

Cherokee County Master Gardeners
Regular Monthly Meeting
First United Methodist Church of Canton
September 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Russell Brannon at 10:07 a.m. Members present were President Russell Brannon, Immediate Past President Glenda Thompson, President-Elect Suzie Thomas, Secretary Maurya Jones, Betty Adams, Lois Andresen, Monte Bores, Pat Bowen, Billie Davis, Mageeda Doe, Lynn Knotts, Vickie Lindsey, Linda Lullie, Dot Martin, Joan McFather, Carol Mumaw, Gerald Phillips, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Gail Roos, Mary Ellen Roos, Jane Shelnett, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Mary Ann Szostak, Mary Tucker, Katie Van Hiel, Sandi White, Pat Whiting, Marcia Winchester, and Susan Wyman.

President-Elect Suzie Thomas introduced the featured speaker, Scott Lemmons, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Woodstock. Scott shared a wealth of information on how to attract birds to our yards by using the right seeds and seed blends. He included many tips on bird feeders—showing us a variety of feeders and explaining how to care for them. Scott stated that "Based on 25 years of research and experience, Wild Birds Unlimited products have been designed to be the highest quality birdfeeders and birdfeeding equipment on the market today. We're so confident about our designs that many of our products carry a lifetime guarantee."

OFFICER REPORTS

President Russell Brannon thanked members today for parking in the back of the church or the upper side level parking lot.

Russell made the following announcements:

Lynn Knotts brought plant seeds to share with MG;

The Fair Committee meeting will be held September 10;

Senior Center "Tour Sign" will be Thursday, September 18 at 9:15 a.m. Linda Lullie was recognized and thanked for creating the sign's design;

Eleven members have signed up for the work day at the Burgess Arboretum Project on September 25.

Russell then presented County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese with a monetary donation from members to purchase a specimen tree for his new home.

President-Elect Suzie Thomas announced that Pam Crawford, trained landscape architect and author, will be the featured speaker at the next MG meeting, to be held October 21, 10:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Canton. Members are encouraged to bring a friend for this presentation.

Secretary Maurya Jones reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and then read a birth announcement from member Leslie Peterson regarding the birth of her son! Sandi White moved and

Suzie Thomas seconded approval of the August minutes.

In the absence of **Treasurer Nell Gillespie**, President Brannon announced that there is \$8,469.55 in the checking account.

County Extension Agent Paul Pugliese reminded us of the upcoming tax free holiday - October 2 – 5 - and stated this would be a good time to purchase WaterSense Products. Flyers with additional information about these products are at the Extension Office.

Paul also thanked Russell Brannon, Suzie Thomas, Gerry Slaughter, and Pam Raines for working at the S & H Trade Show booth on Water Conservation at the World Congress Center.

He then announced four winners of the 40-gallon water challenge and stated that 22 barrels have been given away so far. Winners in today's drawing were: Gail Alaniz (Canton), Linda DeChandt (Canton), Abby Bartram (Alpharetta), and Gene Rogers (Ballground).

Next, Paul presented interns Linda Lullie and Gail Roos with MG certificates for completing the required 50 hours of volunteer service in Cherokee County.

Last, he thanked members for getting their paper work turned in for their background checks, adding that if anyone still needs one, it would be a good time to apply while there is no charge.

Committee Reports

Merchandise—Mary Ann Szostak said that the last day to order merchandise is September 24. Merchandise will be dispersed at the October meeting.

Plant Sale—Marcia Winchester reminded us that the MG Plant Sale will be October 4, 9:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Set up will be at Senior Center October 3 from noon until we are finished. Pre-sale for MGs who help will take place after set up is complete.

Senior Center—Marcia Winchester will give a lecture on Hellebores on October 4, the same day as the MG Plant Sale. She will also demonstrate how to harvest seeds and give tips on propagation.

On Wednesday, October 1, Marcia will lead a garden tour at the Senior Service Center for 25 members of the Lake Arrowhead Garden Club.

Plant Clinics—Gerald Phillips reported that Plant Clinics are scheduled at Home Depot in conjunction with Scott's on September 20, 27, and October 11. Let Gerald know if you can help with any of these clinics.

Jr. Master Gardeners—Glenda Thompson needs volunteers to teach the following topics for the Junior Master Gardener Program: "Chew on This", "Garden Friends and Foes", "Let's Try Organic", and "Winter Wildlife Trees".

New Business

Susan Wyman announced that two Master Gardeners and two Interns will be required for each seminar for the new year.

Betty Adams will soon have a new e-mail address, so please call her at home regarding Care/Share information.

Unfinished Business

Katie Van Hiel announced that grant money received for the R.T. Jones Atrium Project did not include two hanging baskets or a watering can. Pam Raines volunteered to donate two hanging baskets. Marcia Winchester offered a watering can from the Senior Center Garden.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a. m.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 9 - Regular Monthly Meeting
Sept 10 - Fair Committee Meeting
Sept 16 - Adv. MG Training - "Advanced Concepts in Water Smart Landscape Design"
Sept 18 - Install Sr. Center "Tour Sign" at 9:15 a.m.
Sept 21/22- Set up for Fair
Sept 20 - Plant Clinic - Home Depot
Sept 23/27 Fair Booth
Sept 25 - Burgess Arboretum Workday
Sept 27 - Pansy Seminar - Ball Ground Library
Sept 27 - Plant Clinic - Home Depot / Lowes
Sept 27 - Orchids/Houseplants Seminar - Hickory Flat Library
Oct. 1 - Tour of Sr. Center Garden - Lake Arrowhead Garden Club
Oct. 4 - Hellebores/pansies/winter plants/bulbs Seminar - Senior Center
Oct. 4 - Fall Plant Sale - Sr. Center
Oct. 11 - Plant Clinic - Home Depot
Oct. 14 - Adv. MG Training --"Advanced Concepts in WaterSmart Landscape Design"
Oct. 18 - GMGA Fall Conference – Marietta
Oct. 21 - Monthly MG Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 22, 23, 24 - Burgess Arboretum Plant Sale - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 16 - Mechelle Baardson
Sept 17 - Pat Whiting
Sept 20 - Roxanne Rutledge
Sept 22 - Faye Webster
Sept 25 - Debbie Califano
Oct. 14 - Donna Howard
Oct. 22 - Linda Robbins

