



# MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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## President's Message

How does your garden grow? I was late in getting my vegetable garden planted. With all of this rain it has been slow. As long as I have tomatoes, life will be good.

The meeting will once again be held at the Madison St. United Methodist Church. TROY MARDEN, garden designer, author, lecturer, and T.V host will be our guest speaker. Some of us enjoyed Troy's presentations at Summer Celebration last July. So bring a covered dish and let's enjoy this evening.

July 8th will be the date for both Summer Celebration in Jackson and our monthly meeting. Your executive committee has decided to hold our regular monthly meeting. If you choose to go to Jackson, and I encourage you to do so, you will experience wonderful trial gardens, lectures, a plant sale, and food and drink to keep you going. It is a wonderful experience. Have a great time. Some of us do not want to go or can't go due to work or other obligations. If you go to Jackson and are back in time for our meeting, please join us at Joe and Belinda's garden, 3206 East Old Ashland City Road. The Lyles' garden was on our garden tour this year. So July's meeting will be held at Belinda and Joe Lyles' garden.

Our August meeting will be hosted by Nancy and John Mathews. I want them to know how much we appreciate their volunteering their gardens.

If you have money, signs, or left-over tickets, please bring them to our June meeting. Margaret Pace and her committee want to thank each of you for your participation in the Garden Tour and Plant Sale. We are still collecting money but I guess we made about \$1800.00 gross. I'll keep you posted. Thanks again for all of you who hosted your gardens for the tour. Each garden was different and special. A tribute to you and the Master Gardening Association.

Thanks to those who sold tickets, those who spent their whole day at the gardens. Those who prayed for it not to storm. A big thanks to Diann Nance for her persistence in getting the article in the paper. Thanks to Betsy's Barn and Larry's Nursery for selling our tickets. My biggest thanks goes to Margaret Pace for a job well done. Thanks to all of you who shared your gardens by potting plants for the sale. If I have left anyone out, you are still thanked.

So, July meeting at Joe & Belinda's garden.

August meeting at Nancy and John Mathews' garden.

Big question is, Do you think we will be back home for September?

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## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION**

*General Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2010*

### Agenda Discussion Items:

- Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship, Barbara Plechaty called the May MCMGA meeting to at the Methodist Church meeting to order. The minutes were approved and motion carries, as there were no corrections.
- Treasury Report was approved and motion carries, balance as of 5/5/10 Exec Meeting was \$11,830.59. Tina Dunlap wrote a check for the 4-H Scholarship that will cover 4 applicants that applied for it. There was one more and someone donated \$200 and they will find another \$50 to cover, so all applicants will be going.
- Barbara asked to please give the checks and money for ticket sales for the Garden Tour to Tina Dunlap. Also talked about the article in the paper about the Garden Tour, showing one of the hosts Debbie Denton.
- Sweet Potato Vines plants were given for the City Plots that MCMGA members Chair.
- All the supplies to be picked up for the Garden sites for the Garden Tour on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Saturday by the volunteers working the am shift, signs and tickets, etc. The pm shift volunteers to pick them up and return back. A BIG THANKS to all the hosts and hostesses for sharing their garden on this years Garden Tour. And also to all the volunteers helping too!
- Phil Greenawalt working with Karla Kean to get a calendar on the website, showing all the volunteer opportunities available for us Master Gardeners. Sample, you would just click on a day in the month and you would see if anything available for volunteering and getting some hours.
- Karla Kean said this year she wants all Master Gardeners to do all their hours online only exception being ones that don't have access to the internet.

- Karla Kean also stated the Garden of Hope is going good, hours for volunteering are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday are 7-10am and 5-7pm. Mary Ann is the volunteer chairperson.
- Shan Smith is not here tonight, he's in Georgia and supplies were given to Judie Treangen and Phil Greenawalt to bring to meeting and take back. Barbara said probably be at this same location next month as FEMA has the Civil Center. It's like we are homeless without the AG Extension under Construction still.
- Margaret Pace, passed around the sign up for people to initial by their name if they were here tonight stating they would be there to Volunteer Saturday at the garden sites. She also passed around a newspaper from Austin Peay State University about the Plant the Campus Red with a great picture of some of the students planting flowers on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Also states all the hostesses with the mostest for hosting the Garden Tour.
- David Baker had the new sheet available in color with the new Master Gardeners and one member that missed getting his picture taken. This is to be added to the back of your new directory.
- Troy Marden to be our speaker in June. And voted to have potluck, so everybody bring a dish for the June meeting.
- Barbara introduced our guess speaker Mark Holleman. Rails to Trails.
- Barbara closed the meeting.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

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

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Treasurer	Tina Dunlap	931-358-9860	<a href="mailto:tdd7000@gmail.com">tdd7000@gmail.com</a>
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Historian	(position open)		
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## Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
June 10	Meeting	6:30 PM	Mad. St United Methodist Ch.	Troy Marden Pot-luck. Ham will be provided.
July 8	Meeting	6:30 PM	Joe and Belinda Lyles	Bring snacks and a chair.
July 8	Summer Celebration**		Jackson, TN	
Aug. 12	Meeting	6:30 PM	John and Nancy Matthews	Bring snacks and a chair.
Aug. 17	Master Gardener Class begins		TBA	/Karla Kean
Sept. 9	Meeting	6:30 PM	TBA	
Oct. 2	Trip to Don Shadows	TBA		/Shan Smith
Oct. 23	Plant sale	TBA	TBA	/Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap

\*Hosts: Ralph Brown, Diana Ruby, Beverly Guinn, and Julie Stevenson

\*\*If anyone wants to go to Jackson early and spend the day, Thursday, July 8, at their "Summer Celebration," you may contact Jim Willard (552-6230) for a ride.

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 05/07/2010	\$11,830.59
Debits -----	
#2011 05/07/10 United Methodist Church - May Meeting	\$ 60.00
#2012 05/10/10 Mont. County Extension - May Postage	22.12
#2013 05/10/10 CHECK VOIDED	
#2014 05/13/10 David Baker - Print Work	328.81
#2015 05/13/10 Mont. County Extension - 4H Scholarships	1,000.00
#2016 05/14/10 Jim Conatser - Extension Office flowers	<u>46.25</u>
Ending balance as of 05/14/2010	\$10,373.41

# Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010*

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

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

## Agenda Discussion Items:

- Tina's Brochure discussed with new drafts, decided before doing anymore to have some pictures taken for David Baker to format it. Barbara to ask Jennifer Fisher to take some pictures of the Master Gardener Projects.
- Diann Nance still checking on the automatic clicker and will get it ordered for our MG Meetings.
- Barbara said gross profit from the Master Garden Tour and Plant sale totaled so far is around \$1,248, as all the monies have not been collected yet.
- Terrie Young said she plans on getting to all the MG Projects to see how they are all doing.
- Barbara Plechaty said the June Meeting to be held at the Methodist Church downtown and a check wrote out for \$60 for the room.
- July MG Meeting will be held at Belinda and Joe Lyle's House outside around the gardens. Has a carport in case of rain Barbara said. The August MG meeting will be held at Dr John Matthews house outside in the gardens. Dr Matthews said in case of rain it would be held down the street at his church. Remember the July and August outside meeting to bring your own chairs.
- The June 10<sup>th</sup> MG meeting will be a potluck, so remember to bring a side dish, as Shan Smith will be getting a Ham from Chopping Block for the meeting. We are doing this since we have Troy Marden doing our June program; he's from Volunteer Gardening show. His program will be "Tropical Temptations for Temperate Climates". The cost for this speaker is \$300.
- Shan Smith said at the next meeting he would have a mailing list signup to give GroWild. So if you want to be on the mailing list for GroWild, remember to sign this sign up list. Shan Smith also said 4 months from today if the Don Shadows Bus all day trip.
- Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap volunteered to head up the Fall Plant Sale to be held Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. This will be held at the same place as last year's Fall Plant Sale, Veteran's Plaza.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

**100 Years of UT Extension****Transforming Tennessee: Our Past. Your Future.**

Calendar year 2010 marks the Centennial of UT Extension and of 4-H in Tennessee. True to the land grant mission of public education, UT Extension has transformed Tennessee over the past 100 years with research-based outreach and educational programs in agricultural sciences and resource management as well as family and consumer sciences and youth development. We have helped producers increase their production and profits, enhanced family life and health, and we have served more than four million young Tennesseans along the way. We invite you to join the UT Extension staff and faculty as we celebrate our past accomplishments and dedicate our future efforts to continued service to the state.

UT Extension was born out of a thirst for knowledge and a need for new and different ways to present information vital to the success of the state's farms and rural communities. Today, the need for knowledge in both rural and urban settings has not changed, and while the future is not known, the need for continuing education is a certainty. A century from now UT Extension's mission of providing research-based education to the citizens of Tennessee will remain just as relevant as it was yesterday and is today.

Remember that Master Gardeners can play a special role in this Celebration! When you complete 100 volunteer hours you will receive a special lapel pin and certificate from the University of Tennessee!

**Upcoming Events & Activities:**

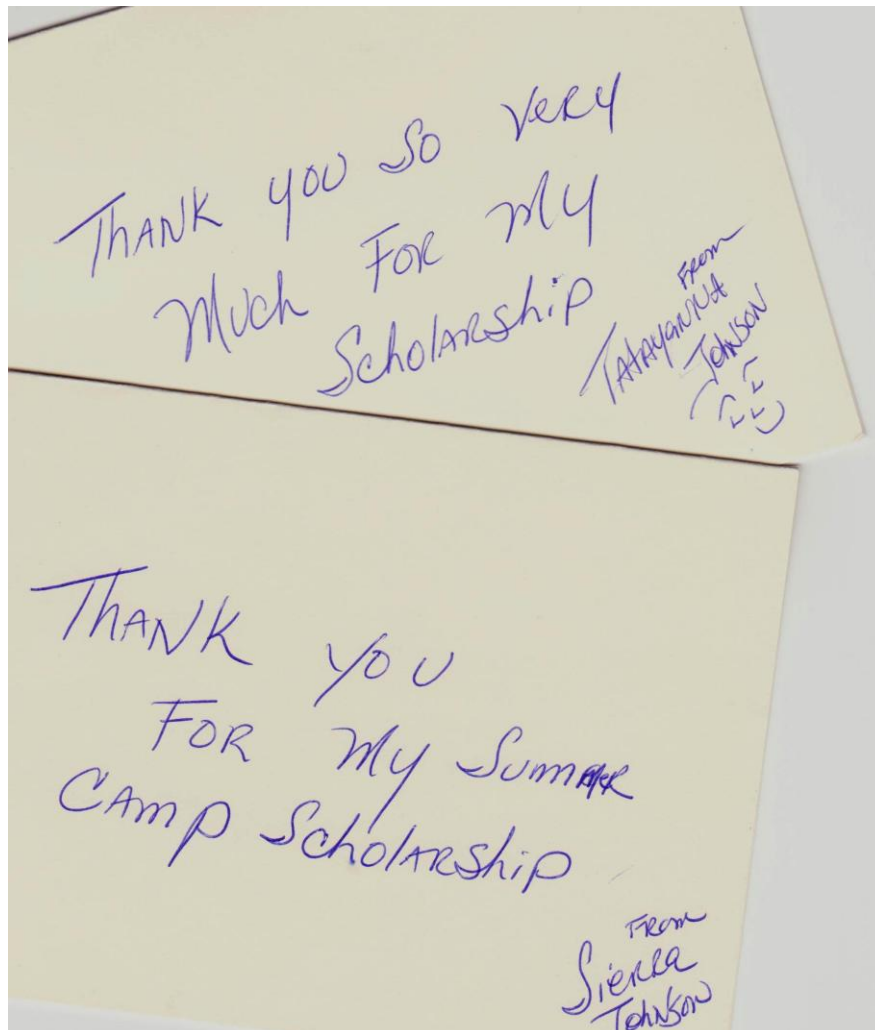
June 24<sup>th</sup>: UT Institute of Agriculture Hosts Tobacco, Beef & More Field Day  
There is no cost to attend the field day. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m., with field tours beginning at 7:30 a.m. The tours will conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by a complimentary lunch. The Highland Rim AgResearch and Education Center is located 25 miles north of Nashville on Oakland Road in Springfield. For more information, you can contact us at 615-382-3130, or visit our Web site, <http://highlandrim.tennessee.edu>.

**The Clarksville Downtown Market** This will be the place to come and hear about all the exciting things we have been doing down at Public Square. Vendors are there every Saturday morning from 8am-1pm during the months of May - October. The market will feature fresh produce, as always, including pumpkins, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, corn stalks, a variety of peppers, cucumbers, green beans, eggplants, and much more. Also, you can also pick up plenty of homemade soaps, delicious homemade baked goods,

candles, honey, fall themed painted gourds and pumpkins, and even see some local artists in action! Downtown Market Contact: Matthew E. Nixon, Office: (931)645-7476 Cell: (931) 320-1166; [Matthew.nixon@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:Matthew.nixon@cityofclarksville.com)  
<http://www.clarksvilledowntownmarket.com>

**Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods:** The Home Landscape Workshop will be held in Clarksville, TN. on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and will be held at the Extension office. The cost is \$35.00 per individual, \$50.00 per couple. Participants receive learning materials, 2-soil test vouchers, a rain gauge and other goodies. Contact: Karla Kean, Extension Agent 931-648-5725 or [kkean@utk.edu](mailto:kkean@utk.edu)

**The following are thank-you notes received from 4-H students who received scholarships from Montgomery County Master Gardener Association.**



## 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, <a href="mailto:kfs37042@hotmail.com">kfs37042@hotmail.com</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:dogwood931@charter.net">dogwood931@charter.net</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:plgreenawalt@charter.net">plgreenawalt@charter.net</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:jledbetter123@yahoo.com">jledbetter123@yahoo.com</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:rdd22@earthlink.net">rdd22@earthlink.net</a></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-Chair is Ruth Davis, 551-9819, <a href="mailto:rdd22@earthlink.net">rdd22@earthlink.net</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:kkean@utk.edu">kkean@utk.edu</a></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 Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, <a href="mailto:plgreenawalt@charter.net">plgreenawalt@charter.net</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:diann@diannsgreenhouse.com">diann@diannsgreenhouse.com</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:nance.d@cdelightband.net">nance.d@cdelightband.net</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:pacem@apsu.edu">pacem@apsu.edu</a>.</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, <a href="mailto:debtj@hotmail.com">debtj@hotmail.com</a>.</p>