



MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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President's Message

How very fortunate we, the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County, are to have found a recipe to replenish our treasury every year. The Recipe is as follows:

- Each year provide the community with a Short Course
- Each year conduct two plant sales--spring and fall
- Every other year have a Garden Tour
- Add to that our yearly dues.

In these years of financial stress, how very nice to have enough funds to do the things that we love best.

So where does all of our money go? We have great speakers, a bus trip to Don Shadows, and, hopefully, a trip to the Summer Celebration in Jackson, 4-H scholarships, and, of course, food-- we love to eat. We use money for stamps, paper, signs, printing, projects, and door prizes. We have purchased a computer and a projector, and, of course, there are always miscellaneous items.

None of this would be possible without all of you pulling your weight to make these fundraisers possible. The first fundraiser this year will be the SHORT COURSE. Delonia Shockey is our chair. This happens March 4, 11, 18, and 25th. It will be held at the Madison Street United Methodist Church. Delonia needs our help to make this possible.

So as we are out there making money, let's enjoy the wonderful friendships that develop with our giving and the fun we have in the spending of our income.

THANKS TO

David Baker for continuing to provide us with extra copies of our newsletter, sign in sheet, and post cards for our executive meetings, etc.

Joann Hackman and Pete Reed for door prizes.

Sharon Baggett, Katie Smith, and Linda Earp for cleaning up the storage room after our last meeting.

Hope I have not left anyone out.

FYI: Hostesses each month are encouraged to bring bottled water or sodas. I did not know that--thought maybe you didn't either.

Quote: Gardening is a way of showing you believe in tomorrow.

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2008

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|----------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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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. **Treasurer's Report***

| Feb. 09 – MASTER GARDENER/MONT. CO. TREAS. REPORT | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>Beginning balance (per checkbook)</u> | | | \$9,452.23 |
| Re-enter (per DB, Dec. 2008) # 1707 | \$ 20.00 | | |
| | 1715 | 8.19 | |
| | 1927 | <u>50.00</u> | |
| Total | 78.19 | | 78.19 |
| Deposits (dues) | 840.00 | | |
| | | <u>60.00</u> | |
| Total | 900.00 | | <u>900.00</u> |
| Ending balance (per checkbook) – Feb. 4, 2009 | | | \$10,430.42 |

Budget for 2009

Income

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| Dues | \$1640.00 |
| Field trips | 820.00 |
| Plant sales | 2000.00 |
| Short Course | <u>1800.00</u> |
| Total | 6260.00 |

Expenses

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| Food and meetings | 1500.00 |
| Speakers | 600.00 |
| Projects | 500.00 |
| Bus trips (2) | 2500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 |
| 4H Scholarships | <u>1000.00</u> |
| Total | 6250.00 |

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2009

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship period, The January MCMGA meeting held at the Extension Office, was called to order at 7:00pm by President Barbara Plechaty but voted to let Pete and Cindi Reed with Bi County Waste Mgt go first with presentation, introduced by Shan Smith.

- The December MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report read and approved
 - Audit of Treasury Books approved, balance \$9,452.23
 - Katie Smith, VP Projects will have sign up sheets in March
 - Karla Kean is having a Urban Tree Steward classes starting January 27, 2009
 - Karla also mentioned Tennessee Council Urban Forestry(TCUF) is looking to sell a 1000 plates "Trees Make a Difference", will expire by end of June 2009
 - Approved by MCMGA members to give past President David Baker a gift of \$50.
 - The 2009 MCMGA Mini Course has been scheduled for March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the Madison St Methodist Church. Cost will be \$40. Eight gardening experts are scheduled to present courses. Delona Shockey will chair the project and volunteers signed up at the meeting to help.
 - Summer Celebration on July 9th discussed to do the MCMGA meeting on this road trip and to be voted on at a later date
 - Received Thank You Card from Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen for the donated canned food.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8pm
- Submitted by Judie Treangen

MONTGOMERY CO. MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 4, 2009

C. David Elliott Bldg, 420 Madison St, 5:00pm to 6:10pm

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

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The 2009 Budget discussed: Income \$6,260.00 and Expenses \$6,250
- Needing Volunteer MCMGA Associates to take charge of the upcoming plants sales
- The 2009 MCMGA Mini Course coming up in March, 10 people signed up so far. Delona Shockey will chair this project
- We need everybody to sign up there email addresses when the lists go around at the meetings.
- Karla brought up Winter Course coming up soon in Lebanon
- Program scheduled for February's meeting is Charles Cook the "Bee Guy" and will have honey for sale at the meeting
- Treasury Report cut off dates for postcards mailings is April 1st if dues not paid
- A reminder for members, door prizes are needed for the meetings
- Treasury's beginning budget on 01/01/09 \$9,452.23 and ending balance \$10,430.42 as of 02/04/09
- Remember to call volunteers that have signed up for projects to remind them of scheduled times

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

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| Feb. 12 | Monthly Meeting* | 6:30 P.M. | Extension Office | Charles Cook, Beekeeping |
| Feb. 19-21 | MG Winter School | | Lebanon, TN | http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu |
| March 2-24 | Short Course | 6:30 P.M. | Mad. St. Methodist | Delona Shockey, contact |
| March 5-8 | Lawn & Garden Show | | Nashville, Fairgrounds | |
| March 12 | Monthly Meeting | 6:30 P.M. | Extension Office | Charles Moffet, Wildflowers of Appalachians |
| April 1 | Deadline for dues | | | |
| May 16, 09 | Don Shadow trip | 6:00 A.M | Sango K-Mart | Shan Smith, contact |
| July 9, 09 | Sum. Celebration | TBA | Jackson, TN | Shan Smith, contact |

*Hosts: Allen Gilbert, Belinda Lyle, Deb Smith, and Maria Shiral

Karla's Korner February 2009

Hello everyone,

I am sure that everyone is ready for some warm weather! I definitely am, but don't get too anxious to plant once we do get a few warm days. Remember spring of 2007? It is getting close to time to plant cool season crops such as radish, beet, broccoli, cauliflower and various greens. I would hold off until mid-March before putting any of these out though. Take time to clean up your garden spots and get them ready for planting. This is a good time to add organic matter and lime (if needed) and till in on that good compost!

Many people have been wondering about the rumor of a downtown market developing in Clarksville. Yes, it hopefully will happen this spring. I have been working with a steering committee made up of downtown business persons, local producers and other city/county personnel to put together by-laws and guidelines for a market. After many meetings, community members confirm that downtown Clarksville needs a "Gathering" place where multiple vendors of local and regional products can sell their wares as well as provide entertainment and educational activities. The market will be open on Saturdays only for the first year and will be located at One Public Square. Vendors will be able to rent spaces seasonally or on a week-by-week basis. The goal is to not only provide a variety of locally grown produce items but to also have artisans, crafts and other locally made items available for sale. This will not be a flea market! Our tentative opening date is Saturday, April 25th! More information will be coming soon!

The Clarksville Downtown Market Committee is actively seeking ideas and opinions for this market which will be located in downtown Clarksville. Would you like to participate? If you are interested, please complete the online survey by February 13th, 2009. You may request a hard copy from **Karla Kean** at the Extension office or complete the survey on-line at:

<http://www.cityofclarksville.com/HousingDevelopment/index.php>

Another project that I am closely involved with is called "Garden of Hope-A Community Garden Benefitting the F.U.E.L Program and Local Food Banks."

The Garden of Hope for the F.U.E.L Program is a partnership between the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension, Clarksville Realtor's Association, City of Clarksville Office of Housing and Community Development and the F.U.E.L Program. F.U.E.L stands for Full of Emmaus Love and currently partners with local schools and churches to provide food to hungry children on weekends and holidays. Mike Bradbury, who is a local farmer, has offered use of his land, machinery, seeds and plants in exchange for volunteers maintaining, harvesting and distributing the vegetables. The garden will be located off Hornbuckle Road near Exit 11 in Clarksville. The F.U.E.L Garden & Market will involve area youth groups, Master Gardeners, churches and other local volunteers to help plant, maintain, harvest and sell food straight from the farm. The proceeds of sales will go directly to the F.U.E.L program and excess produce will be donated to local food banks and churches that provide meals for the hungry and homeless in our community. For more information, or to volunteer in the garden project, please contact Karla Kean 931-648-5725. For more information on the F.U.E.L program, please contact Denise Skidmore 931-647-2026.

Upcoming Events:

February 20: The Gathering Meeting-Down by the Riverside!

Meet at Beth Grieten's home-323 Mayhew Road. 9 am – noonish. At 9 am we will be participate in a webinar 'Capacity Building & Asset Mapping' with the University of TN then have a short discussion time and then tour the property. Contact Karla or Martha at 931-648-5725.

February 20: How to Establish Healthy Plug Transplants

9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m., Room 118 of the James E. Farrell-Fred E. Westbrook Building (the barn) on the TSU Ag Campus in Nashville. No charge but registration is required. For additional information, call Linda Buchanan at (615) 963-1827 or e-mail lbuchanan@tnstate.edu.

February 28: Mt. Olive Cemetery Clean-up Day!

Time: 10 AM—Until ? Place: Mount Olive Cemetery on Swift Drive Contact: Geneva Bell at 931-552-8026

March 6: Tennessee Arbor Day Celebration!

2009 marks the 20th for Clarksville to be designated as a Tree City USA! Please join the tree board and other urban forest activists in celebrating Arbor Day. The ceremony will be held at Swan Lake Park at 2:00 pm on Friday, March 6th. For more information contact Dottie Mann at 647-8339. Volunteers may be needed to bag tree seedlings the first week of March so watch your email for volunteer requests!

March 14th: Arbor Days, Tree-mendous Family Day, at the Custom House Museum

10:00 am – 1:00 pm. City Forester, Clint Patterson along with Arborist's Tracy Jackson and Karla Kean will be available to answer tree related questions while children participate in games in activities. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dottie Mann at 647-8339.

March 3, 10, 17, 24: Beginning Master Gardener Class

Madison Street Methodist Church, 319 Madison Street. Cost = \$40.00. To register, contact the Extension office at 931-648-5725. Spread the word!

Organic Crop Production Workshop Series for Growers and Agriculture Professionals

Nashville -Ellington Agriculture Center; 1:00-4:00pm Central Time; Conference Room, Central Region Extension Bldg.

Workshop dates and topics include the following:

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| Introduction to Organics | February 9 |
| Building Soils & Managing Soil Fertility | March 9 |
| Crop Rotations & Cover Crops | April 13 |
| Planting: Seed Sources & Transplants | May 11 |
| Identifying & Managing Weeds | June 8 |
| Identifying & Managing Pests | July 13 |
| High Tunnel Production | August 10 |
| Identifying & Managing Diseases | September 14 |
| Putting It All Together: Developing an Organic Plan | October 12 |
| Marketing Organic | November 9 |

There is no fee for participating in the workshops, but registration is required. Please contact Mary Rogers at 865.974.0710 or mroger30@utk.edu for more information or to register for a workshop.

Other News of Interest:

GoodFoodMatters launches its blog!

Featuring stories, recipes, and tips about things Nancy Vienneau, GoodFoodMatters creator, is cooking at the moment with a special emphasis on local food! As we move into the growing season, there will be more focus on preparing affordable, simple and tasty dishes using locally produced ingredients.

<http://nancyvienneau.com/blog>

UT Gardens

Be sure to check out the latest news about plants for 2009 at the UT Gardens website. The University of Tennessee (UT) Gardens have been established to foster appreciation, education, and stewardship of plants through horticultural gardens, displays, collections, educational programs, and research. <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/about.html>

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.

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| <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. Three areas that are maintained are the Shade garden, the Roadside Garden, and the Main Entrance Garden. Co-Chairs are Jim and Holly Conaster, 553-8725, jim_conaster@yahoo.com</p> |
| <p>Project 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 Philene Slaughter, 358-4187, slaughterp@apsu.edu</p> |
| <p>Project 11: 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> |