

# CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Canton First United Methodist Church  
October 21, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Brannon at 10:02 a.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Treasurer Nell Gillespie, Pat Ball, Judie Bicknell, Monte Bores, Debbie Califano, Marie Cutts, Becky Griffin, Mariana DiVita, Lynn Knotts, Linda Lullie, Joan McFather, Merrily McLaughlin, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Diane Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Mary Tucker, Clara Mae Van Brink, Katie Van Hiel, Marcia Winchester, Susan Wyman, Pat Tanner and Marian Greenhill.

**President Brannon** welcomed members and guests: Sarah Angileilo, guest of Mary Ann Szostak and Marian Greenhill, a former Bartow Co. Master Gardener who is transferring to the Cherokee Co. MG Association.

**President-Elect Suzie Thomas** introduced guest speaker Pam Crawford. Ms. Crawford, a landscape architect and author of 6 gardening books delivered a presentation on Container Gardening using two of her latest books as a hands-on tool and reference. She shared a wealth of information about her garden experiences and emphasized that her latest book, "Easy Container Gardening", is a book for anyone who has ever killed a plant! A question and answer period followed her talk and books were available to purchase after the business meeting. Ms. Crawford said her next project is working on Drought Tolerant Plants in the South for Barnes and Noble.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### **President Russell Brannon:**

- Commended Karen Garland and the Fair Committee for the MG exhibit which received 2nd place at the recent County Fair. They received a check in the amount of \$115.00.
- Requested that members fill out their individual 2009 Recommitment Sheets to the Master Gardener Program and return them to the Extension Office.
- Announced Christmas Party will be at Rock Barn on Dec. 6th at 6:30. He added that a Christmas Party Committee was meeting today at the Rock Barn at 1:30 p.m. to discuss food and decorating for the event.
- Stated that the slate of officers for 2009 are Suzie Thomas-President; Gerald

Phillips-President-Elect; Nell Gillespie-Treasurer and there is an opening for Secretary.

**President-Elect Suzie Thomas** announced that members will vote on the slate of officers at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday Nov. 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Canton First United Methodist Church. There will not be a featured speaker at this meeting.

**Secretary Maurya Jones** reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and announced there was no correspondence to read. Mary Ann Szostak moved and Joan McFather seconded approval of the September minutes.

**Treasurer Nell Gillespie** announced a balance of \$9,279.53 in the checking account and she requested that members holding outstanding reimbursement receipts get them turned in to her as soon as possible.

**COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT PAUL PUGLIESE** announced:

- Four Master Gardeners recently finished the Advanced MG Training, "Advanced Concepts in WaterSmart Landscape Design", which was held at North Metro Tech.
- Thanked members for "House Warming Gift", saying he purchased two Dwarf Cryptomeria ("Black Dragon") and has planted one on each side of his porch.
- Announced the winners of the 40-Gallon Challenge: Natalie Joseph, Pam Grunke and Lou Briegel of Canton and Lily Rodriguez of Woodstock. They will be receiving 50 gallon size Rain Barrels.

## **Committee Reports**

**Merchandise - Mary Ann Szostak** distributed previously ordered merchandise--tee shirts, sweat shirts, tote bags and aprons.

**Plant Sale** - Marcia happily reported that the recent Plant Sale at the Senior Center netted \$528.00 and that Zack from Reinhardt reported that he made \$244 in plant sales for Burgess Arboretum Reinhardt. Marcia thanked everyone for the volunteer hours they spent assisting with plant sale. Six *Gardening with the Masters* books were sold and included in the net profit for MG.

**Senior Center** - Marcia announced that volunteers will be harvesting seed and cleaning up the gardens at the senior center on future workdays. She needs a member to volunteer to clean up the garden signs.

**Newsletter** -Regarding newsletter, the deadline for Dec.-Jan. Newsletter is Nov. 15th. She can always use an article on "A Cool Tool" or "My Favorite Plant".

**Care and Share - Mary Ann Szostak** reported that Ellen Reagan's daughter is not doing well and that Ellen is on her way home.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Suzie Thomas volunteered to be in charge of Nomination Committee for next year; Maurya Jones volunteered to help her.

**Perennial Plant Swap**--A discussion ensued about a city-wide perennial plant swap and members voted against participating, stating that "We have our own plant and seed swap!"

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** --No dates have been set for future Master Gardener Classes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Oct. 22 – 24 - Burgess Arboretum Plant Sale -- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Nov 06 - Senior Center Workday  
Nov 08 - Wreath Making Seminar - Senior Center  
Nov 18 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Election of 2009 Officers - Methodist Church  
Nov 20 - Senior Center Workday  
Nov 28 - Executive Committee 10:00 a.m. - Extension Office  
Dec 04 - Senior Center Workday  
Dec 06 - Master Gardener Christmas Party - Rock Barn in Canton – 6:30 p.m.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Oct. 22 - Linda Robbins  
Oct. 24 - Lois Andresen  
Oct. 25 - Karen Rockwell  
Oct. 26 - Dawn Perlotto  
Oct. 27 - Jennifer Resuta  
Oct. 28 - Anna Marie Cutts  
Oct. 28 - Martha Slatton  
Oct. 28 - Carol Partee  
Nov. 01 - Gerry Skalsky  
Nov. 06 - Merrily McLaughlin  
Nov. 07 - Jane Shelnuttt  
Nov. 15 - Jean Collins

Nov. 15 - Judy Haygood  
Nov. 16 - Nan Coppenrath  
Nov. 18 - Mignon Fleishel  
Nov. 20 - Mary Ellen Roos  
Nov. 26 - Mary Tucker