

**Cherokee County Master Gardeners**  
**Regular Monthly Meet**  
**Bluffs, Cherokee County Administrative Building**  
**August 10, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, August 10 at the Bluffs Administrative Building. The meeting was called to order by President Elect Mark Tefteau at 10:00 a.m. President Susan Franklin was absent due to family matters. Members also present were: Betty Adams, Eva Plachy, Julia Fuller, Evelyn Balycsik, Shirley Lowe, Portia Moseka, Pat Bowen, Mary Ann Szostak, Russell Brannon, Gerald Phillips, Linda Robbins, Mary Ellen Roos, Veronica Steffensmeer, Glenda Thompson, Lois Andresen, Katie Van Hiel, Carol Jackson, Diane Smith, Dot Martin, Dawn Perlotto, Maurya Jones, Judy Lester, Gerry Slaughter, Marcia Winchester, Ed Stumler.

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** The minutes were approved as posted.

**Treasurer:** There was no treasurer's report.

**Extension News – Agent Report**

Josh shared that he has sent out a questionnaire concerning the seminars to a list of people from surveys, soil testing lists, people calling with questions, etc. 64 have responded since yesterday morning. He went over the questionnaire, sharing some of the results. The questionnaire will be open until the end of next week.

Josh also announced there will be a class of Master Gardeners next summer to be held at Chattahoochee Tech.

**Committee Reports**

- Care and Share – Mary Ellen announced that Billie Davis has passed away. Diane Walton is still recovering and we hope to have her back soon. Please keep Margeeda Doe, Sue Allen's brother, and Carol's cousin in law in your thoughts and prayers. A card has been sent to Lula of Ladyslipper Nursery.
- Apparel – Carol announced that several aprons, tee shirts, and polo shirts have been found. If you wish to purchase one, contact Carol for details. There are limited sizes.

- Plant a Row – Gerald said on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Plant a Row group will meet and plant cold crops. He gave a list of possible crops to Papa’s Pantry and they will select which ones they can use.
- Seed Library – Gerald said they now have a printed sheet of plants and have had one session on fall crops. Another will be held next week. We can expand to other libraries if someone will volunteer to head them up.
- Demonstration Garden – Marcia said a work day will be held Thursday at 9:30 in the hold area to get ready for the plant sale; repotting. The Animal Shelter has started their work. They will give us a list of what they want planted to replace the Leland cypress. Megan would like some of the branches to make a wattle fence. The Plant Sale will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 with set up on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Farmers Markets – Ed told us the markets are going well.
- County Fair – Lois Andresen, Karen Leile, and Suzie Thomas are planning for the county fair. The theme is Sunflowers and all their derivatives.
- School Gardens – Josh is waiting for the curriculum person to get back to him. Katie told us the after school programs have started.
- Party – A location has not yet been selected. The committee will follow up with Susan when she returns.

#### **New – Old – Other Business**

- Trainees – Mary Ellen has done a great job. They have had one training session in the office and will have another today.
- Tomato Tasting – The tasting was very successful. The categories were red tomatoes, yellow tomatoes, and cherry tomatoes. Marcia announced the grand winner was Mary Ellen Roos and Walter who were awarded the coveted gold zucchini. Thank you to Marcia for the event. A great time was had by all.
- Bylaws – Articles of Incorporation Update – Dot and Mark met with the attorney. He is writing the bylaws so they are okay with the state for a 501. Mark announced we will then apply for 501.
- GMGA – There will be a landscape design class at the end of September. Contact Mark for information. Dot reminded us of the GMGA conference on September 30 – October 1 to be held in Carrollton. Registration is now open.
- Glenda announced that Vivian Decker is getting married and has a lot to sell or give away, tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 and door prizes were awarded.

## EVENTS

- 9/10 Plant Clinic - Canton Farmers Market
- 9/10 Plant Clinic - Woodstock Farmers Market
- 9/15 Demo Garden Workday
- 9/16 Plant Sale Set-up 10am
- 9/17 Plant Sale 9am
- 9/18 County Fair Set-up
- 9/19 - 9/25 County Fair
- 9/20 Master Gardener Monthly Meeting
- 9/26 County Fair tear down
- 9/30-10/1 **Ga. Master Gardener Conference - Carrollton, Ga.**
- 10/1 Concrete Planter Seminar - Senior Center 10am
- 10/18 Master Gardener Monthly Meeting
- 10/22 Seminar- Tree and Blueberry Planting - HF Library 10am

## BIRTHDAYS

- September 10      Becky Dixon
- September 28      Judy Lester