

**Cherokee County Master Gardeners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
First United Methodist Church of Canton  
September 15, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Suzie Thomas at 10 a.m. Members present were President Suzie Thomas, Immediate Past President Russell Brannon, President-elect Gerald Phillips, Treasurer Nell Gillespie, Sue Adams, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Pat Ball, Judie Bicknell, Marvin Colston, Becky Dixon, Valerie Downey, Maurya Jones, Lynn Knotts, Donald Krueger, Vickie Lindsey, Linda Lullie, Dot Martin, Carol Mumaw, Helen Ogren, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Gail Roos, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Ed Stumler, Mary Ann Szostak, Pat Tanner, Glenda Thompson, Jami Thompson, Clara Mae Van Brink, Katie Van Hiel, Diane Walton, Sandi White, Pat Whiting, and Marcia Winchester.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Welcome/Introduction of Guest**

**President Suzie Thomas** welcomed former CCMG Billie McIver who recently celebrated her 89th birthday. Billie joined our group six years ago at the age of 84 and was a very active member. Although she misses our group, she has joined the MG in LaGrange and has become active there.

**President -Elect Gerald Phillips** announced that the program for the October monthly meeting will feature a speaker from CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocate for children—at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Classroom. He added that there will be a potluck dinner at the November meeting at 6:30 at the Extension Classroom.

In the absence of Joan McFather, no secretary's report was given.

**Treasurer Nell Gillespie** stated that the checking account balance is \$9,579.72. She reminded members to turn in their receipts from Pike's Nursery as we receive 7% of the total amount spent! "Last year we received a gift card from Pike's in the amount of \$456.00, and we are nowhere near that amount, yet," Nell added. Also, if any member needs to be reimbursed for purchased items, get a reimbursement form turned in.

### **County Extension Agent**

In Paul's absence, Russell conducted the drawing of three names to receive rain barrels for the 40-Gallon Challenge. Winners are Noel Rackie, Sylvia Osborne, and Janet Aden, all from Canton.

**Applications** for the next CCMG class starting in January 2010 need to be in by October 2. Suzie requested a Mentor Chairman for the next class.

**AWARDS**—President Suzie awarded Intern Ed Stumler his MG certificate for fulfilling the required 50 volunteer hours. Also, Vickie Lindsey and Diane Walton received certificates for service during 2008.

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**Care and Share**—It was announced that Intern Carol Jackson recently had surgery.

**Demonstration Garden/Plant Sale**—Marcia announced that the Sr. Center Workdays are always the first and third Thursday of each month. This Thursday, Sept. 17, volunteers will be helping to get ready for Saturday's

Plant Sale from 9:30 - 3:00. Friday, September 18, Plant Sale preparations will continue—setting up, labeling and pricing plants for the sale. After all plants are labeled and priced, volunteers may purchase plants before Saturday's sale. September 19, volunteers are asked to wear MG aprons, sell plants, assist with the garden tours and craft tables. Sale is from 10:00-2:00 p.m.; work shifts are between 9:00-4:00 p.m.

**Newsletter**—Marcia can always use articles for the newsletter. Do you have a favorite plant or favorite tool you would like to submit to the newsletter? She can use articles for the Dec./Jan. and the Feb./March issues.

## **BURGESS ARBORETUM**

Russell reported that 125 trees at the Reinhardt Burgess Arboretum have been identified with "Tree Labels"—only 1,000 more to do! He added that Reinhardt has invited all of us to the Grand Opening of the Burgess Arboretum at the college on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. Reinhardt is having a Plant Sale Oct. 28 - 30 from 10 until 2 p.m. and Zach could use some volunteers. To thank us for all our help in the past, Zach is inviting MG to a "free" lunch at the college on Friday November 6. We will be allowed to dig seedlings from Japanese Maples, pine trees, etc. Watch e-mails for more information regarding this event.

## **2010 Seminars**

Pat Whiting asked members to look at copies of the draft of next year's seminar schedule. The titles, dates and locations of seminars need to be confirmed in order to get Bookmark Information to the publishers. Because our seminar numbers have increased, Pat is asking each presenter to have their assistant take pictures for MG scrapbook. Seminar involvement is also a great way for interns to help and earn volunteer hours.

## **NOMINATING**

Judie Bicknell announced the 2010 slate of officers. They are Gerald Phillips-President; Clara Mae Van Brink-President-Elect; Joan McFather-Secretary; and Diane Walton-Treasurer.

## **LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

Nell Gillespie reported that the Landscape Design Class was "phenomenal" this year. The class took in \$1,655.00, out of which \$798.37 was used on expenses. The Sr. Center received a donation of \$150. Many thanks go to two Interns Ed Stumler and Mary Selden and MGs Mechelle Baardson and Monte Bores for helping with and donating food for the class. Nell added that the evaluations were all very positive. Ed Stumler remarked that Nell did an outstanding job conducting the class.

## **Rock Barn Workdays**

Suzie announced two work days coming up at the Rock Barn—Sunday, September 20, 12:30 p.m. and again Saturday, November 14, 11:00 a.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Gerry Slaughter reported that the committee is working to clarify the committee descriptions and that they are now in the final stages.

## **POLO SHIRTS**

Mary Ann Szostak announced that the last day to order MG polo shirts will be at the next meeting on October 20. A discussion ensued about having five full size, embroidered aprons and five MG bags on hand to sell. Lois Andresen made a motion to have five full size MG aprons and five MG bags. Nell Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

## **GMGA 30th ANNIVERSARY**

Russell Brannon reported that CCMG would like to plant a tree at the Burgess Arboretum on November 6 in honor of the 30th GMGA. He reported that County Extension Agent, Paul Pugliese and Reinhardt College Groundskeeper Zach White suggested a Witch Hazel tree to be planted at the West corner of the Administration Building at Reinhardt. The cost of the tree and plaque is \$110.00. Russell made the motion to purchase the tree and plaque for \$110.00. Sandy White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a show of hands. The scientific name of the Witch Hazel tree is Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'. The 'Jelena' cultivar is orange.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Historian is Martha Ann Slatton

New Publicity Chairman is Mary Ellen Roos

Electronic Recycling Day will be Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. at the Bluffs in Canton.

Visit the MG Fair Booth September 14 - 18. MG booth is being judged today.

Glenda needs help with the Junior MG program. Contact her if you can help with any of the classes. Also, Donna Frye is starting a JMG class at Knox Elementary School

Gerald needs a Chairman for the Plant Clinics. Larry Link will co-chair the committee. Send Gerald e-mail, if you are interested in chairing it.

Ed Stumler announced he has a son-in-law in the professional sign business and a daughter who does monogrammed T-Shirts

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Something new will be added to annual Christmas party held again this year at Rock Barn in Canton on Friday, December 18. "We are looking for talent from 'within'," said Suzie. Paul Pugliese has agreed to play the piano! Contact Suzie Thomas if you would like perform.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept 17—Demo Garden Work Day, 9:30-3  
Sept 18—Plant Sale Work Day. 1:00 p.m.  
Sept 19—Plant Sale, Sr. Ctr., 10-2 (Work from 9-4)  
Sept 14-18—Canton Fair Week, Fairgrounds  
Sept 19—Wildlife Habitat Seminar, 10 a.m. ,HFL  
Sept 20—Rock Barn Work Day, 12:30 p.m.  
Oct. 02—Intern Applications Deadline  
Oct. 03—Reinhardt Alumni Day, 10-12 Noon  
Oct. 10—Redbud Nursery, 9-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 17—Fall GMGA Conference  
Oct. 17—Gardening on a Small Scale: African Violets, etc., 10 a.m., HFL  
Oct. 20—MG Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Extension Classroom  
Oct. 24—Lawns in Georgia, 10 a.m. Sr. Cntr.  
Oct. 28-30—Burgess Plant Sale, 10 - 1 or 2 p.m.  
Nov. 06—MGs to Burgess, (time...to be determined)  
Nov. 14—Rock BarnWork Day, 11 a.m.  
Nov. 17—MG Meeting/Elections/Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Extension Office Classroom  
Nov. 21—Make a Fresh Wreath, 10 a.m., Sr. Ctr.  
Dec. 18—MG Christmas Party, Rock Barn, Canton  
Jan. 05—March 30, 2010, Tuesdays, Intern Class, North Metro Tech College

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Sept 16—Mechelle Baardson  
Sep. 17—Pat Whiting  
Sept 20—Roxanne Rutledge  
Sept 25—Debbie Califano