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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So.....who would like to see the snow right about now? The veggies are coming in, the flowers beds are doing their best, Ariel starts school and we've moved into the new house. Life is good and God is great! I'm looking forward to being the new President. I feel that it's a job in any organization that is truly fun. I don't what the job at the being of the year because I knew I would be moving at some point. I also try to give 100% to what I do for others. The Lord knew right when to put me in place and so, here I am! I don't wear my heart on my sleeve, I keep it in my chest, that way it's always beating for you. Mother taught her children, business first, fun second, treat people as you would like to be treated and you can wait on them but don't you ever have people wait on you.

Thanks to Eddie for stepping in as 1st VP. She's new to the area and comes from S.C. She's a real go getter and with our help maybe she'll stay as 1st VP for next year. We love you Eddie.

We have T-Shirts for sale at \$10.00 a piece. White, light green and dark, some with long sleeves. Bring money to the next meeting and buy, buy buy.

We're planning a September Overnight Field Trip to Alabama on the 23rd. No bus this year, instead the Master Gardeners are going to pay for the hotel stay for the night. We'll go down on that Friday; people who work can come down that night. We'll have the Hotel information and other information that the September meeting. I would like for all MG's to come to the meeting this August so we may get a count of persons going. First stop on Saturday is Helen Keller's Home and Garden tour and then off to Huntsville's Botanical Gardens.

Start potting up your plants for the October's sale. It will be here be for you now it. Hello, did we even have a July?

See ya at the meeting.

Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration. ~Lou Erickson

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# Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

*General Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2011*

## Agenda Discussion Items:

6:30 PM Leon blessed the meal, followed by dinner and fellowship.

7 PM Colleen called the meeting to order. She announced that Melinda Grimes has resigned as president in order to pursue a job opportunity in Florida. In view of that, Colleen is now the acting president and Eddie Materia is now the acting first vice president until elections are held in the fall.

Colleen announced the plan for the overnight visit to Helen Keller's house and gardens, and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Colleen asked if all had read the minutes. A motion was made to pass the minutes, it was seconded and the minutes carried.

Colleen asked for the treasurer's report. Tina displayed the new T-shirts and reminded everyone that they are still just \$10.00. Tina stated that the total balance was as shown in the minutes. A motion was made to pass the treasurer's report, it was seconded and the treasurer's report carried.

The speaker was Justin Stelter, Historic Gardener for the Hermitage and for Carnton Plantation. He spoke about the Carnton Plantation.

Colleen and Eddie called out numbers for door prizes.

Colleen adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

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The purpose of the Association shall be to support and engage in the projects and activities which will foster horticulture related activities or any projects and activities which it may deem to be advisable to engage in and which will enhance the quality of life of the residents of Montgomery County, Tennessee, and all such projects and activities shall be in cooperation with the Extension Service, University of Tennessee.

We caught the Rand McNally-USA Road Rally Team judges looking over the displays at Fort Defiance on July 3rd. They came to Clarksville, TN to judge us for the Most Patriotic City Title.  
PhilnJudie



# Karla's Korner

Karla's Korner August 2011  
Karla Kean, Horticulture Extension Agent  
TSU Montgomery County Extension

From where I sit it seems as though gardens are thriving this year. The tomatoes and peppers are finally kicking in and producing as well as squash, cucumbers and other veggies in the garden! Of course, with this bounty comes a wealth of problems also, so I thought I would share some issues that I have had calls about and some potential solutions to those problems!

## **Q & A:**

Q: The leaves on my tomatoes are turning yellow from the bottom up and have spots on them, what is wrong?

A: Typically, this is either late blight or early blight. Both of which are fungal diseases and can be treated with a general garden fungicide such as Daconil, Funginex or Immunox. Mix and spray according to label directions. Also, remove as many diseased leaves as possible, mulch around base of plant to reduce soil and pathogens from splashing up on the plant and water from the bottom. Make sure you are spacing your plants at least 2 feet apart in the row for adequate air circulation. Rotate crops next year. Do not plant relatives of tomatoes (eggplant, peppers, and potatoes) in that same area.

Q: What causes the blossom end of my tomatoes to have dark sunken spots on them?

A: This is blossom end blight. It is caused by a nutrient deficiency and could also be enhanced by poor watering practices. Spray now with a liquid calcium product. This fall, test your soil to see if you need to add lime. It doesn't hurt a bit to add a little hydrated lime and Epsom salt in the hole at planting time.

Q: My pepper plants are small and the leaves are turning yellow and have some black spots on them. The fruit is also small and has some dark, sunken areas on it.

A: This is possibly bacterial leaf spot. Peppers are more prone to bacteria than fungal diseases. Hopefully, they will grow out of it. You can spray with a Bordeaux mix (copper-sulfate and lime) to help prevent it from spreading further. To prevent next year do not get in a hurry to put peppers in the garden! They like hot weather and our cool wet spring furnished the perfect environment for a disease to form. Rotate crops next year.

Q: My blue spruce just does not look healthy. The older needles toward the inside of the tree seem to be affected; lots of dead areas in tree from bottom up; yellow needles; dropping lots of needles.

A: It could either rhizosphaeria needlecast or stigmina needlecast. Usually stigmina can affect needles over the entire tree, whereas rhizosphaeria starts at the bottom of the tree and goes up. In both cases, the older needles turn yellow in the late summer or fall. In the spring, these needles turn brown to purple in color and drop from the branch. Branches that lose their needles for 3 to 4 needles in a row often die. Remove dead needles from under the tree. Water during periods of dry weather to keep the soil moist but not saturated. When watering, avoid wetting the needles, or water early in the day to reduce the time of leaf wetness. Apply chlorothalonil fungicide (Daconil and others) when shoots are 1 and 1/2 inches long with a second application 3 weeks later to protect new needles.

Reminder: If you have gardening/landscape type questions, the Master Gardeners staff a Hotline here at the Extension office [931-648-5725] on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9 am – 2 pm. Call or come by with a sample. You can also send an email to [mcmg.kean@gmail.com](mailto:mcmg.kean@gmail.com) and someone will answer you back as soon as possible!

## **Opportunities to Become Garden Savvy!**

### **Montgomery County Extension Office Offers Master Gardener Class**

All classes will be held at the Montgomery County Extension office on Tuesday evenings 6:00 -9:00 pm beginning August 23rd and ending November 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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and County Governments Cooperating. The Agricultural Extension Service  
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sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

## MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2011

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## 2011 – MASTER GARDENER/MONT. CO., TREAS. REPORT

July Treasurers Report:

<i>Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 07/01/2011</i>	\$10,313.83
<i>Debits --</i>	
#2081 07/04/2011 <i>Lowes - Gift cards for speakers</i>	\$100.00
#2082 07/14/2011 <i>Tina Dunlap - gift card for C. David Elliott/Bldg. owner</i>	50.00
#2083 07/14/2011 <i>David Baker - Dogwood Ln. Mulch</i>	41.60
#2084 07/14/2011 <i>VOIDED CHECK</i>	
#2085 07/14/2011 <i>Mo. Co. Extension - July Postage</i>	28.13
#2086 07/14/2011 <i>Eddie Materia - July Mtg. Sup.</i>	16.83
#2087 07/14/2011 <i>Mary Ann Marks - Garden of Hope Sup.</i>	51.00
<i>Credits --- None</i>	
Ending Balance as of 07/31/2011	\$10,026.27

## Dates to Remember

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Program/Contact</b>
8/11	MG Mtg	6:30pm	Ag Center	Kathryn Wimberley/Hort. Agent
9/8	MG Mtg	6:30pm	Barbara Plechaty House	
9/23	Huntsville Botanical Grdn	TBA	Huntsville, Al	Botanical Garden Tour
10/8	Plant Sale	8am	Restore	Judie/Tina D/Sue A

## MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS

Community projects 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.

Project 1: Smith-Trahern Mansion 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, kfs37042@hotmail.com.

Project 2: Adopt-a-Plot (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, dogwood931@charter.net.

Project 3: Clarksville Police Department Headquarters 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, plgreenawalt@charter.net.

Project 4: Most residents of our community utilize The Montgomery County Library. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chair is Janice Ledbetter, 552-4590, jledbetter123@yahoo.com.

Project 5: Our own Agricultural Extension Center 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, jim\_conatser@yahoo.com.

Project 6: The Agricultural Shade Garden displays a variety of hostas and other shade-loving plants beside a walkway joining buildings at the Agricultural Extension Center. Co-Chair is Diana Ruby, 931-801-0770, dlynnr@hotmail.com.

Project 7: The Master Gardener Hotline 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, kkean@utk.edu

Project 8: To keep pace with advances in technology the MCMGA website was developed to keep members up to date and informed. Co-Chair is Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@charter.net.

Project 9: As part of our monthly meetings the MCMGA Garden News was created to keep our membership informed. Contributions are welcome. Co-Chair is Judie Treangen, 906-2967, jtreangen@charter.net.

Project 10: The L & N Railroad Station is another of our city's historic sites. Located on 10th Street and Commerce, this landmark is used for weddings and picnics. Co-Chair is Diann Nance, 648-8701, nance.d@cdelightband.net.

Project 11: Every spring APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the Plant-the-Campus-Red Day. 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, pacem@apsu.edu.

Project 12: Habitat for Humanity builds houses and master gardeners help landscape them when called upon to do so. Co-Chair is Debby Johnson 368-0239, debtj@hotmail.com.

Project 13: The Garden of Hope grows and distributes fresh produce to local food banks for distribution in our community. The early garden begins in March. The spring/summer garden begins in April/May. The work days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7-10am and 5-7pm. Co-Chair is Mary Ann Marks 362-3466, mary2694@bellsouth.net

Applications must be received by **August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

The first sixty (60) completed applications received will be automatically accepted into the class.

All others will be placed on a waiting list and notified if there is an opening.

**The fee for the class is \$100.00.**

**Please remit payment with your application! Checks are payable to Montgomery County Extension.**

**Couples may be given a reduced rate (\$125.00) if sharing a book.**

Once your application has been received, you will be sent a letter notifying you whether or not you have been accepted into the class this year.

Send completed applications & payment to:

**Karla Kean, Montgomery County Extension  
1030 Cumberland Heights Road, STE A  
Clarksville, TN 37040**

Contact: Karla Kean, Extension Agent [kkean@utk.edu](mailto:kkean@utk.edu) 931-648-5725

### **TENNESSEE YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS OFFERS EARTH-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS FOR HOME LANDSCAPES**

The Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods program is conducting a Home Landscape Workshop to help homeowners create attractive and healthy yards by working with Tennessee's environment rather than against it. The Home Landscape Workshop will be held in Clarksville, TN, on Saturday, August 20th, 2011. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and will be held at the Civic Hall in Clarksville, TN. The class is limited to 25 participants. The cost is \$35.00 per individual, \$50.00 per couple. Registration due by August 15th, 2011

Contact Karla Kean: Phone :(931)648-5725 Email: [kkean@utk.edu](mailto:kkean@utk.edu)

### **TSU Small Farm Expo 2011- September 8, 2011**

<http://www.tnstate.edu/extension/smallfarmexpo.aspx>

TSU Nursery Research Center

472 Cadillac Lane

McMinnville, TN 37110

Contact: Chris Robbins 615-792-5744

This year's expo will include educational sessions on beekeeping, weed and insect identification and control, marketing potential of social media and other technologies, and funding resources in for tough economic times, exhibits by various agricultural agencies and laboratory tours. A special after-lunch session will highlight correct storage of pesticides and a demonstration of the new greenhouse plastic recycling program at the Nursery Research Center.

**\*Special Note: We are arranging transportation from Clarksville to McMinnville. More information to be announced!**

**Montgomery County Master Gardener Association**

***Executive Committee Meeting – August 3, 2011***

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg. Conference room 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Present: Colleen Teet, Eddie Materia, Barbara Plachety, Terrie Young, Tina Dunlap, Phil Greenawalt, Judie Treangen, and Diana Ruby

Agenda Discussion Items:

Colleen called the meeting to order.

Colleen brought a box of paperwork that Melinda Grimes (former president) had dropped off. A calendar of events was given to Judie to print in the newsletter. A key to the Master Gardener storage closet was located.

Colleen told Eddie that the hostess' for the August General Meeting are Penny Donahoo and Mary Ann Marks.

Karla stated that she will be at the extension office to open at 5:30pm.

Colleen discussed that she and Eddie need to go to F&M Bank and see Connie Rosson. They will need to bring identification and a copy of last month's newsletter. The bank will then list them and their title under the MCMGA account and they will be authorized signatories.

Colleen's new address is 3485 Jarman Hollow Road, Palmyra TN 37142, her phone number is 931.326.5899.

Colleen discussed with Eddie the process of getting information to Mary Whitford, one of the extension office's secretaries, for the purpose of the monthly postcards that are mailed out. This includes emailing Mary with the name and title of the speaker, the names of the host &/or hostess's, and any additional special instructions. Also, Mary is the point of contact to ensure the mailing list is correct, i.e. Eddie will give Mary Colleen's new address so that Colleen will get a postcard each month. Mary will notify Eddie when she is getting low on postcards and Eddie will contact David Baker, who provides the postcards.

Colleen instructed Eddie on the procedure to plug in the speaker's computer to ensure there are no problems.

Karla stated that there is an opportunity for volunteer hours at the September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm at the Wellness Walk.

Hours and Project Reports are due on line by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone having questions regarding how to submit hours may want to attend the August 23<sup>rd</sup> class at the extension office from 6pm to 9pm. This class will count toward COU (education) hours. If unsure which category to put volunteer hours under, use Administrative under the ACE (volunteer) hours.

Executive board members are required to attend the August 23<sup>rd</sup> winter class in the library from 6pm to 9pm in master gardener t-shirts.

As of this date 14 people have registered to attend the course. The cost of the course remains \$100 per individual and \$125 per couple.

August 9<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date for winter class registration. Karla will try to get an article in the Leaf Chronicle prior to the cutoff. The class information is currently listed on our facebook page and there has been an article about it in the Leaf Chronicle already.

Barbara mentioned that David Baker has information on people who are interested in attending the winter course. Karla will contact him.

Karla discussed that the state has increased the cost of materials from \$50 to \$75 and the fact that that leaves very little to fund the winter class extras (notebooks, plates, cups, plastic utensils). Tina offered to donate plates and cups. During the board's discussion of expenses it was stated that in the past there has been conflict over using Master Gardener money to fund the winter class. All board members agreed that they would like to support the winter class. Judie made a motion that the Master Gardeners provide supplies for the winter course that registration money would not otherwise cover. Terrie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Karla stated that there will be a Small Farms Expo at McMinnville on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A bus will leave from the Madison Street Kmart at 6am and return at about 4pm, for anyone interested in attending.

The Master Gardener directory was discussed and it was agreed that there would be pictures and updates/corrections made at the December General Meeting, and a new directory would be released in January. In December there will be a station in the hall for people to verify their information and for pictures to be taken. Tina will talk to David Baker about the possibility of his taking over the upkeep of the directory.

It was announced that the speaker this month is Kathryn Wimberley, the horticulture agent at Kentucky University in Paducah, KY.

Terrie announced that the Project Managers need to submit their annual report on line not later than September

30<sup>th</sup>.

Terrie stated she would help with the shade garden this month.

Tina asked if she could bring a neighbor to the August General Meeting who may be interested in attending the winter course. All agreed that it will be fine.

Tina stated that Sue Albright will help with the October plant sale. David Baker has agreed to buy plants for the sale in the same way that he provided plants for the spring sale. Hebron Smith will be contacted to see if he can provide plants from his greenhouse. The plant sale will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, at Habitat for Humanity Restore starting at 8am and concluding when the last plants are sold.

Tina asked if she could order additional t-shirts in sizes that were not covered in the initial purchase of new t-shirts. It was decided that an announcement will be made at the General Meeting to see if there are any additional requests for specific sizes not on hand, prior to making the order.

The date for the overnight trip remains September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We will drive to Huntsville Friday night, and then Saturday morning we will visit Helen Keller's home and grounds, and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. We will return to Clarksville Saturday afternoon/evening. Colleen is checking into hotel rates. We will carpool to Huntsville. Hotel rooms will be paid for by the Association.

In January we will bring together a garden tour committee. Please be thinking about how you'd like to participate with the committee.

The meeting adjourned.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual TSU Small Farm Expo &  
Recognition of Outstanding Small Farmers in Tennessee**  
\*Information for Pick-Up Site in Montgomery County/Clarksville, TN  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Pick-Up & Drop-Off Site:**

K-Mart Parking Lot (on Madison Street)  
2300 Madison Street  
Clarksville, TN

Bus **LEAVES** at 6:00 am

Participants will need to park in the lot nearest 41-A and the K-Mart gas station to meet the bus.

The TSU Small Farm Expo will be held at the Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center in McMinnville from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. This includes the educational workshops, luncheon and awards program.

**Bus will depart from Clarksville at 6:00am and return at approximately 4:30 pm.**

The event is FREE but PRE-REGISTRATION is required! **REGISTER BY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011!**

**To register, contact:**

Linda Buchanan, Admin. Asst. III Ag. Sciences  
615-963-1827 or [lbuchanan@tnstate.edu](mailto:lbuchanan@tnstate.edu)

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**Educational Workshop Topics:**

Beekeeping, Weed & Pest ID and Control, Use of Beneficial Insects as Control, Marketing Potential of Social Media and other Technologies, Selecting Funding Resources in this Tough Economic Time.

Pesticide Points available

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