

**Cherokee County Master Gardeners
Regular Monthly Meeting
Bluffs Conference Center
July 19, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners was held on Tuesday, July 19 at the Bluffs Conference Center. At 10:05 President Susan Franklin called the group together for a special presentation. Members also present were State President Dot Martin, Vice President Elect Marc Tefteau, Secretary Joan McFather, Treasurer Pam Raines, Betty Adams, Sue Allen, Lois Andresen, Russell Brannon, Carol Jackson, Maurya Jones, Lynn Knotts, Shirley Lowe, Debbie Meadows, Portia Moseka, Pam Raines, Linda Robbins, Gail Roos, Mary Ellen Roos, Gerry Slaughter, Diane Smith, Veronica Steffensmeier, Ed Stumler, Mary Ann Szostak, Suzie Thomas, Glenda Thompson, and Marcia Winchester. Trainees Julia Fuller, Sharon Grundeis, Jan Lytle and Hope Sorrells were also present, as was Extension Agent Josh Fuder.

PROGRAM

Prior to the business meeting, Mercy Koehler and Devin Snyder presented an excellent enactment of "Mary Musgrove: Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in the Life of an Indian Princess." These home-schooled teens researched and wrote their drama, rising through state competitions ultimately to win first place at the 2016 National History Day at the University of Maryland. The ten-minute presentation explores the life and influence of Mary Musgrove, who served as an interpreter between Georgia settler General James Oglethorpe and the local Creek Indians. Adeptly changing costumes while on stage, the girls could change characters, representing key figures, beginning with the early 1700s colonization. The enactment was skillfully done and a credit to their professionalism. Q&A afterwards proved their extensive knowledge of the subject.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **President:**
 - Susan Franklin called the business meeting to order at 10:40, thanked those who had brought refreshments and thanked Suzie Thomas for providing the program.
 - Susan asked that all meetings and other activities scheduled online have her included in the recipients line, so that she can let other members know, giving them the opportunity to volunteer if they are interested.
- **President Elect:** Marc Tefteau stated that the minutes are posted on the website. Checking for accuracy, he passed around a sheet of emails preparing for our change to Mail Chimp. He will send a test message when the change is complete. Plans to move from Yahoo to Gmail are ongoing.
- **Secretary:** Joan McFather asked everyone to sign the attendance sheets and asked that the June minutes be approved as published. There was no objection. Joan wrote one thank you letter for a garden cart donated to the demo garden and has another to write.
- **Treasurer:** Pam Raines presented the treasurer's report. In addition to the posted figures, the recent plant sale brought us \$930.40 and rebates from the GMGA membership drive brought another \$145. Twenty-nine of us joined or renewed.

[Posted: Cash on Hand as of June 1, 2016, was \$1347.41. Transfer from Money Market \$50.00. Deposits in June: \$2230.11. Expenses in June: \$795.87. Transfer to Money Market Account \$100.00, leaving a July 1, 2016 balance in the operating account of \$1518.65. The money market account balance is \$1955.70. Total Cash Available \$3474.35. {See secretary's book for entire report}.] This report is emailed monthly to all members on or around the 7th or 8th of the month prior to the meeting. If you are not receiving it, please contact her [pamelaraines@ymail.com]

- **Extension News:**

- A new mandate from UGA requires all of us to complete a "risk management" assessment. A fifteen-minute video followed by 10 questions will be posted on MG-LOG, according to Sheri Dorn, with completion dates of July 25 for those MGs participating in events involving children, September 25 for everyone else. Josh will let us know when the assessment goes online. There is a possibility of delay, so stay tuned.
- The herbs and seed-saving techniques seminar went well.
- At four months, the baby is great.
- Josh is organizing a Farm Show & Tell series for local farmers selling to markets. The first will be held at Buckeye Creek Farm on August 17, from 10:30 to 1 p.m., including a lunch sponsored by Farm Bureau. A field demonstration is planned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Care and Share:**

- Diane Walton plans to return to Master Gardeners in August or September.
- Mageeda Doe is improving.
- Billie Davis had surgery scheduled for Thursday, July 22 at Kennestone. Call before visiting.
- Medicines seem to be working for Diane Smith's husband Mike.
- Please continue to pray for others.

- **Apparel:** Carol Jackson said all but 5 items have been picked up. Susan added that there is a box of shirts in the MG cubicle. She will determine what is there exactly (possibly leftover display shirts of various sizes from the last order?)

- **Plant-A-Row:** Marcia Winchester reported for Gerald Phillips that water hoses have been set up for weekly watering. Problems include squash and bean beetles and tomato disease. Papa's Pantry staff and customers are doing their own picking. Gerald could use help with the watering. Contact him to volunteer: [gphilli@hotmail.com]

- **Seed Library:**

- Marc reported for Gerald that we have over 60 people participating.
- Seeds were packaged last Thursday for fall planting.

- **Plant Sale:** The next plant sale will be on September 17, from 9 to 12 noon, with set up on September 16. Marcia will send out a reminder email.

- **Newsletter:**

- Marcia has articles. Plans are for the next newsletter to come out via Mail Chimp.
- Forms to subscribe to the newsletter will be included in seminar packets.

- **Demo Garden:**
 - Trainees have been harvesting seeds, some to re-sow, some for the coming seed separating party.
 - The demo gardeners are in need of 6" pots, but not 4". They could also use the squat 1 gallon (azalea) pots, and 2 gallon pots, but not regular 1 or 3 gallon pots—they have plenty of those. You might look at local recycling places like Lowe's or Griffin, but remember: no broken pots and none with grower logos on them. Donations should be placed at the trailer by the crepe myrtle.

- **Farmers Markets:**
 - Ed Stumler announced that the Canton market is doing well.
 - Last Thursday the Waleska market had both pie-eating and pie-judging contests. Zach and Juanita White personally baked 36 pies for the pie-eating contest.
 - Woodstock is okay...lots of dog walkers.
 - If you need to cancel a shift or don't see an opportunity to sign up with Sign Up Genius, contact Ed personally. [*ejs230fish@windstream.net*]

- **Seminars:**
 - Diane Smith said that the seminars were going well. She asked all to think about fresh ideas for next year. There will be a preliminary meeting in September.
 - If you do a seminar, remember to bring in the signs!

- **County Fair:**
 - Suzie reported that Karen Lail's committee has met and decided upon a theme currently kept under wraps. They could use more members – plan to come to the August 15 meeting at 10 a.m. at the Extension. The County Fair will be September 19-25, with set up on September 18 and tear down on the 26th.
 - Josh mentioned that he would be helping to reorganize categories. Plenty of opportunity to win prizes.

NEW-OLD-OTHER BUSINESS

MG Office Training Update: Trainees are asked to select one of the following dates to train in the office with Josh and/or Judy: August 2, 9, or 16 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Contact Judy to sign up. [*uge1057@uga.edu*]

Tomato Taste: The contest is scheduled for 11 a.m. July 28 after setup at 10 a.m. Categories are best red, yellow/orange, cherry and over-all. Bring enough for seniors to vote on. Winner will receive as usual the Coveted Golden Zucchini.

Holiday Parties:

- Summer's party will happen in September, when it's cooler, at Diane Smith's.
- The Christmas party needs a committee. Volunteers now include Marcia, Maurya, Joan, Sue A., Susan F., Carol, Shirley and Mary Ann. Katie Van Hiel and Devin Layman were drafted.

Incorporation of CCMG as a 501(c) (3) organization: Marc Tefteau will be meeting with a lawyer on July 22. We will be drafting bylaws changes using Cobb County's as a model for changes that are needed.

GMGA Video Presentation: Dot Martin showed a video of coming attractions at the GMGA annual meeting, September 30 – October 1 in Carrollton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan McFather offered viewbooks for the Falany Performing Arts season, including coupons for free tickets.

Diane Smith invited members to visit the Ball Ground garden.

ADJOURNMENT There being nothing further, the business meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

DOORPRIZES

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28	Tomato tasting competition
August 4	Demo Garden Workday
August 6	Seminar – Fall Vegetable Gardening – HF
August 16	Monthly Meeting
August 18	Demo Garden Workday
September 1	Demo Garden Workday
September 15	Demo Garden Workday
September 17	Plant Sale
September 18	County Fair
September 20	Monthly Meeting
September 30	State MG Conference – Carrollton

BIRTHDAYS

August 5	Jim Saylor
August 6	Mary Schuster
August 8	Maura Watson
August 10	Maurya Jones
August 18	Katie Van Hiel
August 19	Evelyn Balejsik
August 22	Melissa Mungiguerra
August 29	Betty Adams
August 29	Pat Bowen
August 31	Devin Layman

If you haven't seen your birthday recognized, it's because we do not have it. Please contact jmcfather@hotmail.com Thanks!