

CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Monthly Meeting

Senior Citizens Center

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Brannon at 6:38 p.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, President Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Treasurer Nell Gillespie and Historian Mary Ellen Roos, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Monte Bores, Debbie Califano, Billie Davis, Lin Harris, Mariana DiVita, Linda Lullie, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Debbie McCollum, Carol Mumaw, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Gail Roos, Jane Shelnett, Mary Ann Szostak, Glenda Thompson, Maura Watson, and Marcia Winchester.

After feasting on a variety of "finger foods" at the Senior Center, President Brannon welcomed all members to the monthly meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Russell Brannon:

- Requested members to turn in monthly time sheets by December 20;
- Passed around a flyer advertising a Cobrahead tool. A discussion followed on how much we could sell the tools for in order to make money for our organization. Roxanne Rutledge volunteered to put together a proposal to sell this tool for a fund raiser;
- Stated that MG volunteers have finished labelling the largest section of trees at the Burgess Arboretum in time for the 125th anniversary of Reinhart College;
- Announced that the Extension Office will be moving to the basement of the old courthouse, 100 North Main St. Suite G-21 on Thursday December 20. Monte added that the new quarters will have a conference room that the MG will be able to use;
- Asked who will be interested in working at a Flower Show on January 21, 22 and 23 for the Georgia Green Industries;
- Announced a Blood Drive to be held on December 22 at Methodist Church.

President-Elect Suzie Thomas

- Reminded members about the MG Christmas party to be held at the Rock Barn in Canton on Saturday December 6;

- Asked the MGs attending the Christmas party to respond to the Christmas E-vite on-line;

- Stated that the party meal would include pork tenderloin, turkey breast, rolls and soft drinks provided by the association, and each attending member is to bring an assigned side dish that will feed 12 to 15 people;

- Announced that the January 2009 meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church of Canton at 10:00 a.m., at which time new officers will be installed.

Secretary Maurya Jones asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet and stated that there was no correspondence during the last month. Mary Ann Szostak moved and Pam Raines seconded the approval of the October minutes.

Treasurer Nell Gillespie announced a balance of \$9,529.86 in the checking account.

County Extension Agent -- President Brannon announced for County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese that a MG banner is available through Marco Fonseca for \$50.00. Gerald Phillips added that he would like to have a second banner for the Plant Clinics because sometimes there are 2 clinics held at the same time. Mary Ellen Roos made a motion to look into the purchase of a second banner and Mary Ann Szostak seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MERCHANDISE -- Mary Ann Szostak reported a profit of \$75.00 from sale of MG T-shirts and other apparel.

SENIOR CENTER -- Marcia Winchester announced a work day this Thursday. She is proposing to plant lilies and move the Heuchera on the hill next to the animal shelter. She added that work needs to be done on plants in the greenhouse; Gerald Phillips is digging out 2 beds for the vegetable gardens; announced that there are two crates of daylilies, donated by Debbie Meadows, for anyone who would like some--they are behind the green house; stated that the first workday of the new year will be January 8. Volunteers will work on propagation in the green house. If it is raining, the workday will be canceled.

CARE & SHARE -- Betty Adams announced that Ellen Reagan's daughter recently died of cancer, Judy Bicknell's husband is ill, and Margit Woods' mother recently had a stroke.

PLANT CLINICS -- New reference books are needed for the Plant Clinics and the Extension Office. Authors Dirr and Armitage have new plant books out on Amazon. Marcia made a proposal to allocate \$150.00 for 2 books: one on Trees and the other

on Plant Life. Debbie Meadow will look into the purchase of these books for us on-line. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS -- President Russell Brannon asked if there were any nominations from the floor for officers for next year. There being none, Roxanne Rutledge moved and Betty Adams seconded the motion to accept the 2009 slate of officers. The 2009 officers are President - Suzie Thomas; Vice President - Gerald Phillips; Secretary - Joan McFather; and Treasurer - Nell Gillespie. Motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- It was decided that the MG Application form will be reviewed and updated after the first of the year.

The monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 20	Senior Center Workday
Dec. 04	Senior Center Workday
Dec. 06	Master Gardener Christmas Party -- Rock Barn in Canton
Dec. 16	Senior Center Workday
Jan. 08	Senior Center Workday
Jan. 16	Senior Center Workday
Jan. 20	First Meeting of 2009
Jan. 28/Feb. 1	South Eastern Flower Show -- Cobb Galleria
Feb. 10-13	Southern Nursery Association Meeting --Cobb Galleria

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 20	Mary Ellen Roos
Nov. 26	Mary Tucker
Nov. 30	Mariana DiVita
Dec. 07	Debbie Meadows
Dec. 07	Mary Ann Szostak
Dec. 16	Linda Lullie
Dec. 19	Thomas Dorn
Dec. 20	Diane Walton
Dec. 29	Carol Mumaw
Jan. 05	Glenda Thompson
Jan. 07	Trudy Christopher
Jan. 15	Nell Gillespie
Jan. 19	Viviane Decker
Jan. 20	Clara Mae Van Brink