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President's Message

Wow, summer has just about come and gone. What a wonderful summer we have had. My favorite time of the year is now approaching--cooler days and nights and being able to spend more time outside during the day. My thoughts again turn to what improvements can be made to my flower and vegetable gardens. I guess I'm never happy without a challenge.

David Baker has been in the hospital and is now at home recovering. We wish him a speedy recovery. Because David has been under cover(ha ha) it has slowed the progress of putting together our new directory. This brings me to a list of people who have not had their pictures taken: Jan Black, Cheryl Brewer, Charles Cook, Diana Griffin, Talitha Deluco, Sandy Jones, Collen Johnson, Barbara Jones, Janice Ledbetter, Martha Levardsen, Martin Mangold, Diann Nance, Linda Nichols, Jim Willard and Terri Young. Smile, ya'll

Sharon Baggett and Ralph Brown are in charge of the fall plant sale Sept. 26th, 8:00, at the Veterans Plaza. They will need volunteers for set up. Keep digging and potting your contributions.

Our hours are due by Oct. 1st. Call Karla if you have questions or need help. I guess I had better get going.

There is a new M.G. class in session. If you still need hours, you can attend, free of charge, and audit these classes. We are looking forward to inviting these new folks to our association.

A huge **thank you** to John Mathews for 'pinch-hitting' last month for our program. I am in awe of those of you with talents and knowledge that I will never possess. GREAT presentation, John!

See you at the Plant Sale.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes - August 13th, 2009

Agenda Discussion Items:

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

- Minutes approved from the last Executive Meeting
- Treasures report of \$12,752.05 August 1st, 2009 approved. Ann Langmack said we have a lot of money.
- Katie Smith said volunteers were needed to volunteer at Paris Landing to design and landscape around the signs with native plants and color.
- Karla Kean requested for any member that she doesn't have your email to please email her that email addy. Your volunteer hours due to Karla by September 30.
- Remember to pot up plants to the upcoming Fall Plant Sale on 9/26/09 at the Veterans Plaza, Sharon Baggett and Ralph Brown are still needing volunteers to help.
- What do we do for Delona Shockey? Barbara in contact with her daughter Colleen and Dewey her husband to see what kind of tree to plant and where. Joanne Hackman will also talk to Colleen.

- Shan Smith, announced the Brian Garland had something come up and will be there for the September 10th meeting as our guest speaker. He will do a presentation on perennials and getting beds ready for planting.
- Dr John Matthews did a great presentation on 3 fruits, blueberries, figs and Paw Paws. It was very informative.
- Meeting adjourned at 8pm. See you next meeting.
- Will be taking pictures for directory for those that missed the two previous meetings.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Sept.10,09	Meeting*	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Brian Garland, Lowes
Sept.26, 09	Plant Sale	8:00 A.M	Veterans' Plaza	Sharon Baggett, Ralph Brown
Oct. 8, 09	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
Nov. 12,09	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Ornaments and Tools
Dec. 10,09	Graduation	6:30 P.M.	Ext Office	Christmas Party
Jan. 14, 10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext Office	Karla Kean

*Hosts: Diane Griffin, Teri Schultz, Marie Shircel, Eunice Sumber

Master Gardener Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (per checkbook) - August 05, 2009 \$ 12,752.05

Deposits: none

Debits: none

Ending balance (per checkbook) - September 02, 2009 \$ 12,752.05

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009

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

Present: Barbara Plechaty, Shan Smith, Diann Vance, Katie Smith, Ann Langmack, Karla Kean and Judie Treangen

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Barbara spoke to Colleen Teat and Dewey Shockey and they are thinking to have MCMGA members plant a tree where Delona Shockey's Koi pond once was. And we are thinking of have a ceremony for Delona while planting the tree.
- Dave Baker still looking into the microphone. He was in the hospital for a few days.
- Looking into ordering some MCMGA water bottles and T-shirts and the prices.
- Ann Langmack reported on the Treasure Report Balance, beg balance, 8-5-09 was \$12,752.05 and ending balance, 9-2-09 was \$12,752.05.
- Karla said MCMGA hours are due by 10-1-09.
- Will need a committee for electing officers, Barbara to ask Sue Albright, Martha Levardsen and Terry Simo. We will need a Treasurer, V P Projects Person.
- November meeting looking to have a craft night for making Christmas stuff for the tree and Tools Sharpening for the guys or girls who choose to do so
- Barbara to check out for door prizes for the December Christmas meeting dinner.
- Once again for those that didn't have their picture taken, Phil Greenawalt will be taking pictures again for the directory.
- Katie wanted to remind those that are chair people for the projects that they need to fill out a Year End Project Report for her.
- Brian Garland with Lowes will be doing a presentation on Perennials and preparing beds for planting.
- Reminder to be potting up plants for the Plant Sale on 9-26-09.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Karla's Korner

September 2009

Once upon a time...eleven years ago, Beth Grabenstein was the president and the Master Gardeners met at the Civic Hall downtown. I came to Extension in Montgomery County in March of 1998 and coordinated my first class that fall! However, that particular September eve was one meeting that I was not in attendance! I was busy having a bouncing (10 pound) baby boy. Many of you may remember the night! Beth passed around a hat and then after the meeting went shopping and came to the hospital with tons of baby stuff! I was amazed that people who didn't really know me cared enough to do

such a thing. I guess I am trying to say “Thanks” and you all are the best! I think of this now because my boy is eleven today! Wow! I have been here a long time!

Volunteer Hours, CEU's and Project Reports are Due!

Your volunteer hours and CEU's are due by September 30th. If you have not set up your online account, please do so soon and start plugging in your hours for October 2008 – September 2009. Class of 2008 (new MG's) must have 40 A.C.E hours plus 8 C.E.U's and all others must have 25 A.C.E hours plus 8 C.E.U's. Follow the on-line directions!

*When you enter your hours online, I do not automatically get an email saying you have completed your hours. Please print out a hard copy of the report and give it to me! If you have problems entering hours online, please contact me for assistance.

Project reports are also due...see Katie Smith for more information.

Contact forms, project report forms and explanation sheets are available on our website or on the state website.

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/mastergardeners/montgomery>
https://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/tmg_resources/tmg_login.asp

2009 Class Update:

This year we have 17 participants in the fall Master Gardener training session. Certified Master Gardeners are always welcome to attend classes to earn CEU's and/or to volunteer in setting up the room etc. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 9 pm. Email or otherwise contact Karla for a full schedule.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

Saturday's 8 am – 1pm: **Clarksville Downtown Market:** Each weekend the market will feature fresh produce including sweet corn, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, watermelons, squash, honey, cantaloupes, peppers, cucumbers, green beans and more. You can also pick up fried pies, homemade soaps, delicious chess pies, homemade bread, candles, cookies, stained glass, jewelry and even have a personal charcoal portrait done for only \$10!

September 11 – 12: City of Clarksville's 22nd Annual Riverfest Celebration!

<http://www.clarksvilleriverfest.com>

September 24th: **Riverview Mounds Farms Fall Events!**

Open this Fall 2009 from September 24th to November 1st! We have many activities for all ages to enjoy. (931) 206-9879; 1715 Boyd Rinehart Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043

<http://riverviewmoundsfarm.com/default.aspx>

September 26th: **J & J Century Farm Grand Opening!** Pumpkins, Hayrides and lots more! **DIRECTIONS:** From Clarksville, TN: Hwy 48 S to left on Gray's Chapel Road. Right on Old Hwy 48, left on Mt. Herman Rd., right on St. Michael Rd. Follow signs from Hwy 48S to farm. Approximately 20 minutes from Fairgrounds. Website:

www.jandjcenturyfarm.com

June – October: **Visit Patterson Place Farms!** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays June through October. 2480 Patterson Road. COST: \$6 for adults, \$5 for children older than 12 months, \$1 for corn maze, \$1 for October hayrides (cash only). 931-553-0639. www.pattersonplacefarm.com

DIRECTIONS: From U.S. Highway 79 turn left onto Dotsonville Road. Drive to the end of Dotsonville Road (about 8 miles) and turn left onto Dunbar Road, go 1.5 miles and take a right onto Patterson Road. Patterson Place is the first drive on the left.

October 2: **Fall Festival at Veterans Plaza!** Crafts, food, education and vendors! 9 am - ?

October 9: **Pumpkin Field Day!** Free event. It begins at 1:00 p.m. on Friday October 9. The West Tennessee Research and Education Center is located at 605 Airways Boulevard in Jackson, Tennessee. For directions or more information on the field day visit the web site: <http://west.tennessee.edu>.

October 11 -14: **The Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 56th Annual Conservation Camp, “Our World Around Us--Water, Water Everywhere”** to be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville. For more information contact Diane Decker at 423-884-6420 or go to: <http://www.gardencentral.org/tenngardenclubs/conservationcamp>

October 22 – 23: **18th Annual Urban Forestry Conference - *Greening Your Community***: Oct 22 & 23, Lipscomb University, Nashville. Early bird deadline is Sept. 22. For more details, visit www.GreeningYourCommunity.org

Saturday, October 17th: **Tennessee Yards & Neighborhoods Workshop**

Where: Civic Hall-Veterans Plaza; 350 Pageant Lane, Clarksville TN

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm (lunch provided)

Cost: \$35/person or \$50/couple (participants receive handbook materials, 2 soil test vouchers, rain gauge and other goodies) Checks are payable to Montgomery County Extension

To register contact:

Karla Kean, Extension agent-UT-TSU Extension

Re: TYN Workshop-Oct 17

1030 Cumberland Heights Rd. STE-A

Clarksville, TN 37040

Office: 931-648-5725, ext 31

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-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>