

## **Cabarrus County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association**

### **November 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

- President Wendy Tate called the meeting to order in the kitchen of the Extension Services office at 9:30 a.m.
- Meeting Topic: Officer election and Cankerworms and tree banding
- Wendy informed us the nominees up for election are: VP Programs is Phyllis Putman and Secretary is Karen Lankheet. Nelson May motioned to accept both candidates and the second was Gerri Harris.
- Master Gardener, Steve Mosier, having years of experience saving his trees from canker worm infestation and tree defoliation created a power point presentation which showed us examples of damage and the steps required to treat an infestation. Steve also brought in the products he uses to band trees and had pictures of them in use. Canker worms (aka inch worms) are in the Geometridae family of moths, order of Lepidoptera. Steve explains that after several days of 20 degree weather these worms rise from underground and begin their journey to the tree tops to lay their eggs. If unfettered the wingless, mouthless females will lay about 100 eggs each that when hatched can defoliate a tree. (Steve has caught 1000 moths' in a single tree band). After hatching and eating the tree's foliage, the cankerworm drops to the ground on a silk thread to go back underground until the following season. If the female is caught in the Tanglefoot band the female will still lay her eggs; it is advisable to watch for this and then cut this section off from the band before the eggs hatch then re-treat if necessary. For smaller trees it is advisable to spray with a BT product which kills caterpillars. For the tree band he recommends: pipe insulation for the fluff layer, three wraps of 1' wide plastic wrap taped both top and bottom with a Gorilla type tape, brushed on Tanglefoot for the goop.
- Wendy called for approval for October's meeting minutes; Debbie Smith motioned to accept and Ellen Vanderburg was the second.
- Gerri Harris reported the expenditures for last month and the current treasury balance.

- Mitchell Hagler said the Grants committee had approved three grant requests. Grants went to Kannapolis Middle School, Hickory Ridge High School and Central Cabarrus High School.
- Scott Maxwell, Chair of Herb Fest, reports the Festival committee will be meeting next week; they are working diligently to promote this event, reach potential vendors, and create a working diagram of the area space. Nelson May showed a large schema representing layout and vendor placement for 2018's event. Currently there are 19 returned vendor applications. There will be no clean day this year. The date for the Festival is April 14<sup>th</sup>. The tent will have to be set up after 5 p.m. on Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>) and must be inspected by the Fire Department prior to usage leaving one day for our area to be customer ready. Milkweed will arrive today. There is a need for more space at Lomax to store plants until Herb Fest. Scott has spoken with Aaron Newton discussing the possibility of constructing a second greenhouse. Tentatively, the MG's cost of the build would be \$5,300., with some volunteer hours required to aid in the construction. The project would be completed in Spring 2018, MG's would control 75 % of the 3000 square feet and would be responsible for the monthly heating bill approximately \$3500. annually.
- Renee Hedrick has set the date for the Christmas party for 12.16.17 at the Cabarrus County Country Club. The main entree items and cost are: Stuffed Eggplant \$22. Chicken Marsala \$23., or Filet \$40. The fruit and Cheese platter will be provided, members were asked to bring dessert items. Make checks payable to CCEMGVA and should be received along with dinner choices by December 1<sup>st</sup>. A DJ will provide music. The Salvation Army will be present to accept our gifts for Toys for Tots.
- Renee also said that she and other members whom have been volunteering at The Jackson Training School were invited to attend an appreciation dinner for their service to that school. Renee said that it was very nice and that everyone enjoyed the program that was presented and received a plaque acknowledging their work. The group intends to make a Thanksgiving dinner for the boys they work with on 11.29.17.

- Wendy asked that all plants that are brought into the atrium be inspected for pests so as not to infect the other plants growing there. She called for volunteers for the upcoming year to maintain the Atrium. Brynn Puckett and Karen Lankheet have volunteered.
- Aurora Ormsby asked if there was interest in touring the Duke Mansion again this year and by a show of hands it was decided to schedule that tour.
- Wendy asked for volunteers who would like to work on a Media Committee. There is a need for 4 people. Please contact Wendy if interested. Currently Karen Lankheet is working the Instagram page and Ellen Vanderburg works on the Facebook page.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
- 39 members in attendance

Karo Nerenberg, Secretary