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President's Message

As I sit here with my foot propped up (my final bunion surgery) the snow is melting and the sun is shining. I know that spring will come. Not yet, but it will come.

The most important information I have to share with you is the meeting place. It seems that the cafeteria where we normally hold our meetings is under renovation. The windows are out, and the holes are boarded up. So, we have rented a room at Civic Hall. That is in Veterans Plaza--the same complex where the public library and the county offices are housed. I think right behind where we have our plant sales. We are in room #1 next Thursday evening at 6:30. We will try to have a calling committee to make sure you know.

February 27th and 28th will be Clarksville's and our first Home, Lawn, Garden, and Farm Show. Terry Simo is our chairperson. He has obtained the booth. Yvonne Hielt and Linda Earp are in charge of decorating—a hard job since it's the middle of winter. For your part, we need your help to man the booth and to help provide door prizes. Starter plants, bulbs, etc. I know several of you have already signed up to help. Terry will have the sign-up sheet available again at the meeting. The times are February 27th Sat. from 10:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. Sunday, the 28th from 12:00 till 5:00 p.m. As we register our visitors for door prizes give them information regarding our Beginners and Newcomers Short Course, Garden Tour and Plant Sale, and the Master Gardeners Program. Let folks know we are out there in the community trying to make a difference.

As soon as we finish the Show, we will host the Beginners and Newcomers Short Course March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Sue Alright is the Chairperson; her right-hand woman is Colleen Teet. The Course will be held each of the above Tuesday evenings from 6:30 till 8:30 at the Madison Street United Methodist Church downstairs in the back of the building in their activity room. The committee has secured their speakers, collected door prizes, and written an article that should appear in the *Leaf Chronicle* soon. Sue and Colleen need help in setting up the room and cleaning up after. The 1st night they will need help signing folks in and answering questions. If you have volunteered please arrive around 6:00 p.m.

Our last big project will be the Garden Tour and Plant Sale May the 16th. Our chair for this is Margaret Pace. There are seven (7) gardens on our tour, and they are Mack Edington, Carol Goode, Carol and Stan Groppe, Belinda Lyle, Debbie Denton, Lucy Wilson, and, last but not least, John Mathews. John will also host our plant sale. As you see, we will all be very busy this spring.

Please welcome a transplant from Lubbock, Texas--Hillary Walker. We are so happy to have her become a part of us.

You may have noticed an article in the paper a couple of weeks ago that the Mt. Olive Cemetery will have a clean-up and makeover. They would like to have some expertise from a couple from our group who could help with landscaping the entrance of the cemetery. No digging, just suggestions. See me.

I want to thank all of you who have volunteered for all of the above events. You are what make our association valuable to our community and to us.

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2010

Agenda Discussion Items:

Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship period. President Barbara Plechaty called the January MCMGA meeting held at the Extension Office to order at 7pm sharp.

- Minutes approved as well as the Treasury Report.
- 1st Annual Clarksville Lawn, Home and Farm Show to be February 27th and 28th held at the Red Barn at APSU. The booth has been purchased. Needing volunteers for 2-hour periods. Please let Terry Simo know. Please bring houseplants as door prizes to be given each hour at the show. Yvonne Hiatt and Linda Earp are in charge of decorating the booth.

- Sue Albright is charge of the Short Course this March. So far she has lined up a class on Container Planting with Linda Earp and Water Gardening with Herman Albright.
- Tina Dunlop was very busy tonight collecting dues and collecting money for the MCMGA T-Shirts. They are available at the meetings for \$10.00 each.
- The plant tour/sale has been changed to May 15th as the Eddington Garden wasn't available May 22nd. Still looking for some gardens to be on the tour.
- Margaret Pace to get a Bulletin Board for the MCMGA meeting, as us Master Gardeners can put us 3 X 5 cards up for items for sales, etc. We will 1st seek approval from the Extension Office.
- Phil Greenawalt still working on getting the website up, still in process.
- Shan Smith presented Laura Alex with Cumberland River Compact for our program. Also Shan talked about doing a trip to Don Shadows in September.
- Great Program that Laura Alex presented on River Watershed.
- Remember door prizes are needed for our meeting.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

| Date | Event | Time | Location | Program/Contact |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| Feb. 11 | Meeting | 6:30 P.M. | Ext. Office | John Matthews-- Organic Gardening: Truth and Perceptions |
| Feb. 18-20 | TN MG Winter Sch. | | Rutherford Co. Ext. Office | See <i>Karla's Korner</i> for more detail. |
| Feb. 27-28 | Home, Lawn, Farm, and Garden Show | | Red Barn, APSU | Chamber of Commerce Terry Simo, 931-436-1977 |
| Mar. 4-7 | Nashville Lawn & Garden Show | (Varies) | Fairgrounds, Nashville | www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com |
| Mar.2,9,16, 23 | Short Course | | Madison St. United Methodist Ch. | See article on pp.5-6 in this newsletter. |
| Mar. 11 | Meeting | 6:30 P.M. | Ext. Office | TBA |
| May 16 | Garden Tour | | See President's Message | / Margaret Pace, Chair |
| May 16 | Plant Sale | | John Matthews | / John Matthews, Chair |

*Hosts: Leon Gordon, Aprile Cacal, Debbie Johnson, and Melinda Grimes

2010 – Treasurer’s Report, Montgomery County Master Gardeners

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| Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 01/01/2010 | | \$10,203.59 |
| Debits – | | |
| #1988 01/06/10 Chamber of Commerce, Farm, Lawn & Garden Show, Feb | 200.00 | |
| 1989 01/06/10 Phil Greenawalt, Website | 71.50 | |
| 1990 01/14/10 Barbara Plechaty, Speaker Gift Card | 25.00 | |
| 1991 01/14/10 Montgomery County Extension, January Postage | 5.48 | |
| 1992 01/25/10 Montgomery Co. Government, Civic Hall Rental - Feb. Meeting | <u>70.00</u> | |
| | | \$ 9,811.61 |
| Credits – Deposits | | |
| 01/19/10 Dues and T-Shirt Sales | 950.00 | |
| Ending Balance as of 02/03/2010 | | \$10,761.61 |

Per Bank Statement received 02/05/10 this figure reconciles.

Montgomery County Master Gardeners 2010 Budget

INCOME

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Dues | \$1600.00 |
| Plant Sale | \$ 1500.00 |
| Short Course | \$ 2200.00 |
| Garden Tour | \$ 2000.00 |
| Field Trips | \$ 800.00 |
| Total Income..... | \$ 8100.00 |

EXPENSES

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Food & Supplies For Meetings.... | \$1500.00 |
| Speakers..... | \$ 600.00 |
| Projects..... | \$ 500.00 |
| Postage..... | \$ 600.00 |
| Field Trips..... | \$ 2500.00 |
| Garden Tour..... | \$ 300.00 |
| Short Course..... | \$ 300.00 |
| Lawn/Garden/Farm Show..... | \$ 300.00 |
| 4H Schlorships..... | \$ 1000.00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | \$ 500.00 |
| Total Expenses..... | \$ 8100.00 |

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2010

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg , Conference Room 4:30 – 5:50pm

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

Agenda Discussion Items:

- The Budget for fiscal year 2010 was discussed. We will be adding Postage as new category.
- Meeting on Thursday February 11, 2010 has been changed to Civil Center, Room 1 at the Veteran's Plaza on Pageant Ln. Room has been rented from 6pm to 9pm.
- We have a Master Gardener that moved here from Lubbock TX, Hillary Watson, lets all welcome her.
- Sue Albright and Colleen Teet have all their speakers lined up for the Short MG Class the 1st 4 Tuesdays of March.
- Sign up at meeting to volunteer for the Lawn, Garden and Farm Show February 27th and 28th.
- Margaret Pace, Chairperson for the Garden Tour and Plant Sale on May 15th, 2010. There are 7 Gardens, the Plant Sale to be held at Dr John Mathews garden.
- Dr John Mathews will be the speaker at the February meeting, Organic Gardens, Truth and Perception.
- Terrie Young, Co-Chair VP Projects is working on a calendar for all the projects.
- Phil Greenawalt still talking with UT to get the website up and going.
- Shan Smith has gotten a date for the bus trip to Don Shadow Nurseries, it is October 2nd, 2010.
- Shan Smith is setting up a private trip to Gro Wild Native Nursery on either April 24th or May 8th. He will announce at the meeting, which date, it's a Saturday trip. We will be carpooling. <http://www.growildinc.com/>
- Reminder we still need door prizes for our meetings.
- If you haven't paid your dues they are due.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

MASTER GARDENERS SHORT COURSE

The annual Short Course for new gardeners is shaping up with great speakers. However, we need your help. Please bring any garden catalogs and magazines that you no longer need to the next meeting. We will make those available to the class participants. Anything else you have to donate to the course for a door prize will be

appreciated. If you save seeds and have extras, please share for the beginning gardening class.

David Baker is printing fliers and will have them at our next meeting. We hope everyone will take one and post it at your work, church or anywhere you think it may attract new gardeners.

March 2, 9, 16, and 23 at the United Methodist Church on Madison Street, downtown, 6:30 to 8:30.

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| A Year in a Clarksville Garden | Colleen Teet |
| Vegetables | David Neblett |
| Soil & Composting | Jim Willard |
| Fertilizer | Rodger Pile |
| Annuals | Carl Herbison |
| Perennials | Jerry Weeks |
| Pesticides & Weeds | Chris Robbins |
| Herbs | Diann Nance |
| Water Gardens | Herman Albright |
| Container Gardening | Linda Earp |

We hope you will come to one or all four classes to support the course.

Sue Albright & Colleen Teet

Karla's Korner

February 2010

Karla's Korner-News Updates and Upcoming Events

February 2010

Downtown Market

The City of Clarksville would like to say thank you for such a successful 2009 Downtown Market! We along with all our local vendors appreciate your support during our first-ever market season. We hope that you return to Downtown Clarksville for the 2010 Downtown Market featuring even more fresh, local goods.

Don't forget to visit our new website www.clarksvilledowntownmarket.com for even more information on the Downtown Market as it becomes available. If you have any questions or comments about the Market please contact Matthew Nixon at matthew.nixon@cityofclarksville.com or call 931-645-7476.

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EMPTY BOWLS 2010

Coming together as a community to help feed hungry people is at the heart of what Empty Bowls is all about. Teachers and students, potters and restaurateurs, bakers and citizen volunteers, non-profits and for-profits; people of all ages and experience levels

make the bowls that, on February 23, 2010, will be purchased along with a bowl of soup by people who come out in support of a good cause.

Select from over 400 original handcrafted bowls. Eat delicious homemade soups and breads, participate in a silent auction and be entertained as you support this year's hunger campaign. Proceeds from your \$ 15 ticket purchase donation will benefit Grace Assistance, Loaves and Fishes, and the FUEL program, organizations which provide thousands of meals annually to our hungry neighbors. The bowls are to be taken home as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty. <http://www.emptybowlsclarksville.org>

When: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 4:30 until 7:00pm

Where: [The Waterstreet Event Center on Riverside Drive](#)

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Tennessee Yards & Neighborhoods Workshop Schedule for 2010

A "Tennessee Yard Done Right" is beautiful, earth-friendly and saves money. The workshop cost is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Advance registration is required. Space is limited to 25 participants. For more information, or to request a registration form, contact the Montgomery County Extension office at 931-648-5725 or email Karla at kkean@utk.edu.

Workshop Dates:

2-20-2010

New Providence UMC
1317 Ft. Campbell Blvd.
Clarksville, TN

4-10-2010

Civic Hall-Veterans Plaza
350 Pageant Lane
Clarksville, TN

6-05-2010

Civic Hall-Veterans Plaza
350 Pageant Lane
Clarksville, TN

9-18-2010

Civic Hall-Veterans Plaza
350 Pageant Lane
Clarksville, TN

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.

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| <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> |