

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Monthly Meeting
Methodist Church
Tuesday March 18, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. President Russell Brannon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones. Treasurer Nell Gillespie; and Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Billie Davis, Viviane Decker, Dot Martin, Joan McFather, Billie McIver, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Mary Ellen Roos, Jane Shellnut, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Glenda Thompson, Katie Van Hiel, and Marcia Winchester.

President-Elect Suzie Thomas introduced guest speakers: Sam Geer and Robert Brettschneider, from Geer Tree Specialists, Inc. They gave an in depth slide presentation entitled "Preserving Trees During Drought". Sam, a former Forsyth Co. Extension Agent, stated the emphasis today is on "Tree Preservation". Both he and Robert encouraged us to be proactive in our tree maintenance. A question and answer period followed the presentation and they demonstrated unique tools of their trade when treating stressed and diseased trees.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Russell Brannon requested a volunteer to mentor a friend of Master Gardener, Stacey Tusik. Email Russell if you are willing to mentor this Master Gardener.

Russell stated that Marcia Winchester has a tiller for sale.

Russell stated Joan McFather received a request from D'Anna Liber, Director of Family and Children Services to revitalize landscape around the sign and landscape in front of hospital building. If anyone is interested in assessing and making recommendations for the area, please let Russell know.

Regarding United Community Bank's Customer Appreciation Day, May 2nd from 11:00 -2:00, Mary Ellen Roos volunteered to distribute tomato plants at the Sixes Branch, Billie Davis and Pat Whiting will help at the Riverstone location and Diane Smith will assist at the Ball Ground bank.

Russell reminded us of the Gainesville Plant Sale on April 11 and 12th at Chicopee Woods. Original E-mail came from Krissy Slagle.

Russell called on President-Elect Suzie Thomas to talk about Angel House: Angel House is a foster home for teenage girls. The home will install a garden and the Rotary Club is to provide materials and labor for the garden. Billie Davis volunteered to assist Suzie on March 29th to offer advice for this project.

Russell stated that the MG Interns will be invited to our next monthly meeting on April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. He would like for 4 or 5 Committee Chairmen to make a small presentation on volunteer hours they do.

Russell offered to take completed members' hours logs to the Extension office.

Secretary Maurya Jones asked the members present to sign the attendance roster. Marcia

Winchester moved and Pam Raines seconded approval of the February Minutes.

Treasurer Nell Gillespie announced a balance of \$7,154.20 in the checking account. Nell added that she is not sure at this time where we stand on Pike's Greenbacks, but asked the members to continue to keep Pike's receipts. The Treasurer's Report has been filed for audit.

Historian Mary Ellen Roos requested a volunteer to take a picture for the scrapbook at The Lawn Seminar on Sat. March 22 at the Cherokee County Public Safety Facility at 10:00 a.m. She will be out of town.

County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese proudly displayed a tri-fold board that we all can use as a resource for seminars and civic presentations. He said it would serve as a great back drop for the new 40-Gallon Challenge. You will need to reserve it through the Extension office. He further explained that the 40-Gallon Challenge is an educational tool to encourage the public to go beyond what they are already doing to conserve water. By signing the 40-Gallon Challenge Pledge you become eligible to win a rain barrel and hopefully other great water-saving door prizes.

Paul, also, announced The Advanced Master Gardener Training Class on "Concepts in Waterscape Conservation and Landscape Design" will be held at North Metro Tech on Aug. 19, Sept. 16, and Oct. 14th. A discussion ensued about receiving only one credit for a three day class. Paul agreed to look into this matter. Additionally, volunteers will be needed to help coordinate duties with Bartow Co. MG hosting the class.

Paul added that volunteers are needed to assist with the 4-H Xeriscape Project at Orange Methodist Church on Sat. March 22nd at 10 a.m.

Paul reminded members to come to the Thursday "Lunch & Learn" series. This week's topic is "Get Water Smart" will be held at noon at the Cherokee Co. Historic Courthouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Care and Share - Betty Adams - No report:

By-Laws - Gerry asked all members to read a copy of By-Laws. She read to us ARTICLE III, Section 9 and stated that no one is advocating paying dues. She also read ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS, Section 1. Strike through - "Historian". Reason: The committee felt that an historian is a member of a committee rather than an officer. See attachment 1.

Also, the changes to the by-laws that were approved Nov. 21, 2006, were not noted in the minutes of that meeting. Gerry Slaughter moved and Mary Ellen Roos seconded correcting the minutes of Nov. 21, 2006, to show approval of the changes to the by-laws.

INTERNS - Glenda Thompson announced that the last class for the MG Interns is Thursday, March 27th. Members are encouraged to come and bring a side dish.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPE CLASS - Joan McFather reported that Marianne McNelly and Pat Whiting are all set for the class which will be held Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m at R. T. Jones Library. Twenty-five people have signed up for the class.

SENIOR CENTER - Marcia Winchester announced this week's workday, Thursday, March 19, will end at 11:30 a.m. in order for those interested to get to the "Lunch & Learn" at noon. If it is raining on this Thursday, the workday will be canceled. The Newsletter will be out at end of March. Marcia

would like MG opinions on New Link. As always, Marcia could use articles on "Cool Tool" and "Drought Tips for Flowers". Marcia has asked for a volunteer to keep a log of what plants are desirable for deer (natives and non-natives). Other members would email their observations to this one person who would then compile the list.

FIELD TRIPS - Glenda Thompson asked how many members would be interested in touring Southern Living's 7,000 sq. ft. luxury home and viewing art works at Lacota Cove at Big Canoe during second week of May. Enough members showed interest for Glenda to set a date and time.

Plant Clinics - Gerald Phillips reported that Master Gardeners Day at both Cherokee County Home Depots was shortened due to the storm. Riverstone event ended at noon and Woodstock event ended at 1:00 p.m. Eleven Master Gardeners helped with these 2 events. Gerald added that we have been asked to have a Plant Clinic at the new Sixes Home Depot opening in April for all three of the Grand Opening Days. No date has been set yet, but Gerald stated that he will post it to the event calendar and e-mail the plant clinic committee when the date has been set. He needs additional help for this event. Gerald said the next Plant Clinic will be at the Orange Methodist Church on Sat. May 3rd. It is still in the planning stages. Also, May 31 is the scheduled opening date of Cagle's Farmers Market. Gerald will be sending out an email regarding this event. Lastly, future plant clinics will be at Autumn Hill Nursery, Lowe's and repeats at both Riverstone and Woodstock Home Depot locations.

NEW BUSINESS

Burgess Arboretum Restoration - Russell asked the members to read the handout available at the sign-in table on the CCMG PROJECT PROPOSAL OUTLINE. The purpose of the project is to assist in the restoration of existing arboretum as well as become a part of a learning center that will be an outgrowth of the arboretum. This project will be discussed in greater detail at the April meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommitment forms need to be turned in to Russell or the Extension office.

Rain Barrels - Russell asked the attending MGs when they would like to have a Rain Barrel Work Day. The Rain Barrel Workday will be Mon. March 31 at the Canton Fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Maurya Jones, Secretary

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 20 - Sr. Center Workday

Mar. 20 - Lunch & Learn - "Get Water Smart" - Noon

Mar. 20 - Basic Lawn & Plant Care 101 -- RT Jones 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 - MG Training - Bartow County Extension Office. 9:00-12:00

Mar. 22 - Seminar - "Establishing & Caring for lawns in Georgia"

Mar. 25 - MG Training Bartow Co. Ext. Office. 9:00-12:00

Mar. 27 - Final MG Training- Bartow Co. Ext Office. 9:00-12:00

Apr. 03 - Sr. Center Workday

Apr. 08 - Lunch & Learn - "Drip Irrigation in the Landscape" - Noon

Apr. 10 - Lunch & Learn - "Rainwater Harvesting for Landscape Irrigation" - Noon

Apr. 12 - Seminar - "Drought Tolerant Plants & Ornamental Grasses"
Apr. 15 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Sr. Center - Welcome MG Graduates - 6:00 p.m. Finger Food
Apr. 18 - Sr. Center Workday
Apr. 19 - Seminar - "Establish a Backyard Wildlife Habitat/Butterflies"
Apr. 19 - 4-H Rabies Clinic

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 16 - Mary Hughes
Mar. 16 - Suzie Thomas

ATTACHMENT I

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Cherokee County Master Gardeners.

March 18, 2008

Underline and bold indicates an insertion.
Strike through the words in italics means to delete.

ARTICLE I – NAME

In the first sentence, Strike through "*an affiliate of the Georgia Master Gardeners Association, Incorporated,*"
Reason – We are not an affiliate.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 2

A. Projects

1. All **proposed** projects **require** (substitute "require" for "*requiring*") the endorsement and/or support of the CCMG, (strike through - *as an organization*) and will be directed to the Project Committee composed of the Extension Agent, (strike through - *and current*) president, **and president-elect** for initial review and recommendations. Projects **shall** (substitute "**shall**" for "*can then*") be presented (strike through – "*in person*") at a regular monthly meeting (Strike through – "*. Project presentations*")...and will include the following:

Reason: For clarification and for the addition of president-elect to Project Committee. "Current" not needed before "president" to indicate "president." We only have one president.

- j. Strike through – "*J. Annual review of project.*"

Reason: Annual review of the project is not pertinent during presentation of new project.

2. Strike through – "*or the termination of any ongoing project*"

Reason: The phrase is not pertinent to presentation of a new project described in Section 2, A

Insert: **4. Projects will be reviewed annually. The termination of any project will be by majority vote of members present at any scheduled monthly meeting.**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Insert **Section 9: Dues may be assessed only by a majority vote of active CCMG members.**

Reason: The insertion of Section 9 is needed as a guideline, if at a future date, the membership considers authorizing dues as a source of revenue for the CCMG.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Strike through – "*Historian*"

Reason: The historian felt that a historian was a member of a committee.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICER, EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 2: Strike through the last sentence. *“The President-Elect will also be responsible for door prizes at selected monthly meetings.”*

Reason: The President-Elect no longer is responsible for door prizes. The president has assigned door prizes to the Social Committee.

Section 4: Strike through the last sentence. *“The Treasurer shall mail out paid newsletters subscriptions.”*

Reason: The Editor of the newsletter currently assigns this duty to a committee member.

Strike through *Section 5: The Historian shall collect photos of CCMG projects, newspapers, magazine articles, etc., which are pertinent to the history of CCMG and post them in a CCMG History Book.”*

Reason: The historian is not an elected officer and the description should not be given under Article V – Duties of Elected Officers, Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1: Strike through the last sentence. *The January meeting shall be an awards luncheon with a brief membership meeting.”*

Reason: Naming the month and the type of meeting does not allow for flexibility.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1: In the third sentence strike through *“their”* and insert **“a.”** and delete the “s” on folders. The new sentence will read: “All committee chairmen will be responsible for a procedure folder. Reason: Editorial change

Section 3: C, 1. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of **“whom”** (substitute **“whom”** for “who”) **shall** (substitute **“shall”** for “will”)...

Reason: Editorial changes

ARTICLE XI – CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Insert: **Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present at a regular monthly meeting.**

Insert: **Section 2: Recommendations for amendments to the bylaws shall be presented to members at a regular monthly meeting prior to voting on them.**

Reason: Section 1 and Section 2 were voted on at the November 21, 2006 meeting and were inadvertently omitted during retyping.

Section 3 remains as the information given in Article XI of present bylaws:

Section 3: “Revised Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the business of CCMG unless specified by the Bylaws or amendments to the By-laws. Section 3:

Bylaws are on the Cherokee Extension website. They share a box with committees. Next, click on “Bylaws.”

2008 Bylaws Committee Members: Gerry Slaughter, Chairman; Russell Brannon, Glenda Thompson, Betty Adams, Mary Ellen Roos, Marcia Winchester

