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## President's Message

Happy New Year! Wow, 2010. Welcome to all of the new members to our association. We want you to know how happy we are you have joined us. We have a very busy year ahead. February 27th & 28th is Clarksville's first Lawn, Home and Farm Show. This will be held at APSU at the "Red Barn." Terry Simo has agreed to chair this adventure. Yvonne Hiatt and Linda Earp are preparing to decorate this booth. We know there are talented members who are just itching to get their garden-related items out there to the public. What is your specialty-- herbs, soaps, honey, seeds, houseplants, baskets, etc.? Give Terry a call. We will also need volunteers to set up the booth, take it down, and man the booth. Let Terry know what you can do. This is a first but we can do a great job. Terry's phone # 931-436-1977.

Beginners & New Comers Short Course will be March 2, 9, 16, & 23rd. This will again be held at the Madison Street United Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8:30 each Tuesday evening. Sue Albright has taken on this responsibility. Thanks, Sue, from the bottom of my heart. This is a great fund raiser for us and for the community. This is a short version of the Master Gardener Class that you have all completed. It will cost \$40.00 to those taking this class. To members who volunteer to help Sue, you get hours. You can sit through these classes to add to your CEU hours. Sue's phone # is 931-249-5709. There is not a cost to members.

The next fund raiser is The Garden Tour & Plant Sale. Right now the date looks like May 22nd. We need a Chairperson to coordinate the tour. We also need folks who would like to have their garden on the tour to let us know. This takes a lot of planning, and we need to start today. Help!

As you receive your garden catalogs and magazines in the mail, please keep them as give-aways for the Beginners and New Comers Class. Thanks.

You donated approximately 150 lbs. of canned goods and ham left over from our dinner at Christmas to loaves and fishes. The turkey was gone; we ate it all. What a wonderful, giving group we have. Thank you.

Our Christmas banquet what fantastic. Your food was great; the ham and turkey were delicious; our tables were exquisite; and we had door prizes galore.

I want to thank David Baker for securing the sound system, I no longer feel like I am yelling at you.

Thanks to Helga Browder and Betty Bowman for doing the audit on our treasurer's books. They were found to be in good order. UT is now requiring a

treasurer's report and the end of the year. So we are searching for the right solution. I will keep you posted.

Remember to go out of your way to include our new members into your conversations. Remember they, too, have a love for gardening, or they would not be here.

There will be a host and hostess sign-up sheet going around this evening. We need 3 to 4 folks each meeting night to set up the food & drink table, make coffee, and clean up after the meeting. This evening your hosts & hostesses are your executive committee.

Reminder: Door prizes are donations from members. Items found on sale, gifts you don't need or want, or items you have had forever and don't use.

**Reminder: If meeting night is stormy or school is out for bad weather, there is no meeting.**

### **MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010**

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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION**

*General Meeting – December 10, 2009*

There are no minutes from the December meeting since it was graduation of new Master Gardeners, presentation of awards, and a Christmas party.

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Jan. 14	Meeting*	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Karla Kean, "Horticulture Tour of Oregon"
Feb. 11	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Chad McKinney, "Using Rocks in Your Garden"
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	<a href="http://www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com">www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com</a>
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23	Short Course		TBA	TBA
Mar. 11	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
May 22	Garden Tour		TBA	TBA
May 22	Plant Sale		TBA	TBA

\*Hosts: Executive Board



Karla Kean presents Alan Gilbert with his Master Gardener V.I.P. pin and Certificate. We will miss Alan since he has moved to Kentucky.

## **2010 – Treasurer’s Report, Montgomery County Master Gardeners**

Beginning balance per checkbook), December 2, 2009		\$ 11,134.00
Debits: #1982 Active Screen Graphics (t-shirts)	720.51	
1983 Mont. County Extension	47.88	
1984 Yvonne Hiatt (Supplies)	19.95	
1985 Barbara Plechaty (Supplies)	66.22	
1986 David Baker (Postcards)	37.23	
1987 Shan Smith (Christmas, Food, Drink, etc.)	228.62	
	(1,120.41)	
		10,013.59
Deposit: 12/1/09 - Dues, miscellaneous	190.00	
Ending balance (per checkbook), January 6, 2010		\$ 10,203.59

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

#### **Executive Committee Meeting – January 6, 2010**

420 Madison St, David Elliott Building, Conference Room 4:30-5:50pm

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

#### Agenda Discussion Items:

- Terry Simo to Chair the Annual Lawn, Garden and Farm Show on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at APSU. Linda Earp and Yvonne Hiatt to decorate the 10 ft x 10 ft booth. Dave Baker to get some flyers for the event to hand out. Terry Simo picked up a check to pay for this booth at the meeting. We will have 2 door prizes one for each day of the event. Looking into some things to sell.
- Sue Albright to Chair the MG Short Course in March 2010.
- Audit of the Treasury transfer from Ann Langmack to Tina Dunlap was done and approved. Karla got the paperwork copies that the audit committee and to send a copy to UT Extension. As UT needed this by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010.
- \$71.50 approved for Phil Greenawalt for purchase of software for the MG website.
- Newsletter to be emailed out as the transfer of website from Charles Fitzpatrick to Phil Greenawalt has not been finished.
- Terrie Young – Projects, not much going on at this time.
- Karla Kean needs a new list of most current addresses, phones #'s, etc of the current MG members. Tina Dunlap was given one from Ann Langmack and she

will get a copy to Karla. Tina Dunlap will update list as member pay their membership dues.

- Karla Kean told us about the upcoming Winter School, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. \$100 Registration fee. MG to pay for 1 or 2 members to go from the Executive Committee. Also told us about the Green Thumb Festival to be in end of April 2010, Joe Davidson and Habitat Restore. More information to be coming out as Karla gets it.
  - Plant tour and plant sale to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, looking for a Chairperson.
  - Karla Kean to do the program in January MG meeting on her Oregon visit last year.
  - Shan Smith said for the February program the program speaker will be Chad McKinney. He has a rock business on College Street called McKinney Mining. Also told us about the rails and trails with Mark Holleman, a future program for this year. Also looking into getting Carol Reece, with UT Jackson, TN as a Program Speaker. Another one to come this year will be Laura Alex on Water Shed and it's importance to the beauty and safety of the land. Also planning a trip to Don Shadows the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in September.
  - March 4, 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> are the dates for Nashville Garden Show.
  - Reminder dues will be collected at the next meeting
  - Door prizes are much needed at the meetings.
- Submitted by Judie Treangen

## **Karla's Korner**

**January 2010**

Brrr! Baby its cold outside! This is the time of year to peruse the garden catalogs and think about what you want to plant next year. It's definitely too cold to do anything outdoors, but this too shall pass! Once it warms up to above freezing you are OK to prune fruit and other types of trees. Also, when the weather warms, it would not hurt to apply some dormant oil to help ward off soft bodied insects and any scale that might be living on the trees. Otherwise, the ground is frozen and there is not much to do but maybe rake a few leaves or burn some brush! At least a fire would keep you warm, right? Please be thinking about what Master Gardener projects you would like to be involved with this year and start calculating those hours!

I thought you all might enjoy this article about gardening resolutions!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **GARDENING RESOLUTIONS 2010**

Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor-University of Vermont

The beginning of the New Year is the time to reflect on the past year, and to make resolutions for changes whether in health, personal habits, or in my case gardening. Here are a few of my gardening resolutions for this coming year that may give you ideas for yours.

--I resolve when ordering seeds this winter, to be realistic and only order what I can plant, and more importantly maintain during the season.

--When sowing vegetables in the garden, I'll make successive plantings so all my lettuce and carrots don't all come ripe at once. Come to think of it, I'll do the same when setting out my gladiolus corms, so they don't all flower at the same time. I'll mark the calendar now to set them out 10 days apart, early, mid, and late May.

--Another item I didn't get to this year, I'll add to my resolutions for this coming year, is to plant enough vegetables to freeze, and make time to do this. Lacking the vegetables and time to keep up with them, my fallback option is to buy local produce to freeze.

--That's another great resolution I'll have to add, even if I have enough produce, visiting a local farmers' market regularly to get what I don't grow, and other food and fun goods.

--I will be more diligent in making good compost, turning my pile more often.

--On the topic of compost, early in the season I will either buy a bulk load or pallet of compost to spread on my beds before the perennials get too tall. With compost being used up yearly in the garden, so needing to be added each year, this resolution will be on my list for future years too.

--With the weeds getting ahead of me this year in my perennial beds, I'll make it a priority to get the beds cleaned early this coming season, and to keep up with the weeds this year.

--Thinking of weeds, I'll start saving newspapers and get them laid down early in the season in garden paths and cover with mulch, sawdust, or wood shavings from the local mill.

--I admit, sometimes this past year I didn't get sunscreen applied on sunny days. I'll do a better job with this, using one with a SPF rating of at least 30.

--Thinking about my health, I'll resolve to use garden tools properly, to lift heavy loads with my legs and not my back (or better yet to get help), to stretch and loosen muscles before gardening, to drink plenty of water, to take breaks (especially when hot), and do avoid long stretches of repetitive tasks (alternate among tasks every 10 to 20 minutes).

--My wife will like this one. I'll do a better job of taking my gardening shoes and boots off before coming indoors, even if just for a quick break. I've learned that those shoe scrapers are great, but with gardening mud don't quite do the job leaving a trail of muddy bits as proof.

--I feel embarrassed when guests visit and ask the name of a plant, and I can't find a label. At least I have a list of perennials by bed, which I'll go through this winter and research the colors of daylilies or roses or other large groupings I have. Then next season I'll try to match descriptions with the flowers when in bloom in order to get the names back on the plants. If you're not a plant collector, or just plant perennials for their beauty and design, or better yet keep up with your labels and plant names (congratulations if so!), this may not be on your list to do.

--For the wildlife, I'll resolve to keep bird baths cleaned and filled regularly, to keep bird feeders stocked and also cleaned periodically of old and rotting seeds, and to keep hummingbird feeders filled and cleaned every few days beginning the first of May.

--When buying plants this year, I'll try to find ones in pots I can wash and reuse rather than just discard as is common with so many cheap plastic plant containers. Better yet, I'll look for plants in pots made from recycled materials.

--I've begun to try and reduce my carbon footprint in my garden, using more hand tools and less power tools for starters. I'll continue to watch for ways to be more environmentally friendly.

--I've learned in our climate one has to take advantage of the nice days when we have them. If a nice day, and I can take a leave day from work and don't have essential commitments or meetings, I'll make a point to garden. To paraphrase a ski bumper sticker, Garden Today, Work Tomorrow.

--When tired of gardening or needing a break, I'll make a point to visit a local specialty perennial nursery (especially on a rainy day when its less fun to work in the garden). I'll try to visit some nurseries I haven't yet from the online listing ([pss.uvm.edu/ppp/vpdgli.html](http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/vpdgli.html)). If tired of just flowers, I'll visit a local berry farm or orchard ([www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/farmlinks.html](http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/farmlinks.html)), or make a local tour of cheese farms ([www.vtcheese.com/cheesetrail.htm](http://www.vtcheese.com/cheesetrail.htm)) and wineries ([vermontgrapeandwinecouncil.com](http://vermontgrapeandwinecouncil.com)).

I'm sure I could think of many more resolutions, but these are probably enough to keep me busy and to get you started in your own. But don't forget, perhaps most importantly; resolve to take time to smell the flowers, to savor the vegetables, and to just enjoy your efforts.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Green Thumb Festival Planning Meeting at Silie's, 1214 College Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Meet at 9:30 am. Contact Joe Davidson- (931) 645-4242.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Garden of Hope Planning Meeting. Meet at 11:30 am at 933 Madison Street which is the Clarksville Area Realtors office. For more information contact Karla @ 648-5725.

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Grounds Management Short-Course, Williamson County Ag Expo Center. [http://extension.tennessee.edu/county/williamson/horticulture/lsc\\_brochure.pdf](http://extension.tennessee.edu/county/williamson/horticulture/lsc_brochure.pdf)

**January 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** The 2010 Tennessee Horticultural Expo (THE) & Tennessee Agritourism Cultivating Farm Revenue Conference marks the fifth statewide conference held for agritourism in the state. For 2010, the agritourism conference will join the Tennessee Horticultural Expo at the Nashville Airport Marriott on January 28-30. Learn more about the Tennessee Horticultural Expo (THE) by visiting their Website at <http://www.tnthe.com> or <http://cpa.utk.edu/level2/agritourism/2010agritournconf/welcome.html>

**February 18, 19, & 20<sup>th</sup> 2010:** Tennessee Master Gardener Winter School will be held at the Rutherford County Extension office in Murfreesboro, TN.

[https://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/tmg\\_resources/tmg\\_login.asp](https://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/tmg_resources/tmg_login.asp)

**March 4-7 Nashville Lawn and Garden Show:** Fairgrounds, Nashville.  
[www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com](http://www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com)

For those of you who have not seen her yet, please welcome my grand-daughter into the world!

Annalese Fern Boyd  
Born December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
6 lbs. 4 oz. & 20 inches long



## 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, kfs37042@hotmail.com</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, dogwood931@charter.net</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, plgreenawalt@charter.net</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, jledbetter123@yahoo.com</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, rdd22@earthlink.net</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-Chairs is Ruth Davis, 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net.</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, kkean@utk.edu.</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 Charles Fitzpatrick, 906-6408, cfitzpatrick@charter.net</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, diann@diannsgreenhouse.com</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, dinance@bellsouth.net</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, pacem@apsu.edu</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, debtj@hotmail.com</p>