

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
Monthly Meeting  
Merrilily Gardens  
Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. President Russell Brannon called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Lois Andresen, Pat Ball, Monte Bores, Billie Davis, Viviane Decker, Lin Harris, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Merrily McLaughlin, Dot Martin, Carol Mumaw, Pam Raines, Ellen Reagan, Gail Roos, Mary Ellen Roos, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Glenda Thompson, Katie Van Hiel, Marcia Winchester and Susan Wyman.

President Russell welcomed members and guests and thanked Merrily McLaughlin for hosting the June meeting and Plant Swap at her home. Merrily gave us an informative overview regarding the care and propagation of daylilies, and stated that of the 3,000 varieties, she has 550 different ones in her garden. She gets 40-50 new ones each year. After Merrily's lily presentation, she distributed handouts to the members that listed each cultivar, description, bloom size, as well as comments about the cultivar; then she took us on a 45 minute tour of her daylily gardens... aptly named 'Merrilily Gardens'.

After the tour, we enjoyed a covered dish lunch followed by the business meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President Russell** announced that our Extension Agent, Paul Pugliese, has signed the CCMGs up for the Southern Nursery Association Trade Show which will meet on Aug. 7th at the World Congress Center. He needs three volunteers for two shifts--9:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Russell asked members to be thinking about attending the Fall Master Gardener Conference that will be held in Marietta on Saturday, October 18th.

Russell added that two more interns, Debbie Califano and Linda Lullie are official MGs and have completed their 50 volunteer hours.

Russell reminded us that the deadline for grant applications is July 15th.

In conjunction with the 40-Gallon Water Challenge, Russell asked Suzie to announce the recent winners of the rain barrels. They are Allison Fichtel, April Bishop, Kathy Bartley and Norma E. Manning.

Russell reminded everyone to keep up with monthly logs and if members bring them to monthly meeting, he will turn them in to Extension Office.

**President-Elect Suzie Thomas** announced that the next monthly meeting will be held at the Methodist Church on July 15th at 10 a.m. Roxanne Rutledge will be teaching and demonstrating how to create a Power Point Presentation on the computer.

**Secretary Maurya Jones** stated that she sent thank you notes to Buck Jones and Autumn Hill Nurseries and the Hickory Flat Library for all their help with the Hydrangea Seminar. Pam Raines moved and Ellen Reagan seconded approval of the May minutes.

**Treasurer Nell Gillespie** was absent and Russell said he didn't have a financial report at this time.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Care and Share** - Sandi White's father passed away June 14th; Visitation is at Huey Funeral Home today from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Funeral is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at Orange United Methodist Church.

Judie Bicknell has a fractured wrist, and Debbie Califano, has a fractured foot.

**PLANT SALE-** Marcia said plants at Senior Center needed to be potted and watered for Plant Sale and placed in parking lot for delivery to Autumn Hill on Friday. So far Betty Adams, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Larry Link and Gerry Slaughter have volunteered to help set up the plant sale at Autumn Hill on Friday. On Saturday the day of the sale, help is needed for the 11-3 shift and noon to closing shift. Marcia stressed what a learning experience the plant sale can be for new MGs--"You learn a lot identifying the different plants, labeling and finding the correct pictures to go with the plants for sale", she reiterated!

**Senior Center-** Marcia reminded new members that the first and third Thursday of every month is a work day at Senior Center. Volunteering and working at the Senior Center is a great way to learn about plants, added Marcia.

**Newsletter--**The June newsletter is currently on our website and has been mailed to those who paid for a subscription. Marcia asked that we promote the newsletter at the Farmer's Market.

**Merchandise Committee** - Mary Ann Szostak had merchandise samples at the meeting and started taking orders for items with CCMG logo: Long sleeve Tee Shirts are available in a variety of colors for \$11.00; Sweat Shirts are available in many colors for \$16.00; Aprons are available in green only for \$11.00; and Organic Bags are available in a natural color with green emblem for \$9.75;

**New Business--**None

**Unfinished Business--**R.T. Jones Library Atrium - Katie Van Hiel and Billie Davis

Katie reported that the renovation area of the atrium at the library is now finished and said, "This is a great opportunity for the MGs to use this facility." She suggested that it could be a learning facility for 4-H members and Cub Scouts to earn badges. Following a discussion, Gerry Slaughter made a motion to approve the R.T. Jones Library Atrium as a project without funds. Viviane Decker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05.

Submitted by,  
Maurya Jones, Secretary

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jun 19 -- Senior Center Regular Workday

Jun 20 -- Set-up for Plant Sale at Autumn Hill

Jun 21 -- Plant Sale at Autumn Hill

July 03 -- Senior Center Regular Workday

July 15 -- Regular Monthly Meeting - Canton United Methodist Church

July 17 -- Senior Center regular workday

July 19 -- Seminar; Beautiful Birds of the South - Hickory Flat Library - 10:30 a.m.

Oct 18 -- GMGA Fall Conference - Marietta

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jun 21 -- Tim Luxemburger

Jun 24 -- Margit Woods

Jun 26 -- Lyn Priegel

July 08 -- Judie Bicknell

July 15 -- Susan Franklin

July 16 -- Joan McFather

July 26 -- Jean Garner