Nash County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting

April 12, 2007
Location: Nash County Agricultural Center
Attendance: Maggie Barkley, Ernestine Belfield, Ann Bishop, Joie Byrne, Julia Condit, Lawrence Farmer, Connie Gorham, Marian Haney, Jim Haywood, Karen Jenkins, Howard Moss, Jane Pernell, Anne Sickinger, Jaunita Watson, Betty Whisnant, Carole Williams, Jimmy Winters

The minutes of the previous meeting appears on the Website. Joie gave instructions on accessing them.
The Treasurer, Jaunita Watson reported a balance of $2,704.75.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Maggie Barkley gave us a list of 10 ways to help with the Plant Sale. She and Carol are really prepared. Raffle tickets were distributed and a list of plants that the volunteers would be bringing compiled. On April 18th Anne Sickinger will be making bird baths. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wishing to help. Marian Haney asked for Bake Sale items. We have not had many items donated. She will be contacting everyone approximately a week before the sale to remind you.

Publicity: Anne Sickinger is working on the publicity for the Plant Sale. It appeared in the Rocky Mount paper recently. Anne suggested that you e-mail friends about it. Flyers were passed out.

It was decided that for the Tom Moss presentation, if we get 50 participants, Master Gardeners could participate in the presentation at no charge. If you want to participate and we do not have 50 people, Master Gardeners would be expected to pay the $10.00 fee.

Julia Condit said she had top soil that she would give away. It would need to be amended.

Education: Robert Eagles will have a presentation May 17, at 6:30 p.m. He will be presenting a program on Nature Photography. This class will be limited to 100 participants. You need to contact the Agriculture Office to sign up. Any topics that you would like to have covered, please contact Marsha Lemley.
Scrapbooking: Ron West and Marsha Lemley are working on this project. Any pictures sent to them need to be a computer copy, as it is easier to scan.

Old Business

Telephone Duty: In addition to a person at the desk to answer the phone. E-mail will be used, making it possible to get answers to gardening questions all day. It was suggested that this service should be listed in the Community Service Section of the newspaper to inform people that this service is available.

Nash County Arboretum Advisory Brd. Meeting: A report on the Advisory Board Meeting was given by Joie Bryne. It was a very informative meeting. The Board was given a list of the progress in the gardens and the priory of items. A local Garden Club was so impressed with the Patriot Garden and Anne Sickinger’s definition of the Gardner they would like to place a plaque in the Garden with that definition. They will be taking the financial responsibility for the plaque, and plan to visit the gardens each year to see our progress. Remember money can be donated to the Arboretum in memory and in honor of someone.

Buncombe County License Plates: Plates were passed out to those having ordered them.

MGV Shirt Order: The MGV Shirt Order is completed.

Herb-Day: Herb Day at the Farmer’s Market will be Saturday April 14, 2007. Jimmy Winter thanked the members that volunteered to help.

Individual Life Skills Class: The Life Skills Class will be May 1, 2007. Our thank-you to the volunteers that will be helping.

Scholarship Opportunity: Maggie Barkley reported that she would be in contact with the appropriate person and reporting back to the group.
Strawberry Jazz: Strawberry Jazz will be May 5, 2007, a sign-up sheet was passed around. Jimmy Winters will appreciate your help.

New Business

MGV Workdays: The work calendar should be ready by next month. The work days designated are as follows:

- No Work Days for the month of April (Plant Sale)
- May 8th and 9th
- May 22nd and 23rd
- Work Day times are 8:00 a.m. until June 19th and 20th
- Other dates will be on the upcoming calendar.

4-H Summer Project: The 4-H Summer Project was discussed. Joyce Bailey will be working with this. Information will follow if there is interest shown.

Ground Pearl Project: Peter Hertle, from NCSU will be compiling information on ground pearls that affect Centipede Grass. Any one interested should sign up for this project. Contact Joie Bryne.

Organic Gardening: A class will be held in Goldsboro on April 16 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Organic Gardening.

On April 27 and 28 at the Wilson County Agricultural Center will have class on Pot and Plant. You will go away with a pot that you have prepared at the class.

Don’t forget to keep up with your time sheets. Maggie Barkely will be distributing them at each meeting for you to fill up. They must be returned to her. Mike needs for us to stay up to date. Give Maggie your support by being prepared.

Executive Assistant’s Day: An envelope was passed around for donations to purchase a gift for the assistants.
Julia Condit (Show and Tell) has seed from the Blue Hyacinths Vine and instructions on how to plant them.

Next Meeting will be May 10th with refreshments by Anne Bishop and Garden Gems by Carole Williams.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Marian Haney, Secretary