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President's Message

Spring is about 2 weeks away, and I am still seeing snowflakes. What's that all about? Nice weather for weekend.

The Lawn, Home, and Farm Show had approximately 1200 people attend. Our purpose was to make a showing in the community. I think we did a great job. Terry Simo did a fantastic job. He coordinated the whole thing and spent two and a half days at the Little Red Barn. I suspect that he obtained all of his hours for the year last weekend. Linda Earp and Yvonne Hiet did the decorations; Sue Albright brought in more tables; Mary Ann Marks and Penny Donahoo made a really neat seed tree to represent the Garden of Hope. You all manned the booth and brought door prizes. If I could give out academy awards, I would give you each one. Thanks you all.

The Beginner & Newcomers Class started last Tuesday evening. We had 63 people in attendance. It was really hard to get Sue's article into the *Leaf Chronicle*, but we did. Great article! Thanks, Sue and Karla. There were about 20 folks who picked up our flyers at the Home, Lawn, and Farm Show and came to the Beginners & Newcomers class. Two ladies came as a result of a poster placed at Silkes. Sue and Colleen are doing a great job. Congratulations to Colleen for her first public speaking gig. Good job! David Neblett is the best on vegetable gardening. Thank you, David. Thanks to all of you who attended and helped. Clean-up was quick thanks to the Money and Receipt Staff, Joann Hackman, Melinda Grimes, Diana Ruby, and, of course, our treasurer, Tina Dunlap.

What to do with all of our money? I know that you all feel like we have too much. So we are looking for ideas on how to spend said money. Those ideas must come from you. If you could write your ideas down or maybe talk to one of your executive committee members with your ideas. We are waiting for you. FYI: Why so much money in the budget for trips? Our group has grown. Two field trips were, and still are, a possibility. And last but not least, we needed to make that budget balance. If you have an idea for a field trip, please tell Shan. He will be happy to look into it. Please keep in mind that a budget is a guideline and that's all.

Here's an opportunity for some hours: Colleen Teet is having Ariel's head start class visit Delonia's garden on April the 30th. She is looking for volunteers to assist. Give Colleen a call at 362-5899.

A note of concern: Al Williams, whom many of us knew, passed away. Al was married to Martha Williams. Martha is a Master Gardener. She has not attended in a

couple of years, but she still belongs to us. Martha is presently staying with Margaret Pace. Please keep Martha in your prayers.

I FORGOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: WE WILL AGAIN MEET AT THE CIVIC CENTER ON PAGENT LANE. Karla called and made the arrangements at no cost to us. Thank you, Karla.

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2010

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship period. Barbara Plechaty called the February MCMGA meeting held at the Civil Center, Room 1 at the Veteran's Plaza on Pageant Ln. These Master Gardeners were introduced at the beginning of the meeting Jim Willard, Jim Pugh and Rodger Pile.
- The Minutes were approved and motion carried.
- Treasury approved and motion carried. UT wants a budget, so Barbara did the 2010 Budget and approved by the members.

- Hillary Walker, was introduced and she is from Ft Worth TX and her husband is in the Army. We all welcomed her to the MCMGA.
 - Terry Simo had a packet with badges for the Garden, and Farm show for members that will be working the 27th and 28th of February. Linda Earp and Yvonne Hiatt to set up the booth on Friday February 17th.
 - Sue Albright handed out the flyers for the short course that David Baker had printed up.
 - Margaret Pace announced the Plant the Campus Red at APSU will be Saturday, April 24th and had the sign up sheet. You will need to be there at 8:45am.
 - Margaret Pace said the Garden Tour will be on Saturday, May 15th, 7 gardens are on the tour. Dr John Matthews is one of the gardens on the tour and this is where the Plant Sale will be held that day.
 - Diann Nance needs your email addy is you didn't receive the previous newsletter or if you change your email. Email here at: nance.d@mail.cdlightband.net, with any changes.
 - Shan Smith told us that the bus trip to Don Shadows has been scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd, 2010. Also, planning at trip to GroWild Nursery on May 8th, we will be carpooling.
 - Shan Smith Announced Dr John Matthews, our presenter tonight on Organic Gardening – Truth and Perception. It was a 45 minutes presentation, and was outstanding.
 - Reminder that Door Prizes are still needed for our Monthly Meetings.
 - Barbara ended the meeting.
- Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Mar. 4-7	Nashville Lawn & Garden Show	(Varies)	Fairgrounds, Nashville	www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com
Mar. 9,16, 23	Short Course		Madison St. United Methodist Ch.	
Mar. 11	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Civic Center, Pagent Lane	Karla Kean, Horticulture Study Tour of Oregon
May 8	Caravan Tour	8:00 A.M. Meet at Big Lots	GroWild, Fairview, TN	/Shan Smith
May 16	Garden Tour		7 gardens	/ Margaret Pace, Chair
May 16	Plant Sale		John Matthews	/ John Matthews, Chair

*Hosts: Sharon Baggett, Terrie Young, Charles and Sony Fitzpa

Financial Statement

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 02/01/2010	\$10,761.61
Debits -	
#1993 02/05/2010 Madison St. Unified Methodist Church Short Program Room	\$ 160.00
1994 02/10/2010 Sue Albright, Short Prog. Supplies	87.31
1995 02/10/2010 UT - MC Extension - Fed. Postage	25.48
1996 02/11/2010 Clarksville Quick Printing, Mtg. cards	101.84
1997 02/11/2010 Shan Smith, Dinner Sup, Feb. Mtg.	<u>23.74</u>
	10,363.24
Credit - Deposits	
02/18/2010 Dues received 02/11/2010	280.00
03/03/2010 Fees received from Short Program	<u>2,520.00</u>
Ending Balance as of 03/02/2010	\$ 13,163.24

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Committee Meeting – March 3, 2010

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

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

Agenda Discussion Items:

- To take pictures of the new members for the Roster and put in the back of the book, this way the roster will be updated with all the members. Will be taking pictures at the next meeting for the roster.
- The next meeting to be held again at the same location at The Civil Center on Pageant Lane.
- 56 Member thus far have paid their member dues.
- Voted and approved for Phil Greenawalt to buy a website for the Montgomery County Master Gardeners Association website. 3-year contract is \$250 and about \$7 a month.
- Tina Dunlap told us 63 people signed up for the Mini Master Gardener course on March 2, 2010.
- We will have 1000 brochures printed up with our MG logo and information about our MCMGA.
- Discussed what to put in the brochure to be printed, ex. The projects we are doing, and what we are about, etc.
- MCMGA will be buying 5 or 7 door prizes a month as door prizes for our meeting.
- Will find out what the Maximum amount of money for our organization can be according to IRS standards.

- Barbara to order some garden books as door prizes for our meetings, as the board approved this.
- Karla Kean to do present us with the program for our next meeting, Trip to Oregon, Horticultural Study Tour.
- GroWild trip to Fairview will be May 8th, and will meeting to car pool at the Big Lots parking lot at 8am as our tour starts at 9:30am. Also a bus trip to Don Shadows on October 2nd.
- Discussed bringing in a couple of national Speakers for our meetings

Submitted by Judie Treangen

If you would be interested in being on the 2010 Montgomery County Water Garden Society Pond Tour, please call Sharon Baggett, 931-552-2510.

Karla's Korner

March 2010

Arbor Day

In Tennessee, Arbor Day is always held on the first Friday in March and is celebrated with a statewide ceremony (2009 city TBA) in concert with Arbor Day and Tree City USA recognition ceremonies hosted by local communities, schools and Tree Boards across the state throughout March and April.

J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper journalist, is honored as the father of Arbor Day. He and his wife Caroline were nature lovers, and shortly after they moved to the barren plains of Nebraska they began planting trees. Sterling wrote articles encouraging local organizations to help him.

Morton's vision grew with passing years. In 1872, he spoke at the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture meeting, proposing a statewide tree planting holiday for the month of April. The first Arbor Day in Nebraska was a huge success, with over a million trees planted. Three years later Sterling Morton was honored when his birthday, April 22, was selected as the official date for Arbor Day.

The Arbor Day idea spread to other states. In 1875, Tennessee became one of the first states to adopt this special day. In 1925, the Tennessee legislature set "Bird, Flower and Arbor Day" on the first Friday in April. In 1946 it was changed to the first Friday in March. This law calls for educators, civic societies and government officials to create "a better understanding of nature and the importance of protecting wildlife, planting and cultivating flowers, and setting and protecting trees."

<http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/arborday.html>

Here are some ways you can participate in our local arbor days celebration throughout the month of March!

MARCH 6, SATURDAY - TREEMENDOUS FAMILY DAY AT THE CUSTOMS HOUSE MUSEUM

Children's activities with Curator of Education Sue Lewis, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



"Growing Green in Clarksville", program by the Clarksville Tree Board in auditorium Presented at 10:15 to 11 a.m., and 11:15 to noon. Topics include: Inside A Tree, Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities and Guidelines for Tree Selection and Care. Presenters: Clint Patterson, City Forester; Dr. Dwayne Estes, APSU Biology Dept.; Tracy Jackson, landscaper and certified arborist. NOTE: These programs are free to museum members only. (This policy was established sometime last year.) The museum admission fee includes admission to all exhibits on two floors.

MARCH 12, FRIDAY - ARBOR DAY CEREMONY, 11 a.m., Clarksville Greenway, trailhead at end of Pollard Road

MARCH 13, SATURDAY-ROTARY PARK STREAM ENHANCEMENT, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Wall Branch Creek meanders through Montgomery County's Rotary Park and provides cool vistas for park visitors and habitat for a broad variety of native wild life. This stream has a segment that receives concentrated storm water runoff from a relatively large area, and this runoff is degrading the stream's natural systems.

In a effort to protect and enhance this stream, the Montgomery County Storm Water Program, The Montgomery County Parks Department, the Tennessee University Extension Service, the Cumberland River Compact and local volunteer organizations have joined forces to plant donated trees in areas that will help protect the stream. These plantings will slow the flow of storm water and act as a natural filter to prevent pollution and sediments from being deposited in the stream. In addition, slowing the runoff will reduce erosive damage to the stream floodway and riparian areas.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY STORM WATER PROGRAM

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT

For more information, please call:

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John Doss: (931) 648-5718

Stacy Goodwin: (931) 648-5732

Vena Jones: (615) 227-3959

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GARDEN OF HOPE 2010

Vegetables aren't the only things that grow in the Garden of Hope in Clarksville. Hope grows there too. The mission of the program is to grow and distribute fresh produce to local food banks and help feed hungry people in our community. Giving gardens like the Garden of Hope provides local residents opportunities to make a difference and connect to the environment. Volunteers of all ages work and learn together in the Hope Garden. We need individual or groups volunteers to adopt plots in our community garden!

WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

The Garden of Hope is located near Exit 11 at 860 Hornbuckle Road.

WHAT ARE THE WAYS AN INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, OR GROUP MAY PARTICIPATE?

1. An individual or community garden plot may be adopted.
2. Larger plots will be planted and maintained by volunteers & coordinated by the Garden of Hope committee.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

THE ADOPTED PLOTS

All potential gardeners and volunteers are required to complete an application form.

OPTION 1: A plot fee of \$10.00/10x10 plot is due by May 1st, 2010. Any excess produce shall be donated to designated food banks in Clarksville-Montgomery County, TN.

OPTION 2: Adopters not paying a fee shall donate no less than 1/3 of produce grown to designated food banks in Clarksville-Montgomery County, TN.

- An individual, family, or group may adopt one or more plots. Each garden plot will measure 10 feet by 10 feet.
- The adopter shall plant tomatoes, bell peppers, squash (yellow crooked necked and zucchini), and cucumbers.
- These vegetable plants/seeds will be provided by the Garden of Hope.
- In the remainder of the plot, the adopter may plant vegetables of their choice.
- The landowner will prepare the ground for planting.
- Tentative spring planting date is May 1st.
- Adopters shall provide their own gardening tools for day-to-day tasks.
- The minimum age for an unaccompanied volunteer is 18.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LARGER GARDEN AREA

Volunteers are needed to perform scheduled maintenance (planting, weeding, mulching, and harvesting) in areas planted by the Garden of Hope committee. A schedule will be established for this work.

TO ADOPT A PLOT OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karla Kean 931-648-5725 Carolyn Watson 931-237-0435 Mary Ann Marks 931-362-3466

Application forms will be available at:

Montgomery County Agricultural Extension Service
1030 Cumberland Heights Rd. STE-A
Clarksville, TN
931-648-5725

United Way of Clarksville
1300 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN
931-647-4291

Excess produce will be distributed to local food banks to feed the hungry in Clarksville and Montgomery County.



Let's Celebrate 100 Years of Transforming Tennessee!

The Tennessee Master Gardener program is marking this milestone by offering each Master Gardener (Certified or Intern) who turns in 100 hours or more **ONLINE** a commemorative UT Extension Lapel pin.

The only conditions are:

1. The approved hours must be served during the 2010, the Centennial Year of UT Extension.
2. Lapel pins should be ordered by Extension staff



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>