

**Cherokee County Master Gardeners
Regular Monthly Meeting
Historical Rock Barn
November 16, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Roos at 10:07 a.m. Members present were President Mary Ellen Roos, Immediate Past President Gerry Slaughter, President-elect Jean Garner, Secretary Joan McFather, Treasurer Mary Ann Szostak, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Pat Bowen, Marie Cutts, Mignon Fleishel, Susan Franklin, Karen Garland, Becky Griffin, Lynn Knotts, Vickie Lindsey, Debbie McCollum, Merrily McLaughlin, Carol Mumaw, Helen Ogren, Pam Raines, Ellen Reagan, Linda Robbins, Elizabeth Smith, Glenda Thompson, Mary Tucker, Frank Weltz, and Marcia Winchester. Extension Agent Todd Hurt was unable to be present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Mary Ellen introduced Martha Hout, a staff member at the Funk Heritage Museum on Reinhardt College campus, where several MG projects are in process. Mary Ellen announced the need for members to carpool to the intern class's final exam. Betty Adams will coordinate a 10 a.m. departure. Recommitment forms (which can be downloaded from the web) are due in the Extension office by December 15, 2004. Becky Griffin has a rubber storage shed (approx. 70 x 28) available for MG use. Contact her directly. Karen Lutz and Monte Bores were commended, Karen for her work with the Boy Scouts and Monte for the Woodstock plant talk.

President Mary Ellen conducted officer elections, to wit: president – Jean Garner; president-elect—Betty Adams; Secretary – Joan McFather; treasurer – Pam Raines; co-historians – Martha Ann Slatton and Susan Cox. Ellen Reagan moved for acclamation, and Gerry Slaughter seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried. Congratulations to all officers.

President-elect Jean announced that two carpools—9 a.m. and 10 a.m.—would take food over to the intern class in Cartersville on November 18. She also suggested a carpool for those attending the Christmas party at Merrily McLaughlin's home. The tentative plan is to meet at Regions Bank near Autumn Hill (intersection of Hwy 140 and Earney Rd.) at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary Joan apologized for mixing up the names of Debbie Meadows and Debbie McCollum in last month's minutes. It was Debbie McCollum who lost her brother-in-law. There was also some confusion as to whether Todd wanted use of the greenhouse in Ball Ground to be considered a MG project. Since Karen Garland has a potential need for the greenhouse, Mary Ellen asked her to write up a project request. After this correction and discussion, Becky Griffin moved and Pam Raines seconded acceptance of the corrected minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer Mary Ann reported a balance of \$6995.33 in the treasury and \$35 in Pikes' credit. Continue to bring in the original itemized slips (not your bank charge slips): we have collected \$1300's worth but have to get \$5000. Mary Ann also announced that the 2004 budget committee will meet on November 30 and the 2005 committee will meet after the first of the year.

Historian Mary could not be present. Please keep her in your thoughts: her husband Bobby is very ill in hospital. Materials for the scrapbooks can be turned in at the office.

In the absence of Extension Agent Todd, Mary Ellen announced the following:

- All committee chairs need to submit a short summary paragraph of one of their projects to assist Todd with his end of year report.
- All time sheets are due by December 5. (December's hours are counted in the following calendar year.)
- Recommitment forms are due December 15.

- Kathy Floyd, Bartow County Extension Coordinator, has advised us of a clean-up at the Red Top Mountain entrance. Call Todd if you are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reinhardt: Elizabeth Smith reported that the project is on hiatus until late February. So far the children at R.M. Moore have had a great time—as have the MGs who worked with them at the Heritage Center. Volunteer your interests that are appropriate for kids by calling Elizabeth.

Senior Center: Marcia is looking for scarecrows. Workdays will start at 9:30 on November 17 (Wednesday), December 2 and December 16. Remember to pack your seeds from home for the seed separation party in January. Becky Griffin will be taking over the vegetable garden. The Senior Center needs undivided flats.

Newsletter: The last issue of the year will be out by the end of the month.

Rain garden: Marcia will plant some extra plants today (11/16). Located where Farm Bureau used to be, the rain garden got good publicity from GNPS.

Phone Buddies: There was discussion as to just what constituted the need for a phone call. Mary Ellen suggested that individuals talk to their buddies and decide what was call-worthy beyond the minutes which are posted on the website.

Seminars/Speakers' Bureau: Roxanne Rutledge has been working on both. Please give her your name and the seminar(s) you'd like to help with. If you would like to be included in the speakers' bureau as an expert on any given subject, call Roxanne or the office to list yourself and your topic(s). No one's name will be given out to public inquiries until you are contacted by the office.

Publicity: Thanks to the committee for providing a big tri-fold board for Todd in his office.

Membership/Mentoring: Susan Franklin and Merrily have gone to Cartersville to review with the interns prior to the final exam.

Care and Share: Carol Mumaw reported that Joe Bishop's father had passed away.

Rock Barn: Frank Weltz announced that the Rock Barn fundraising committee has ordered 2005 Christmas ornaments featuring the old farm house (now City Hall) for sale around town. Workdays have had more than enough workers.

Farmers' Market: Pat Bowen's committee will be meeting with the Cagles in December to plan next year. Suggestions are encouraged.

Calendar: Linda Robbins said we have sold 200 and have 100 left to sell. Contact her if you want some, or get them from the office.

T Shirts: Debbie McCollum distributed the new T shirts. If you ordered one, contact Debbie. There are a few extras.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Floral arrangements for the Council on Aging's Auction on February 5. The proposal suggested two possibilities: 1) make 20 elaborate table centerpieces, or 2) make fewer arrangements suitable for auctioning. No MG funds would be involved—the Council would reimburse. Karen volunteered to co-chair with Cindy Foster, our representative on the Council on Aging. After discussion Susan moved to accept the second option. Mary Ann seconded and the motion carried.
- Eagle Scout project. Marie Cutts reported that the birdhouses, for which we provided seed money, are finished and will be up shortly in Heritage Park.

- Advanced Master Gardener class. Todd would like the subject to be “Using Digital Photography.” The class would be televised state-wide in May. Volunteers would be needed to support the main speaker, Bodie Pennisi, in organizing and running the class. Becky moved to accept the project, Linda seconded, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cobra tool. Mary Tucker will order the tools in bulk. They can be purchased for \$12.75, including shipping. These are great for weeding. Take your check to the extension office to order in advance.

PROGRAM

Karen Garland gave an interesting and informative program about outdoor classrooms.

DOOR PRIZES

Judie Bicknell, Jean Garner, Mary Ellen Roos, and Marcia Winchester all donated door prizes.

BIRTHDAYS

November – Merrily McLaughlin 6, Judy Haygood 15, Mignon Fleishel 18, Mary Ellen Roos 20,
Mary Tucker 26, Mariana Jackson 30

December – Debbie Meadows 7, Mary Ann Szostak 7, Carol Mumaw 29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 17 – Senior Center workday (changed to Wednesday due to Intern Final), 10-4

November 18 – Intern Exam...bring food

December 2 – Senior Center workday

December 4 – Christmas party

December 16 – Senior Center workday

January 15 – GMGA Conference, Perry, GA

January 25 – CCMG January, 2005 meeting*

March 2-6 – Southeastern Flower Show

[Thanks to Becky Griffin for taking the latter half of the minutes – Joan]

* Note that the January meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month, not the third. The meetings for the rest of the year will go back to the third Tuesday of the month.