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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don't you just love the smell of vinegar and spices? And the sounds of the

canning jars going pop, pop, pop? I'm getting good that this stuff. I'll soon be called the Canning Queen of Palmyra.

Hey, many thanks to Katie for opening the Mansion to us last month and Linda Hamm for a great program. And wasn't the blueberry food and drinks good! I just love homegrown veggies and fruit!

Listen up ya'll, the Fall Plant Sale is going to be October 6th at the Library from 8am-until plants are sold out. Plan on a big sale. This is your last big money maker for the Master Gardeners this year, so let's plan on ending it with a bang! I've talked with Stacy and with her help, the sale will be ran in the paper. David Baker will have flyers to hand out at this months meeting. I would like for

everyone to be there if you can to get some flyers and let's get the word out early.

We're going to have some much fun and maybe we'll sell out in 45minutes, like ya'll did that one year. Would that not be awesome!!!

Does anyone who helped with the Garden Tour know where our "Master Gardener" signs are? We missing quiet a few of them. Can you bring them to this months meeting please? If you're summer has been like mine, WOW! Where did it go!

Okay, you guys stay cool out there and drink lots of water. I'll see ya at the

meeting.

Your Friend and President,

Colleen Teet

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Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

General Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2012

6:30 PM Leon blessed the food and everyone ate.

Colleen asked if all had read the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes; it was seconded, passed, the motion carried.

Colleen asked for the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report; it was seconded, passed, the motion carried.

Colleen asked how Sharon Baggett is doing and Judie said she's home now.

Colleen discussed the Fall Plant Sale coming in October. Judie and Phil suggested that we find a new venue for the sale due to some changes that Habitat for Humanity Resale wants to institute. The library and the parking lot by Brunys (downtown Clarksville) were mentioned as possibilities. Judie and Phil are taking the lead on nailing down a location.

Colleen asked for a report on the profit from the Garden Tour. Susan stated that after expenses the profit was \$564.48. Susan discussed the need for insurance at all the locations but thought the price of the policy was high. Shan said he would see what he can do about getting a "balloon" policy that would cover all our events throughout the year.

Susan announced that some people still haven't paid their dues for the year. Colleen reiterated that if you haven't paid your dues for the year you're not in an active status as a master gardener.

Colleen announced that the August meeting will be at the Extension Office. The September meeting will be at Wendy Young's house.

Colleen mentioned what a good meeting we had had in June at Tina Ramsey's house and how much we appreciated her hosting the meeting.

Debbie gave a brief discussion on the history of the Trahern Mansion.

Linda Hamm spoke on blueberries.

Colleen and Debbie gave out door prizes.


At 8:30 the meeting adjourned.

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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.

A special thanks to Linda Hamm
For her presentation on blueberries
While we enjoyed our meeting in the
Smith-Trahern Mansion



Karla's Korner

Karla's Korner August 2012

Just for fun I decided to Google 'Dog Days of Summer' and see what I could find. According to Fact Monster, Dog Days is the name for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3 to Aug. 11. Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun.

In the latitude of the Mediterranean region this period coincided with hot days that were plagued with disease and discomfort. The time of conjunction varies with difference in latitude, and because of the precession of the equinoxes it changes gradually over long periods in all latitudes.

Well, I reckon that is a fancy way of saying it's hotter than a cat on a hot tin roof! And, what is that nasty stuff growing in the lake? Yuck! We went camping at KY Lake/Piney campground last weekend and the water was a mushy green with lots of straggly weedy stuff growing in it. I could not swim in it. The boys had no problem but unless we were out on the boat in the deepest part of the lake I would not get in. Anyway, hopefully the dog days of summer will be soon behind us and we can enjoy fall and the cooler temperatures!

Last month I was honored to be accepted to attend the National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA) PRE-AM PIC Horticulture Study tour in South Carolina. This was a preconference tour held on July 12 - 14 before the NACAA conference in Charleston. The tour was sponsored by Scotts/Miracle Grow and they paid for everything for the two day tour. It was awesome! While there I also gave a presentation on Best Management Practices for Woody Ornamentals and received the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). I absolutely fell in love with Magnolia Plantation and then of course the Angel Oak, Tea Plantation and the beaches and everything else! I will be prepared to give you all a presentation as soon as you want me to!

As you all know, it is getting to be that time of the year again...Time to enter your hours! Hours are due on September 30th 2012. The reporting year is October 1, 2011 through September 30th 2012. Please enter the correct dates online. There is a document explaining how to register and enter your hours on our local website <http://www.montgomerycountymastergardenersassociation.com>. The state TMG page website is <http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu>. If you do not have access to a computer or have issues entering your hours, please contact me and someone will enter your hours for you. Interns from the 2011 class need to submit 40 hours of volunteer service. Certified Master Gardeners need to submit 25 hours of volunteer service plus 8 CEU's to be re-certified.

Reminder: I will not be conducting a Master Gardener class this fall; however am offering the Urban Tree Steward class. The next MG training session will be in fall of 2013.

Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities:

Tennessee Urban Tree Care Advisor Program: Training for Urban Forestry Management and Education
Training Volunteers to Care for the Community Forest

This 6-Week Course will be offered September 4th - October 9th. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Montgomery County Extension office, 1030 Cumberland Heights Rd. Clarksville, TN. Cost: \$50/person; \$75/couple (if sharing book & educational materials). Registration deadline August 21st, 2012. Please contact Karla at kkean@utk.edu or 931-648-5725 for registration form and/or more information.

2012 Small Farm Expo and Small Farmer Recognition Program August 30, 2012 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tennessee State University Main Campus Agricultural Research and Education Center (continued pg7)

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and County Governments Cooperating. The Agricultural Extension Service
offers its programs to all persons regardless to race, color, national origin,
sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2011

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2012 – MASTER GARDENER/MONT. CO., TREAS. REPORT

2012 Montgomery County Master Gardener Association
Treasurer Report

July 2012

Beginning balance (per checkbook 7/1/2012) \$10617.93

Debits

Check #2144 Walgreens \$53.93

Credits:

Ending balance (per checkbook) 7/31/2012

\$ 10,564.00

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
8/9	MG Mtg	6:30pm	Ag Ctr	Brian Garland
9/13	MG Mtg	6:30pm	Wendy Young	Garden Party
10/6	MG Plant Sale	8am	Library	Judie/Phil/Barbara P & Susan
10/20	Plant Sale	8am	Growild Natives	Fairview, Tn

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 Shelby Stabile, shelystabile@yahoo.com, 931.896.1407

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Why Attend the Expo:

Visit vendors

Attend workshops

Enjoy a free lunch

Recognize the outstanding small farmers in Tennessee

Master Gardeners can earn CEU's for attending educational sessions!

For more information and full schedule go to <http://www.tnstate.edu/extension/smallfarmexpo.aspx>

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Committee Meeting – August 1, 2012 4:30 to 5:45 PM

Present: Colleen Teet, Debbie Hammerstein, Barbara Plachety, Margaret Pace, Susan Binkley, Phil Greenawalt, Judie Treangen, and Diana Ruby

Agenda Discussion Items:

Phil, Judie Susan and Barbara are co-chairs for the fall plant sale. It will be held October 6th at the Library in Veteran's Plaza. The point of contact is Kenneth Gentry, the Director of Montgomery County Facilities.

Karla suggested that we may want to consider having an educational booth at the Green Thumb event at Habitat for Humanity Restore. She also suggested that we may want to have some high end potted plants at the Green Thumb event. These would be in addition to our Plant Sale at the library. This will be discussed more in the future.

Colleen spoke to Wendy and confirmed that the Leaf Chronicle would be doing an article on Wendy's garden (it will be the site of the September meeting) to coincide with the article on the plant sale.

Phil will talk to David Baker to see if we can get flyers for the Plant Sale by the meeting next Thursday.

Karla discussed the upcoming Tree Steward Class. She will get flyers done for it. She will address the subject at the meeting next Thursday.

Karla mentioned that the TSU Small Farm Expo will be held August 30th.

Karla discussed her trip to South Carolina, and mentioned, in particular, the Magnolia Plantation. The curator was the guide for the group she was with. Debbie booked Karla to be the October speaker.

Brian Garland from Lowes Lawn and Garden department is our August speaker.

Colleen told Debbie she is doing an awesome job as vice-president.

Susan stated that there are still some people who have not paid their 2012 dues. Colleen discussed that beginning with January 2013, a block on the attendance roster will be filled in as people pay their dues. That way there is a monthly reminder to everyone who has not paid their dues.

Barbara mentioned that we need to be selling T-shirts and that some of them have been given out as door prizes.

Margaret stated that there are still some signs for the Garden Tour that have not been returned and that we need to get them back.

Discussion by all that hours are due to be in the computer by September 30th. Anyone who may have a question regarding how to do this should speak to Karla.

Colleen discussed with Debbie that speakers are given 40 minutes for speaking, with an additional 5 minutes for Q & A. Colleen stated that a method she used to work with speakers on time was, she would sit in the back of the room and when the speaker's time was up, she would stand – a pre-discussed signal for the speaker to end their talk.

Margaret will be giving project chairs their paperwork to be completed for their annual report on their project.

Susan had one expense this month, \$53.00 for C David Elliot, who let's us use the conference room for exec mtgs. A gift card and thank you card.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Spotlight On The Garden

Karla Kean



Mrs. Karla K. Kean | Contributed photo

Written by

Karla Kean

Reader Submitted

Karla Kean, Montgomery County Extension Agent for Horticulture and Small Farms, was honored recently by the National Association of County Agriculture Agents and Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents & Specialists with the organizations Distinguished Service Award. In receiving the award, Kean was recognized for her leadership in the areas of horticulture, urban forestry and small farms programming.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award presented by the National Association of County Agriculture Agents. The award recognizes members for leadership, outstanding program efforts and personal and professional development. Kean has been a Montgomery County Extension Agent for Horticulture since March 1998. Kean conducts educational programs in the areas of horticulture and small farms. This includes serving as the county coordinator for the Master Gardener program where she functions as an advisory member of the local association and is in charge of conducting the Master Gardener training course. The Consumer Horticulture program has resulted in improved consumer knowledge of proper species and cultivar selection, culture, and environmentally sound pest management strategies in home landscapes and gardens.