



# MCMGA GARDEN NEWS

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## **Congratulations to the Master Gardener Class of 2008**

### **President's Message**

**Happy New Year!** I am looking forward to another year with you, my fellow gardeners.

#### **Thanks!**

I would like to thank our out-going executive committee members: David Baker, Margaret Pace and Linda Earp. They have set the standard high for those of us who follow.

Another thank-you to the on-going committee members who give of their time and talents: Ann Langmack, Katie Smith and Charles Fitzpatrick.

In saying thanks I would not forget to thank Diann Nance for the fantastic job she does with this newsletter.

Thank you to Karla for all of the knowledge and talent she brings to our organization. A special thanks for the training of the enthusiastic new class. Let us welcome and include each of them into our midst.

As we approach this new year please consider which of our projects you would like to be a part of. It takes all of us to make each of them a success.

FYI: Door prizes are usually donations from our members--an item found at a bargain price, a nice gift that you received but do not need, or a special plant that you would like to share. The door prizes at Christmas were great. Thanks to you all.

### **It's time again for your membership dues--\$20.00**

New catalogs are arriving every day. Please keep the ones you do not want and bring them in for the Short Course in March. These new folks love them.

Quote of the Month: "The hard work is easy. It's even fun. You enjoy your efforts. IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE."

### **MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2008**

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

<b>Beginning balance (checkbook) – Dec. 3, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 9,622.96</b>
<b>Debits: ck # 1936--food MCG Christmas</b>	<b>80.85</b>
1937—Linda Earp	103.18
1938—void	
1939—Mary Whitford--gift	25.00
1940—Debbie Appleton--gift	25.00
1941—Yvonne Hiatt—supplies Nov.	18.46
1942—David Baker—postage, supplies, Dec. meeting	<u>38.24</u>
<b>Total debits</b>	<b><u>(290.73)</u></b>
	<b>9,332.23</b>
<b>Deposits—12/15/08—for 2009 memberships</b>	<b><u>120.00</u></b>
<b>Ending balance (checkbook) – Dec. 30, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 9,452.23</b>
<b><u>End 2008 calendar year</u></b>	

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, December 30, 2008  
420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg, 5:00 pm to 6:25 pm

Present: President Barbara Plechaty, Shan Smith, Diann Nance, Katie Smith, Ann Langmack and Judie Treangen

### AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Gift Certificate for Past President to be voted on by members, amount of \$50.
- The MCMGA treasurer's report indicated an ending balance of \$9,452.23 as of December 31, 2008. The MCMGA \$20 annual membership is due at the Association's January general meeting.
- Ann Langmack said the audit of the MCMGA books found to be accurate.
- Project VP, Katie Smith reported that the F.U.E.L. project is currently voted against. Barbara to revisit the project status with Karla.

- 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 this project and will be looking for volunteers.
  - Program scheduled for January's meeting is Pete Reed discussing Recycling and Backyard Container Composting.
  - Reminding the members again that door prizes are needed for the meetings.
  - Quantity of scholarships for 4-H were discussed.
- Submitted by Judie Treangen

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION General Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2008**

### **AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Following the 6:30 p.m. holiday meal and fellowship period, the December MCMGA meeting, held at the Extension Office, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The November 2008 MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.
- President Baker recognized and thanked the hospitality committee for the holiday decorations and Linda Earp for preparation of the meat dishes. Appreciation was extended to the executive committee and all who helped to make such a successful MCMGA year.
- Extension agent Karla Kean began the recognition program with the 'Day in the Life of a Volunteer'. MG attendance certificates were then presented to the 23 members of the MG graduating class of 2008. Ten MG 2007 graduates, completing requirements, received official TMG certification. Thirty-four MCMGA members received verified MG recertification and four members received an 'Exceptional Service' award.
- MG members were thanked for their canned food donations and Karla Kean was thanked for her contributions to the MG programs. The 2009 MCMGA President, Barbara Plechaty was introduced. Following door prize drawings, pictures were taken of the various recognized MG groups. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

## Dates to Remember

Jan. 8	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Extension Office	Pete Reed, Bi County Waste Mgt Backyard Container Composting
Feb. 12	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Extension Office	TBA
Feb. 19-21	MG Winter School *		Lebanon, TN	<a href="http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu">http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu</a>
March 2-24	Short Course	6:30 P.M.	Mad. St. Methodist	Delona Shockey, contact
March 12	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Extension Office	Program, TBA
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

\*Two distinct learning tracks are available for Master Gardeners: Leadership Track and/or Educator Track. You may pre-register for either or both tracks by **February 10**. Meals, snacks, and materials will be provided for each track. The fee for the entire conference (both tracks) is \$50, and for one track is \$30. For questions related to registration or payment contact Sandy Kitts ([kitts@utk.edu](mailto:kitts@utk.edu)) (1-865-974-7324) WS Registration, 252 Ellington PSB, 2431 Joe Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996. Lodging can be found in the Lebanon area by going to the following hotel link: <http://www.hotels-rates.com/Lebanon/tn/usa/#visited=true>

### Karla's Korner    January 2009

(Karla's Korner has been preempted this month by Karla's wrist surgery making typing painful. Karla's Korner will return in February.)

**Here are some funny problems collected by Erv Evans from calls made to Master Gardener hot lines. How would you handle the following?**

**I want to grow kudzu. How do I get started?**

**My husband cut a limb out of our apple tree. Can I graft another limb in to make it look more balanced?**

**How do you plant bluegrass sod? Green side up or green side down?**

**I have atheists on my house plants! How do I get rid of them?**

*--from Green Prints, The Weeder's Digest*

You may start your own collection of funny problems by signing up for Project 6.

## MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2008

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><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-Chair is Allen Gilbert, 798-9763, allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil.</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. 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><b>Project 6:</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 7:</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 8:</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 9: 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 10:</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 Philenese Slaughter, 358-4187, slaughterp@apsu.edu</p>
<p><b>Project 11: 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, debtj@hotmail.com</p>