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Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction at Wynlakes Country Club

The December meeting of CCMGA will be the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction at Wynlakes Country Club (WCC). The auction begins at 11:00 a.m. and closes at noon when lunch is served. After lunch the new CCMGA officers will be installed and recent graduates of the Master Gardener class will be recognized.

The luncheon menu will be the traditional turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings. The cost is \$16.00 per person, including tax and gratuity, and should be paid no later than Friday, December 8. Send a check to Mary Cochran.

We will be dining in the large dining room downstairs. Enter through the original front entrance at WCC, turn right, walk down the hall, and enter the dining room on the left.

The Auction is our major fundraiser, so members should bring items to be auctioned that will generate interest and bidding. Appropriate items include: something festive for the Holidays, something relating to gardening, books, homemade crafts, etc. Plan to be at WCC early with your auction items. In addition, plan to bring guests who are also interested in bidding on the great items.

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Save the Date

Tuesday,
April 10, 2007

CCMGA
First Annual Trip

*Atlanta
Botanical
Gardens*

\$40 - including lunch

Details to follow in
January newsletter

Capital City Master Gardener Association November 28, 2006 Meeting Minutes

CCMGA held its November meeting at the Loeb Auditorium in Old Alabama Town. The meeting was called to order by the President, **Mary Eleanor Hines**, at 10:10 a.m. A beautiful invocation was given by **Deborah Giles**.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the October meeting be approved as submitted. **Mary Cochran** gave the Treasurer's Report. After various deposits and disbursements, the adjusted balance for the month was \$1,763.66. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented.

Jane Shalhoop, Maggie Stringer and Gail Cotney were thanked for the delicious refreshments they provided for the meeting.

Karin Carmichael gave a report on the final details for the Bus Trip which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007. She has secured a 56 passenger bus which will probably leave Montgomery at 6:30 a.m. from the parking lot of Bruno's on Perry Hill Road. The first stop will be the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, followed by a delicious lunch at the Watershed Restaurant in Decatur, Georgia. After lunch we will go to the International Market in Decatur and finish the day at a Goat Farm for a wine and cheese party. Our estimated arrival time back in Montgomery will be around 8:00 p.m.

The cost per person for this outing will be \$40 which includes all entry fees, lunch (including tax and gratuities) and the wine and cheese party at the Goat Farm. Reservations for this trip will begin in January on a first come, first serve basis. Part of the expense for this trip (\$1,000) will come from the CCMGA treasury. A little additional information about the Watershed Restaurant: **Dianne Bush** reported that this interesting restaurant was started by the "Indigo Girls." The food is said to be wonderfully prepared. Since the group will have a set menu, a Watershed menu was passed around for the membership to indicate a preference. The items receiving the most checks will be the one selected for the lunch.

Anna Owen gave a brief report on the Ordeman Shaw garden. Although the garden is growing nicely, it is not as colorful as last year's so the committee will plan another planting day to enhance the garden.

The Governor's Mansion gardens have some new plantings this month. Thanks was given to **Karin Carmichael** for her donation of 3 large butterfly bushes, which have been planted in the garden.

CCMGA is participating in the Old Alabama Town Christmas "Tables of Tradition" competition. Our talented committee of **Lisa Lenox, Karin Carmichael, Paula Weiss, Anna Owen, Suzanne Brookhart and Jane Shalhoop** have designed a beautiful table top display which will be completed this week. It is important that all CCMGA members make a visit to the Loeb Auditorium during the month of December to cast a vote for our table display. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the table winning the most votes. It costs nothing to cast your vote so go by and vote often.

Please remember to pay your dues for 2007. Dues are \$15 a year to be paid to **Mary Cochran**. Also, please make your reservation for the Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction on December 12 at
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CCMGA Participates in "Tables of Tradition"

CCMGA is represented at the "Tables of Tradition" competition at Old Alabama Town by a grand display of holiday decorations made of natural garden materials.

All CCMGA members should visit this display at the Loeb Center during the month of December and vote for our table display. It costs nothing to vote and you can vote often. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the table getting the most votes.

The following committee members were responsible for this display: Lisa Lenox, Karin Carmichael, Paula Weiss, Anna Owen, Suzanne Brookhart, and Jane Shalhoop.

Change of Venue for CCMGA Meetings

Beginning in January, 2007, CCMGA will no longer meet at the Loeb Center.

Inquiries are being sought as to where to hold the meetings. The new meeting place will be announced at the December meeting and will be listed in the January newsletter.

CCMGA Dues Deadline

The deadline for 2007 CCMGA dues is December 31. Members who have not paid their dues for 2007 should pay the \$15.00 at the December meeting.

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Wynlakes. The cost for that event is \$16. Deadline for reservations will be Friday, December 8. Remember to bring a donation for the Silent Auction. Anything is appropriate, e.g., something festive for the Holidays, something relating to gardening, books, homemade crafts, etc. Please try to be at the Wynlakes Country Club early with your auction item. The auction begins at 11:00 a.m. and closes at noon when lunch is served.

Volunteer hours are due at the end of November to **Sandra Thompson**. Please e-mail her your total hours, not an itemization of the hours. Sandra's e-mail address is sandra12@comlinkinc.net. Record sheets can be sent to Lula Tyson at the Montgomery County Extension Office, 125 Washington Avenue, First Floor, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Hours can also be reported on line.

Jimmy Smitherman announced that any active member needing a new membership badge can order one today at a cost of \$7. Please pay by check and give to **Mary Cochran**. These badges should be ready by the December meeting.

Karen Weber is in need of volunteers to help rake leaves at the Shakespeare Garden. If interested, please come on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Shane Harris has some extra 25th Anniversary pins. Anyone needing one, please see him after the meeting or call him at the Extension office. He also announced that applications are being accepted for the 2007 Master Gardener class. This class is schedule to begin on Thursday, January 18. Since it is difficult to publicize these classes and since we want candidates truly interested in the program, Shane requested that we as Master Gardeners try to get the word out as best we can. A new application form has been developed and is available at the ACES office. Call Lula for an application. He also requested help from CCMGA with the screening process for the new applicants.

Suzanne Lowry needs volunteers to help with the phone committee. Anyone interested, please contact Suzanne. This job involves calling members without internet access about upcoming events.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by **Dianne Bush**, presented the following slate of officers for 2007: **Mary Eleanor Hines, President; Karin Carmichael, Vice-President; Dianne Bush, Secretary** and **Jane Shalhoop, Treasurer**. There were no additional nominations from the floor. It was moved by Chris Brown and seconded by Cathy Maddox that this slate be accepted. A vote was taken and the 2007 officers were voted in.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. **Carol King**, the Curator of Old Alabama Town, was the guest speaker for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Kuhlmann

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