



MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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President's Message

(Door Prizes) We can still use additional door prize items if you can bring one.

(Plant Sale/Garden Tour) A special thank you to all who were involved in our June plant sale/garden tour.

(You know you're a Tennessee Master Gardener When)—

You studied for your soil test.

You collect everyone's kitchen scraps for your compost pile

You talk more about your plants than about your children.

You plan trips according to the nurseries you visit along the way.

You define a romance novel as a new propagation book.

Your idea of a mystery novel is a plant problem diagnosis book.

You have the County Extension office number memorized.

You gave the ladybeetles an invitation inside this winter to work on house plants.

You thank the worms as you transplant them from one garden to another.

You regard your Tennessee Master Gardener Handbook as a sacred document.

(Circle Hoe Project) I still have the 10, 15, and 59 inch circle hoes available.

(Coleus) Coleus provides hundreds of choices in colors of gold, lime, soft pink, rich red, velvety burgundy, and deep maroon to brighten up sun and shade gardens. Coleus is especially eye-catching in dull shady areas. Many new varieties (such as Sunlover and Solar types) have been bred to tolerate full sun. Although generally treated as an annual outdoors, most cultivars are actually tender perennials and can be grown as houseplants. They need ruthless pinching back to keep them from getting leggy and floppy. Indoor coleus need bright, indirect sun or artificial lighting. Coleus is an ornamental member of the mint (Lamiaceae) family originating in Indonesia and Africa. Coleus made its way to cottage gardens in the United States in the 1890s. In the past, coleus was known as painted nettle, flame nettle, and poor man's croton. Taxonomists recently reclassified the scientific name to *Solenostemon scutellarioides* rather than the old name of *Coleus blumei*. Water coleus moderately since they need constant moisture but will not tolerate waterlogged roots. The plants prefer well-drained, humus-rich soil. Never allow the soil to dry out completely. If the plants leaves wilt, you've waited too long to water. Mulch

with shredded leaves or other organic matter to help the soil retain moisture. Fertilize lightly if at all. Coleus roots burn easily, so be careful not to over-fertilize. If the soil is rich with organic matter, you don't need to fertilize at all.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH—Ben Williams is quoted as saying, “If a June night could talk, it would probably boast it invented romance.”

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2008

President	David Baker	(931) 645-3020	
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance—July 2, 3008 \$8,463.87

DEBITS

4H scholarships	\$1,025.00	
Clarksville Quick Print	19.81	
Linda Earp (supplies)	30.00	
Kenny Coleman (speaker)	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL	(\$1,124.81)	\$7,339.06

DEPOSITS

Garden tour tickets/plant sale	\$ 814.50	
Garden tour tickets/plant sale	240.00	
Garden tour tickets/plant sale	<u>1,864.50</u>	
TOTAL	\$1,864.50	

Ending balance—August 6, 2008 \$9,203.56

GARDEN TOUR AND PLANT SALE TOTALS TO DATE

Garden Tour	\$1,780.00	
Plant Sale	<u>1,104.50</u>	
TOTAL	\$2,884.50	

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION General Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2008

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Following the 6:30 p.m. food and fellowship period, the July MCMGA meeting, held at the Extension Office, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The June 2008 MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.
- MCMGA members were asked to distribute the 2008 Master Gardener class brochure and to promote enrollment for this event scheduled to begin September 2, 2008.
- Five more volunteers are needed to complete the 2008 monthly hospitality committees.
- Appreciation was expressed to the MG volunteers for their contribution to the success of the June MCMGA Garden Tour and Plant Sale. A total of \$2,694.50 was collected. The garden tour generated \$1,590.00 and the plant sale \$1,104.50.
- The next trip to the Don Shadow Nurseries has been scheduled for May 16, 2009.
- Volunteers for the Smith-Trahern Mansion project meet each Wednesday morning at 8:30am. MG members were reminded to continue supporting the community projects. Hours for Master Gardener recertification are due October 1, 2008.
- **JULY PROGRAM:** Kenny Coleman of Country Koi & Water Garden presented an informational program on aquatic plants, pond supplies and koi. Iris and Canna plants can grow inside or outside of ponds. After the first hard frost, cut plants back to pot level and place in deepest section of the pond. 'Highland Rim' slow release fertilizer was recommended – 'DUNK' is recommended for mosquito control.
- Following door prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Public Library, 2:30 – 3:18 pm

Present: President David Baker, Linda Earp, Katie Smith, Margaret Pace, Ann Langmack, Diann Nance, Delona Shockey,

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- MG volunteers are needed to serve as horticultural judges at the Cheatham County Fair on August 19 and 20.
- Proceeds from the June 21 Garden Tour and Plant Sale totaled \$2,884.50.

- The MCMGA treasurer's report indicated an ending balance of \$9,203.56 as of August 6, 2008.
- The next MCMGA Plant Sale is scheduled for October 11, 2008 from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Veterans Plaza.
- Entering 2007-2008 certification hours on-line will be demonstrated at the August MCMGA meeting. Internet access and computers will be provided for on-site entry.
- Twenty registrations have been received for the 2008 Fall Master Gardeners class, scheduled to begin September 2 and continue through November 18.
- Food donations will be collected in lieu of gift exchange for the MCMGA December meeting. Expenditures of \$200 were approved for door prizes to be distributed at this meeting.
- Bus transportation cost for the MCMGA trip to the Don Shadow Nursery in Winchester, TN, scheduled for May 16, 2009, will be \$900.00.
- The Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity House project will soon be in need of MG expertise.

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Dates to Remember

Aug. 14	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Karla Kean, Record hrs. online Bring hard copy of hours.
Sept. 2 – Nov. 18	Master Gardener Course	Tuesdays 6-9 p.m.	Extension Office	Karla Kean, Contact
Sept. 11	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	TBA
Oct. 9	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	TBA
Oct. 11	Plant Sale	9-11 a.m.	Veterans' Plaza	TBA
Nov. 13	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Yvonne Hielt, Holiday decor
Dec. 11	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Christmas/Graduation dinner
May 16, 2009	Don Shadow trip	TBA		

Karla's Korner

Karla's Korner August 2008

Instructions for Online Registration and Reporting

As a Master Gardener, you are responsible for turning in a volunteer hour report. You may choose to enter your own volunteer hours or have the designated record keeper enter them for you. To do this, everyone must register to be verified as a legitimate Master

Gardener by a Extension agent. If you do not have access to a computer, please have the designated record keeper register you and enter contact, profile and hour information.

Step 1. Go to the Tennessee Master Gardener Website.

<http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu>

Step 2. Click on the “Master Gardener Resources” link on the right column.

Step 3. Read the page. If you have not registered, click the word “register.”

Step 4. Enter your first and last name, then your entire email address. Use the dropdown menu to search for your agent’s name. Click the “Submit” button.

Step 5. Wait for an email confirmation from your Extension agent. You should have a new username and password. If you do not have a response within a week, please contact your county Extension office and ask to be verified.

Step 6. Log on the Master Gardener Resource Website (at the bottom of the page) by entering your user name and password. [If you have forgotten you password contact your agent to look it up on your profile. At this time usernames cannot be reset but this can also be verified by your agent.]

Step 7. Enter your contact information and submit. Be sure to indicate if you would like to be included in the county directory.

Step 8. Enter your profile and submit.

Step 9. Enter your volunteer hours. You can enter hours for each separate project.

- A) Indicate if you are a project leader (see guidelines for description).
- B) Name the project or describe the activity.
- C) Indicate which type of volunteer hours the project or activity should fall under (see description of Administrative, Community and Education in Guidelines)
- D) Insert the number of miles travel to project (if any). Mile records are for your documentation only (a reference if you deduct miles on your taxes), they do not count for MG or Extension benefit.
- E) Report any gift or grant dollars earned for this project (only if you are the project leader).
- F) Click “Submit”

Step 10: Enter CE credits.

- A) Name the educational event.
- B) Enter the date(s) you attended this event.
- C) Click “Submit”

Please enter your ours on a regular basis to maintain your registration.

MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2008

Community projects 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: The Extension Garden 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 is Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@charter.net.</p>
<p>Project 2: 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 3: 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 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.</p>
<p>Project 5: 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 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-Chairs are Jim and Holly Conaster, 553-8725, jim_conaster@yahoo.com</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 Jay Fangman, 645-3632, fangmanj@bellsouth.net</p>
<p>Project 11: Every spring APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the Paint-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 Philenese Slaughter, 358-4187, slaughterp@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>