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President's Message

A couple of weeks ago I received a call from Karla reminding me that I needed a committee to review 4-H applications for the scholarship for camp. Because it was a late notice, it was difficult to find a committee. I would like to give a grateful *Thank you* to Margaret Pace and Sue Albright. We met the following day to review the candidates for this scholarship. It is always difficult to choose as several of these 4-H children as so deserving.

Why do we sponsor this Scholarship? What is the connection between Master Gardeners and the 4-H program? The 2nd President of Master Gardening Association was J. Davis. He was a big supporter of the 4-H program and wanted to give these young people a chance to go to 4-H camp even though their parents were unable to send them financially. After J. Davis's term as President he passed away. His wife Frances requested our Master Gardening Association to establish a scholarship in his name for these wonderful children. Each year Frances sent us a donation for this scholarship.

I am proud that Master Gardeners have donated \$1,000.00 this year. That covers four 4-H children to go to camp plus a little left over. This does not include the donation that Frances Davis sends.

Thanks to all of you who gave their Sat. morning to Plant the Campus Red. It is such a great project as it allows the community to know us and our program.

Thanks to all of our hosts and hostesses each month. You are all doing a fantastic job.

Last chance: Don Shadow bus trip is coming up this Saturday. You can still get a seat on the bus. \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Included is ride, lunch, and snacks for your purchase. See you at K-Mart on Madison St at 6:00 A.M. We will probably arrive back here about 7:00 P.M. Bring cash for your purchases and be prepared for fun and fellowship.

I talked to Joy Moody who is recovering slowly from Miracle valve surgery in April. She is still very weak and is anxious to get into her garden. She is grateful for all of your prayers, calls, and cards. Her address is 3601 Sango Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043.

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and County Governments Cooperating. The Agricultural Extension Service
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sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

- There were no corrections from the last months meeting minutes.
- Katie Smith put out Project Sheets for members to volunteer.
- Charles “Fritz” Fitzpatrick will have the new bi-laws on the MCMGA site
- Shan Smith told us the Compost barrels are here for all the door prize winners.
- Shan Smith told us of the need for cash or checks for Don Shadow’s trip, revised \$25.00 for members and \$30 for non-members for the trip to Don Shadows, May 16th. Leave at 6am sharp from Kmart parking lot in Sango.
- July 9th is the date for the trip to Jackson Tennessee Celebration; we will do our monthly meeting on this trip also. Sign up sheets next month per Shan Smith. To be discussed in more detail later.
- Plant sale is scheduled May 30th, chairperson is Dr John Mathews, so be potting up plants for the sale. It will be held at the Veteran’s Plaza from 8am till sold out!
- Native tree to each Home for Habitat has been canceled, as the grant would only do 40ft trees.
- Brian Garland (as his wife Melissa couldn’t make it) a Live Nursery Specialist with the Lowes did a great program on Container Gardening. He also gave all the plants away as door prizes. This was an hour presentation and well worth being at the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Judie Treangen

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 6, 2009

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Building, Conference Room 4:30- 5:30pm

Present: Barbara Plechaty, David Baker, Shan Smith, Katie Smith, Diann Nance, Ann Langmack, and Judie Treangen.

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Will be updating MCMGA Directory, to take pictures of the members in black and white starting at the June Meeting
- Will be purchasing two Mr Coffee Makers, one for regular coffee and one decaf coffee.
- Ann Langmack, reported beginning balance, April 1st, \$13,114 and ending balance as of May 6th, \$12,191.95.
- Approved \$50 per City Plot Projects starting this year.
- Clint Patterson, the City Forester will be the speaker For May meeting presentation.
- Next Month’s speaker will be Ernest Eddington on Wildflowers.
- David Baker will have some posters advertising the upcoming Plant sale on 5/30/09.
- Can still sign up to go to Don Shadows trip on 5/16 at this meeting, leaving 6am sharp from the K-Mart in Sango. Barbara Plechaty will have the sign up

sheet as Shan Smith will not be at this month's meeting and be collecting monies.

- Sign ups soon for the Jackson Summer Celebration on July 9th, which will be at our monthly meeting also. Cost for bus trip is \$10 and non-refundable, stopping for dinner at Casey Jones. Shan Smith will be announcing more soon.
- Please remember to bring in gifts for door prizes.

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Dates to Remember

May 14, 09	Monthly Meeting*	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Clint Patterson, city forester
May 16, 09	Don Shadow trip	6:00 A.M	Sango K-Mart	Shan Smith, contact
May 30	Plant Sale	8:00 A.M	Veterans' Plaza	John Matthews & David Neblett
June 11, 09	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Earnest Eddington, Wildflowers
July 9, 09	Sum. Celebration	TBA	Jackson, TN	Shan Smith, contact (\$10.00)

*Hosts: Lela Donahoo, Mary Ann Marks, Joann Baggett

Karla's Korner May 2009

Well the gardening season is in full swing and we have lots going on in Montgomery County. Home gardening is on the rise this year as people are watching their pocketbooks a little closer, staying close to home and desiring more fresh produce. For those of you who do not have a vegetable garden you may want to get together with your neighbors and start a community garden. Community gardens help build relationships and get people outside as well as providing a wealth of harvest for those involved. Currently, I know of these following community gardens who need volunteers:

Garden of Hope-860 Hornbuckle Road (take 76 towards Adams; just past Exit 11 turn Left on Hornbuckle; 860 Hornbuckle will be on your left; the garden is located in the field behind the house. A schedule of workdays and volunteer tasks is being developed. We also plan to sell produce boxes (CSA) for \$20 each and we need 50 people to commit to this. After you sign up, you will receive regular phone/email notifications of workdays!

To volunteer or sign up for the CSA contact:

Karla Kean-931-648-5725 kkean@utk.edu

Carolyn Watson-931-358-0390 cwatson@realtracs.com

Marcia Huguley-931-980-0093 marciahug@charter.net

Brandon Hill Youth Heritage Garden is located at 1202 Commerce (corner of Commerce & Glenn Streets). This is a youth community project in this county serving the needs of youth at risk. Our Mission is the education at risk youth how to provide healthy food choices for themselves and their families. Give the youth of accomplishment and achievement by growing their own foods and how to care for living

thing. Contact: Genevab1941@aol.com 931-216-5572 or Beth Kasper
Bethkasp7781@aol.com 931-387-3715

Upcoming Events:

- May 11th: Organic Crop Production Meeting-Planting: Seed Sources and Transplants; Ellington Agriculture Center, Central Region Extension Office-Nashville; 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- May 15th: The Gathering Meeting and Webinar; 8:45 am, meet at the Habitat Restore for webinar on Economic Development and Entrepreneurship; after the webinar (around 10:30am) we will travel to the Fairview Auction and also visit other home-based businesses in KY & return late in the afternoon. NO charge, but registration is required. Contact Karla Kean to register.
- May 16th: Strawberry Jam! H&S Farms; 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Lots of food, fun, local crafters and entertainment! Robin and Laura Sleigh-Farm
Location: 400 Seven Mile Ferry Road
- May 16th: MCMGA trip to Don Shadows; Departing from K-Mart South at 6:00 am SHARP! The cost is \$25/MCMGA member or \$30/non-member. To register contact Shan Smith at 358-2536 or shan@jackturner.com
- May 30th: MCMGA Plant Sale-Veterans Plaza 8 :00 am – 11:00 am
- June 23rd: TN Yards and Neighbors Home Landscape Workshop; Tuesday, June 23, 2009 · 8:30 AM.
Civic Hall, Veteran's Plaza, **350 Pageant Lane, Clarksville, TN.** Cost is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Advance registration is required. Space is limited to 25 participants. **To register or for more information, call (931) 648-5725 or email kkean@utk.edu.**

**A Reminder of
the policy for
plantings at
Habitat Houses**

Master
Gardeners will
provide for one
native tree, not
to exceed \$40, to
be planted at a
new Habitat
House

**Last Chance to Sign up for
the Don Shadow Trip**

Call Shan Smith today and
sign up for an exciting trip to
Don Shadow's Nursery.
Lunch, snacks, and transportation
will be provided for only \$25.
Bring cash to buy plants.
The bus will leave promptly at
6:00 A.M. from Sango K-Mart.

MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2009

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: 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-Chair is Allen Gilbert, 798-9763, allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil.</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-Chair is Jim Conatser, 561-0929, jim_conatser@yahoo.com</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>