

## **Cherokee County Master Gardeners**

### **Meeting /Awards Luncheon - BridgeMill Community Center - January 25, 2005**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. The meeting was called to order by President Jean Garner at 10:05 a.m. Members present were President Jean Garner, Immediate Past President Mary Ellen Roos, President-elect Betty Adams, Treasurer Pam Raines, Judie Bicknell, Pat Bowen, Russell Brannon, Jean Collins, Viviane Decker, Thomas Dorn, Susan Franklin, Becky Griffin, Donna Howard, Mary Hughes, Mariana Jackson, Lynn Knotts, Debbie McCollum, Merrily McLaughlin, Carol Mumaw, Janet Newman, Beth Ochsner-Childs, Helen Ogren, Sherry Rainey, Ann Rand, Ellen Reagan, Sharee Riggs, Linda Robbins, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Glenda Thompson, Mary Tucker, Frank Weltz, Marcia Winchester, Susan Wyman, and Melissa Zimmerly. Extension Agent Todd Hurt was also present.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

President Jean read a note from Mary Hughes thanking the organization for our support and another from the Cherokee County Historical Society for our recent donation to them. (Susan Wyman also thanked the group for our support.) Jean announced that recommitment forms are due now. President-elect Betty is finalizing an updated roster. Contact her if your information needs updating. She presented our 2005 meeting schedule and welcomed our new interns.

Becky Griffin, filling in for Secretary Joan McFather, asked for approval of the previous minutes.

Treasurer Pam Raines announced an account balance of \$7,919.12. She has reimbursement forms for each of us to use when turning in receipts. She is still collecting Pike's receipts.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gerry thanked Todd and Russell for getting the Advanced Master Gardener Digital Photography class together. We have a committee of about 12 to work on it. Russell is collecting registrations from our group. The class will be held May 12 at North Metro Tech, and members were advised to register as soon as possible because the class is expected to fill up.

#### **AWARDS**

Jean presented Mary Ellen with a Coral Bark maple as a thank you for last year's presidential duties.

Todd recognized our guests, Trudy Christopher—4 H Coordinator, Joan Marsh—District Extension Manager, Mike Byrd—Cherokee County Commission Chairman, and Jackie McMorris—Director of Community Affairs for Cherokee County.

Todd presented Commissioner Mike Byrd and Community Services Director Jackie McMorris a check in the amount of \$93,000, representing the dollar value of the Master Gardeners' work in 2004. That amounted to over 5,600 hours of volunteer time spent in the community.

Todd presented a Lifetime Master Gardener certificate to Marcia Winchester. (Lyn Priegel also earned one, but she is currently out of the country.)

Todd recognized four interns from 2003 who have completed their hours: Judith Lutz, Sharee Riggs, Elizabeth Smith, and Melissa Zimmerly.

Todd presented Mary Ellen with the updated Past Presidents Master Gardener plaque.

Certificates were awarded to veteran Master Gardeners who completed 25 or more hours this year.

Todd and the extension office staff presented Mary Ellen with a Chanel No.5 plant (seeds) as a thank you.

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

January- Glenda Thompson (5)  
February- Janis Marshall-Kroen (4),  
Vickie Lindsey (7),  
Monte Bores (8),  
Gerry Slaughter (8),  
Karen Lutz (13),  
Ellen Reagan (15),  
Pam Raines (18)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

February 3- Senior Center workday

February 15- CCMG meeting at Bridgemill Community Center; 10:00 am

February 17- Senior Center Workday

February 19- Seminar on Roses

February 26- Seminar on Pruning

March 2-6 Southeastern Flower Show

March 5 Volunteer Council on Aging Annual Auction

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m followed by a delicious luncheon enjoyed by all.

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