

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Monthly Meeting - Home of Merrily McLaughlin
Tuesday June 19, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Glenda Thompson at 10:00 a.m. Members present were President Glenda Thompson, Co-Historian Mary Ellen Roos, Secretary Maurya Jones, Treasurer Pam Raines, Betty Adams, Monte Bores, Donna Howard, Mary Hughes, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Joan McFather, Billie McIver, Merrily McLaughlin, Carol Mumaw, Gerry Slaughter, Suzie Thomas, Pat Whiting, and Marcia Winchester. Interns present were Katie Van Hiel, Chandra James and Marianne McNeely.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Glenda welcomed members, interns and Billie McIver's guest, daughter-in-law Barbara McIver. Glenda announced annual Tomato Contest to be held at Sr. Center on Aug. 2nd. State Representatives and commissioners have been invited. Marcia Winchester added that Merrily and Liz Porter better watch out, as intern Gerald Phillips will be a strong contender this year. She explained to interns that there is a Best Cherry, Best Red and Best Yellow categories. The seniors always look forward to the Tomato Contest and it is a lot of fun.

Secretary Maurya said thank you notes had been written and sent for donated mulch and discount delivery of mulch to Senior Center. Maurya asked if there were any changes to the May meeting minutes. Marianne McNeely moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Mary Ellen Roos seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer Pam Raines reported a balance of \$8,291.70 in checking account and a Pike's Greenbacks receipt of \$55.29.

COMMITTEE/OTHER INTEREST REPORTS

Carol Mumaw reported that all *Gardening with the Masters* have been sold. A discussion ensued as to whether the MG should order more books. Marcia Winchester made a motion to contact Debbie Meadows about printing 200 more books. Joan McFather seconded the motion.

Monte Bores said that the newsletter would be on line by the end of the day.

Marcia Winchester is working on a \$500 grant to purchase an information sign for Butterfly and Xeriscape gardens at the Sr. Center. At the next Senior Center workday, volunteers will finish greenhouse, plant daffodills and mulch Leylands. Marcia won't be at the scheduled July 5th workday. There will be a make-up workday on July 12 which will include some propagating. A volunteer is needed to water the forsythia in front of the Leylands. Marcia is still looking for someone to make a month-by-month list of when plants need to be pruned. It would be a great way for interns to earn hours on their own time. Another suggestion for interns needing hours would be to write an article for newsletter. Marcia suggested a Cool Tool, Favorite Plant or research on a subject he/she would like to know more about. July 1 is deadline for next newsletter.

Lois Andresen needs some help with her Composting Seminar scheduled for August 25th.

President Glenda Thompson mentioned that the Trayletaah Garden Club is celebrating their 60th

anniversary at the Rock Barn on that same day--August 25th. Members will be dressed in 40's costumes. The event is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and tickets are \$15.

Paul Pugliese thanked mentors and everyone who helped with recent MG class in Ball Ground. He also thanked interns for working in the office. He wants everyone to be aware of the new state form and how to fill it out correctly. It is now one page and only the chair of committee or seminar needs to fill it out. The new form and instructions are posted on MG website. Paul added that he recently attended an Emergency Drought Management meeting in Calhoun. He remarked that we, as educators, need to drive the point home to others that this is the worse drought in GA in 100 years.

Also, Paul stated there are plans underway for next year's MG class to take place in the spring with Bartow and Floyd Counties also participating.

Glenda reminded everyone of upcoming 2007 Summer Conference to be held in Athens August 4. Registration forms are in The Scoop.

Annual Plant Swap will be at Debbie Meadows' home at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

If interested in helping with Jr. Master Gardener Program, let Glenda know A.S.A.P.! This year it will involve working with home-schooled children.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 followed by a fantastic lunch!!!!

After feasting on many tasty dishes and desserts, Merrily led us on a tour of her beautiful gardens. Her daylilies are a sight to see and if you have never been to her nursery, you should make an appointment to tour them.

UPCOMING DATES AND BIRTHDAYSTO REMEMBER

Every Saturday Cagle's Farmers Market

June 24-Margit Woods

June 21--Senior Center Workday 10:00

June 26-Lyn Priegel

June 28-Plant Swap, Home of Debbie Meadows 10:00

July 8-Judie Bicknell

July 5-Sr. Center Workday 10:00

July 15-Susan Franklin

July 12-Extra Make-up Workday, Sr. Ctr. 10:00

July 16-Joan McFather

July 17-MG Monthly Meeting 6:30, First Methodist Church of Canton