25 and

50 youth from R.M. Moore come to the Heritage Center on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for activities such as Lois Andresen's lesson on worms. Today the children will plant a three sister's garden. Come and volunteer.

Senior Center: Propagation continues. Marcia Winchester is in need of 1 gallon and smaller containers, but not cell packs.

Newsletter: Please continue to send in articles, preferably by email attachment in Word.

2005 Seminars/Speakers Bureau: Mary Ellen encouraged all facilitators to involve their interns—this is a learning experience for them. Joan asked for a speaker for the Retired Educators meeting on May 4.

Care and Share: Glenda Thompson thanked the group for attention to her own family last month and urged members to let the committee know immediately if care is needed.

Farmers' Market: Pat Bowen announced that the market will open May 21 at Cagle Dairy. She encouraged members to volunteer—a sign-up sheet was passed, and sign-up will be possible on line as well. There will be two shifts: 8-10 a.m. and 10-noon Saturdays through Labor Day. Members may also be vendors. There is no fee again this year, you must provide your own signage, and you cannot count the hours. (Todd cautioned that unless you have a license, you can not sell live plants.) Live demonstrations will take place on the first and third Saturdays. Again, volunteer.

Garden Book: The committee met and is looking at other books, gathering ideas. It will be spiral bound to lie flat, will be arranged by season but will not be date-sensitive. The idea is to make it a constant resource in which the owner writes information pertaining to his own garden. It will include lists of flora appropriate to North Georgia and articles dealing with garden maintenance, as well as month-by month tips. Help will soon be needed for research and later for assembling if we do the project in-house. *Speaking of books—Twin Branches Nursery still has a few cookbooks if you didn't get one.*

T Shirts: Debbie McCollum says you may order T shirts through the end of April by calling the Extension. Plan to pay when you order. The shirts will be screened, not embroidered, in forest green. Shirts will be available at the May meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Advanced MG Class:** Russell Brannon has registered 72 participants. Folders are made, tests ready to print. The committee is working on the evaluation form. Todd has had 50 workbooks put together: *Digital Photography for Horticulture Professionals*.
- **Master Gardener Picnic:** Todd's dad will be bringing a cooker. Maps are available. An invitation has been extended to MGs of many surrounding counties.
- **Web Site Computer Training:** Intermediate training will be held this Friday, April 22. The list is full. Jean is working on beginner sessions — see her to sign up.
- **Garland Shower:** Thanks to Vickie Lindsey for making the arrangements for Karen's shower. Karen and her husband have gone to be with the birth mother prior to adoption.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

BIRTHDAYS

May: Linda Kendall 9, Lynn Knotts 10, Elizabeth Smith 17, Todd Hurt 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 5 – Senior Center Workday

May 12 – Advanced MG Class: Digital Photography

May 14 – Seminar on Birds at Senior Center 10 a.m.

May 15 – MG Picnic at Sittin' Down Creek

May 17 – Monthly MG Meeting at Bridge Mill Community Center 10 a.m. (Speaker on FERNS)

May 19 – Senior Center Workday

May 21 – Farmers' Market (Every Sat, until Labor Day, 8-12) at Cagle Dairy

May 21 -- Seminar on Artful Concrete Planters at Senior Center 10 a.m.

June 1 – Senior Center Workday

June 4 – Seminar on Hydrangeas at Hickory Flat Library 10 a.m.

June 11 – Seminar on Native Plants in the Garden at Hickory Flat Library 10 a.m.

June 21 – Monthly MG Meeting/Lunch/Tour Merrily's Gardens 10 a.m.

June 28 – Plant Swap at Debbie Meadows' Tour of Debbie's Garden and Lunch

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Mary Hughes "NEW" email: hughesmary@mindspring.com