



MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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August 2010

President's Message

WOW! If I thought it was hot in July, I was wrong. I think this is what is referred to as a LONG HOT SUMMER. John Mathews tells me that the saving grace is that we have high humidity. This has helped to keep lots of things alive.

Our meeting this month will be held at the home of John and Nancy Mathews. Directions: go down Riverside Dr., like you are going to the Extension Office. Except go straight on Hwy 13/48. Go over the McClure Bridge towards Montgomery Central High School. Just before you get to the school, turn left onto Seven Mile Ferry Road, There is a little market on the corner. The Mathew's home is on the right, just past H&S Strawberry Farm. The address is 600 Seven Mile Ferry Road.

Please gather under the car port. We will tour Johns' garden and have snacks at the car port. If the temperature is still hot, we will have our meeting at the church down the road. John said he hopes folks understand that his garden does not look like it did in the spring. I think we all understand that--right?

As I have mentioned before, we are planning a Master Gardener Reunion for the Sept. meeting. Because that time of year our evening light is short we will start the meeting at 6:00 p.m.. We have reserved the pavilion at Rotary Park. Shan says go down the hill and then up the hill till you get to the end. It will be a pot luck dinner. The Master Gardener Association will provide the meat and drinks. There will be lots of good food and fellowship.

The new Master Gardener class will begin Tuesday evening August 17th in the library at the Extension Office. The time will be 6:30. If you would like to help Karla or monitor some or all of these classes, you may do so if there is sufficient room. Right now there are about 15 folks signed up for this class. Your Executive Committee will be on hand that first evening to greet the new class.

October 2nd will be our trip to Don Shadows in Winchester, TN. We will rent a bus and meet at the K-Mart Parking lot on Madison Street at 6:00 a.m. Don is recognized nationally and internationally as a plantman and horticulturist. Don's interest goes beyond the plant life to the animal kingdom. Don houses 60 different species. The wonderful thing is that Don loves to share all of his interests with us. After the tour and lunch, Don opens his nursery stock to us for purchase at reasonable prices. Thus we usually come home with a bus load of happy master gardeners and plants. A sign up sheet will be available at our meeting.

Our fall plant sale will be held on Oct. 23rd at the Veterans' Plaza. I

know it is too hot to start potting. As I look in my garden I see plants that have multiplied and will get planted as soon as it gets cooler.

Don't forget your hours will be due on line by the end of September. Karla will help those of you who need help getting those hours loaded.

A BIG thanks to John and Nancy Mathews for hosting our August meeting. Stay cool. I'll see you in the Garden.

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Montgomery County Master Gardener Association Minutes

General Meeting Minutes – July 8th, 2010

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Following the 6:30 food and fellowship period. Barbara Plechaty called the July MCMGA meeting held at Belinda and Joe Lyle's gardens. Barbara also thanked the Lyles's for the use of their place as our outside meeting.
- Barbara also introduced a Master Gardener to our MCMGA, relocated from South Carolina, her name is Eddie Materia
- Treasurer balance given by Tina Dunlap was \$11,784.90 and was approved and motion carried.
- September MCMGA meeting will be held at the Rotary Park, committee persons, Joanne Baggett, Joanne Hackman, Rodger Pyle and few others are calling previous master gardeners to invite them to this meeting. Please bring all your memories and stories to share. They will also be compiling pictures, etc. Will be a regular monthly meeting held at 6:30pm; it is a potluck, bring a side dish, meat and drinks provided.
- Barbara announced that Ron Brown has aged Horse Manure, phone # 237-2703; address is 1100 Oakplains Rd. Bring a truck and please donate some monies to him for the use of his backhoe.
- This was a very fun meeting, as we got to look around at all the gardens and a lot of visiting as well. Barbara closed the meeting at 8pm.
- Margaret Pace came in just at the close of the meeting to update us on her trip to Jackson Summer Celebration.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Aug. 12	Meeting*	6:30 PM	John and Nancy Matthews	(Bring snacks and a chair.)
Aug. 17- Nov. 16	Master Gardener Class begins	Tuesdays 6-9 PM	Extension Bldg.	/Karla Kean
Sept. 9	Reunion	6:00 PM	Rotary Park	/Shan SmithDiana
Oct. 2	Trip to Don Shadows	TBA		/Shan Smith
Oct. 23	Plant sale	TBA	TBA	/Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap

*Hosts: Diana Ruby, Terry Simo, Diann Nance

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

President	Barbara Plechaty	931-358-9340	dogwood931@charter.net
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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 07/05/2010	\$11,784.90
Debits ----	
#2024 07/08/2010 Mont. Co. Extension - Postage	\$22.40
#2025 07/08/2010 Barbara Plechaty - Door Prizes	39.35
Ending balance - as of 07/30/2010	11,723.15

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Executive Committee meeting – August 4th, 2010

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

Present: Barbara Plechaty, David Baker, Karla Kean, Tina Dunlop, Diann Nance, Terrie Young, Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen

Agenda:

- David Baker had copies of the MCMGA Brochure, beautiful, great job.
- August meeting will be at Dr John Matthews's gardens, 6:30pm snacks and then view the gardens. If it's too hot, we can go down the church at the end of the street John Matthews said.
- Barbara Plechaty has the Rotary Park reserved for our September meeting. It will be getting dark sooner, so meeting to start at 6pm, no business meeting just social time. Terrie Young to bring candles for decoration.
- Barbara said Joanne Hackman, Rodger Pyle and Joanne Baggett are the committee for compiling information for the social hour for the September get together with every Master Gardener since the MCMGA started invited to attend. We will also have a moment of silence for member that has passed on.
- Shan Smith will have the signup sheets for the Don Shadows Bus trip October 2nd, 2010. The cost for MCMGA members is \$25 and non member is \$30. This does include a \$10 lunch at Don Shadows, snacks and drinks on the bus trip. This is non refundable and must be paid in advance as we need to get the bus reserved.
- Karla Kean said it is time to get started logging your MG hours online. She said she just emailed out a link to the site to all members. She told us we also receive another Thank You card from one of the 4-H kids that got the scholarship to camp. Very nice.
- Karla Kean has 17 people signed up so far for the MG class that starts August 17th, 2010. Executive officers need to attend the orientation of this 1st class.
- Tina Dunlap said the Treasury Report as of today is \$11,369.82.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Karla's Korner

August 2010

While the list of gardening tasks for August is shorter than in many months, there are still ongoing tasks to perform in the garden. The hot temperatures of mid-summer make it tough to spend much time working in your garden, so take advantage of any cooler days to take care of grooming and weeding. Right now, your *primary* concern will be assuring an ample supply of water for your plants. Weed control is also very important, because with the warmer weather and increased watering; weed seeds will germinate and grow faster, and mature to the point of producing more seeds. Take advantage of your spare time to keep the weeds cultivated out of all parts of the garden.

Be sure to water *thoroughly and deeply* each time you water. Give them a good dunking not just a sprinkle! When possible, water in the morning or early afternoon so the foliage has a chance to dry. Deep watering will induce the plant's roots to grow deeper, where they are less likely to dry out, as well as the added benefit of anchoring the plant into the ground better. Light, surface watering actually wastes water, because the water never actually reaches the root zone of the plant, and the moisture rapidly evaporates from the top inch of soil. The best way to tell if your plants are receiving enough water is to take a trowel or shovel and dig down a few inches. The soil should be moist at least 3 or 4 inches deep to insure that the water is reaching the root zone of the plants.

Be sure to check the hanging baskets and container grown plants every day during hot weather and about every second day on moderate summer days. Don't just check the surface... Push your finger an inch or two into the soil to be sure there is adequate moisture below throughout the root area. Water them thoroughly each time you water, but be careful not to overwater them.

HAPPY GARDENING!

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REMINDER:

Master Gardener 2009 – 2010 volunteer hours 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 2009 – September 2010. Class of 2009 (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. Contact forms and explanation sheets are available on the state website.

<http://mastergardeners.tennessee.edu>

*I will only accept hard copies of hours from those who do not have access to a computer and the Internet. Everyone else needs to get online and set up their account! If you have trouble with this, please call me!

Garden of Hope Makes the News!

Hello and Happy August from UTIA Marketing & Communications,

In Clarksville, we visited with a group of community gardeners who are working to grow food for the needy and educate others about horticulture in the "Garden of Hope."

You can see this month's stories at

<http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/news/VideoReleases/>

Upcoming Events & Activities:

August 25th: Horticulture Judges needed for Cheatham County Fair. Would need to arrive at 12:45 pm and will be there approximately 2 hours. Need 2 volunteers. Cheatham County will reimburse travel for one driver. Contact Karla for more information.

September 9: Turfgrass and Landscape Workshop

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. James E. Farrell-Fred E. Westbrook Agricultural Research and Extension Complex Auditorium (Room 118) T.S.U. Main Campus 3500 John A. Merritt

Blvd. Nashville, TN 37209-1561. **Registration Fee: \$40 (Lunch included)**

Registration Deadline: September 2, 2010

Contact: Linda Buchanan (615) 963-1827 buchanan6@tnstate.edu or Roy Bullock (615) 963-5449 fbullock@tnstate.edu

August 10th; The 2010 Tennessee Green Industry Field Day will be held Tuesday August 10th, 2010 at the Tennessee State University Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center in McMinnville, Tennessee. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The event is free. Three (3) Pesticide Recertification points will be available in Categories 3, 10, and 12, and Tennessee Certified Nursery Professionals will receive 1 education credit and 1 trade show credit. For more information about the Tennessee Green Industry Field Day or the TSU Nursery Research Center please contact Dr. Nick Gawel (931-815-5141) or ngawel@tnstate.edu.

October 28–29, 2010 19th Annual Urban Forestry Conference

Sustainable Sites and Natural Resources: The Urban Forestry Approach

Chattanooga Choo Choo

12th annual Tree Climbing Championship October 30th at East Lake Park [INFO](#)

http://www.armour-armour.com/index_tufc2.html

Talk to a person: 615.352-8985

Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods: The Home Landscape Workshop will be held in Clarksville, TN. on Saturday, September 18th, 2010. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and will be held at the Extension office. The cost is \$35.00 per individual, \$50.00 per couple. Participants receive learning materials, 2-soil test vouchers, a rain gauge and other goodies. Contact: Karla Kean, Extension Agent 931-648-5725 or kkean@utk.edu.



2010 Montgomery County Master Gardener (MG) Training Schedule

All classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6 -9 pm

Montgomery County Extension office

1030 Cumberland Heights Road.

931-648-5725 or kkean@utk.edu

Date:

August 17th:

Program/Presenter:

Orientation & Welcome/Karla Kean, Montgomery County Extension Agent & MCMGA Executive Board

August 24th:

Herbaceous Perennials/Karla Kean, Montgomery County Extension Agent

August 31st:

Basic Botany/Zena Clardy, Horticulture Specialist-TN State University Plant

September 7th:

Soils/Warren Anderson, Professor-MTSU

September 14 th :	Woody Ornamental Plants/Tracy Jackson, Montgomery County MG
September 21 nd :	Plant Diseases/Dr. Don Sudbrink, APSU
September 28 th :	Turfgrass Maintenance/Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County Extension Agent
October 5 th :	Vegetable Production/Hebron Smith, Montgomery County MG
October 12 th :	The Dirt on Compost/Karla Kean, Montgomery County Extension Agent
October 19 th :	Propagation/Karla Kean, Extension Agent, Montgomery County
October 26 th :	Insects/David Cook, Davidson County Extension Agent
November 2 nd :	Landscape Design Considerations/ Tina Ramsey, Montgomery County MG
November 9 th :	Small Fruits and Tree Fruits/John Matthews, Montgomery County MG
November 16:	Pesticide Safety and Weed Control Options/Brad Greenfield, Dickson County Extension

A Thank-you Note from Tanner Koffer

Thank you for giving me the chance to ~~the chance to~~ go to 4-H camp. With out you paying for me, I could not have went. I had a lot of fun I would like to return next year.

Sincerely, Tanner Koffer

Also, many thanks from me (mom) for your kindness & generosity. All is greatly appreciated & I can't thank you enough.
Lori Koffer

MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2010

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-Chair 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 Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@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, nance.d@cdelightband.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>