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President's Message

SPRING has finally arrived. I'm sure you are all as excited as I am.

First, we have once again been displaced from our home and our meeting will be at the Madison St. United Methodist Church. Address is 319 Madison St. Go to the back of the building on Commerce St. and come in the back door. This is the same building that the Short Course was held. The bank parking lot across the street can be used for parking. We are hoping to be back at Cumberland Heights soon. Stay tuned.

For the class of 2009, please make sure you have had your picture taken by Phil Greenawalt. He will have his camera there for the last time. Also, please give Judie any information she needs. This will be your last chance. Pictures and information will be printed by David Baker and inserted into your directory.

We have been given another opportunity to obtain hours. April 15th from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Rivers & Spires is hosting a Senior evening. We have been offered a free booth. The place is the parking lot behind the Madison St. United Methodist Church-- free booth, table, chairs, and electricity. Another chance to be out there in the community. Sign up sheet will be going around. Sounds like fun. However, not all of us are seniors.

Garden Tour & Plant Sale May 15th. We need every one's help. David Baker has posters and tickets ready for you. Diann Nance has contacted the *Leaf Chronicle* and others for publicity. Shan Smith is in charge of securing event insurance, and Margaret is going to coordinate all of ya'll. We think we will be ready. Please do not forget to get those plants potted and bulbs dug for the plant sale.

Plant the Campus Red is Saturday April 24th and is always a fun day. Really it will only take you a couple of hours unless you stay for the hot dogs and hamburgers. Margaret Pace is also the chair person for this event.

I do not know how to thank Sue Albright and Colleen enough for the excellent job they did in putting together and conducting the Beginner & New Comers Short Course. I would also like to thank our very own speakers for the excellent classes: Colleen Teet, David Neblett, Jim Willard, Roger Pile, Diann Nance, Herman Albright, and Linda Earp. I am always impressed with your talents and abilities. We, of course, loved Jerry Weeks, Carl Herbison, and Chris Robinson. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and helped. Sue and Colleen could not have pulled off the event without you. What a great group you are.

Tina Dunlap is working on putting a Montgomery County Master Gardener

Association brochure together. What a wonderful tool this would have been to have handed these out at the Home, Lawn, and Farm Show, or at the Rivers & Spires Booth. It would also be nice for you to give to people who are interested in becoming a Master Gardener. The time is right for this project as we have a little money and we have a wonderful printer at our disposal.

Always want to thank the hosts and hostesses and those of you who bring door prizes.

Run down of dates because we are so busy:

- April 15th Rivers & Spires
- April 24th Plant the Campus Red
- May 8th Trip to GrowWild (car pool)
- May 13th Master Garden Meeting
- May 15th Garden Tour & Plant Sale.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR PROJECTS.

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2010

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship period. Barbara Plechaty called the March MCMGA meeting held at the Civic Room, Room 1 at the Veteran's Plaza on Pageant Ln to order. The Minutes were approved and the motion carried.
- Treasury Report was approved and the motion carried.
- The Executive Committee voted to spend some of the MCMGA money for garden books to be door prizes and guest speakers. Shan Smith is in search of a guest speaker, which will cost a little more.
- Home, Lawn and Farm Show went off well thanks to all the great volunteers that helped Terry Simo. Terry Simo also thanked all the great MCMGA volunteers that helped out.
- Phil Greenawalt said the website for MCMGA up and running now.
- Terrie Young told us that Phil and Judie Greenawalt has a work day at the Police Dept downtown on Commerce St, Saturday, April 10th at 9am to clean up and get it ready for a planting of annuals on May 1st.
- Sue Albright said the Mini Short Course was going really good.
- Margaret Pace said Paint the Campus Red will be on April 24th at Austin Peay at 8:45am. Margaret also passed out the sign up sheets to sign up to work the garden tour.
- Sharon Baggett told us they are looking for people to volunteer their gardens to be on the Pond Tour.
- Shan Smith said we are to meet at Big Lots May 8th to go to GroWild tour and car pool. It was also brought up to stop at the Plant Ranch after and on our way back. Plant Ranch is in Dickson. <http://www.growildinc.com/> Shan also told us he booked our trip to Don Shadows October 2, 2010 and will be an all day bus trip.
- Colleen Teet is having her daughter or Delona's granddaughter Ariel's head start class visit Delona's Gardens on April 30th. She is looking for volunteers to help clean up and work in the gardens.
- We will be meeting again the Civic Center, Room 1, Veteran's Plaza on Pageant Ln. Thanks to Karla Kean she got it for no expense this time.
- Karla Kean told us about the Garden of Hope Project. Adopt out plots – fee based or donate food, 10 x 10 plots. Talk to Karla Kean.
- Karla Kean did the program on her trip to Oregon, Horticultural Study Tour. Thank you Karla, this was very interesting and looked like a lot of fun too.
- Barbara closed the meeting.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Apr. 8	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Madison St. Unit. Methodist Church	Special Effects in the Landscape by Carol Reese
Apr. 15	Rivers & Spires	4:00 – 8:00 P.M.	Madison St. Unit. Methodist Ch. parking lot	
Apr. 24	Plant the Campus Red		APSU	/Margaret Pace, Chair
May 1	Green Thumb Fest.	8 A.M. – 6 P.M.	Habitat Restore parking lot	
May 8	Caravan Tour	8:00 A.M. Meet at Big Lots	GroWild, Fairview, TN	/Shan Smith
May 13	Meeting	6:30 PM	Ext. Office	Mark Holleman
May 16	Garden Tour		7 gardens	/ Margaret Pace, Chair
May 16	Plant Sale		John Matthews	/ John Matthews, Chair
Aug. 17	Master Gardener Class begins		Extension Office	/Karla Kean

*Hosts: Lela Donahoo, Mary Ann Marks, Melinda Grimes, Collen Teet

Financial Statement

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 03/03/10		\$ 13,163.24
Debits -		
#1998 03/09/10 Yvonne Hiett - Lawn, Farm & Garden Show	\$ 59.52	
#1999 03/11/10 Mo. Co. Extension - Postage	38.08	
#2000 03/11/10 Phil Greenawalt - Website/domain name	235.35	
#2001 03/16/10 Barbara Plachety - Door Prizes, Short Course and Monthly Meeting Expenses	352.70	
#2002 03/23/10 Margaret Albright - Short Course		
Gift Cards for Instructors	250.00	
#2003 03/23/10 Colleen Teet - Short Course Printer Ink	65.00	
#2004 03/31/10 Marison St. United Methodist Church - April Meeting Room	60.00	
#2005 03/31/10 Shan Smith - March Meeting Supplies	<u>47.17</u>	
		12,055.42
Credit - Deposit		
03/24/10 Dues, Fees from short program and T-shirt sales	<u>200.00</u>	
Ending Balance as of 04/05/10		\$ 12,255.42

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Committee Meeting – March 31, 2010

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg., Conference Room 4:30 – 5:45pm

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

Agenda Discussion Items:

- David Baker making up badges to wear for the Volunteers working the Plant Tour/Plant Sale on May 15th, 2010.
- The next MCMGA Meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church on Madison St, downtown where the Short Course was held.
- Pictures to be taken again at the meeting for the Roster that missed last Meeting. This will be the last chance to have the pictures taken.
- Shan Smith to get insurance for the day of the Plant Tour/Plant Sale for the MCMGA, approved and motion carries.
- Diann Nance to purchase a Universal Remote for the MCMGA, approved and motion carries.
- Tina Dunlap shared what she had come up with a brochure for the MCMGA, the committee proofread it and gave Tina the corrections. This brochure will represent the MCMGA and will be a trifold and in color. Will proofread it again at the next Executive Meeting In May 2010.
- David Baker to get Phil Greenawalt a PDF file of the Plant Tour addresses to put on the website.
- Tina Dunlap reported the expenses of the short course as \$692.39; 62 students took the course @ \$40 each equals \$2,480. This leaves a balance of the Treasury as \$12,255.42 as of 03-31-2010.
- Carol Reese to be the guest speaker at the April Meeting. She's the Extension Agent from Jackson TN. The presentation will be called "Special Effect in the Landscape". You won't want to miss this one.
- Karla reported the AG Extension coming along with the improvements, hoping we will get back to our meeting there in May or June.
- Karla Kean told us the next Master Gardener course will start August 17th, 2010, and she will start taking applications in June and July. Must be in hand to Karla by Aug 3rd at latest.
- Looking to have a booth at Rivers and Spires on April 15th, 2010 from 5pm to 8pm.
- Shan Smith announces future speakers include Mark Holleman(May meeting) and Troy Marden(June meeting) he's been on the Volunteer Gardening show.
- Shan Smith to pass around a sign up sheet for car-pooling to GroWild on May 8th, will meet at Big Lots.
- Karla Kean to have an education tent at the Green Thumb Day at the Restore Parking Lot downtown on May 1st from 8am to 6pm.
- Remember to bring in your Green MCMGA water bottle to the meeting to use.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Karla's Korner

April 2010

Springtime is such a busy time of year! Trying to till the garden and get cool season plants out between rain showers and baby splatters has been quite a trial this year! Seems like when I have a day off, it rains but the sun shines during the week! Guess I will get a few things out sometime! Annalese is going to grow up a garden and Extension baby! Of course it is the time of year to plant bare-root woody plants as well as cool season vegetables. Our actual "frost-free" date in Tennessee is not until May 1st, so don't get in too much of a hurry to put out those tomatoes and other warm season crops. If you do put them out be ready to use walls-of-water or other means to protect them from a late spring frost or light freeze. You should have your seeds started by now and plants will be ready to go out in the garden by mid May.

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who came out and helped plant trees at Rotary Park on March 20th. We will be calling on volunteers again in the near future to mulch the trees and do some other planting and cleanup work at Rotary Park. Our partner, Cumberland River Compact, has written a grant for stream restoration for over \$20,000! So, if we get that grant we will be planting wildflowers, native grasses and larger trees this fall and next spring.

I have had inquiries about projects and volunteer hours. So, please if you are a project chair let members know when your work days are. You can email me a day or two before hand and I can send the message out to all members. Or make sure it gets in the newsletter. We want people working on the projects that the association has committed to first and foremost! Volunteers-contact the project chairs listed in the newsletter if you need volunteer hours.

There are lots of activities coming up this spring! Happy Gardening!



WANT TO JOIN A CSA?

CSA stands for **COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE**. This method of selling farm produce relies on customers who support the farm by purchasing a "share" and in return get a generous portion of veggies. There are two local CSA's this year that people can join. Either Doalnara at: www.doalnara.org (931)627-1532 or Stacy Geny with Paradise Produce Farms at: www.paradiseproducefarm.com

DO YOU WISH TO GARDEN BUT JUST DON'T HAVE SPACE AT HOME?

Come participate in the Garden of Hope project where you can grow a garden and provide fresh produce for hunger organizations in Clarksville! For more information contact Karla at 931-648-5725 or kkean@utk.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

April 10th: TENNESSEE YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS OFFERS EARTH-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS FOR HOME LANDSCAPES
<http://utiportal.tennessee.edu/ext/tyn/Pages/default.aspx>

The Home Landscape Workshop will be held in Clarksville, TN. on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and will be held at the **Civic Hall, 350 Pageant Lane (near public library)**. The class is limited to 25 participants. The cost is \$35.00 per individual, \$50.00 per couple. Fees cover program costs only.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2010. TO REGISTER, Call 931-648-5725 or email KKEAN@UTK.EDU

April 13th: MG HOTLINE TRAINING:
9 AM – 10 AM @EXTENSION OFFICE, RM 110 (Karla's office)

April 15th: MG HOTLINE TRAINING:
1 PM – 2 PM @EXTENSION OFFICE, RM 110 (Karla's office)

April 17th: VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & GARDEN OF HOPE SIGN UP
10 am at Montgomery County Extension Office
Meeting will be held around back in the old library bldg.
Contact: Karla Kean-648-5725 or kkean@utk.edu

April 24th: PLANT THE CAMPUS RED 2010

Plant the Campus Red 2010 is here! It will be held on Saturday, April 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the McCord parking lot. A free cookout for participants will follow in the MUC Plaza. We are looking for students, faculty, staff and community volunteers. Preregistered participants will receive a free T-shirt (while supplies last.) Contact: Margaret Pace, 647-4328, pacem@apsu.edu

April 24th: MT. OLIVE CEMETERY CLEAN-UP
<http://www.mtolivecemetery.org/default.aspx>
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Contact: Geneva Bell 931-552-8026

May 1st: 1ST ANNUAL GREEN THUMB FESTIVAL: 8 am - 6 pm; 408 Madison Street

Start the growing season with a bang! It's time for a day that is totally dedicated to lawn care and gardening. The Green Thumb Festival will host an entire spectrum of fun, vendors, education and food. If it has something to do with lawn care or gardening, we will have it there. Nursery Vendors, Tool Sharpening, Activities for the kids, Presentations to help you in your lawn and gardening adventures. For more info CONTACT: Joe Davidson at 931-645-4242 or <http://www.clarksvillerestore.org>

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>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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 and Ruth Davis 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net</p>
<p>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-Chairs is Ruth Davis, 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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 Charles Fitzpatrick, 906-6408, cfitzpatrick@charter.net</p>
<p>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 Diann Nance, 648-8701, diann@diannsgreenhouse.com</p>
<p>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, dinance@bellsouth.net</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>