

## Cherokee County Master Gardeners

### Regular Meeting, Senior Center, March 15, 2005

Following a tour of the Senior Center gardens by Marcia Winchester, the regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday evening, March 15, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p. m. Members present were President Jean Garner, Immediate Past President Mary Ellen Roos, President-elect Betty Adams, Treasurer Pam Raines, Historians Martha Ann Slatton and Susan Cox, Lois Andresen, Monte Bores, Russell Brannon, Mignon Fleishel, Susan Franklin, Karen Garland, Becky Griffin, Mariana Jackson, Lynn Knotts, Vickie Lindsey, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Debbie McCollum, Billie Mclver, Debbie Meadows, Carol Mumaw, Janet Newman, Beth Ochsner-Childs, Helen Ogren, Dawn Perlotto, Sharee Riggs, Myrna Sandlin, Jane Shelnut, William Slatton, Gerry Slaughter, Mary Ann, Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Glenda Thompson, Marcia Winchester, and Margit Woods. Extension Agent Todd Hurt was also present.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President Jean welcomed everyone and introduced guests. She announced that the Christmas party would be at Glenda Thompson's home on December 10, 2005. She also announced that the Women's Violence Center built a gated community which will include four raised beds in the landscaping for teaching "life skills" classes in gardening. The center has asked if the MGs would be interested in teaching some of these classes as a project. Shortly they will send a more detailed letter for us to review and vote on. Also please let Joan McFather know your birth date, Kathy Wagstaff of the AJC wants to do an article on our Cherokee Master Gardeners. More details will follow. Marcia Winchester read a thank you note from the state MGs thanking us for all the seeds donated for the January Winter Conference. Jean also announced that Mary Hughes volunteered and is now on the Canton Tree Commission.

President-elect Betty announced that Rex Bishop will be our guest speaker in October. Note that May 15th will be the multicounty MG picnic. Todd has sent invitations to the surrounding counties and has had some interest. She also mentioned a misprint on the meeting schedule. The next regular meeting will be held at the Bridge mill Community Ctr, not the Senior Center and will be sending out a revised meeting schedule to reflect this change.

In the absence of Secretary Joan, Becky Griffin graciously took notes. Corrections to last month's minutes were: Organic Gardening seminar is March 26 and it was Susan Wyman who received the meals. Jean moved to accept the corrected minutes, Martha Ann Slatton seconded and the motion was carried.

Treasurer Pam Raines reported a checking account balance of \$8388.60 and \$29.04 in Pikes rebates.

Historian Martha Ann brought the scrapbook to the meeting. She asked that we all keep a lookout for news items in the paper.

There is a folder in the extension office where we can drop off pictures or articles. She also mentioned that some previous events have lots of extra pictures and they need to get rid of them. If you are interested, please let her or Susan Cox know.

The extra pictures will be at most of the meetings, incase you want to check them out or take some.

Extension Agent (Todd) gave the following report:

- He recognized interns Billie Mclver, Jane Shelnut and Russell Brannon for completing the required 50 hours and awarded their certificates. Todd also recognized Beth Ochsner-Childs for her landscape plan work for the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College.
- Todd recommended that in the future we budget some of our money to send two Cherokee MGs to the International Master Gardener Conference. This year it is in Canada; Todd circulated a flyer.
- Todd thanked everyone who worked at the Southeastern Flower Show and announced that the Cherokee County Rabies Clinic will be held on April 16th. MGs can get hours for this—talk to Trudy to volunteer.
- Vickie Lindsey is planning a baby shower for Karen Garland on the first Sunday in April. Contact her to help.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Reinhardt:** Jean reported for Elizabeth Smith that help is needed on a few dates at the Reinhardt Nature Club. See the

schedule for dates and contact Elizabeth to volunteer.

**Senior Center:** Marcia reminded everyone that the workdays are 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. She is also looking for help on a non-workday to organize the holding area. Contact her to help.

Becky announced that she is planning to name each vegetable plot with a trellis after someone important in gardening. She asks all MGs to send her suggestions. A sign with a name will be put at the top of each trellis, and names will be changed as crops rotate, so send lots of suggestions.

**Plant Sale:** The plant sale will be March 17 and 18—she has plenty of help for this event. The MGs will provide lunch for the Autumn Hill workers as a thank you for letting us participate.

**Lunch/learn:** There is an ongoing lunch and learn series at Georgia Perimeter College in Decatur on Wednesdays, beginning in April. Marcia is looking for those interested in carpooling.

**Newsletter:** To make the newsletter process easier, Marcia asks that articles be sent in as a Word attachment typed in Times Roman 12 point.

**2005 Seminars:** Mary Ellen Roos reported that the seminars were going well. Todd added that the speakers bureau might be underused and for everyone to remember it when talking with garden club members, community group members, etc. The same seminar given during the seminar series could be repeated for these groups.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Volunteer Council on Aging Auction:** Jean read an after action report from the Chairman Cindy Foster that the event was a huge success. All of the containers we donated made money, and the “macho fern” raised \$90 all by itself. Any members needing tax receipts should contact Cindy Foster. Pictures of the event were sent to the Historian.
- **Landscape Class:** Jean reported for Thomas Dorn that the landscape class has 20 couples registered so far. There is room for 5 more, and the class is now open to MGs. As of March 17th the class was filled.
- **Advanced MG Class:** Gerry Slaughter announced that we have 34 registered for the Advanced MG class on digital photography. After the April 19th meeting, the committee will meet for about 20 minutes to finalize duties. Contact Gerry if you are a committee member and cannot make that meeting.
- **Georgia Gold Medal Booth:** Gerry thanked all the MGs who helped with the Gold Medal booth at the flower show. She also read a thank you note from the Gold Medal committee members complimenting the Cherokee MGs for a job well done.
- **Funk Heritage Design:** Beth presented her landscape design to the group. She used exclusively native plant material, especially those that Native Americans in this area would have used. The plan was well received at the Funk Heritage and is on display at the extension office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gerry announced that on April 16 her sorority will be headed to Dunaway Gardens in Newnan for the day. If anyone wants to carpool with them, let her know.

Jean is organizing a basic computer/web site navigation class. It will be very simple, emphasizing basic computer skills, use of our website and surfing the internet. Please contact her if you are interested. Todd is looking for a group which has a bank of computers and who would be willing to let us use them for this class. Susan Franklin suggested contacting the public schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## BIRTHDAYS

April: Myrna Sandlin 3

## EVENTS CALENDAR

March 26 – Seminar: Organic Gardening at Senior Center: 10 am

April 3 – Baby Shower for Karen Garland (contact Vickie Lindsey)

April 9 – Seminar: Container Gardening at Senior Center: 10 a.m.

April 16 – Rabies Clinic (contact Trudy at Ext. Office)

April 19 – Monthly MG Meeting at Bridge Mill Community Center: 10 a.m.

April 23 – GNPS Plant Sale at Piedmont Park: 8-1 p.m.

April 23 - Seminar: Herbs at the H.F. Library 10 a.m.

May 12 – Advanced Master Gardener Class on digital photography

May 15 – MG County Picnic at Sittin' Down Creek

May 21 – Farmers' Market at Cagles' Dairy opens