

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 homeschooled 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,

- Demo Garden:
 - o Trainees have been harvesting seeds, some to ~~sow~~, some for the coming seed separating party.
 - o 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:
 - o Ed Stumler announced that the Canton market is doing well.
 - o Last Thursday the Waleska market had both pieating and piejudging contests. Zach and Juanita White personally baked 36 pies for the pieating contest.
 - o Woodstock is okay...lots of dog walkers.
 - o If you need to cancel a shift or don't see an opportunity to sign up with Sign Up Genius, contact Ed personally. ajs230fish@windstream.net

- Seminars:
 - o 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.
 - o If you do a seminar, remember to bring in the signs! a 36.19 Dsel

- County Fair:
 - o 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 26

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 –