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President's Message

You all are a great group of folks. The more I am with you the greater I learn you are. I hope ya'll feel the same about our group.

Thanks to you, Sharon Baggett and Ralph Brown, for co-chairing the Fall Plant Sale. Helpers to them were Margaret Pace and Katie Smith and, of course, never forget Karla. Thank you all for dealing with the frustration and hard work. As of right now our net income was \$642.00 from that sale. Even the rain could not dampen our enthusiasm. Buyers started arriving before 8:00 a.m. and we closed up shop about 10:00. It is nice to have my potting area cleaned up and all of those plants in someone else's care. Now all I have to do is plant the purchases I made.

Thanks to Eunice Sumbler, Terri Simo, and Margaret Pace for serving on a committee to find a new treasurer and vice president in charge of projects for the coming year. Also thanks to those who said yes.

David Baker may be recovering from surgery, but he has been hard at work pulling together the information for the new directory. The process started with

Phil Greenwalt taking your picture and Judy getting your information. Judy got all of that information in order and then she gave it to David. None of this would have happened without them and so a grateful thanks to three wonderful folks who went beyond the call of duty.

Janice Ledbetter, co-chair for plants at the public library, is calling a special work day on Oct. 8th. She needs a few extra volunteers to help transplant and to trim the plants that are in our care. Janice has co-chaired this project since before I became a MG member. Due to her work schedule at the hospital, it is not always possible for her to attend our meeting, but her devotion to this project is strong. Thank you, Janice.

We have found a tree for Delonia. There will be a planting of that tree in Delonia's Garden, 3695 Jarman Hollow Road, Palmyra, Saturday, Nov. 8th at 10:00.

After the planting, we will have a little ceremony of stories about Delonia. We all have them. So note this date on your calendar.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Linda Earp. Her sister, Judy Daniels, passed away earlier this month. Also, our sympathy goes out to

Judie Treangen whose father passed away last week. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

The next big event for us will be our Christmas banquet. Linda Earp and Yvonne Wheeler will be in charge of the decorations and the main dish.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2009

Agenda Discussion items:

Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship. President Barbara Plechaty called the September MCMGA meeting held at the Extension Office to order at 7pm.

- Minutes approved.
- \$12,752.00 Treasury report approved
- Directory getting closer to getting done. Tonight being the last meeting to get your pictures taken. David Baker getting better and had a worker to get the Plant Sale signs to us tonight.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Oct. 8, 09	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Karla Kean--Trees: Selection, Planting, Pruning, and General Maintenance
Nov. 12,09	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Linda Earp, Yvonne Hiatt, and Tracy Jackson--Yules and Tools. Election of Officers
Dec. 10,09	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Graduation and Christmas Party Bring sides and/or desserts
Jan. 14, 10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
Feb. 11,10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
Mar. 11,10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA

*Hosts: Ruth Davis, Maria Shircel, and Margaret Pace

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 30, 2009

After discussion on several sound systems for our meetings, it was decided more research is needed before a decision is reached.

David Baker is editing the new directory and will have 70 copies available at the next meeting.

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted with voting to be held at the November meeting.

For the Christmas banquet, Linda Earp will decorate and furnish the meat and potatoes. Members will bring salads, vegetables, and desserts. Each member can bring one guest. A sign up sheet will be passed around in October and November to provide a tentative head count for the dinner.

A motion was passed to allot \$50 each for the two Extension Office Administrative Assistants, in appreciation for their help through out the year.

Shan Smith will buy \$200 worth of gift cards to be used as door prizes at the December meeting.

The Master Gardeners will participate in a food drive for the December meeting. People can begin bringing canned and non-perishable food items in November.

Garden Tour plans will begin at the January meeting.

The plant sale on September 26th brought in \$642.

Karla will give the October program in lieu of the speaker who cancelled. She will speak on "Tree Selection Planning" (planting, pruning, and general maintenance of trees).

The November meeting will be "Yules and Tools"---Christmas decorations by Yvonne Hiatt and Linda Earp and tools by Tracy Jackson.

Shan Smith looking into Master Gardener tee shirts and reusable water bottles. A decision was made to start with good quality tee shirts with a black and white Master Gardener logo, due to the expensive set up fee for a colored logo. To keep costs down on the water bottles, they will be printed with Montgomery County Master Gardeners.

Two Master Gardeners will be appointed to serve as auditors before Ann Langmack's term ends in January.

Submitted by Katie Smith (for Judie Treangen)

Karla's Korner

October 2009

Fall is upon us once again. Cooler temperatures and changing leaves signal gardeners to put their gardens to bed for the winter. This is the time of year to do a good clean-up of your gardens, especially vegetable gardens. This has been the year for fungal diseases which can over winter in plant debris, so make sure to clean up and burn any plant debris. If you compost these materials you are taking a risk that they will overwinter and spread again next spring. Diseases such as late blight are hard to control and if we have a rainy spring in 2010 the problem will be worse. Also, think about how you can rotate your crops in the vegetable garden. You still have time to plant cool-season vegetables such as spinach and green in your garden this year. If you don't eat them, you can till them in next spring as a green amendment to the soil.

I am looking forward to telling you all about my trip to Portland! I will be giving a presentation for this group the first part of next year. All in all, it was wonderful! Beautiful! Oregon is such a "green" state both plant-wise and environmentally.

Upcoming Events/Volunteer-CEU Opportunities:

October 9th: Pumpkin Field Day in Jackson, TN. Make plans now to attend UT Pumpkin Field Day 2009. It begins at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 9. The West Tennessee Research & Education Center is located at 605 Airways Boulevard, Jackson, TN.

<http://westtennessee.tennessee.edu/events/Pumpkin%20Field%20Day%20Info.asp>

October 13, 14 & 15th: Tennessee Rehabilitation Center needs volunteers to come in and speak to participants about topics such as overcoming diversity and what is needed for different careers. If you are interested, contact Talitha Deluco at 615-219-0003.

October 21st: Rotary Park Tree Planting Project. We need volunteers to assist in digging and transplanting small trees from within the park to a designated area that is becoming eroded due to runoff. Meet at 10 am at Rotary Park for volunteer training. For more information contact Karla at 648-5725.

October 30th: The Gathering e-commerce webinar “Developing Your e-Market Plan”. To be held in Robertson County; tour of area will follow webinar. Details TBA. Contact Karla Kean or Martha Pile at 648-5725.

Make A Difference day is coming! We are asking for your help to make a difference in the Clarksville, TN/Fort Campbell, KY area. We are seeking volunteers and donations.

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. Millions have participated. In 2008, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society has a long history of successful Make A Difference Day projects. This year, with a **theme of “Appreciation and Love,”** we have planned four projects.

- In our first project, in the morning of October 24, volunteers will remove fallen leaves and limbs from **Mount Olive Cemetery**, a historic African-American cemetery in Clarksville near Cumberland Drive and Swift Drive.
- Our second project will be an **essay contest for youths** up to age 18 to **honor military spouses**. The essay topic will be “What has a military spouse done to make a difference in your life?” The award ceremony will be at center court of Governor’s Square Mall at 1:00 p.m. on October 24.
- The third project, to be held from 3pm to 6pm October 24, will be a **program honoring grandparents raising their grandchildren**. It will include entertainment and a street fair of vendors and public services.
- The fourth project, to be completed on October 24, will **build a shed for the Brandon Hill Youth Heritage Garden** at the corner of Glenn and Commerce streets.

Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society, a 501c3 charity, is asking for volunteers and for donations of money, merchandise, and gift certificates. Please be generous to help us **instill in young people attitudes of appreciation**. Please help us **honor important but often overlooked members of our nation**.

You may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 352, Clarksville, TN 37040 or contact Beth Kasper to make arrangements for picking up your gift. Beth can be reached, day or evening, at (931)387-3715 or bethkasp7781@aol.com.

If you wish to volunteer, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at 552-8026 or genavb1941@aol.com. Thank you for your interest and your support of projects to Make A Difference in our region and nation.

Yours in community service,

Geneva Bell

Executive Director, Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society

MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2009



Community projects, such as the one pictured above at the Police Headquarters (#3), 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-Chairs are Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@charter.net</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-Chairs are Jim Conatser, 561-0929, jim_conatser@yahoo.com and Ruth Davis 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net</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>