

# CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## Monthly Meeting

Cherokee County Senior Service Center

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008. President Russell Brannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: President Russell Brannon, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Treasurer Nell Gillespie, Historian Mary Ellen Roos; and Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Judie Bicknell, Monte Bores, Viviane Decker, Mariana DeVito, Vickie Lindsey, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Billie McIver, Debbie Meadows, Carol Mumaw, Pam Raines, Roxanne Rutledge, Jane Shelnut, Martha Ann Slatton, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Glenda Thompson, Maura Watson, Marcia Winchester, Steve Scott, Pat Whiting, Katie Van Hiel, Diane Smith, Dot Martin, Marvin Colston, Gerald Phillips. and Mrs. Phillips.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President Russell Brannon** welcomed the new MG Interns attending: Pat Chastain, Sandi White, Larry Link, Pat Ball, Lin Harris, Gail Roos, and Clara Mae Van Brink who brought her husband Gus.

Cherokee County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese awarded Certificates of Appreciation to all Master Gardeners who had completed a minimum of 25 hours service for year 2007. In addition, recognition and certificates for outstanding service this past year were given to the following members: Carol Mumaw for Publicity; Susan Franklin and Pat Bowen for starting up, managing and over-seeing MG scheduling at Cagle's Farmer's Market; and Roxanne Rutledge for organizing the MG Library Seminar Series. Paul also presented Gerald Phillips with his Master Gardener certificate effective Sept. 30, 2007.

President Russell stated that North Metro Tech has requested volunteers to help with a future Advanced Master Gardening Class.

He, also, thanked Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ellen Roos , Katie Van Hiel, and Mary Ann Szostak for working at the Southeastern Flower Show.

Russell called on Intern Sandi White to tell about Orange United Methodist Church's Earth Day scheduled for May 3. The church would like to have CCMG participate. Gerald Phillips, Monte Bores and Maurya Jones volunteered to assist Sandi.

Russell announced that we will be presenting a symbolic check to Cherokee Co. Commissioners at the March 4 meeting of the Cherokee Co. Commissioner's at 6:00 p.m. in the new court house. The check will represent the dollar value of the total CCMG volunteer hours during 2007. Russell suggested that it would be nice to have as many MG attend the meeting as possible.

**President Elect Suzie Thomas** announced that the next MG meeting will be March 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room at the Methodist Church on Lower Scott Mill Rd. Sam Geer from Geer Tree Specialists will be the featured speaker.

Suzie gave attendees a choice of programs to schedule for the Sept. 16 meeting. The members chose to hear Scott Leman's program on birds. He is from Wild Birds Unlimited.

**Secretary Maurya Jones** stated two corrections for January minutes: Roy Rice was a visitor at the meeting and Donna Howard is not the Co-Historian. Carol Mumaw moved and Mary Ellen Roos seconded approval of corrected minutes. Russell said he would look into format of Upcoming Dates and Birthdays listed at end of monthly minutes.

**Treasurer Nell Gillespie** announced a balance of \$7,362.36 in the checking account and a total of \$55.29 in Pike's Greenback account. Glenda Thompson moved and Pam Raines seconded approval of 2008 budget and Mary Ann Szostak moved and Carol Mumaw seconded approval of Audit of 2007 books.

**County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese** encouraged us to come to the LUNCH & LEARN Outdoor Water Conservation Seminar for Homeowners. The dates are March 13, March 20, April 8, April 10, April 17 and April 22 from 12:30 - 1:00 with the option of staying for Q&A 1:00-1:30 at Cherokee Co. Historic Courthouse, 2nd floor courtroom. Cost is free and you are asked to pre-register at 770-479-0418. Flyers, with dates and topics, are at the Extension office.

Paul, also, discussed that the peak time for veteran and intern MGs to do volunteer hours in the office is during the months of March through October when the office receives the most telephone calls. The office is going to spread out volunteer hours over a 20-hour work period per week. Please sign up ahead of time before you go to the Extension office to work. Paul also reiterated that this does not preclude MGs from working on projects in the office.

MG Interns will graduate March 27. The Pavillion at Dillinger Park in Cartersville is being reserved for this occasion. Office orientation for interns is scheduled for April 1.

Paul has been working with Laura Walton, a Cherokee County High School senior and a member of 4-H with a Xeriscape project for her church. Volunteers are needed for installation of this project on March 22.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Care and Share**—Betty Adams reported that Lynn Knotts' husband recently received his liver transplant. She, also, announced that Cathy Bell is giving 5 Medicinal Herb Classes. If you are interested, get in touch with Betty.

**Interns**—Glenda Thompson commended all the new interns for passing their Mid-Term Test today!

**Habitat for Humanity Landscape Class**—Pat Whiting announced that she, Marianne McNelly and Roxanne Rutledge have completed the "dry run" for the Basic Lawn & Plant Care 101 seminar class. She thanked all who have helped with this project and said the first class will be March 20th at R.T. Jones Library at 6:30 p.m.

**SENIOR CENTER**—Marcia Winchester announced volunteers will be potting up Hellebores to sell this coming Thursday. The Intern "Hands on Training" will be Thursday March 6.

**PUBLICITY**—Viviane Decker requested help with MG sign and thank you notes that need to be sent to all the publications who advertise for us. Viviane distributed the new 2008 CCMG bookmarks to everyone there. Maurya Jones volunteered to help with the thank you notes.

**FIELD TRIPS**—Glenda Thompson sent a sheet around the room requesting ideas for field trips. Kennesaw's Smith-Gilbert Arboretum is one that is coming up soon. Should anyone have field trip suggestions, contact Glenda.

**LANDSCAPE CLASS & WOODSTOCK SENIOR CENTER PROJECT**—Nell Gillespie said there are still openings for the Landscape class scheduled for March 11. MGs may sign up for this class.

**PLANT CLINICS**—Gerald Phillips reported that Paul and Russell had a mini-conference with Mark Cagle regarding the Cagle Farmer's Market. He added that Plant Clinics should also be offered to other farmer's markets, nurseries and places such as Home Depot and Lowes. The first plant Clinic is on Master Gardener Day (March 15) at the Home Depot in Riverstone. This is a good opportunity for us to work with Home Depot.

**OTHER**—The By-Laws Committee will meet March 10. The By-Laws are on our web site. Let Gerry Slaughter know of any changes that need to be made.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**DONATION BASKET**—To help keep our seminars free and our costs down, Extension Agent Paul suggested a "donation basket" be used as a fund raiser at seminars. He added that other counties do this. A discussion ensued about ways to raise money. The following members: Roxanne Rutledge, Gerry Slaughter, Carol Mumaw and Pat Whiting volunteered to spearhead this committee and come up with alternative methods to raise money.

**FRIENDS OF MASTER GARDENERS**—By-Laws Committee members will look into how Friends of Master Gardeners can donate funds.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Recommitment forms need to be turned in!

**Rain Barrels**—There are two sizes of rain barrels for sale: a 60-gallon rain barrel priced at \$12.03 (excluding hardware); and a 30-gallon rain barrel priced at \$6.02 (excluding hardware). Russell had on hand a smaller 'demonstration' rain barrel to show the group what a finished product looked like. It was decided to have a workday at the fairgrounds as soon as Russell can get additional barrels to meet all the MG requests.

The monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Maurya Jones, Secretary

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb. 21 - MG Training Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00

Senior Center Workday

Lunch & Learn 12:00 - 1:00

Feb. 26 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00

Feb. 28 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00

- Mar. 1 - Organic Vegetable Gardening Seminar - Senior Center - 10:00  
Mar. 4 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00  
Cherokee County Commissioner Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
Mar. 6 - Senior Center Workday  
MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00  
Mar. 11 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00  
Mar. 13 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00  
Mar. 15 - Master Gardener Day  
Plant Clinic - Home Depot - Riverstone  
Landscaping & Gardening in Drought Conditions Seminar – Hickory Flat Library  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00  
Mar. 18 - MG Monthly Meeting - Choir Room at Canton First United Methodist Church  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00  
MG Training - Bartow County Extension - 9:00 - 12:00  
Mar. 20 - Basic Lawn & Plant Care 101 Seminar - RT Jones Memorial Library - 6:30 p.m.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 5 - Sharee Riggs  
Mar. 8 - Helen Ogren  
Mar. 9 - Marcia Winchester  
Mar. 16 - Mary Hughes