

Gwinnett County Master Gardeners Association

August 19, 2013 General Meeting

President Margaret Bergeron convened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

She announced Recent Activities:

- Becky Wolary has stepped forward to Vice-President and Maggie Howze has volunteered to fill the resulting Treasurer vacancy.
- New Website – hope everyone is enjoying the association's new website. She reminded everyone to refer to it often.
- Pictures of the July 20 Birdhouse Workshop conducted by Jane Burke and Aaron Tulin are on the site plus many more interesting items.
- Last month GCMGA funded Gwinnett Tech Scholarships totaling \$1000 (2 @ \$500 each). Margaret read a portion of the thank you letter from the school.

Cookbooks – Reminder: we still have cookbooks for sale. They have great recipes for summer menus and make great gifts.

Upcoming Activities:

- Workshops: September 10 – Hypertufa Leaf Design led by Carole Teja: there will be 2 sessions, starting at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Registration is \$10 for supplies. See Mary Ann Hindes --- space is limited.
- November 1 - Wreath Workshop with Jessica Miller. Details to be announced. Demonstration wreaths from the workshop will be donated for a drawing at the November meeting.
- Field Trips: Plans in the works. Details to be announced.

Next Month's Meeting – This will be our Thank You Picnic and our 20th Anniversary Celebration at McDaniel Farms. It will happen on the 4th Monday of the Month – September 23 --- because of the County Fair. Note this change in schedule, as well as the earlier start time: 5:30. Includes the plant exchange and GCMGA grant project tour by Kathy Parent. Check our website for updates regarding the meeting.

Announcements: Tim Daly and Kathy Parent made announcements from the Extension Office. Kathy noted that several trainees have completed their requirements for MGEV: JoAnn Wilson, John Davidson, Colleen Wienkle, Angie Ballard, Aida Galarza and Linda Tool. Congratulations!

Door Prizes – Our speaker this evening has donated over 20 door prizes. Make sure you have signed in. Tote bags courtesy of Southern Living Plant Collection.

Grant Presentation – Mim Harris, Project Leader, made a presentation featuring the project, funded by a GCMGA 2013 grant, completed at the Pickneyville Edible Garden.

Featured Presentation -- Becky Wolary introduced the evening's speaker, Mark Maher, of Flowerwood Nursery, producers of Encore Azaleas and Southern Living plant lines.

October Meeting Speaker – Dr. Michael Chappell, UGA, on Native Plants You Should Know.