

# CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, August 21, 2007 - Canton First Methodist Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. Following a covered dish supper, the meeting was called to order by President Glenda Thompson at 7:00 p.m. Members present were President Glenda Thompson, President-Elect Russell Brannon, Secretary Maurya Jones, Historian Mary Ellen Roos, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Monte Bores, Viviane Decker, Mignon Fleishel, Jean Garner, Nell Gillespie, Mariana DiVita, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Debbie Meadows, Carol Mumaw, Mary Ellen Roos, Roxanne Rutledge, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Maura Watson, Marcia Winchester, and Susan Wyman. Interns present were Katie Van Hiel, Chandra James, Gerald Phillips, Marianne McNelly, and Diane Smith.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President Glenda** welcomed members, interns and guests. Guests were Mariana DiVita's husband, David, and Gerald Phillips' wife, Carol. Next, Glenda introduced guest speakers Diana Threatte and Judy Mitchell, Cobb County Master Gardeners. They gave a brief presentation on the various projects that Cobb County MGers are involved in, with a heavy emphasis on their Jr. Master Gardener Program. A power point was given on the Junior Master Gardeners project they conduct at Camp Elementary School in Cobb Co. Afterwards they answered questions and offered tips on various ways to conduct a Junior MG project. In a nutshell, a school principal, at least one teacher and the PTSA is needed to have a successful program. Funding is given through grants and contributions from PTSA.

Nell Gillespie and Mary Ann Szostak need volunteers to help the Woodstock Senior Center Garden Club with a landscape plan for the Woodstock Fountain. The seniors requested a low maintenance, drought-proof landscape with color. Nell said, "This is a one time shot. The town will maintain the plants afterwards we plant them." Joan McFather suggested potting up the Stella De'Oro lilies already at the site and selling them at our Plant Sale at Autumn Hill Nursery. All this needs to be done by October 6.

Intern Marianne McNelly took the floor to propose a new CCMG project regarding Habitat for Humanity that she and fellow interns would like to become involved with. She stated upfront that she and Pat Whiting are ready and willing to co-chair the project, which is two-fold: 1) landscaping, and 2) plant installation. Marianne stated that the Habitat Homes are located on Dr. John T. Pettit Lane and are small lots. Her proposal included offering homeowner's landscaping classes to new owners and follow up with a Basic 101 maintenance class using our own garden book, *Gardening with the Masters*. The two workdays for plant installation by Habitat workers are Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, so these dates would be target dates to work. Marcia Winchester made a motion to approve Marianne's proposal and Viviane Decker seconded it. Marianne then called for volunteers and set organizational meeting for 2:00 pm, September 20 at the Extension Office.

President Elect Russell Brannon announced a new MG Class will be held in Cartersville along with Bartow, Gordon and Floyd Counties. Classes will begin Jan. 8, 2008, and held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am—Noon. A planning meeting for the new class will be held the first week in September. Russell added that five interns have not completed hours at the Extension Office. Big Buds need to encourage them to do so!

Secretary Maurya Jones acknowledged error in July's Minutes—Mary Hughes is Co-Historian, not Mary Ann Szostak. Gerry Slaughter moved for approval of corrected minutes, and Mary Ellen Roos seconded the motion.

Glenda reported for Treasurer Pam Raines a balance of \$8,845.20 in the MG checking account and \$55.29 in Pike's Greenbacks receipts.

## COMMITTEE/OTHER INTEREST REPORTS

Karen Garland needs four good people to help with booth at Fair. The theme is Xeriscape Gardening. An E-mail will be sent to everyone regarding this event.

Mary Ann Szostak reported that Dot Martin is home from the hospital.

Marcia Winchester announced dates for Annual MG Plant Sale at Autumn Hill Nursery (the one on Earney Rd.) as follows:

Thursday – Sept. 13—Pull plants, weed, and water at Sr. Center

Friday – Sept. 14—Set up for sale at 12. Work noon - 4:30. Volunteers can purchase plants after EVERYTHING is set up.

Saturday – Sept. 15—Plant sale is 7:30 to 5:30. Volunteers needed for early, middle and late shifts.

Regarding sale, Marcia requested that MGers save cardboard cartons that bottled water and soda come in so that we can use them to transport plants. She said we'll also need black flats and crates, tables that can be left at nursery overnight; and chocolate chip cookies for Eric and staff on Friday and Saturday. We need someone to get lunch for staff on Saturday.

When harvesting seeds, Marcia requested seeds for E-Z plants to grow; Mark color and both Latin and common name on envelope. She also requested an old rolling pin.

Marcia requested someone write an article for newsletter on "How You Survived the Drought" this year especially without a sprinkler system!

Carol Mumaw reported that 48 books of the new edition have been sold. She needs volunteers to help sell books—two hour shifts—at the plant sale on Saturday, Sept. 15. She added that we have had great publicity on our book, Gardening with theMasters. The AJC is doing an article for us. Joan McFather volunteered to do an article on our book including other projects that we do for "The Georgia Scoop".

Roxanne Rutledge has received a request from Great Sky Garden Club for MG to speak at their monthly meetings held at Great Sky clubhouse on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Presentation only has to be 30 minutes or so. Viviane Decker has a spread sheet that you can sign up to speak at any of their meetings.

Russell Brannon announced next meeting will be at Twin Branches Nursery on Wiley Bridge Rd. in Woodstock at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept.18.

Glenda adjourned meeting at 8:55 p.m.

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Every Saturday Cagle's Farmers Market through Labor Day  
Aug. 25 - Seminar HFL 11:00 Composting  
Sept. 6- SC Workday 10:00am  
Sept. 8- Seminar SC/MG Demo Yard Art 11:00  
Sept. 15 - Seminar HFL Pansies/Winter Plants/Bulbs 11:00  
Sept. 15 - Plant Sale

### BIRTHDAYS:

Becky Griffin Aug 27  
Betty Adams Aug 29  
Patricia Bowen Aug 29  
Mechelle Baardson Sept 16  
Roxanne Rutledge Sept 20

Sept. 18 - Monthly Meeting 10:00 Twin Branch Nursery  
Sept. 20 - Workday Senior Center