



# MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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## President's Message

Ho, Ho, Ho. Merry Christmas! Thursday night is our big banquet. We have the presentation of awards then-- five-year, ten-year pins and VIP awards. A couple of years ago I received a VIP award and I had to ask Karla what I did to deserve the honor. A VIP award is for service above and beyond. It's for someone who is always willing to help and to take on responsibility.

Congratulations to those of you who will receive a five-year pin. This means that you have maintained your hours to keep your Master Gardening status. The ten-year pin is a level that I have yet to achieve. It is awarded for ten-years of completing your hours. When you reach this level, you no longer need to turn in your hours. However if you do turn them in, this helps UT know what a good job Karla is doing in Clarksville. So if your name is called this evening, be proud because we are proud of you.

We are also celebrating the graduates of the class of 2009. I can remember how relieved I was that I had indeed passed Karla's test, and I could proceed on to becoming a Master Gardener. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to each of you! We welcome you into our midst and encourage you to join our association. We meet every 2nd Thursday evening of the month. The evening starts with finger foods at 6:30 with meeting and program to follow. Hope to see you all there. So this Thursday is a celebration of all of these accomplishments. Come hungry and enjoy.

Business note: The executive board has decided to have a booth at the new 2010 Home, Lawn, & Farm Show, February 27 and 28, hours Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Sunday 12:00 P.M. till 5:00. We need a coordinator, folks to man the booth, and things to sell. David Baker says he can obtain more circle hoes, and Diann Nance has herbs to sell. I know there are more of you out there who have crafts and things we can use to make a good presentation on short notice. Product needs to be garden related.

I also need a coordinator for the Short Course. It will be four Tuesday evenings during the month of March. Help!

A Big Thanks to Yvonne Heitt and Linda Earp for the beautiful Christmas decorations for our Christmas meeting.

Always thanks to those of you who volunteered to be hosts and hostesses for each meeting.

If you have door prizes to donate, please bring them.

If you have not brought canned goods or staple food items for Loans & Fishes, bring it on!

Thanks to all of you for all of your help and input throughout the year. Now let's party!

### MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2009

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### MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

*General Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2009*

Agenda Discussion Items:

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

- Minutes approved as well as the Treasury Report.

- Approved Officers running for the 2010 year, Barbara Plechaty for President, Shan Smith for VP Program, Judie Treangen for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Projects Co-Chairs, Terrie Young and Diana Griffin and Tina Dunlap for Treasurer.
- Karla announced 1<sup>st</sup> ever Lawn & Garden Show to be held on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Clarksville, sponsored by the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce;
- Remember to bring in dry goods and canned goods for the Loaves and Fishes at the Christmas Meeting.

Meeting cut short as we had Yule's and Tools to be done for our Program this evening. Yvonne Hiatt and Linda Earp schooled us in the crafts so we could decorate our Christmas tree. Was sure a lot of fun! Tracy Jackson shared sharpening garden tools and showed how to do it properly. Meeting was adjourned a little late as we were still making decorations for the Christmas tree.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

## **2009 – MASTER GARDENER/MONT. CO., TREAS. REPORT**

<b><u>Beginning balance (per checkbook), November 4, 2009</u></b>		<b>\$11,722.05</b>
<b>Deposits: none</b>		
<b>Debits: #1973 - Sept. speaker</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	
1974 - memorial tree, Delona Shockey	125.00	
1975 - David Baker, sound system	259.84	
1976 - Karla Kean, Windows 7	24.05	
1977 - Yvonne Hiatt, supplies	16.32	
1978 - David Baker, printing	14.78	
1979 - Yvonne Hiatt, supplies	23.06	
1980 - Mary Whitford, holiday gift	50.00	
1981 - Debbie Appleton " "	<u>50.00</u>	
	<b>(588.05)</b>	<b><u>(588.05)</u></b>
<b><u>Ending balance (per checkbook), December 02, 2009</u></b>		<b>\$ 11,134.00</b>

## Dates to Remember

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Program/Contact</b>
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	Karla Kean
Feb. 11,10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
Feb. 27-28	Home, Lawn, Farm, and Garden Show		APSU	Chamber of Commerce
March	Short Course		TBA	TBA
Mar. 11,10	Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	TBA
May 22	Garden Tour		TBA	TBA

\*Hosts: Yvonne Hielt, Ann Langmark, Barbara Plechaty, Diana Woodson, Carolyn Watson, Linda Earp

## Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

### Executive Committee Meeting – December 2, 2009

420 Madison St, David Elliott Building, Conference Room 4:30-5:50pm

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

#### Agenda Discussion Items:

- Garden Tour and Plant Sale discussed and set a date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Looking for a coordinator
- \$11,134.00 Treasury ending balance as of 12-02-09, set up a audit for the new Treasury to take over
- Website to be transferred to Phil Greenawalt.
- Master Gardener T-shirts in and will be for sale for \$10
- Linda Earp, Yvonne Hielt and Barbara Plechaty to set up the Christmas decorations for our Christmas Dinner
- We will be signing up to do the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lawn, Garden and Farm Show on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at APSU. A gentleman with the Chamber of Commerce came to speak to us regarding the show. The cost is \$200. Will be discussing what we should do for this show, the booth will be 10 ft x 10 ft.

- Shan Smith to get the Ham and Turkey for the Christmas Dinner at the Chopping Block. All member will be bringing in a side dish and desserts for the Christmas Dinner.
- Please bring in dry goods and can goods for the Loaves and Fishes.
- Discussed getting a coordinator for the Short Course to be held in March for 4 Tuesdays.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

## Karla's Korner

December 2009

The Christmas Season is upon us and I am looking forward to a long holiday break with my family. As many of you know, we are expecting a grand-baby around December 20<sup>th</sup>. Miracles come in unexpected packages sometimes and although I would have preferred Christina wait a long, long time before having a baby this is what life dropped in our lap and we'll handle it. A few extra prayers wouldn't hurt! This year has been a series of joys and concerns, losses and additions. I do miss Delona, you know that gravelly voice that called you to attention, but I know she is watching from above. That is evident in one of the pictures from the tree planting. It is always so hard to lose someone that had so much knowledge and love of the land. Delona and I always had this love-hate relationship going on, but I think after her wreck we both learned to appreciate each other! I hope you all will take time this season to slow down, enjoy your family and reflect on bounty that has been provided for us.

Don't forget to shop local for your Christmas trees and other gifts!



### MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS



[RiverView Mounds Century Farm](#), 1715 Boyd Rinehart Road, Clarksville, TN, 37043

[Lazy Spread Christmas Tree Farm](#), 3682 Dailey Road, Clarksville, TN, 37042

[Erin's Farm](#), 5816 Hodges Rd, Cunningham, TN, 37052

[Kirkwood Tree Farm](#), 3792 Buck Road, Clarksville, TN, 37043

[Santa's Place](#), 2175 Dunbar Road, Woodlawn, TN, 37191

J & J [Century Farm](#): 1219 St Michael Rd. Southside, TN 37171

*Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!*

*Karla*

### **Master Gardener Program Impact 2009:**

- Composition of the organization: 92 registered Master Gardeners; 19 Lifetime members; 17 Inactive members
- Of the 56 active Master Gardener's reporting, volunteers devoted 2600.55 hours of community service (2600.55 x \$16.54/hour) delivering an economic impact of \$43,013.09.
- Master Gardener volunteers drove approximately 12, 412 miles allocating an economic impact of \$3,115.41 (12, 412 x .51).

- In December 2009, the following recognitions will be given: 31-recertification's, 4-Lifetime members; 6-5 year members; 7-V.I.P. awards
- Master Gardener Projects: The Montgomery County Master Gardener Association currently supports 11 ongoing community projects (please go to <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/mastergardeners/montgomery> for specific details)
- Total trainees for 2008 = 23
- Total certifications 2009 = 9

*God and angels don't get paid even though theirs is some of the most important work around.  
Ditto for volunteers. ~Cherishe Archer*

**2008 Graduates (becoming certified MG's):**

Ralph Brown  
Tim Catchim  
Tiffany Catchim  
Tina Dunlap  
Stanley Groppe  
Carolyn Groppe  
Beth Kasper  
Belinda Lyle  
Terrie Young

**Five Year Awards:**

David Baker  
Jim Conatser  
Charles Fitzpatrick  
Colleen Johnson  
Katie Smith  
Eunice Sumbler

**Lifetime Members (10 years of service):**

Ann Langmack (1999)  
Gene & Joy Moody (1999)  
Hebron Smith (1994)

**Re-certifications:**

Herman Albright  
Sue Albright  
Sharon Baggett  
David Baker  
Jan Black  
Jim Conatser  
James Davidson

Ruth Davis  
Linda Earp  
Phil Greenawalt  
Leon Gordon  
Dianna Griffith  
Sandy Janus  
Colleen Johnson  
Debby Johnson  
Ann Langmack  
Janice Ledbetter  
Mary Ann Marks  
Gene & Joy Moody  
David Neblett  
Margaret Pace  
Barbara Plechaty  
Tina Ramsey  
Hebron Smith  
Katie Smith  
Eunice Sumbler  
Judie Treangen  
Carolyn Watson  
Diana Woodson

**Upcoming Events:**

**Dec. 11, e-Commerce Gathering for small businesses** to Houston County/TN Ridge Youth Center, to include 1) Dr. Wilcox-Designing and Maintaining Your Website, 2) Nancy Knaus Quilting machines, home dyed fabric, watercolor quilting, 3) lunch, 4) afternoon tours Hancock Functional Pottery, Unseen Treasures wood working , Back to the Land Store for dessert.

Montgomery County and others may gather at the Smith-Trahern Mansion (1st and McClure Street and leave at 8:15 A.M. and arrive back around 5:30. Please register by calling 931-648-5725.

**December 1-4 and 7-11:** Trees of Christmas- Smith-Trahern Mansion, 1<sup>st</sup> & McClure Streets, Clarksville; 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M

**January 20 – 21, 2010:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Grounds Management Short-Course; Williamson County Ag Expo Center. Cost: \$100.00 for both days; \$75/day. To be place on the mailing list for more information go to

[http://extension.tennessee.edu/county/williamson/horticulture/landscape\\_shortcourse.htm](http://extension.tennessee.edu/county/williamson/horticulture/landscape_shortcourse.htm)

Or call Wendel Smith- 931-762-5506 or [wsmith@utk.edu](mailto:wsmith@utk.edu)

**January 28-30, 2010:** The 2010 Tennessee Horticultural Expo at the Nashville Airport Marriott. This year, the Tennessee Agritourism Cultivating Farm Revenue Conference will join the Expo activities. Contact: <http://www.tnthe.com/THE/Welcome.html> or (865) 974-0280.

## 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><b>Project 1: Smith-Trahern Mansion</b> 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><b>Project 2: Adopt-a-Plot</b> (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><b>Project 3: Clarksville Police Department Headquarters</b> 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><b>Project 4:</b> Most residents of our community utilize <b>The Montgomery County Library</b>. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chair is Janice Ledbetter, 552-4590, jledbetter123@yahoo.com</p>
<p><b>Project 5:</b> Our own <b>Agricultural Extension Center</b> 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, <a href="mailto:jim_conatser@yahoo.com">jim_conatser@yahoo.com</a> and Ruth Davis 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net</p>
<p><b>Project 6: The Agricultural Shade Garden</b> 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><b>Project 7:</b> The <b>Master Gardener Hotline</b> 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><b>Project 8:</b> To keep pace with advances in technology the <b>MCMGA website</b> was developed to keep members up to date and informed. Co-Chair is Charles Fitzpatrick, 906-6408, cfitzpatrick@charter.net</p>
<p><b>Project 9:</b> As part of our monthly meetings the <b>MCMGA Garden News</b> was created to keep our membership informed. Contributions are welcome. Co-Chair is Diann Nance, 648-8701, diann@diannsgreenhouse.com</p>
<p><b>Project 10: The L &amp; N Railroad Station</b> is another of our city's historic sites. Located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Commerce, this landmark is used for weddings and picnics. Co-Chair is Diann Nance, 648-8701, dinance@bellsouth.net</p>
<p><b>Project 11:</b> Every spring APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the <b>Plant-the-Campus-Red Day</b>. 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><b>Project 12: Habitat for Humanity</b> builds houses and master gardeners help landscape them when called upon to do so. Co-Chair is Debby Johnson 368-0239, debty@hotmail.com</p>