

Cherokee County Master Gardeners  
Regular Meeting  
Cherokee County Senior Center  
August 15, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Adams at 7 p.m. Members present were President Betty Adams, Immediate Past President Jean Garner, President-elect Glenda Thompson, Treasurer Pam Raines, Mechelle Baardson, Judie Bicknell, Monte Bores, Pat Bowen, Russell Brannon, Marie Cutts, Mageeda Doe, Susan Franklin, Karen Garland, Nell Gillespie, Mary Hughes, Mariana Jackson, Maurya Jones, Lynn Knotts, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Debbie Meadows, Carol Mumaw, Mary Ellen Roos, Martha Ann Slatton, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, and Marcia Winchester.

#### Officer Reports

President Betty welcomed Mechelle Baardson, a long time member. Betty reported that Dawn Perlotto has volunteered for the School Botany class requested for August 25<sup>th</sup>. Betty had Mary Ellen tell about an upcoming "Basic Design Course" being offered by the Garden Club Council of Cherokee County. The class will be held on 5 Saturdays in the fall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 or 4 p.m. at the Ball Ground Community Center. It will cost \$75.00. The dates are: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Mary Ellen. Betty reminded us to enter exhibits in the upcoming County Fair (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>). Entries may be registered on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sept 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 5 p.m. Exhibits of Flowers, Crafts, Veggies, Sewing, Canning, Cooking, and Photography, as well as Children's Exhibits, are welcome. Booklets will be available at the Extension Office soon. President Betty reminded us of the Landscape Design for the Do-It-Yourself Gardener Course, sponsored by the UGA Horticulture Department in Athens, GA, on Sept. 9, 2006. Details can be gotten at <http://apps.caes.uga.edu/attachment/LandscapeDesignBasics.html>.

President-elect Glenda reminded us that nominations are now being taken for the 2007 officers. Anyone who is interested in a position for next year should contact Glenda. She also reminded us that the September 19<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting will be at 10 a.m. at the Holly Springs Depot. The speaker will be David Cochran of White Path Water Gardens.

Mary Ellen and Gerry took minutes for Janet Newman, who was on vacation with her family. The minutes for the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer Pam reported a checking balance of \$7,198.98 and a Pikes balance of \$169.70.

Historian Martha Ann Slatton had no specific report but reminded us to send photos of CCMG events to her for the scrapbook.

Russell announced, in the absence of Extension Agent Paul, that there will definitely be a Master Gardener Training Class in January, 2007. We will be joining with the Pickens County Master Gardeners, and the classes will be held at the Ball Ground Community Center. Monte said that there is a list of prospective students at the Extension Office, but members are encouraged to have anyone else who is interested to call the Extension Office for an application. Russell will be contacting those on the list to see if they are still interested.

#### Committee Reports

Farmers Market—Pat reported that the market is running smoothly and that a replacement was needed for Billie McIver who has been ill. (Suzie added that Billie is still quite weak and a card or phone call would be appreciated). The last market date will be Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. Susan said that the Maize will be opening that day, and we will all be getting an invitation soon to the Opening Day Barbecue.

Senior Center—Marcia reported that we had visitors from the Paulding County Master Gardeners at our last workday. They were much impressed with our gardens and even pitched in and worked in the propagation beds until 11:30 a.m. They also joined the group for lunch. The plant sale will be held on

September 30<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers will be needed for that day and the preceding Thursday (all day) to pot up plants and Friday at noon to take them to Autumn Hill. There are sit down jobs available for those who can't stand for long. Helpers get first choice on plant sales. Call or e-mail Marcia to sign up. Gerry is working with Paulette Haines in landscaping the front of the Senior Center due to the Bradford Pears and the hollies being removed. Marcia reported that the greenhouse is up and almost ready for use. An Appreciation Party is being planned for just before the October meeting for Skip and Helen Spears who donated the greenhouse. Susan Wyman and Pat Bowen have offered to organize the party. Marcia also reported that Cindy Foster from the Animal Center has offered a free Weeping Mulberry tree if anyone wants it. Marcia announced that the Newsletter price needs to be raised due to the upcoming postage price increase and the fact that the office copier can no longer support all our copying.

Landscape Workshop—Nell announced that the Landscape Workshop will take place on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 or 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. The cost will be \$35.00 per couple. Susan Franklin will facilitate the shrubs portion, Marcia the ornamental grasses, Gerry and Mariana the annuals and perennials, and Paul the soil basics and turf. Each couple in attendance will get a set of supplies. Carol reminded Nell to get the information to the publicity committee soon because the papers and magazines have early deadlines.

Garden Book—Monte reported that the book is finished and ready to go to the printer. Debbie Meadows' company, *Offset Atlanta*, has offered a printing price of \$8.00 per book that would cost others \$18.00. Mary Ann moved that we sell the book for \$15.00 each. Gerry seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. Marcia moved that we order 200 books. Susan seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. Marcia suggested that we form a marketing committee to maximize our sales. The group was encouraged to think about that suggestion.

Field Trips—Lynn Knotts has planned a trip to Chattanooga for Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Other interested members should contact Lynn for further details.

CCMG Booth At The Fair—Karen announced that our booth at the Fair will follow the theme of a Children's Garden. Focus will be on the senses, movement, smell, sound, etc. More help is needed. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Contact Karen if you can help.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

#### Upcoming Events:

8/26	Composting Seminar HFL 11:00 a.m.
8/30	Pesticide Disposal North Metro Tech (Georgia Clean Day)
9/7	Work Day @ Senior Center 9:00 a.m.
9/9	Yard Art Seminar @ Senior Center 11:00 a.m.
9/10	Register Entries for the Fair (2 to 5 p.m.)
9/11	Register Entries for the Fair (9 to 12 noon and 3 to 5 p.m.)
9/11 to /16	County Fair
9/16	Pansies/Winter Plants/Bulbs Seminar HFL 11:00 a.m.
9/16	Chattanooga field Trip (Nature Center, Reflection Riding Arboretum and Botanical Garden)
9/21	Work Day @ Senior Center 9 a.m.
9/30	GMGA Fall Conference – Augusta
9/30	CCMG Plant Sale – Autumn Hill

#### Upcoming Birthdays:

8/27	Becky Griffin
8/29	Betty Adams and Pat Bowen
9/16	Mechelle Baardson
9/20	Roxanne Rutledge
9/22	Faye Webster