

**Cherokee County Master Gardeners
Regular Monthly Meeting
R.T. Jones Memorial Library
September 21, 2004**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday September 21, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Roos at 7:02 p.m. Members present were President Mary Ellen Roos, Immediate Past President Gerry Slaughter, President-elect Jean Garner, Secretary Joan McFather, Treasurer Mary Ann Szostak, Historian Mary Hughes, Betty Adams, Judie Bicknell, Susan Cox, Marie Cutts, Mignon Fleishel, Karen Garland, Mariana Jackson, Vickie Lindsey, Judith Lutz, Janis Marshall-Kroen, Debbie Meadows, Pam Raines, Sharee Riggs, Elizabeth Smith, Glenda Thompson, Maura Watson, and Marcia Winchester.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Mary Ellen introduced one guest, Eric Garland, Karen's husband. She congratulated the Fair Committee on a second place win for our fair booth and all those who entered exhibits and won ribbons. Congratulations, too, to Joan McFather for being named volunteer of the month by Cherokee FOCUS. Reminder: last chance to register for the Redbud Lane Nursery container class to be held Saturday, October 2, 2004. At the Senior Center, Paulette is still looking for a MG volunteer to sit on the Aging Council. Call Paulette if you are interested.

President-elect Jean announced the slate of officers proposed for 2005: for President, Jean Garner; for President-elect, Betty Adams; for Secretary, Joan McFather; for Treasurer, Pam Raines; for Historian, co-chairs Martha Ann Slatton and Susan Cox. She also mentioned the need for certain committee chairs: two to head the Fair Booth committee, and a co-chair to assist Glenda Thompson with the Care and Share committee. Judith Lutz volunteered to co-chair the Calendar committee with Monte Bores. Other chairs will be announced later. Committee descriptions are available at the Extension office.

Secretary Joan asked if everyone had seen the minutes of the previous meeting on our website. Many had not, and many assumed they would be getting them sent home via email as was voted on at the last meeting. Apparently there was a misunderstanding at the Extension Office; this will be resolved. Since so many had not seen the minutes, approval was deferred until next month.

Treasurer Mary Ann reported that we have taken in \$720 in calendar sales, adding to the balance of \$7147.64. Our Pikes receipt total is down to a \$34 credit, Marcia Winchester having made some purchases. Members are encouraged to turn in Pikes receipts before October 28; until then we will receive an 11% return instead of the usual 10%.

Mary Hughes had no Historian report.

Extension Agent Todd Hurt was home with Cathy and new baby Claire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trips: There will not be a single chair for this committee next year. Instead, each field trip will have its own chair. Doing them all is too much for one person.

Reinhardt Horticulture Education Project: Several MGs have agreed to lead workshops and work on the Northcutt Discovery Trail at the Funk Heritage Center. A brochure is available.

Senior Center: some activity in caring for the gardens will take place this Thursday, but the focus will be on getting ready for the plant sale.

Fall Plant Sale: Marcia has contacted through email all those signed up to work. Plants will be taken to Autumn Hill Nursery from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday. At 2 p.m. on Friday the sale will be set up and those helping can purchase ahead of the crowd. Saturday's sale is from 8 to 5. Thereafter, unsold plants will be returned to the Senior Center.

Newsletter: Mignon Fleishel will have the October-November issue out by the end of this month. Please send submissions for the December-January issue in Word attachment form.

Rain Garden: Marcia invited all of us to attend the October 30th rain garden installation at the Water Authority building in Canton at 10 a.m.

PAR/Harvest Tours: are now handled exclusively by the Cagles. Contact them to help lead.

Phone Buddies: will need a coordinator next year. Lynn Knotts has agreed to serve.

2004 Seminars: Roxanne is looking for new ideas and presenters. There are forms to use in making suggestions.

Publicity: Sharee Riggs will have a co-chairman next year: Carol Mumaw. Please share any contacts you may have for newsletters in subdivisions.

Membership/Mentoring: The interns now have their own new books. Thanks to all who lent their old books as interim texts.

Care and Share: Myrna Sandlin is recovering from knee surgery; Margit Woods continues to improve, but slowly; Sherry Rainey's thirteen year old daughter has been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Please continue to remember Senior Center Activities Coordinator Joy Grimm's granddaughter, who has had brain surgery.

Farmers' Market: will continue every Saturday until the end of October. Please sign up for a shift, either 7:45 to 10:00 or 9:45 to noon.

Calendar: Contact Debbie Meadows to receive calendars. December 1 is the deadline for selling 25 or more and thus earning a \$25 gift certificate.

Fair: Because of Hurricane Ivan interruption last week, the County Fair will continue to be open this week until Saturday night. Take-down will be Sunday. Betty Adams shared pictures of our booth and expressed satisfaction with our second place. We have won so much, it was time to share!

Eagle Scout Project: Marie Cutts introduced the Eagle Scout candidate who briefly explained his project: to construct bird and bat houses to be placed in community parks. He has already had the wood donated and asked only for a donation to cover the cost of nails. Marcia moved and Jean seconded that we donate \$30. The motion carried unanimously.

T Shirts: Mignon took orders after the meeting.

Old and new business having been covered under officers' or committee reports, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 to hear the speaker.

PROGRAM

B.J. Weeks, a well known local beekeeper of many years and president of the Cherokee Beekeepers Club, presented a lively and very informative program on bees. He began by distributing a Honeybee Trivia Quiz and quickly determined that some of us had little accurate knowledge about bees. There followed a lecture punctuated by questions from a very appreciative audience and ended with his donning the headgear and gloves.

DOOR PRIZES

Jean Garner, Mary Ellen Roos, Marcia Winchester, and Joan McFather all Contributed door prizes.

BIRTHDAYS

September: Roxanne Rutledge 20, Anne Shearouse 20
October: Bill Slatten 17, Linda Robbins 22, Lois Andresen 24, Cicinda Richardson 27, Marie Cutts 28, Martha Ann Slatton 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 25 – Hardscape Planning Class at Hickory Flat Library
September 25 – Plant Sale at Autumn Hill Nursery: 8 to 4
October 2 – Container Class at Redbud Lane Nursery: 10 a.m.
October 7 – Senior Center Workday
October 9 – Wreath-making Class at Senior Center
October 12 – Intern Class Midterm: bring food PLEASE
October 21 – Senior Center Workday
October 23 – Perfect Pansies Class at Hickory Flat Library
October 30 – Rain Garden Installation at Water Authority Building, Canton: 10 a.m.
Every Saturday through October – Farmers' Market at Cagles' Dairy: 8 to 12

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

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