

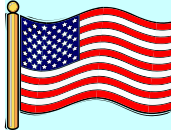


# **MCMGA** Garden News

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## President's Message

(September 22, 2007 = MCMGA PLANT SALE) Pot plants individually and take time to divide the plants prior to the sale.

(CIRCLEHOE PROJECT) You can still purchase one for yourself or for a gift (Christmas isn't that far away).

(Regional Daylily Picks) Each year the American Hemerocallis Society polls members across the United States and Canada to see which daylilies did the best for them. To see the top daylilies for any region and the top 20 in the nation, go to [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org) and click on "Popularity Rolls".

(Cut Flowers Make You Happy) Science has proven what gardeners have known for years. A recent Harvard Medical School study found that as long as people have a bouquet of flowers in their home, they have elevated moods. In contrast to others in the study who received a candle, people with flowers felt more compassionate, less worried and less depressed. So go ahead – buy a bouquet or bring in some flowers from the garden. You'll be glad you did!

(Mini Blind Plant Labels) By writing the name with permanent marker on both ends of the label, the ink in the soil still looks fresh after a couple of years even if the portion above the soil fades.

(Creative Staking) An old fireplace screen available at flea markets, junk stores or antique stores makes a novel plant stake. Bend back the wings to help keep it upright and add a couple of stakes.

(Cutting Dahilias) Set the vase of water out in the sun 24 hours before cutting dahlias to help them stay in great form. Harvest blooms early in the morning while they're still full of moisture.

(Pruning Perennials) Certain perennials benefit from pruning to prevent leggy growth. Cut them back by half in early summer. The plant will bloom later and be shorter but more sturdy. Those you can prune to make more compact include: Aster, Bee Balm, Dianthus, Gaura, Penstemon, Phlox, Purple Coneflower, Russian Sage, Sedum, Shasta Daisy, Sneezeweed and Spike Speedwell.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – George Santayana is quoted as saying, "To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."

**David Baker**  
**MCMGA**  
**President**



**A BIG THANK YOU to :**

**Mary Kay Reynolds – Louise Drum – Jim Conatser – Beverly Guinn**  
the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE members for tonight

**Committee members for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 are:**

**Diana Griffin – Jan Black - Cheryl Brewer – Allen Gilbert**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**General Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2007**

**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Following the 6:30 p.m. food and fellowship period, the July MCMGA meeting, held at the home of Jim Willard, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The June 2007 MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.
- Circle hoes are still available. Prices are as follows: 10" hoe, \$9.00 - 15" hoe, \$12.00 and 59" hoe, \$25.00.
- Members are encouraged to volunteer for the MG community projects (noted in MCMGA Bylaws, Article II). Involvement is especially needed with the Master Gardener Hotline.
- Order forms for the 'Flower Power' fundraiser were distributed. Orders are to be submitted at the September meeting. Merchandise will be received by mid-October.
- The August MCMGA meeting will be held at the home of Joann Baggett

**JULY PROGRAM:** Jim Willard, 'Tools and Techniques'

Jim Willard, landscape designer, shared his gardens and gardening knowledge, emphasizing the cost of a quality tool always pays for itself. 'Liquid Fence' and 'Irish Spring' soap suspended in nylon are great deterrents for preying animals, especially deer. For effective organization, keep a calendar with scheduled plant maintenance (with instructions). Also, maintain notebooks for care of each plant and journals for pruning, staking, propagation, winter care, etc. Evaluate gardens in August and renovate in September. Highly recommended books are The Manual of Herbaceous Plants (Steven M. Still) and The Manual of Woody Plants (Michael A. Dirr). Following door prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, August 1, 2007**  
Public Library, 2:30 – 3:30pm

**Present:** President David Baker, Barbara Plechaty, Margaret Pace, Shirley Calvert, Delona Shockley

**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Orientation for the 2007 Fall Master Gardeners class will begin on August 21. All MG Officers need to attend.
- Events need to be submitted for the MCMGA Program Calendar.
- MG members are asked to donate perennial plants for the Extension Office flower beds.
- The \$20 fee for the Don Shadows Nursery bus trip will be collected during the August and September general meeting. The bus will be limited to 55 passengers. Cars are not allowed to enter this facility.
- The Montgomery County Water Garden Tour is scheduled for August 25 from 9:00-4:00.
- The process for changing the MCMGA by-laws pertaining to election of officers was discussed. Changes will be presented for MCMGA membership vote.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

**REQUEST for PERENNIALS**

**The Garden Boxes by the street and up close to the Extension Office are in need of anything that blooms and looks pretty.**

**PLEASE see Yvonne Wheeler Hiatt to donate. All the extra plants will go to Jay Fangman for planting in the back garden area.**

## 2007 University of Tennessee Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Training Schedule

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*All classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6-9 pm,  
at the Montgomery County Extension office, 1030-A Cumberland Heights Road.*

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DATE	PROGRAM/PRESENTER
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Orientation:</b> <i>MG Executive Committee &amp; Volunteers</i>
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Basic Botany:</b> <i>Karla Kean, TSU Extension Agent-Montgomery County</i>
<b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soil Management:</b> <i>Anthony Tuggle, TSU Extension Agent, Rutherford County</i>
<b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vegetable Gardening:</b> <i>Brad Greenfield, Extension Agent Dickson County</i>
 <b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Saturday trip to Ellington Agriculture Center in Nashville; Time &amp; meeting location to be discussed</u></b>
<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Entomology:</b> <i>Ken Goddard, Extension Agent Henry County</i>
<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Turfgrass Management:</b> <i>Mitchell Mote, Extension Agent Rutherford County</i>
<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Plant Pathology (Diseases):</b> <i>Ronnie Barron, Extension Agent, Cheatham County</i>
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Woody Ornamentals</b> <i>Tracy Jackson, Montgomery County Master Gardener/Landscape Designer</i>
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Herbaceous Ornamentals:</b> <i>Karla Kean, TSU Extension Agent-Montgomery County</i>
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Small Fruits &amp; Tree Fruit Management:</b> <i>Keith Miller, Rutherford County MG/MG Advocacy Board Member</i>
<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Landscape Design:</b> <i>Carol Reese, UT Ornamental Horticulture Specialist</i>
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pesticide Safety/Weed Management:</b> <i>Roy Bullock, TSU Extension, Weed Control Specialist</i>
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Backyard Wildlife Management:</b> <i>Roy Jenson, Robertson County MG</i>

\*\* During the final session on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the test will be handed out, due dates given and review of study sheets/time for questions & answers

Study Guide Sheets are to be handed in **ONLY** if you miss a class & need to make it up! Otherwise, keep these for your own use as study materials!

## Karla's Korner

## August 2007

Hello all! It sure is good to be back and I missed all your smiling faces! I am officially back as the Montgomery County Master Gardener Coordinator and Horticulture Extension agent. The position is funded by Tennessee State University as well as the county, so I feel rather secure and do not plan on leaving again!

Reminders:

- The deadline for the fall MG training session has been extended to August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Everyone, please try to recruit at least one person!
- Volunteer hours are due on September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 (for the 2006-2007 year)
- A.C.E. hours are no longer weighted...just do your hours where you are able.
- C.E.U's are acquired when you receive education for yourself such as the education portion of the monthly meetings or sitting in on the fall training sessions.
- Be happy and smile often!

Upcoming Events:

- August 21<sup>st</sup>: 2007 Master Gardener Training Orientation; 6 pm at the Extension office; Come welcome our new volunteers to the association!
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Municipal Urban Forestry Workshop  
This course provides an overview of the purpose and importance of a municipal urban forestry program.  
[www.mtas.tennessee.edu/public/web.nsf/Search/Statewide?OpenDocument](http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/public/web.nsf/Search/Statewide?OpenDocument)
- September 6-8: Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Annual Conference, Building Great Communities;  
[www.tufc.com](http://www.tufc.com)

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### MCMGA Treasurer's Report 7/1/2007 – 8/09/2007

#### Cleared Transactions:

<b>\$ 6,927.75</b>	<b>Bank balance 7/1/2007</b>	
<b>\$ -100.00</b>	<b>#1679 Barbara Plecharty</b>	<b>June speaker fee</b>
<b>\$ -5.00</b>	<b>#1680 Linda Earp</b>	<b>Ice for monthly meeting</b>
<b>\$ 49.00</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Money collected from garden circle hoe sales</b>
<b>\$ 6,871.75</b>	<b>Bank balance 7/30/2007</b>	

#### Uncleared Transactions:

<b>\$ 6,871.75</b>	<b>Bank balance 7/30/2007</b>	
<b>\$ -18.46</b>	<b>#1677 MC Extension Office</b>	<b>For July 2007 mailing</b>
<b>\$ -780.00</b>	<b>#1678 MC Extension Office</b>	<b>For 4H Camp – 4 campers</b>
<b>\$ -18.46</b>	<b>#1680 MC Extension Office</b>	<b>For August 2007 mailing</b>
<b>\$ 6.00</b>	<b>Deposit on 1/3/2007</b>	
<b>\$ 6,060.83</b>	<b>Balance August 9, 2007</b>	

## MASTER GARDENERS PROJECTS FOR 2007

Chair: Barbara Plechaty, , [dogwood931@charter.net](mailto:dogwood931@charter.net)

As a Master Gardener, community projects are the number one public advertisement for our organization. Our organization has accepted the below named projects in and around the City of Clarksville to assist our community and beautifying our city. Take a moment to review the following projects for one that may interest you and contribute to the necessary community hours in the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

**Project # 1:** The *Extension Garden (Sat. 9- till)* located behind the UT Agricultural Extension Office. Three separate plots are combined to create the Youth Garden. These plots include the Butterfly Garden, the Herb Garden, and the Handicap Garden. Co-Chair for this project is Jay Fangman (931) 645-3632.

**Project # 2:** *Smith-Trahern Mansion* overlooks the Cumberland River in Downtown Clarksville. This beautiful, historic site is used for public functions to include weddings, meetings, and guided tours. Co-Chair for this project is Katie Smith 647-5893.

**Project # 3:** *Adopt-A-Plot ( Wednesday starting at 6:30 pm)* 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 for this project is Shirley Provence, 645-9601, [sprovence@mindspring.com](mailto:sprovence@mindspring.com) and Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, [dogwood931@charter.net](mailto:dogwood931@charter.net)

**Project # 4:** *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-Chair is Allen Gilbert, 798-9763, [allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil](mailto:allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil)

**Project # 5:** Most residents of our community utilize The *Montgomery County Library*. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chairs are Janice Ledbetter or Fran Irvine, 552-4590, [jledbetter123@yahoo.com](mailto:jledbetter123@yahoo.com).

**Project # 6:** Our own *Agricultural Extension Center* has been landscaped to provide show for visiting speakers and organizations. Three areas that are maintained are the Shade Garden, the Roadside Garden, and the Main Entrance Garden. Co-Chair for this project Yvonne Wheeler-Hiett 645-1785 [ywartist@aol.com](mailto:ywartist@aol.com).

**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 NEEDED**

**Project # 8:** As part of our monthly meetings, the *Master Gardener Website and Newsletter* were created to inform our membership of upcoming events and gardening knowledge. All members are encouraged to publish informative creations to this publication. Co-Chairs are Shirley Calvert and Jackie Peak, 906-1691, [skcalvert@bellsouth.net](mailto:skcalvert@bellsouth.net)

**Project # 9:** Every Spring (April 21 weekend), 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 Philenese Slaughter, 358-4187, [slaughterp@apsu.edu](mailto:slaughterp@apsu.edu)

**Project # 10:** *Curb Appeal Rossvie High (each Tuesday from 6 pm – 7 pm)* – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340

**Project # 11:** *Habitat for Humanity ( 426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN )* – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239

**Project # 12:** The *L&N Railroad Station (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month from 5pm-6pm)* 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 for this project is Shirley Calvert, 906-1691. [skcalvert@bellsouth.net](mailto:skcalvert@bellsouth.net)

MCMGA OFFICERS 2007	Additional Positions:
President - David Baker	Refreshments - Beverly Guinn
Vice President, Program Chair - Linda Earp	Historian - Marilyn McCue
Vice President, Project Chair - Barbara Plechaty <a href="mailto:Dogwood931@charter.net">Dogwood931@charter.net</a>	Newsletter - Shirley Calvert <a href="mailto:skcalvert@bellsouth.net">skcalvert@bellsouth.net</a>
Secretary - Margaret Pace <a href="mailto:pacem@apsu.edu">pacem@apsu.edu</a>	Website - Jackie Peak <a href="mailto:jipeak@bellsouth.net">jipeak@bellsouth.net</a>
Treasurer - Shirley Calvert <a href="mailto:skcalvert@bellsouth.net">skcalvert@bellsouth.net</a>	

**PLEASE verify & update your information on the sign sheet tonight,  
ESPECIALLY your email address. THANKS YOU**

<b>2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007</b>			
<b>August</b>		<b>August</b>	<b>August</b>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Home of Jo Ann Baggett
Municipal Urban Forestry Workshops in TN	17 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Collegedale Franklin Cookeville Bartlett Jackson	Fee \$25. For more information: call 865-974-0411 or visit web: <a href="http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu">www.mtas.tennessee.edu</a>
Agritourism Workshops	21 <sup>st</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nashville Jackson Morristown	9am – 3pm No registration fee, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. More information : Pamela Bartholomew 615-837-5348 or <a href="mailto:www.pamela.bartholomew@state.tn.us">www.pamela.bartholomew@state.tn.us</a>
2007 MG Class	21 <sup>th</sup>	6pm – 9 pm	Start 8/21 – 11/13 MC Ext. Office
Municipal Urban Forestry Workshop	23 <sup>rd</sup>		<a href="http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/public/web.nsf/Search/Statewide?OpenDocument">www.mtas.tennessee.edu/public/web.nsf/Search/Statewide?OpenDocument</a>
MC Water Garden Tour	25 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 4 pm	Get tickets @ the Pet Palace
<b>September</b>		<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Annual Conference	6-8		Building Great Communities <a href="http://www.tufc.com">www.tufc.com</a>
Summer Celebration	12 <sup>th</sup>		Jackson, TN <a href="http://www.westtennessee.tennessee.edu">www.westtennessee.tennessee.edu</a>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Home of Dr. John Matthews
MG Fall Plant Sale	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 – 12 am	Veteran’s Plaza – Clarksville, TN
<b>Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South Cost: \$20</b>
<b>October</b>		<b>October</b>	<b>October</b>
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Building Great Communities Conference	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. & Fri.	Memphis Hilton - Additional information, registration, & hotel rates at <a href="mailto:tufc@comcast.net">tufc@comcast.net</a>
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship	8 <sup>th</sup>		Memphis Botanic Garden – Registration at <a href="http://www.tufc.com">www.tufc.com</a> starting June 1
Monthly MCMGA Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup>		MC Ext. Off.-Jerry Weeks on Plants
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
<b>November</b>		<b>November</b>	<b>November</b>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	MC Ext. Off.-Natural Christmas Decorations – Linda Earp
Veterans Day	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Thanksgiving	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
<b>December</b>		<b>December</b>	<b>December</b>
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	MC Ext. Off -.Christmas Gala – Party
<b>Christmas (Tuesday)</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>		

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO MCMGA BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

2. Annual elections of the Association’s officers shall be held in the (November vice January) meeting of the Association each year. Only certified Montgomery County Master Gardeners, in good standing, may vote in the annual election of Association’s officers and the elected Association officers will be determined by the individual receiving the majority of votes. Association officer must be certified Montgomery County Master Gardeners prior to election. Elected Association Officers shall be limited to two consecutive terms in office. Those taking office shall serve for the following calendar year January – December.