

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, July 17, 2007
First Methodist Church, Canton

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, June 19, 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, Treasurer Pam Raines, Co-Historians Mary Ellen Roos and Mary Ann Szostak, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Judie Bicknell, Monte Bores, Jean Collins, Mageeda Doe, Mariana Jackson-DiVita, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Billie McIver, Carol Mumaw, Pamela Raines, Linda Robbins, Gerry Slaughter, Suzie Thomas, Marcia Winchester, Tom Walston, Interns present were Katie Van Hiel, Chandra James, Marianne McNelly, Diane Smith and Marvin Colston.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Glenda welcomed members, interns and guest speaker Paul Pugliese, Cherokee County Extension Agent. Glenda announced the annual Tomato Contest to be held at Canton Sr. Center on August 2 at 10:30 a.m. and encouraged all to come. She stated there is a vacancy for the Georgia MG Secretary position. Glenda also reminded everyone of upcoming Summer Conference in Athens on Aug. 3-4.

President-Elect Russell Brannon announced that the August monthly meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church, Canton at 6:30 p.m. and the program will feature a Cobb County Master Gardener. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share before meeting. The September monthly meeting will be at the Twin Branch Nursery in Woodstock. Russell encouraged mentors to keep sprouts informed of activities and to encourage them to get their hours in.

Secretary Maurya read a note from Pam Raines thanking all of us for cards, prayers and support during her cancer treatments. In additions Pam appreciated all who came to the luncheon today at Grand Oaks in Cartersville to celebrate her cancer remission. Glenda asked if there were any changes to the June meeting minutes. Joan McFather moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Mary Ellen Roos seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer Pam Raines reported a balance of \$8,720.65 in checking account and Pike's Greenbacks receipts of \$55.29.

COMMITTEE/OTHER INTEREST REPORTS

Extension Agent Paul Pugliese announced there will be a monthly update on the website from the office. He also, congratulated two interns for completing required 50 hours--Tom Walston and Pat Whiting. Tom received his certificate tonight.

Pam Raines announced that the first two editions of our MG Book have been paid. Carol Mumaw added that a new marketing plan will be presented to the magazine committee this week. Also, thanks to Paul Pugliese there is an order form on line for our MG books.

Marcia Winchester announced that the Plant Sale at Autumn Hill Nursery will be Sept.15. Plants for sale will be potted after the Tomato Tasting on our workday at the Senior Center on August 2. She will need help on September 13, 14, and 15. Workers are needed to help set up for the sale, bake cookies, help with tables and sell MG books. She also needs articles for the October-November newsletter and suggested someone write an article on a favorite plant or cool tool.

Mary Ann Szostak--Share/Care Committee--Debbie Meadows and Karen Garland recently had surgery.

Gerry Slaughter reported that 20 members attended the celebratory luncheon for Pam Raines today at Great Oaks in Cartersville.

Intern Katie Van Hiel announced the Trayleetah Garden Club is selling tickets for their 60th anniversary at Rock Barn on August 25. Tickets are \$15.

The highlight of our meeting was Extension Agent Paul Pugliese's presentation on Invasive Plants, Diseases, and Pests in the Landscape. He gave a very informative talk and slide presentation on how our economy, environment and society are affected by these exotic invasive species.

Glenda adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Saturday Cagle's Farmers Market

July 26 - Jean Garner Birthday

July 19 - Workday Sr. Center 10:00

July 29 - Frank Weltz Birthday

July 28 - Seminar HFL 11:00

Native Plants for Your Garden

Aug. 2 - Workday Sr. Center 10:00 Tomato Tasting Contest 10:30

Aug. 3-4 - Georgia MG Conference, Athens

Aug. 8 - Maura Watson Birthday

Aug. 10 - Maurya Jones Birthday

Aug. 11 - Seminar HFL 11:00 Orchids/House Plants

Aug. 16 - Workday Sr. Center 10:00

Aug. 18 - Billie McIver Birthday

Aug. 20 - Susan Wyman Birthday

Aug. 21 - Monthly Meeting - First Methodist Church 6:30