

Cherokee County Master Gardeners  
Meeting  
Cherokee County Parks & Recreation Center  
Cherokee County South Annex  
February 20, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Glenda Thompson at 10:05 a.m. Members present were President Glenda Thompson, Immediate Past President Betty Adams, President-elect Russell Brannon, Co-Historian Mary Ellen Roos, Lois Andresen, Monte Bores, Nan, Coppentrath, Liz Ellis-Porter, Lynn Knotts, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Billie McIver, Carol Mumaw, Linda Robbins, Mary Ellen Roos, Jane Shellnutt, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Marcia Winchester, and Tom Walston. Extension Agent Paul Pugliese was also present. Intern Gerald Phillips, Russell Brannon's (sprout) was a guest today.

#### Officer Reports

President Glenda welcomed members and guests and invited the interns attending today's meeting to introduce themselves. She reported on all of the recent publicity the CCMGs had received and thanked the Publicity Committee for their great work. Carol Mumaw reported on the proposed coverage for the upcoming Master Gardener Day, March 17, 2007. Glenda noted the support CCMG had given to the GaMG at the Southeastern Flower Show.

President-elect Russell thanked everyone who has and will be staffing the attendance at the Master Gardeners class. He is sending reminders weekly to the volunteers with info on what needs to be done at each class. He noted he had commitments for all of the remaining classes. He reported the mid-term exam will be Thursday, March 1, 2007. A review of material will be held after the class on February 26. We will need help in preparing for and conducting this review. The next CCMG meeting, March 20, 2007, will be at the Bridgemill Fire Station. The speaker will be Scott McMahan, McMahan Nursery in Cleveland, Ga. speaking on perennials; who will bring a trailer full of plants to sell

President Glenda announce that Secretary Janet had moved to Texas and asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the January meeting. Carol Mumaw moved for approval of the minutes as presented, Linda Robbins seconded, and the motion was approved.

President Glenda, in Treasurer Pam's absence reported a checking balance of \$6851.80 and a Pike's receipts of \$692

Co-historian Mary Ellen need CCMG photos and news articles for the scrapbook; especially anything in the Atlanta Journal/Constituion.

Extension Agent Paul announced the Pickens County Master Gardener/ 4H plant sale and that he had order forms available. He talked about the new Lunch & Learn series of presentations that the UGA Center for Urban Agriculture was providing. It is a bring your sack lunch and learn. The schedule is on the website on in the office. Call the office to let them know you are going to attend. The programs are free. Paul reported on the "National Animal Identification System", an ID program for large animals which is scheduled to become effective in 2008.

#### Committee Reports

Senior Center/Newsletter/Plant Sale—Marcia reminded us of the upcoming Plant Sale Saturday, March 17 and the work days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the sale. Tables are needed for the sale. As this is CCMG's major fund raiser we need all the help we can get for this sale. She reminded us that the deadline for the April/May newsletter March 1, 2007. The sale will start at 8 a.m. and will last until 4 p.m., when things will be taken down. She mentioned she would like to do a workshop on pruning, March 8 at the Senior Center in conjunction with the intern class on pruning.

Seminars—In Roxanne's absence Glenda reported that there has been difficulty getting speakers to fill request from garden clubs and senior centers. Roxanne needs volunteers to step up and speak. These are usually less than 30 minutes and on a beginning gardeners level.

Publicity Committee/Garden Book—Carol reported on the sales of the additional 100 garden books that have been delivered. Whenever there is an opportunity, i.e. seminars, speaking engagements please sell the books. There are about 78 books on hand. Karen Garland has printed the fliers at no cost to the MGs. Carol noted that anytime you have an event with pictures; please write a press release and send both to a member of the publicity committee and they will try to get it in the paper.

Garden Trips: Betty Adams requested ideas from the group, now or later on, for trips to plan for the year. Several suggestions were provided including McMahon's Nursery, Berry College, Bill Gerard's woodland garden and Barnsley Gardens Please call Betty with additional ideas.

#### Other Business

Glenda reported that Elizabeth Smith, chairperson of the Nature Center program at Funk requested speakers on various topics for the upcoming spring program.

Glenda presented the proposed 2007 budget. She reviewed the reasoning for changes to the initial requests. Several items were discussed, i.e. signs at the Farmer's Market. Cost of mulch for the Senior Center, and possible sources of free mulch. After discussion Carol Mumaw moved for approval of the budget, Nan Copenrath seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Glenda announced that Mary Hughs had Redbuds and Dogwood trees left from the Arbor Day project last Saturday. They are in her yard for anyone who would like to get some.

Mary Ellen discussed the Spring Forward project at Funk on March 31. She needs volunteers and ideas for short presentations. There will be two tables, one for literature and a second for the presentation, such as using raised beds. Liz Porter offered some small pots and soil for propagation. Marcia offered seeds from the Senior Center.

Gerry Slaughter noted that for the day of the final Intern exam we need volunteers to bring side dishes to go with meat provided by the Extension Offices.

Janice reported that RedBud Nursery has again offered both the container planting some evening in March and sell of plants to MGs one Saturday in April. The container planting was set for the evening of March 21 and the plant sell was set for Saturday April 14 between 9-11:30 am. Glenda will be the contact for these events.

Glenda noted she is working on the list of nurseries, etc that offer discounts to MGs and a new discount card for each member. Paul said he would follow up in the office.

Liz Porter reported that Progress Growers is now carrying a line of Organic gardener supplies.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m., and the members enjoyed the luncheon.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

3/1—Senior Center Workday, 10:00-3:00

3/10—Lecture on Organic Gardening/Raised Beds @ Senior Center, 10:30 a.m.

3/15—Senior Center Workday, 10:00-3:00

3/16—Set up Plant Sale

3/17—Plant Sale

3/17—Lecture on Lawn Care @ Hickory Flat Library

3/20—Master Gardener Monthly Meeting – Bridgemill Fire Station

3/8,15,22,29 Lunch & Learn in the Garden from 12:0-12:45 Info at the Extension Office

Birthdays:

3/5 Shree Riggs

3/8 Helen Ogren

3/9 Marcia Winchester

3/16 Mary Hughes

3/19 Deborah McCollum