



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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### President's Message

I trust each of you had a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year". My son gave me a gift certificate for one of my favorite garden tool sources - Lee Valley Garden Tools. Their catalog is filled with many interesting and useful items. Their customer service number is 1-800-267-8735 or by internet site [www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com) (customer service is [customerservice@leevalley.com](mailto:customerservice@leevalley.com)).

The new year ushers in opportunities for gardeners to dream about and plan their gardening adventures. January is National Mail Order Gardening Month. Often unique varieties can be obtained by ordering plants by mail. As you prepare your order be sure to plan to have your beds ready prior to the delivery of the order. That way plants can be planted soon after arrival.

The weather has been unusually warm. My dwarf irises have been in bloom the last two weeks. Daffodils are up and I'm told in some isolated spots in bloom. Of interest about daffodils - It has been determined that a field of daffodils that bloom every spring in the Black Mountains of Wales may help fight Alzheimer's disease. Galantamine extracted from daffodils and other plants is used in high-end prescription drugs to slow the development of dementia. Biochemists hope to produce a less costly generic version of the compound.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH - Franklin D. Roosevelt is quoted as saying, " I think we consider too much the good luck of the early bird and not enough the bad luck of the early worm."

In closing, do your part to support National Mail Order Gardening Month (January).

**David Baker**  
MCMGA President



### MCMGA OFFICERS 2007

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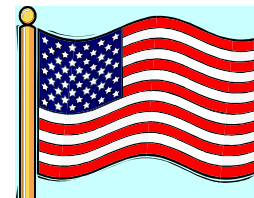
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**MONTHLY  
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE  
Members NEEDED**

## Executive Board of the Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Association

**Executive Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at the Public Library, 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

**Present:** President David Baker, Linda Earp, Barbara Plechaty, Margaret Pace, Fran Irvine, Connie Jackson, Shirley Calvert, Jackie Peak, Delona Shockley, Extension Agent Pam Rye

### AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Three officers, David Baker, Shirley Calvert and Linda Earp, will need to sign appropriate paperwork at the F&M Bank for check writing legality.
- MG yearly \$20 membership dues are payable immediately.
- Current items of importance – development of 2007 MG budget
  - audit of MG books

The goal is to present the MG budget at the February meeting; two MG members are needed to volunteer for the audit committee (prior to the February MG meeting).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Program Chair Linda Earp: Numerous speakers have been contacted for 2007 programs. Many trips are being planned for the upcoming year including a number of car trips. Two bus trips being considered, subject to membership interest, are as follows:

Missouri Botanical Gardens, April 21-22, 2007

Don Shadows Farm. September 29, 2007

A decision will be required as whether the Missouri bus trip will be a 1 or 2 day event.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Project Chair, Barbara Plechaty: No January projects are planned.

Former Treasurer, Fran Irvine: Current MG balance is over \$3,000.

Extension Agent, Pam Rye: The MG daytime class was dissolved as there were only 12 enrollees. The classes for the MG 'Short Course' are scheduled for March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2007. The cost is \$40 and will be held at the Madison St. Methodist Church from 6:00-8:00P.M.

A record of MG volunteer work hours must be submitted by MG members to maintain certification with TN Master Gardeners.

Refreshments, Connie Jackson: A schedule will be developed to alleviate the shortage of volunteers for meal set-up and clean-up.

Members of the MG executive committee will assume this responsibility for the January meeting.

MG Plant Sale, Delona Shockley: The MG fundraising plant sale is scheduled for April 28, 2007 at the Veteran's Plaza, Pageant Lane, from 8:00 – 2:00 P.M. Members are to pot, identify and price all contributed plants. Ten volunteers will be needed that Saturday to facilitate the plant sale.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

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### Lemon Pound Cake

**1 Box Duncan Hines Yellow Cake Mix**  
**3/4 Cup oil**  
**3/4 Cup water**  
**4 eggs**

**Follow box directions for mixing. Pour into 9X13 pan and bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or till done. When cake is finished baking and still hot, poke holes in top of cake with fork and drizzle with glaze:**

**2 Tablespoons Butter**  
**1/3 Cup Lemon Juice, freshly squeezed**  
**2 Tablespoons Water**  
**2 Cups Powdered Sugar**



## Missouri Botanical Garden INFORMATION

<b>Hours</b>	Daily 9am-5pm (Memorial Day to Labor Day grounds close Wed 9pm and are open Wed and Sat 7-9am for walkers)
<b>Address</b>	4344 Shaw Blvd St. Louis, Mo.
<b>Location</b>	Vandeventer exit off I-44
<b>Transportation</b>	MetroLink: Forest Park, then Zip2 (summer weekends only)
<b>Phone</b>	314/577-9400
<b>Web site</b>	<a href="http://www.mobot.org">www.mobot.org</a>
<b>Prices</b>	Admission \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, free for children 12 and under

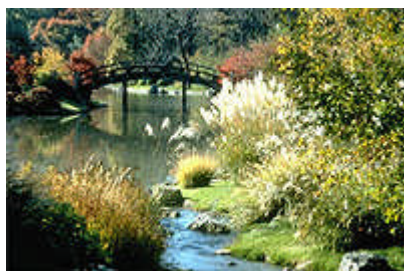
### Frommer's Review

Opened in 1859, this is the country's oldest and one of its best botanical gardens: a 79-acre delight featuring the nation's largest Japanese strolling garden, a Chinese garden, a geodesic-domed rainforest greenhouse, an 1882 brick conservatory housing camellias, a scented garden for the visually impaired, a sculpture garden with works by Carl Milles, a hedge maze, a home-gardening resource center, and themed gardens ranging from a Victorian garden to an English woodland garden. A must-see for gardeners, who can easily spend 2 or 3 hours of bliss here.

### Ridgway Center

The Ridgway Center is the main visitors' center and entrance to the Garden. This magnificent gateway is located at 4344 Shaw Boulevard, a short distance from the Kingshighway and Vandeventer interchanges on Interstate 44. The Ridgway Center contains the Garden Gate Shop, the Garden Cafe, educational facilities, art exhibits, and the Spink Gallery, which features a beautiful display of ceramics.

### Japanese Garden



The Japanese Garden is named Seiwa-en, which means the garden of pure, clear harmony and peace. Designed with great care by the late Professor Koichi Kawana to ensure authenticity, this 14-acre garden is the largest Japanese strolling garden in the Western hemisphere. A four-acre lake is complemented with waterfalls, streams, water-filled basins, and stone lanterns. Dry gravel gardens are raked into beautiful, rippling patterns. Four islands rise from the lake to form symbolic images. Several Japanese bridges link shorelines; families delight in feeding the giant "koi" (Japanese carp). Visitors are enthralled by cherry blossoms, azaleas, chrysanthemums, peonies, lotus, and other oriental plantings.

### Linnean House

- The Linnean House, the oldest continuously operating greenhouse conservatory in the United States, contains the Garden's camellia collection. Camellias, members of the tea family, bloom as early as October and November. The camellias reach their height of glorious bloom in mid to late February, and continue blooming through March until mid-April. The Linnean House, built by Henry Shaw in 1882, was named for Carl Linnaeus, the father of plant classification



## MASTER GARDENERS PROJECTS FOR 2007

Chair: Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, [dogwood931@charter.net](mailto:dogwood931@charter.net)

As a Master Gardener, community projects are the number one public advertisement for our organization. Our organization has accepted the below named projects in and around the City of Clarksville to assist our community and beautifying our city. Take a moment to review the following projects for one that may interest you and contribute to the necessary community hours in the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

**Project # 1:** The [Extension Garden](#) located behind the UT Agricultural Extension Office. Three separate plots are combined to create the Youth Garden. These plots include the Butterfly Garden, the Herb Garden, and the Handicap Garden. Co-Chair for this project is Jay Fangman (931) 645-3632.

**Project # 2:** [Smith-Trahern Mansion](#) overlooks the Cumberland River in Downtown Clarksville. This beautiful, historic site is used for public functions to include weddings, meetings, and guided tours. Co-Chair for this project is Katie Smith 647-5893.

**Project # 3:** [Adopt-A-Plot](#) 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 for this project is Shirley Provence, 645-9601, [sprovence@mindspring.com](mailto:sprovence@mindspring.com) and Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, [dogwood931@charter.net](mailto:dogwood931@charter.net)

**Project # 4:** [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](mailto:allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil)

**Project # 5:** Most residents of our community utilize The [Montgomery County Library](#). Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chairs are Janice Ledbetter or Fran Irvine, 552-4590, [jledbetter123@yahoo.com](mailto:jledbetter123@yahoo.com).

**Project # 6:** 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-Chair for this project Yvonne Wheeler 645-1785 [ywartist@aol.com](mailto:ywartist@aol.com).

**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 NEEDED**

**Project # 8:** As part of our monthly meetings, the [Master Gardener Website and Newsletter](#) were created to inform our membership of upcoming events and gardening knowledge. All members are encouraged to publish informative creations to this publication. Co-Chairs are Shirley Calvert and Jackie Peak, 906-1691, [skcalvert@aol.com](mailto:skcalvert@aol.com).

**Project # 9:** [ICC – Chapel & Stations of the Cross](#) - Improve and maintain the areas.  
Co-Chairs: Shirley Calvert & Jackie Peak 906-1691

**Project # 10:** The [L&N Railroad Station](#) 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 for this project is Carol Martin, 920-5481

**Project # 11:** Every Spring (April 16 weekend), 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 Philenese Slaughter, 358-4187, [slaughterp@apsu.edu](mailto:slaughterp@apsu.edu)

**Project # 12:** [Curb Appeal Rossview High](#) – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340

**Project # 13:** [Habitat for Humanity \( 426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN \)](#) – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239

**Project # 14:** [Franklin Street](#) – Assist in planting, pruning, general sprucing up, and enhancing 12 planters in downtown Clarksville. Co-Chair: Marie Young (931) 245-6400 or Sharon Baggett (931) 552-2510.

<b>2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007</b>			
		<b>January 2007</b>	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	National Parks – Jackie Peak
<b>Martin Luther King Jr.</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>		
New Master Gardener Class Starts <b>“CANCELLED”</b>	Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> to Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesdays 10 am - 1 pm	Montgomery County Extension Office
Bald Eagle Tours – Reelfoot Lake State Park – Tiptonville	Jan. 2nd – Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>		Bus tours & stops with experienced guides who talk about the lake’s history and spot bald eagles in their natural environment. Contact: 800-250-8617 <a href="http://www.tnstateparks.com">www.tnstateparks.com</a>
Winter Garden Seminar – Warrior’s Path State Park – Kingsport	13 <sup>th</sup>		Expert gardeners and landscape conservationists share their talents and knowledge. Contact: 423-239-8531 <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/environment/pars/warriorspath/">www.state.tn.us/environment/pars/warriorspath/</a>
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>February 2007</b>	
Reelfoot Lake Eagle Festival – Reelfoot Lake State Park – Tiptonville	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>		Eagle watch tours, vendors, storytelling & backyard habitat seminars from Wild Birds Unlimited. Contact: 888-313-8366 <a href="http://www.reelfoottourism.com">www.reelfoottourism.com</a>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Orchids – Rev. Bryon Dumas
Antiques & Garden Show Convention Center – Nashville	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>		Innovative gardens, fine antiques & select garden accessories for sale. Contact: 615-352-1282 <a href="http://www.antiquesandgardenshow.com">www.antiquesandgardenshow.com</a>
Dogwood Arts Festival House & Garden Show – Convention Center – Knoxville	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>		Over 300 booths, professionally landscaped gardens, roomscapes, speakers & workshops. Contact: 865-637-4561 <a href="http://www.dogwoodarts.com">www.dogwoodarts.com</a>
<b>President’s Day</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>March 2007</b>	
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden Show- Nashville</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Car Trip</b>
Regular Meeting - MC Ext. Off	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Meet the Projects and Jamie Pendergrass with Plant Ranch
Master Gardener’s Short Course – Madison Street Methodist Church	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	6pm – 8pm (every Tuesday)	Joanne Hackman - Cost \$40.00
Wild Flower Walk – Cheatham Co.	17 <sup>th</sup>		Conniece Jackson
<b>St. Patrick’s Day</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Spring Begins</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>		
<b>Grow Wild – Franklin</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Car Trip – meet at K-mart 7:30 am</b>
		<b>April 2007</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
<b>DEADLINE for St. Louis, MO. Botanical Gardens trip</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>		Linda Earp
Wild Flower Walk	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – noon	Eunice Martin’s Home
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	MCMGA Plant Sale Forum - Delona Shockey / Betty Lambert on Violets
Plant The Campus Red (APSU)	21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 a.m.	APSU Campus
<b>St. Louis Botanical Gardens</b>	21 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Bus Trip – St. Louis</b>
MCMGA Plant Sale -Veteran Plaza	28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Delona Shockey
Fairview Plant Auction (Retail Sales)	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	No Charge to Bid

		<b>May 2007</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
International Master Gardeners Conference Little Rock, Arkansas	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>		Check it out at: <a href="http://mg2007.uaex.edu/">http://mg2007.uaex.edu/</a>
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Shade Gardening – Carl Herbison
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>13th</b>		
<b>Iris City Gardens – near Franklin</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Car Trip – Leave K-Mart South – Eating at Yellow Duck</b>
<b>Armed Forces Day</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>28th</b>		
		<b>June</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Woody Plants – Carol Reese
Hydrangea Gardens	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. – noon	Joanne Hackman's Home
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>17th</b>		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>July</b>	
<b>Independence Day (Wednesday)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
Jackson Summer Celebration	12 <sup>th</sup>		Jackson, TN
		<b>August</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
		<b>September</b>	
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBA
<b>Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South</b>
		<b>October</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	11 <sup>th</sup>		TBA
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
		<b>November</b>	
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Christmas Decorations - Natural
Veterans Day	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Thanksgiving	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
		<b>December</b>	
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Christmas Gala – Party
<b>Christmas (Tuesday)</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>		