

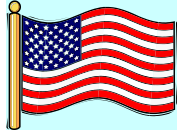


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President's Message

(GARDENING = STRONG BONES) Researchers at the University of Arkansas recently found that gardening is good for your bones. Women age 50 and over who gardened at least once a week had higher bone densities than those who jogged, swam, walked or did aerobics. It's probably the combination of hard work – digging, pulling and pushing – and being outside in the sun. Sunlight boosts vitamin D production, which helps the body absorb calcium. So get out there and pull weeds – it's good for you!

(SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 = MCMGA PLANT SALE) Pot items along in anticipation of our fall plant sale. Be thinking about plants that can be divided near the time of the sale – i.e. Iris, daylilies and others.

(CIRCLEHOE PROJECT) We still have some inventory of the circle hoes. For those who have already purchased them, I hope you have enjoyed these tools.

I recently received catalogs from High Country Gardens and Bluestone Perennials. Both have plants that I don't usually see at the big box stores. You can contact these outlets at www.highcountrygardens.com (800-925-9387) and www.bluestoneperennials.com (800-852-5243).

Many of our projects have regularly scheduled work times. **WE NEED INVOLVEMENT.** Smith-Trahern Mansion on Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 am; Adopt-A-Plot on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm; Curb Appeal Rossview High on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm; L & N Railroad Station on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 5:00 pm. Show up and enjoy the work and fellowship. Even if you're only one there – I bet there are a few weeds that can be pulled.

New Master Gardener Class – Will start on August 21, 2007 according to Karla. Let's help spread the word and encourage folks to apply for the program.'

A little wisdom for the gardener – When you're uncertain whether a plant is a flower or a weed – **PULL IT** – If it comes back it was a weed.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – Architect Charles Eames is quoted as saying, "We don't take our pleasures seriously enough."

David Baker
MCMGA
President



A BIG THANK YOU to **Sharon Baggett – Jay Fangman – Charles & Sony Fitzpatrick** the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE members for tonight. ---

Committee members for August 9th, 2007 are: **Mary Kay Reynolds – Louise Drum – Jim Conatser – Beverly Guinn**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDERS ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2007

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Following the 6:30 p.m. food and fellowship period, the June MCMGA meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The May 2007 MCMGA minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.
- Master Gardeners are invited to man a booth at the July 3rd 'Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration' at McGregor Park.
- A workday for the Extension Office projects is scheduled for June 30th at 8:00 am.
- Sign-up sheets are available for the 12 Master Gardeners community projects maintained by MG volunteers.
- The July MCMGA general meeting will be held at the home of Jim Willard, 305 Locust Road.

JUNE PROGRAM: Carol Reese, 'Light and Shadow in the Garden'

Carol Reese, UT Ornamental Horticulture Specialist from the Jackson Experiment Station presented an informative slide show featuring spectacular light and shadow gardening pictures taken throughout the nation. Members were invited to 'Summer Celebration' scheduled for July 12th at the West TN Experiment Station in Jackson.

Following door prize drawings, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.
Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 27, 2007
Public Library, 2:30 – 3:28pm

Present: President David Baker, Linda Earp, Barbara Plechaty, Margaret Pace, Extension Agent Karla Kean

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- From the MCMGA budget, \$780 was allocated to the J.G. Davis 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund, providing four scholarships (\$195 each) for the Montgomery County 4-H camp. The motion was approved to use proceeds from the 'Flower Power' fundraiser to support this project.
- Orders for the 'Flower Power' bulbs fundraiser are due by September 13.
- Volunteers for the Smith-Trahern Mansion will meet every Wednesday at 9:00 am.
- Increased MG involvement with the local Habitat for Humanity was discussed.
- The 2008 TN MG Annual Conference is looking for a site. This 3 day conference, scheduled for late May or early June, had 100 attendees when hosted by Clarksville in 2000.
- Orientation for the 2007 Fall Master Gardeners class will begin on August 21. Course fee will be \$100. Classes will meet each Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00pm at the Extension Office.
- Congratulations to MG Diann Nance named as TSU TN Small Farmer of the Year.
- The \$20 fee for the Don Shadows Nursery bus trip will be collected during the August and September general meeting.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

Go to the following link to subscribe to the TMG listserve.

<http://listserv.utk.edu/archives/tmg.html>

Click on "Join or Leave"

Enter your email address & name

**PLEASE verify & update your information on the sign sheet tonight,
ESPECIALLY your email address. THANKS YOU**

Master Gardener (MG) Hotline Training Sessions Offered

Session I:

When: Thursday, July 19th

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Where: Extension Office, old cafeteria (where regular meetings are held)

Session II: (repeat of session I)

When: Tuesday, July 24th

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Extension Office, old cafeteria (where regular meetings are held)

- The Master Gardener Hotline was established to encourage homeowners to call the Extension office on specific days and speak with a MG volunteer about their garden and/or landscape issues.
- This allows MG volunteers to obtain hours by volunteering at the Extension office and frees the Extension agent to attend to other matters.
- Hotline hours have historically been on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 2:00 pm. Volunteers may work several hours or one hour at a time according to their time schedule.

Mississippi Gulf Coast - Operation Rejuvenation

Request from a Davidson County MG about a project to assist people in Mississippi who are still recovering from hurricane damage.

For those interested in helping with the Operation Rejuvenation project on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. A few details may help you.

They have set aside October 24, 25 and 26 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) as the dates for concentrating people, plants and resources to have the most visible impact. Each of the three coastal counties, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson will use their Extension Service County Director to coordinate the projects in their county (It was felt that they knew the specific locations, needs, people and other resources best). There may be other individual dates that will work better for different groups and selected projects and these can be worked out with the counties, but they are trying for this "swarm" date to show the impact of master gardeners on the community.

They are asking everyone that will be coming to help, to please plan to bring their favorite garden tool and make their own lodging/meal arrangements and pick up their other expenses while in the area. This would allow them to use as much of the donated monies that we have received for plants and materials that will be brought to the sites. This will also help the local businesses that have been so devastated. So many of our coast master gardeners are still dealing with home repairs, lost jobs and insurance companies... they really got hit hard, particularly in the western coast area around Hancock County. Local lodging info can be obtained from the Gulf Coast Tourist websites and may be helpful in preplanning.

It is planned to have the list of projects with each County Director so they will be able to provide info on site locations and basic needs for the project, such as the number of people needed, materials available and back up projects so people who want to work will have plenty to do and not be waiting around.

I will be contacting the three counties involved to try to get a better idea as to where we can help the most, and get contact information for lodging also

I am also contacting MG'S on surrounding counties to see if we can gather more support for this project.


Anyone who is interested please e-mail me, or call me and let me know so I can get a general idea of the people available to help.

My E-Mail is hoverdj@charter.net telephone # 931-486-0503 home, 931-626-3890 cell

Donald Hover

**2007 University of Tennessee
Montgomery County Master Gardener
Training Schedule**

*All classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6-9 pm,
at the Montgomery County Extension office, 1030-A Cumberland Heights Road.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM/PRESENTER</u>
August 21st:	Welcome & Orientation: <i>MG Executive Committee & Volunteers</i>
August 28th :	Basic Botany: <i>Karla Kean, TSU Extension Agent-Montgomery County</i>
September 4th :	Soil Management: <i>Anthony Tuggle, TSU Extension Agent, Rutherford County</i>
September 11th :	Vegetable Gardening: <i>Brad Greenfield, Extension Agent Dickson County</i>
 September 15th:	<u>Saturday trip to Ellington Agriculture Center in Nashville; Time & meeting location to be discussed</u>
September 18th :	Entomology: <i>Ken Goddard, Extension Agent Henry County</i>
September 25th :	Turfgrass Management: <i>Mitchell Mote, Extension Agent Rutherford County</i>
October 2nd :	Plant Pathology (Diseases): <i>Ronnie Barron, Extension Agent, Cheatham County</i>
October 9th :	Woody Ornamentals <i>Tracy Jackson, Montgomery County Master Gardener/Landscape Designer</i>
October 16th :	Herbaceous Ornamentals: <i>Karla Kean, TSU Extension Agent-Montgomery County</i>
October 23rd :	Small Fruits & Tree Fruit Management: <i>Keith Miller, Rutherford County MG/MG Advocacy Board Member</i>
October 30th :	Landscape Design: <i>Carol Reese, UT Ornamental Horticulture Specialist</i>
November 6th :	Pesticide Safety/Weed Management: <i>Roy Bullock, TSU Extension, Weed Control Specialist</i>
November 13th :	Backyard Wildlife Management: <i>Roy Jenson, Robertson County MG</i>

** During the final session on November 13th, the test will be handed out, due dates given and review of study sheets/time for questions & answers

Study Guide Sheets are to be handed in **ONLY** if you miss a class & need to make it up! Otherwise, keep these for your own use as study materials!

I am pleased to announce that one of our own Montgomery County Master Gardener's and local producer has won the Tennessee State University Small Farmer of the Year Award in the Alternative Agriculture category. **Congratulations, Diann Nance!** Mrs. Nance has owned and operated *Diann's Greenhouse*, which is listed on the Pick Tennessee Products website, since 2005. Through this link to her own webpage, consumers can easily find information about her large variety of culinary, medicinal, and ornamental herbs. Diann is also currently participating in a grant through Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program Diversification Cost-Share Program. These grant funds have allowed her to install propagation mats which will help her to start seeds earlier, lights—so she can work later, and shelving with wheels allowing her to move plants more easily. In addition, she will install a small heating unit to help sustain plants in cold weather.

For Diann, her retirement from 35 years of teaching meant the luxury of time and the freedom to pursue her passion---growing herbs. Her interest in gardening was fueled by her own mother's love of herbs and her use of them in cooking as she grew up on a farm in Texas. She talked to other growers and says she was surprised by how many new herb facts and uses she heard. Nance says she learns much through experience, but also relies on a wealth of expert information in books and magazines like "Herb Companion," "Herb Quarterly," "Tennessee Gardener" and "Garden Gate."

Diann is well-known in the horticulture community as a knowledgeable presenter and valued volunteer. She is a current Tennessee Master Gardener and member of the Montgomery County Master Gardener Association since 1998. In other volunteer capacities, Diann has served as the president of the Beachaven Garden Club, is the current secretary for the Middle Tennessee Council of Catholic Women and member of the local group. She has also participated in the Tennessee Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages workshops to help others prevail over communication barriers.

Dianne will receive her award at the TSU Small Farms Expo on August 2nd, 2007. The recognition program will be held at the Tennessee State University Research and Extension Demonstration Farm, 3101 River Road, in Ashland City. The Small Farms Expo is open to the public and is held at the TSU research farm in Cheatham County. The awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the Expo which begins at 9:00 a.m. with farm tours and demonstrations that will continue throughout the afternoon. Registration is required for the luncheon, but not for the field day.

Established in 2004, the Small Farmer of the Year award identifies and recognizes deserving farmers in Tennessee. Each year seven small farmers are selected from different categories and income levels with one overall winner named Tennessee Star Small Farmer of the Year. Notable areas of achievement include Best Management Practices, Alternative Enterprise, and Innovative Marketing. This collaborative recognition program highlights successful small farmers and provides an effective teaching/learning environment to encourage others to adopt some of the same appropriate management practices.

- Diann's Greenhouse web page: www.diannsgreenhouse.com
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Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension www.tnstate.edu/cep



MCMGA Treasurer's Report 6/1/2007 – 7/12/2007

Cleared Transactions:

\$ 6,924.35 Bank balance 6/1/2007
\$ -107.98 #1675 David Baker for MG Plot Supplies
\$ - 22.62 #1676 MC Extension Office For June 2007 mailing
\$ 134.00 Deposit Money collected from garden circle hoe sales
\$ 6,927.75 Bank balance 6/30/2007

Uncleared Transactions:

\$ 6,927.75 Bank balance 6/30/2007
\$ -18.46 #1677 MC Extension Office For July 2007 mailing
\$ -780.00 #1678 MC Extension Office For 4H Camp – 4 campers
\$ -100.00 #1679 Barbara Plecharty June speaker fee
\$ 6.00 Deposit on 1/3/2007
\$ 6,035.29 Balance 7/12/2007

Montgomery County 4-H Jay Davis Memorial Camp Scholarships

W.P. Ridley 4-H Camp Columbia, TN

May 28, 2007 – June 1, 2007

MCMGA supported the following at 2007 4-H camp.

Raven Terry John “Morgan” Stevenson Morgan Funk Savannah York

MASTER GARDENERS PROJECTS FOR 2007

Chair: Barbara Plechaty, , 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 my interest you and contribute to the necessary community hours in the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

<p>Project # 1: The <u><i>Extension Garden (Sat. 9- till)</i></u> 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.</p>
<p>Project # 2: <u><i>Smith-Trahern Mansion</i></u> 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.</p>
<p>Project # 3: <u><i>Adopt-A-Plot (Wednesday starting at 6:30 pm)</i></u> 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 and Barbara Plechaty, (931) 358-9340, dogwood931@charter.net</p>
<p>Project # 4: <u><i>Clarksville Police Department Headquarters</i></u> 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 # 5: Most residents of our community utilize The <u><i>Montgomery County Library</i></u>. Donated indoor plants provide a lush background for this quiet haven. Co-Chairs are Janice Ledbetter or Fran Irvine, 552-4590, jledbetter123@yahoo.com.</p>
<p>Project # 6: Our own <u><i>Agricultural Extension Center</i></u> 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-Hiett 645-1785 ywartist@aol.com..</p>
<p>Project # 7: The <u><i>Master Gardener Hotline</i></u> 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</p>
<p>Project # 8: As part of our monthly meetings, the <u><i>Master Gardener Website and Newsletter</i></u> 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@bellsouth.net</p>
<p>Project # 9: Every Spring (April 21 weekend), APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the <u><i>Plant-The-Campus-Red</i></u> 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</p>
<p>Project # 10: <u><i>Curb Appeal Rossvie High (each Tuesday from 6 pm – 7 pm)</i></u> – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340</p>
<p>Project # 11: <u><i>Habitat for Humanity (426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN)</i></u> – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239</p>
<p>Project # 12: The <u><i>L&N Railroad Station (1st & 3rd Wednesday each month from 5pm-6pm)</i></u> is another of our city’s historic sites. Located on 10th Street and Commerce, this landmark is used for weddings and picnics. Co-Chair for this project is Shirley Calvert, 906-1691. skcalvert@bellsouth.net</p>

MCMGA OFFICERS 2007	Additional Positions:
President - David Baker	Refreshments - Beverly Guinn (
Vice President, Program Chair - Linda Earp	Historian - Marilyn McCue
Vice President, Project Chair - Barbara Plechaty Dogwood931@charter.net	Newsletter - Shirley Calvert skcalvert@bellsouth.net
Secretary - Margaret Pace pacem@apsu.edu	Website - Jackie Peak jjpeak@bellsouth.net
Treasurer - Shirley Calvert skcalvert@bellsouth.net	

2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007			
July		July	July
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	12 th	6:30 pm	Jim Willard Home
Jackson Summer Celebration	12 th		Jackson, TN
August		August	August
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	1 st	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	9 th	6:30 pm	TBA
2007 MG Class	28 th	6pm – 9 pm	Start 8/28 – 11/13 MC Ext. Office
September		September	September
Labor Day	3rd		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Summer Celebration	12 th		Jackson, TN www.westtennessee.tennessee.edu
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 th	6:30 pm	TBA
MG Fall Plant Sale	22 nd	8 – 12 am	Veteran’s Plaza – Clarksville, TN
Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville	29th	6:00 am	Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South Cost: \$20
October		October	October
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 rd	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Building Great Communities Conference	6 th & 7 th	Thurs. & Fri.	Memphis Hilton - Additional information, registration, & hotel rates at tufc@comcast.net
Columbus Day	8th		
9 th Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship	8 th		Memphis Botanic Garden – Registration at www.tufc.com starting June 1
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	11 th		TBA
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	31 st	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
November		November	November
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	8 th	6:30 pm	Christmas Decorations - Natural
Veterans Day	11 th		
Thanksgiving	22 nd		
December		December	December
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	5 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	13 th	6:30 pm	Christmas Gala – Party
Christmas (Tuesday)	25th		