



# MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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## President's Message

I am encouraged by the coolness of our mornings. Some of us still suffer from a lack of a good rain. The weather is a challenge to this Master Gardener.

I am truly looking forward to our Reunion at Rotary Park. We have invited all past M.G. members. At this time I know there has been a response but I do not have the numbers. We will meet at the Pavilion in Rotary Park. If you go to K-Mart on Madison St., then go on the by-pass, Rotary Park is on the left. The park is indicated by a small blue & white sign. Go into the park and stay on the same road till it comes to an end. There is a large parking and pavilion.

Our hospitality committee this month is Sandy Janus, Diana Ruby, and Margaret Pace. I would be grateful if you can be there a little early to set up tables. We will start at 6:00 p.m. to avoid some of the darkness. We will provide candles, drinks, and meat. Roger Pile, Joann Baggett and Joann Hackman will be there to greet folks we may not know. There are many reasons that members disappear from our midst. Some of us get burned out, some get ticked off, some have health issues, some move on to other things, some move, and some pass away. We welcome them all into our same minded group on Thursday. The ones that have passed away will be in our hearts.

There will be not business meeting on Thursday, so this is it. It has been brought to my attention that about 5 active members have not paid their yearly dues. Usually after March we do not mention dues. So check your receipts or cancelled checks to see if by some chance it was you. Please see Tina Dunlop, who will help you make good.

I found out this week that Joann & Will Hackman will be moving around the first of the year to be closer to their children. Joann is one of the three active MG members from the 1st Class in 1994. Gee, I sure will hate to see her leave us.

Also, Mary Jane Swynenburg is moving to Oregon to be close to her family. What a sweet wonderful lady. Her smiling face will be greatly missed.

Shan will have that sign-up sheet for the Don Shadow trip. Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bus will leave at 6:00 a.m. from the K-Mart parking lot on Madison Street. Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. That price includes and snacks to and from, box lunch, and bus trip for you and your purchases. Remember to bring cash. Cash for Plants. We will be arriving back in Clarksville around 7:00 p.m. Because there is not another meeting between now and the trip, please sign your name and make arrangement to get your money to Shan in the very near future. You can always mail your check to me if your do not bring your check book to the Thursday night meeting.

Keep in mind that Judie and Tina are getting their ducks in a row for the fall plant sale, Oct. 23rd at the Veterans Plaza.

Last but not least, a committee has been formed to find a slate of officers for the 2011 M.C.M.G. Association. The following officers must be filled due to term limits: President, 1st V/P in charge of programs and Secretary.

See You in the Park.

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## **Montgomery County Master Gardener Association Minutes**

General Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2010

### Agenda Discussion Items:

- Following the looking at the gardens at Dr John and Nancy Matthews, food and fellowship period. Barbara Plechaty called the August MCMGA meeting held at the Martha Chapel Church down the street from the Matthews home to order. Barbara also thanked the Matthew's for the use of the Church and browsing their beautiful gardens.
- Barbara announced there was a signup Sheet for Don Shadows on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, as Shan Smith wasn't present for the meeting. \$25 MG members, \$30 for non-members, includes lunch, snacks and drinks on the bus trip down and back.
- Barbara asked any corrections to any of the minutes, approved and motion carries.
- Barbara gave us the Treasurer report of \$11, 723.15 as Tina Dunlap wasn't present, approved and motions carries.
- Barbara said the September meeting will be at the Rotary Park by the K-Mart on Madison St. Julie Stephenson, Jennifer Fisher and Diana Ruby are helping Karla Kean with the paperwork required to invite past members of the MCMGA. Joanne Baggett, Joanne Hackman and Roger Pyle are the committee compiling pictures, etc to share at this meeting. And we will be honoring past MG members that have passed away with a moment of silence. The meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish. There will be lots of stories to be told.
- Barbara announced that Judie Treangen would be taking over the newsletter for Diann Nance in November. Diann Nance has done a great job on the newsletter for a long time.
- Also Barbara announced for Karla Kean that the Executive members to be there at the 1<sup>st</sup> Master Gardener class August 17<sup>th</sup> to introduce themselves at the 1<sup>st</sup> class of orientation at the Ag Center in the Library part of the Bldg. It is from 6pm to 9pm

Barbara closed the meeting, this meeting was a lot of fun and visit time for us all.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Aug. 17- Nov. 16	Master Gardener Class begins	Tuesdays 6-9 PM	Extension Bldg.	/Karla Kean
Sept. 9*	Reunion	6:00 PM	Rotary Park	/Shan Smith
Oct. 2	Trip to Don Shadows	6:00 AM	Sango K-Mart	/Shan Smith
Oct. 14	Meeting	6:30 PM	TBA	
Oct. 23	Plant sale	TBA	Veterans' Plaza	/Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap

\*Hosts: Diana Ruby, Sandy Janus, Margaret Pace

### MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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Historian	(position open)		
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### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 08/04/2010		\$11,723.15
Debits		
#2026 David Baker - Pamphlets	\$260.35	
#2027 Phil Greenawalt - Website	92.98	
#2028 Mont. Co. Ext. - Aug. Postage	22.40	
#2029 Barbara Plachety - Gifts	28.16	
#2030 Martha's Chapel Methodist Church - Aug. Mtg	50.00	
Ending balance - as of 08.31/2010		\$11,269.26

# Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – September 1, 2010*

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg, Conference Room 4:30pm – 5:40pm

Present: Barbara Plechaty, Tina Dunlap, Shan Smith, Terrie Young, Diann Nance, Karla Kean, Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen

## Agenda Items:

- Reunion meeting for this month discussed, not many have RSVP as of the meeting. Shan Smith to bring the barbeque meat, drinks and buns, no coffee will be provided as there is no electricity at Rotary Park.
- Terrie Young needs for all the project chairs to do the yearly evaluation sheet of your Projects and email them to her.
- Shan Smith waiting to hear of the bus company for the Don Shadows trip, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, to put the down payment on this trip. \$25 for MCMGA Members and \$30 for non-members need to get your money into either Shan Smith or Barbara Plechaty. Shan Smith has opened this trip to members of the garden clubs also.
- Karla Kean said MG class down to 15 people, as a few had to drop out of the class. Karla also said the class is going very well too.
- Joanne Hackman is moving to Memphis beginning of the year; we are sure going to miss her.
- Tina Dunlap reported the Treasury balance is \$11,084.51. Also Tina has talked to Stacy at Leaf Chronicle for us to have an article regarding the Plant Sale October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.
- Barbara has chosen a committee to elect new officers for the upcoming year.
- Barbara adjoined the meeting.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

## **Karla's Korner**

**September 2010**

Hello, September and hopefully hello cooler weather! In spite of the early floods and then dry, hot summer my garden has done quite well. Since my tomatoes were planted late they are just now coming on like crazy. So, I have been busy canning and freezing just about every weekend! The summer programs are winding down and we are going into fall mode with Master Gardener classes, reports and plans-of-work for next year! The Garden of Hope project went excellent this year thanks to the leadership efforts of Mary Ann Marks, Lela Donahoo, Hillary Walker and other volunteers. At last report over 1000 pounds of produce has been harvested and donated to local food banks. There were 12, 10 x 10 size plots adopted and maintained by community volunteers. This project not only provided food to the hungry but allowed those without a place to

garden at home to have their own little plot to take care of. I am sure everyone learned from each other as they participated in this project!

As the weather changes and we clean up our vegetable gardens and annuals it is time to think about planting & pruning woody ornamentals. Most people think spring is the time to plant but the best time is in the fall so that those trees and shrubs get their roots set down before they have to endure our hot summer months. Fall is also the time to plant spring blooming bulbs as well as garlic and onions.

I hope we have a good turnout for the Master Gardener reunion. It will be good to see people we have not seen in a while and listen to stories.

*Happy Gardening!*

*Karla*

### **Upcoming Events & Activities:**

**September 16: 2010 Turfgrass Research Field Day:** Location: E. TN AgResearch & Education Center, Knoxville TN; 7:30 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: 865-974-7201 or <http://east.tennessee.edu>

**Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods:** The Home Landscape Workshop will be held in Clarksville, TN. on Saturday, September 18th, 2010. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and will be held at the Extension office. The cost is \$35.00 per individual, \$50.00 per couple. Participants receive learning materials, 2-soil test vouchers, a rain gauge and other goodies. Contact: Karla Kean, Extension Agent 931-648-5725 or [kkean@utk.edu](mailto:kkean@utk.edu)

**September 24<sup>th</sup>: E-Commerce Gathering Meeting** “Promoting and Sustaining your E-Commerce Venture”. We leave (car-pool) for Nashville from the Smith-Trahern Mansion (1<sup>st</sup> & McClure Streets) at 8:30 am and will return around 6:00 pm...traveling to N. Nashville (involves chocolate) and then on to Ellington Agriculture Center, Department of Agriculture and who knows! Please RSVP by contacting the Montgomery County Extension office 931-648-5725.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>: Fall Festival at Veteran’s Plaza**-crafts, food etc. 9 am to noonish. If you would like to set up a booth to sell crafts or plants etc. please contact Martha Pile at 931-648-5725.**October 28–29, 2010 19th Annual Urban Forestry Conference Sustainable Sites and Natural Resources: The Urban Forestry Approach**<http://urbanforestryconference.org/ufc/schedule.html>

Chattanooga Choo Choo

12th annual Tree Climbing Championship October 30<sup>th</sup> at East Lake Park

**Talk to a person: 615.352-8985**

This conference features expert presentations, panel discussions, and hands-on demonstrations about creating sustainable sites with urban forestry. Planners and managers, tree boards and nonprofits, foresters and field crews—everyone involved with growing and managing trees will take home plenty of insights to help you do your job.

## MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2010

Community projects, such as the one pictured above at the Police Headquarters (#3), are the number one public advertisement for Master Gardeners. Our organization has accepted the projects named below to assist Clarksville and Montgomery County in beautifying our area. Please review the following projects for one that interests you. Hours spent on these projects count toward the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

<p><b>Project 1: Smith-Trahern Mansion</b> overlooks the Cumberland River in downtown Clarksville. This beautiful, historic site is used for public functions including weddings, meetings, and guided tours. Co-Chair is Katie Smith, 647-5893, <a href="mailto:kfs37042@hotmail.com">kfs37042@hotmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 2: Adopt-a-Plot</b> (Wednesdays starting at 6:30 p.m.) for the Montgomery County Master Gardeners is located at the intersection of Madison Avenue and Dogwood Avenue. Our organization has been a long-time contributor to this Street Department Program. Co-Chair is Barbara Plechaty, 358-9340, <a href="mailto:dogwood931@charter.net">dogwood931@charter.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 3: Clarksville Police Department Headquarters</b> is located on Commerce Street in downtown Clarksville. This is a well-visited public site that supports our local city government. Co-Chairs are Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen, 906-2967, <a href="mailto:plgreenawalt@charter.net">plgreenawalt@charter.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 4:</b> Most residents of our community utilize <b>The Montgomery County Library</b>. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chair is Janice Ledbetter, 552-4590, <a href="mailto:jledbetter123@yahoo.com">jledbetter123@yahoo.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 5:</b> Our own <b>Agricultural Extension Center</b> has been landscaped to provide show for visiting speakers and organizations. Two areas that are maintained are the Roadside Garden and the Main Entrance Garden. Co-Chairs are Jim Conatser, 561-0929, <a href="mailto:jim_conatser@yahoo.com">jim_conatser@yahoo.com</a> and Ruth Davis 551-9819, <a href="mailto:rdd22@earthlink.net">rdd22@earthlink.net</a></p>
<p><b>Project 6: The Agricultural Shade Garden</b> displays a variety of hostas and other shade-loving plants beside a walkway joining buildings at the Agricultural Extension Center. Co-Chair is Ruth Davis, 551-9819, <a href="mailto:rdd22@earthlink.net">rdd22@earthlink.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 7:</b> The <b>Master Gardener Hotline</b> was instituted to give community members a wealth of knowledge to draw upon for everyday gardening questions. This program is key to understanding and sharing of knowledge. Co-Chair is Karla Kean, 648-5725, <a href="mailto:kkean@utk.edu">kkean@utk.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Project 8:</b> To keep pace with advances in technology the <b>MCMGA website</b> was developed to keep members up to date and informed. Co-Chair is Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, <a href="mailto:plgreenawalt@charter.net">plgreenawalt@charter.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 9:</b> As part of our monthly meetings the <b>MCMGA Garden News</b> was created to keep our membership informed. Contributions are welcome. Co-Chair is Diann Nance, 648-8701, <a href="mailto:diann@diannsgreenhouse.com">diann@diannsgreenhouse.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 10: The L &amp; N Railroad Station</b> is another of our city's historic sites. Located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Commerce, this landmark is used for weddings and picnics. Co-Chair is Diann Nance, 648-8701, <a href="mailto:nance.d@cdelightband.net">nance.d@cdelightband.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 11:</b> Every spring APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the <b>Plant-the-Campus-Red Day</b>. Master gardeners use their skills to direct the students in proper garden design and placement under the direction of the university landscapers. Co-Chair is Margaret Pace, 647-4328, <a href="mailto:pacem@apsu.edu">pacem@apsu.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>Project 12: Habitat for Humanity</b> builds houses and master gardeners help landscape them when called upon to do so. Co-Chair is Debby Johnson 368-0239, <a href="mailto:debtj@hotmail.com">debtj@hotmail.com</a>.</p>