

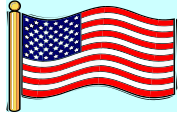


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President's Message

During our plant sell there was a plant labeled as a Godetia. Most of us were not familiar with the name. My research finds it to be the species CLARKIA. They are free-flowering annuals from the coastal ranges of the western United States. They are named after the explorer William Clark, who collected their seed during the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Five of us made the trip to Iris City Gardens. They grow all types of Iris as well as daylilies and peonies. There was a yellow peony named "Bartzella" that I really liked. The owner said they may have them ready for fall delivery by waiting list. The plant is gorgeous, the price steep - \$250.00. I did some research on the internet and found prices that range from \$100 to \$250. Iris City Gardens has other greenhouse plants that are for sale in addition to those already mentioned. Potted plants during June Sale at 20-26% off: (June 13-17; Selected Perennials) – (June 20-24: Daylilies & Japanese Iris) – (June 27 – July 1; Water Lilies). Open to July 1, Wednesday thru Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. Expected peak bloom time (Japanese Iris thru mid June) & (Daylilies last half of June).

Mini blinds make great plant labels. Write the plant name using a permanent marker on both ends. When the name above the soli fades, the ink in the soil still looks as fresh as when it was written – even after a couple years.

Garden Gate has a list of "knockout annuals". Included are: Flowering maple, Cape daisy, Geraniums, Spider flower, Heliotrope, Love-in-a mist, Ornamental millet, Impatiens, Lisianthus, Angelonia, Pineapple sage and Ornamental pepper.

Grow rare and endangered plants by buying from specialty Web sites. Old House Gardens offer antique and endangered tulips, lilies, daffodils and other flowers. Heirloom Seeds for old-fashioned varieties of corn, lettuce, peppers, tomatoes and other produce. RareFind Nursery offers a number of unusual plants, including some that have gone extinct in the wild. Sites: (www.oldhousegardens.com).

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – Joseph Joubert is quoted as saying, "All gardeners live in beautiful places because they make them so".

David Baker
MCMGA
President



A BIG THANK YOU to **Beverly Guinn – Margaret Pace – Martha & Al Williams** the **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** members for tonight.

Committee members for July 12th, 2007 are: Sharon Baggett – Jay Fangman – Charles & Sony Fitzpatrick

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDERS ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2007

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Following the 6:30 p.m. food and fellowship period, the May MCMGA meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The April 2007 MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. The current MCMGA balance is \$16,861.23.
- The April 28 Plant Sale was tremendously successful with over \$1600 profit. This event will be repeated on September 22 at the Veterans Plaza. Thanks again, Delona Shockley for your leadership with this project!
- Members were reminded to volunteer their services to the 12 MCMGA community projects.
- Workers for the Dogwood Lane project meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm., Barabara Plechaty is the co-chair.
- Shirley Calvert will serve as the new co-chair for the L&N Railroad project, workday are the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5 to 6pm, everyone is WELCOME.
- The MG convoy to Iris City Gardens (Primm Springs) will leave from Big Lots at 7:30 a.m. on May 19.
- The July monthly MCMGA meeting will be held at Jim Willard's home.

MAY PROGRAM: Carl Herbison, Shade Gardening

Carl Herbison, president of Middle TN Hosta Society and Founder of Garden Partners in Dickson, presented a 'Made for the Shade' power point. Hosta and comrade plants were highlighted and identified. Hosta companion plants, which also thrive in the shade, include astilbe, fern, azalea, rhododendron, japonica, hydrangea, coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, bleeding heart, Solomon's Seal and foam flower. Container planting of hosta is encouraged.

Following door prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.
Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 6, 2007
Public Library, 2:30 – 3:28pm

Present: President David Baker, Linda Earp, Barbara Plechaty, Shirley Calvert, Margaret Pace, Delona Shockley, Extension Agent Karla Kean

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Long handled and short handled 'circle hoes' will be made available to MG members at a deeply discounted price. Orders will be taken at the MG meeting.
- Carol Reese will present a program on 'Woody Plants' at the June MCMGA meeting. July's meeting will be held at Jim Willard's home – bring your own folding chair. Both meetings will be potluck.
- Joanne Hackman's hydrangea garden walk has been cancelled due to the Easter freeze.
- MCMGA has been invited to participate in the 'Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration' on July 3 at McGregor Park. Each booth should provide children's activities. This project will be discussed with membership to determine interest.
- Selling 'Flower Power' bulbs to MG members as a fundraiser was discussed.
- The 2007 Master Gardeners class has been scheduled this fall – from August 28 to November 13. Classes will meet each Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00pm at the Extension Office.
- Volunteers are needed for the Extension Office Garden project (weeding and mulching). Volunteers for Rossview High School's Curb Appeal meet each Tuesday, 4:00-7:00pm. The Madison St. Adopt-A-Plot volunteers meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm.
- MCMGA members need to verify e-mail addresses. Monthly mailings will only be sent to members paying the 2007 association dues.
- Fees for the Don Shadows Nursery bus trip will be collected during the August and September general meeting.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

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

MASTER GARDENERS PROJECTS FOR 2007

Chair: Barbara Plechaty, , 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 my interest you and contribute to the necessary community hours in the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

<p>Project # 1: The <u><i>Extension Garden (Sat. 9- till)</i></u> 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.</p>
<p>Project # 2: <u><i>Smith-Trahern Mansion</i></u> 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.</p>
<p>Project # 3: <u><i>Adopt-A-Plot (Wednesday starting at 6:30 pm)</i></u> 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 and Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, dogwood931@charter.net</p>
<p>Project # 4: <u><i>Clarksville Police Department Headquarters</i></u> 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 <u><i>Montgomery County Library</i></u>. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chairs are Janice Ledbetter or Fran Irvine, 552-4590, jledbetter123@yahoo.com.</p>
<p>Project # 6: Our own <u><i>Agricultural Extension Center</i></u> 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..</p>
<p>Project # 7: The <u><i>Master Gardener Hotline</i></u> 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</p>
<p>Project # 8: As part of our monthly meetings, the <u><i>Master Gardener Website and Newsletter</i></u> 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</p>
<p>Project # 9: Every Spring (April 21 weekend), APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the <u><i>Plant-The-Campus-Red</i></u> 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</p>
<p>Project # 10: <u><i>Curb Appeal Rossvie High (each Tuesday from 6 pm – 7 pm)</i></u> – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340</p>
<p>Project # 11: <u><i>Habitat for Humanity (426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN)</i></u> – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239</p>
<p>Project # 12: The <u><i>L&N Railroad Station (1st & 3rd Wednesday each month from 5pm-6pm)</i></u> is another of our city’s historic sites. Located on 10th Street and Commerce, this landmark is used for weddings and picnics. Co-Chair for this project is Shirley Calvert, 906-1691. skcalvert@bellsouth.net</p>

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 Dogwood931@charter.net	Newsletter - Shirley Calvert skcalvert@bellsouth.net
Secretary - Margaret Pace pacem@apsu.edu	Website - Jackie Peak jipeak@bellsouth.net
Treasurer - Shirley Calvert skcalvert@bellsouth.net	

2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007			
June		June	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	14 th	6:30 pm	Pot Luck Woody Plants – Carol Reese
Father's Day		17th	
Bloom's Days	23 rd – 24 th		UT Trial Gardens, UT-Knoxville, TN www.bloomdays.utk.edu
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	27 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
July		July	
Independence Day (Wednesday)		4th	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	12 th	6:30 pm	Jim Willard Home
Jackson Summer Celebration	12 th		Jackson, TN
August		August	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	1 st	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	9 th	6:30 pm	TBA
2007 MG Class	28 th	6pm – 9 pm	Start 8/28 – 11/13 MC Ext. Office
September		September	
Labor Day		3rd	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Summer Celebration	12 th		Jackson, TN www.westtennessee.tennessee.edu
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 th	6:30 pm	TBA
MG Fall Plant Sale	22 nd	8 – 12 am	Veteran's Plaza – Clarksville, TN
Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville	29th	6:00 am	Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South Cost: \$20
October		October	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 rd	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Building Great Communities Conference	6 th & 7 th	Thurs. & Fri.	Memphis Hilton - Additional information, registration, & hotel rates at tufc@comcast.net
Columbus Day		8th	
9 th Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship	8 th		Memphis Botanic Garden – Registration at www.tufc.com starting June 1
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	11 th		TBA
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 st	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
November		November	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 th	6:30 pm	Christmas Decorations - Natural
Veterans Day	11 th		
Thanksgiving	22 nd		
December		December	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 th	6:30 pm	Christmas Gala – Party
Christmas (Tuesday)		25th	

JULY 12, 2007 MCMGA Monthly Meeting at Jim and Melony Willard's Home

The Willards will show their big flower and vegetable gardens. Jim will tell about the tools and techniques he uses in lawn maintenance and landscaping.

The Willards live in the Hilldale/Beachaven area. From Madison Street, turn on Irene Drive (between Blockbuster and Healthplex Health Center). When you're stopped at the first stop sign, Jim's house is on your left, 305 Locust Road (corner of Irene and Locust). Bring a lawn chair.

5:00 pm The flower & vegetable gardens will be open for those who want to come early.

6:30 pm Potluck

7:00 pm Business meeting & Jim will tell about the tools and techniques he uses in lawn and landscaping.