

## **CHEROKEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**

Montly Meeting – September 18, 2007 - Twin Branch Nursery

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Glenda Thompson. Glenda introduced her neighbor and guest, Pat Ball.

### **Officer Reports:**

President - Glenda reviewed plans to investigate a possible Jr. Master Gardener program at the new Avery Elementary School in the eastern part of Cherokee County. She also announced an upcoming Habitat for Humanity training session to be held on Sept.27 P.M., Sept. 28 All Day, and Sept. 29 All Day. Sue Sturgess is the contact at 404-876-8733.

Vice President - Russell introduced Kim Hoffman, the manager of Twin Branch Nursery, who gave a brief talk on 'Trees and Shrubs for the Landscape'. She told us the nursery industry is developing plants adapted for our area's landscapes as well as suitable plant alternatives designed to suit limited space in our yards. She mentioned Liquid Fence and Milorganite as a means of deterring deer in our gardens.

Russell mentioned two new committees: a possible Advanced Training Master Gardener course offering and a Southeastern Flower Show booth project. He asked members to sign up for 2008 officer and committee lists by the next monthly meeting on October 16 at Bridgemill, 10:00 A.M. Jerry Phillips will speak on 'Prepping and Planting the Fall Garden'. The November monthly meeting will be a week early (11/13) at the Senior Center, 6:30 P.M.

In the absence of Secretary Maurya Jones, Betty Adams took minutes. Marcia moved and Viviane seconded approval of the August minutes, which were accepted by a show of hands.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Pam announced a checking account balance of \$7,148.77 and a total of \$55.29 in our Pike's account.

### **Committee and Misc. Reports:**

Fair Booth - Lois applauded Karen Garland's creative ideas and the work of the Fair Committee members. Our booth's theme was 'Water Conservation' and won second place with a prize of \$110.00. Ideas for a booth next year include depicting a bog garden.

Plant Sale, Newsletter and Senior Center - Marcia commended those who helped with the plant sale and reported sales of \$437.00. The newsletter will be out by the end of the month. She asked for articles written by members. She also mentioned that Joan McFather is working on indexing previous articles by subject. The hold area/goat project is on hold for the present. Marcia asked that we continue to harvest dry seeds from our own gardens for our Spring plant sale.

Suzie Thomas reported on our recent Pansy Seminar - 22 people attended. Billie McIver offered the excess Amaryllis plants in her garden to anyone who would come dig them up. Glenda reported that Dot Martin is doing well after surgery but will have a lengthy period of recovery.

Garden Book - Carol Mumaw announced we have sold 76 garden books and asked everyone to continue taking them when giving seminars, gardening talks, etc. She discussed new press releases and other publicity and mentioned the possibility of selling the books at the upcoming Riverfest. No decision was made.

Extension Agent Paul Pugliese said our next MG training course will be with Bartow, Floyd and Gordon counties in Cartersville at the Bartow Extension Office. Applications will be accepted from Oct. 1 - Nov. 1. State GMGA membership renewal forms are in the Fall Scoop. Marcia will check on a possible new address to which they should be sent.

Marianne McNelly reminded members of the Habitat planning meeting at the Extension Office at 2:00 (after the monthly meeting).

Janis Marshall-Kroen extended an invitation from Redbud Nursery for us to shop/make container plantings on Oct.13 from 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Also on Oct. 13, Helen Ogren and Karen Garland will be presenting a seminar on Birds and Wildlife Habitat at the Senior Center.

Ellen Reagan moved and Pam Raines seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Our hostess, Kim Hoffman, then took members on a tour of the nursery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Adams, Acting Secretary

Upcoming birthdays:

Linda Robbins	Oct. 22
Lois Andresen	Oct. 24
Karen Rockwell	Oct. 25
Dawn Perlotto	Oct. 26
Anna Marie Cutts	Oct. 28
Martha Ann Slatton	Oct. 28
Merrily McLaughlin	Nov. 6
Jane Shelnut	Nov. 7
Jean Collins	Nov. 15
Nan Coppenwrath	Nov. 16
Mignon Fleishel	Nov. 18
Mary Ellen Roos	Nov. 20
Mary Tucker	Nov. 26
Mariana DeVita	Nov. 30