



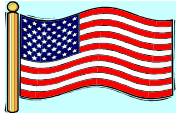
# MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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### President's Message

The 2007 Daylily Festival at Oakes Daylilies is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 29 & 30 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. There are 6 acres of Display Garden with over 1500 varieties. Oakes Daylilies is located in Corryton, TN. near Knoxville, TN.. During the Festival refreshments will be served, a free daylily for every guest, select varieties of daylilies pre-dug and available at sale prices, and a chance to win one of several \$100 daylilies or other prizes. Other open days this season will be – June 15, 16, 22, 23, July 6, 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. You may wish to visit their Web site at [www.oakesdaylilies.com](http://www.oakesdaylilies.com) or by phone at 1-800-532-9545.

We all like to see butterflies in our gardens. Several plants attract them and at the same time adapt to dry conditions. Here are a few: (1) Agastache (2) Butterfly Weed (3) Coreopsis (4) Germander (5) Goldenrod (6) Lavendar (7) Penstemon (8) Purple Coneflower (9) Rudbeckia (10) Salvia (11) Sedum and (12) Yarrow.

The recent cold weather has created a rush at my bird feeders. A recipe for suet is to mix 2 pounds of lard, 5 pounds of cornmeal, 4 pounds of birdseed and a large jar of crunchy peanut butter in a large mixing bowl. It makes 25 to 30 containers of suet (I guess that depends on the container size). Saving square store-bought containers is one possibility to consider. You can refrigerate or freeze it and use as needed.

February is a good month to sharpen and clean your garden tools, assuming you didn't get to it when you put them away in the fall. It also is a good time to cut back butterfly bushes. And for me I still have some beds that need cleaning up.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – Mark Twain is quoted as saying,  
“ The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.”

David Baker  
MCMGA President



**Pay your  
2007 Master  
Gardener  
NOW !!**

**A BIG THANK YOU to the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE  
Members for tonight  
Allen Gilbert - Aprile Cacal -  
Leon Gordon - Yvonne Wheller-Hiett**

**Time to pay  
your 2007  
Association  
DUES**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Committee members are:  
Fran Irvine - Eunice Martin - Ann Langmack - Allen  
Gilbert**

# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**

## **January 11, 2007**

### **AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

- To enable continuation of MG monthly meals, a sign-up sheet for four monthly volunteers needed for each meal's set-up and clean-up was circulated. Names of those responsible for that month will be printed on the monthly postcard.
- A list of all MCMGA members meeting the volunteer work hours requirement and approved for certification with TN Master Gardeners will be available in February.
- The two MG members serving on the MCMGA audit committee are Leon Gordon and April Ciscale.
- The treasurer's report indicated a current balance of \$3,709.67
- The date of the bus trip to MO Botanical Gardens has been changed to June 9 and 10 to avoid a conflict with the APSU 'Plant the Campus Red' project scheduled for April 21. The bus for Botanical Gardens will leave from Big Lots parking area, Riverside Drive at 6:00 a.m. on June 9. The tentative cost of the 2 ½ day trip is \$87. This includes bus transportation, motel (double occupancy), breakfast, Botanical Gardens admission and guided tours.
- The bus trip to Don Shadows Nursery is scheduled for September 29.
- Extension Agent Pam Rye confirmed the required MG volunteer hours must be submitted timely to be a certified TN MG by UT. Members may remain in the MCMGA if this requirement has not been met, but the \$20 yearly MG membership dues have been paid.
- Members were reminded to continue preparing plants for the April 27 MG Plant Sale scheduled at the Veteran's Plaza on Pageant Lane.
- Palmyra Health Center has requested help in building raised beds at their facility. A vote of members indicated no interest at this time.
- No January projects are planned, but members were asked to volunteer for the April 21 'Plant the Campus Red' at APSU.
- The possibility of MCMGA members touring local members' gardens on Saturdays or Sundays will be explored by Linda Earp.
- President Baker expressed warm thanks to the 2006 MCMGA executive committee for their dedication in the time and work involved with the newsletter, directory, speakers, programs, projects, etc.

### **JANUARY PROGRAM:** National Parks, MCMGA Jackie Peak

Jackie Peak presented a power point of the National Parks System visited during her recent travels. Included in the highlights were plants and wildlife indigenous to each area. A \$10 lifetime senior pass is available for U.S. citizens aged 62 or over.

Following drawings for door prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

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## **Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Association**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Executive Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at the MC Agricultural Extension Service, 2:30 – 3:20 p.m.

**Present:** President David Baker, Linda Earp, Barbara Plechaty, Shirley Calvert, Margaret Pace, Delona Shockley, Joanne Hackman, Extension Agent Pam Rye

### **AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- The MCMGA Audit Committee met to audit the 2006 MG budget and transfer treasurer's responsibility.
- The MCMGA 2007 proposed budget was discussed resulting in a rough draft proposal as follows:  
\$7458.65, generated revenue      \$7003.00, project expenditures      \$ 455.65, year end balance
- The request to purchase 'Quicken' computer software for use of the MCMGA treasurer was approved.
- Linda Earp will continue to oversee and maintain the MG supply closet of materials for the MG monthly meetings.
- Speakers and programs have been secured for the 2007 MCMGA meetings.
- Don Shadows will be a speaker at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show scheduled for March 1-4, 2007.
- The Organic Growers Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference is scheduled for March 3, 2007 at TSU, Nashville.
- A reception for certificate presentation to the sixteen members of the 2005-06 MG class completing requirements for TN Master Gardeners' certification is being planned.
- The Master Gardeners' Short Course, facilitated by Joanne Hackman, is scheduled for March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2007 at the Madison St. Methodist Church. Classes are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The \$40.00 registration covers all 4 sessions and is due at the first class meeting. Sessions are taught by Master Gardeners and MG members are urged to promote this event.
- Prior to the April 27 MG plant sale, Delona Shockley will present a program instructing how to correctly prepare and pot items for this sale.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace



**MASTER GARDENER SHORT COURSE 2007**

**BEGINNER & NEWCOMER**

**2007**

**GARDENING CLASSES**

**When: March 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Where: Madison Street**

**Methodist Church**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

**Cost: \$40.00 for all four sessions**

<b>Subjects:</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Soils and Fertilization</b>	<b>Jackie Peak</b>
		<b>Composting, Wildflowers</b>	<b>Jim Willard</b>
	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Wildflowers</b>	<b>Eunice Martin</b>
		<b>Shrubs</b>	<b>Tracy Jackson</b>
	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Annuals and</b>	<b>Carl Herbison</b>
		<b>Perennials</b>	<b>Gary Weeks</b>
	<b>March 27</b>	<b>Herbs</b>	<b>Diann Nance</b>
		<b>The RIGHT TREE for the Right Place</b>	<b>City Forester</b>

**All classes taught by Master Gardeners**

**To register call: Montgomery County Agricultural Extension Service**

**931 – 648- 5725**

**Sponsored by the Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Association**

## MASTER GARDENERS PROJECTS FOR 2007

Chair: Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, [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](#) 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](#) 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 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@aol.com](mailto:skcalvert@aol.com).

**Project # 9:** [ICC – Chapel & Stations of the Cross](#) - Improve and maintain the areas.  
Co-Chairs: Shirley Calvert & Jackie Peak 906-1691

**Project # 10:** The [L&N Railroad Station](#) 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 Carol Martin, 920-5481

**Project # 11:** Every Spring (April 16 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 # 12:** [Curb Appeal Rossview High](#) – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340

**Project # 13:** [Habitat for Humanity \( 426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN \)](#) – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239

**Project # 14:** [Franklin Street](#) – Assist in planting, pruning, general sprucing up, and enhancing 12 planters in downtown Clarksville. Co-Chair: Marie Young (931) 245-6400 or Sharon Baggett (931) 552-2510.

<b>2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007</b>			
		<b>February 2007</b>	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Orchids – Rev. Bryon Dumas
Antiques & Garden Show Convention Center – Nashville	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>		Innovative gardens, fine antiques & select garden accessories for sale. Contact: 615-352-1282 <a href="http://www.antiquesandgardenshow.com">www.antiquesandgardenshow.com</a>
Dogwood Arts Festival House & Garden Show – Convention Center – Knoxville	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>		Over 300 booths, professionally landscaped gardens, roomscapes, speakers & workshops. Contact: 865-637-4561 <a href="http://www.dogwoodarts.com">www.dogwoodarts.com</a>
<b>Bamboos for the Upper South</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9 am – 3 pm	Earth Advocates Research Farm near Summertown, TN. (Lawrence Co.) E-mail <a href="mailto:bambooconsultant@aol.com">bambooconsultant@aol.com</a>
<b>President's Day</b>			
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>March 2007</b>	
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden Show- Nashville</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Car Trip</b>
(TOGA) Tennessee Organic Growers' Assoc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Campus of Tennessee State University - Fees: \$50 for members & \$55 for non-members. For more information: <a href="http://www.tnorganics.org">www.tnorganics.org</a>
Regular Meeting - MC Ext. Off	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Meet the Projects and Jamie Pendergrass with Plant Ranch
Master Gardener's Short Course – Madison Street Methodist Church	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	6pm – 8pm (every Tuesday)	Joanne Hackman - Cost \$40.00
Wild Flower Walk – Cheatham Co.	17 <sup>th</sup>		Conniece Jackson
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>			
<b>Spring Begins</b>			
<b>Grow Wild – Franklin</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Car Trip – meet at K-mart 7:30 am</b>
		<b>April 2007</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
<b>DEADLINE for St. Louis, MO. Botanical Gardens trip</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>		Linda Earp
Wild Flower Walk	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – noon	Eunice Martin's Home
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	MCMGA Plant Sale Forum - Delona Shockey / Betty Lambert on Violets
Plant The Campus Red (APSU)	21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 a.m.	APSU Campus
MCMGA Plant Sale -Veteran Plaza	28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Delona Shockey
Fairview Plant Auction (Retail Sales)	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	No Charge to Bid
		<b>May 2007</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
International Master Gardeners Conference Little Rock, Arkansas	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>		Check it out at: <a href="http://mg2007.uaex.edu/">http://mg2007.uaex.edu/</a>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Shade Gardening – Carl Herbison
<b>Mother's Day</b>			
<b>Iris City Gardens – near Franklin</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am	<b>Car Trip – Leave K-Mart South – Eating at Yellow Duck</b>
<b>Armed Forces Day</b>			
<b>Memorial Day</b>			

		<b>June</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
2007 Tennessee State Master Gardening Conference Conference details & registration: <a href="http://tnmgc2007.net">http://tnmgc2007.net</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>		MeadowView Convention Center & Resort in Kingsport, TN Cost: (early Bird by 3/15 \$135)
<b>St. Louis Botanical Gardens</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Bus Trip – St. Louis</b>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Woody Plants – Carol Reese
Hydrangea Gardens	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. – noon	Joanne Hackman's Home
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>July</b>	
<b>Independence Day (Wednesday)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
Jackson Summer Celebration	12 <sup>th</sup>		Jackson, TN
		<b>August</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
		<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
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
<b>Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South</b>
		<b>October</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	11 <sup>th</sup>		TBA
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>November</b>	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Christmas Decorations - Natural
Veterans Day	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Thanksgiving	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
		<b>December</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Christmas Gala – Party
<b>Christmas (Tuesday)</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>		

<b>MCMGA OFFICERS 2007</b>	<b>Additional Positions:</b>
<b>President</b> - David Baker	<b>Refreshments</b> - Beverly Guinn
<b>Vice President, Program Chair</b> - Linda Earp	<b>Historian</b> - Marilyn McCue
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