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President's Message

Hot, hot, hot! First we get rain, rain and more rain, not it is hot and dry. Welcome to gardening in Tennessee.

I now think that Tina Dunlap and myself have final figures for the Garden Tour and Plant Sale. The Plant Sale was a profit of \$672.00. The Garden Tour gross was \$1,226.00 after paying for tickets and posters (\$210.00). Event Insurance cost \$218.00. So our net profit was \$798.00. Our total for the two was \$1,270.00. Thank you, one and all, for your continued time, talents, and hard work making our Master Gardening Association the best ever.

Karla will be on vacation this coming week, July 2 - 12th. She reminded you it is time to enter your hours into the computer. Our web leader has a place for you to put those hours on our very own web site. Good job, Phil. Your hours are due by the end of September. Guess I better get going.

Several of you are wondering about name tags. Karla is going to make and order the end of July. Those of you who were in the Class of 2009 will be receiving your name tags at the Christmas Banquet, provided you have completed your hours and have turned them in on the computer. To all of the rest of us who would like to have a name tag. Please provide Karla with the correct spelling of your name, the year you graduated, and \$10.00 before the end of July.

Thanks again to Jennifer Fisher for taking photos of our projects and getting them to David Baker. She completed the task in a flash.

Tonight's meeting will be hosted by Joe and Belinda Lyle in their garden. The address is 3206 E. Old Ashland City Road. The easiest way to get there is to go out Hwy 12 towards Ashland City. Turn left onto E. Old Ashland City Rd. just before you reach Excell Road. Their home is just down the street on the left. Bring a snack and maybe a chair. (She has about 30 chairs). Thank you, Joe and Belinda, for graciously opening your garden for our meeting. See you in the Garden.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2010

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Grace said by Leon, followed by the 6:30pm Potluck food and fellowship, Barbara Plechaty called the June MCMGA meeting at the Methodist Church meeting to order. The minutes were approved and motion carried, as there were no corrections.
- Tina Dunlop reported on the Treasury report was \$10,373.41 after she wrote a check for the 4-H scholarships was approved and the motion carried. Also, Tina reported we received Thank-You notes from the 4-H kids that received the scholarships. \$1,748 deposited from the Garden tour and plant sale. \$130 received tonight from the plant sale.
- Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlop will co-chair the Fall Plant sale at the Veteran’s Plaza Saturday, October 23rd. There will be a list put out for volunteers to help out per Terrie Young.
- Tina Dunlap still working on the MCMGA Brochure. It’s coming right along too and won’t be long till it’s given to David Baker to get printed. Jennifer Fisher took some pictures for this brochure too.
- Summer Celebration is July 8th in Jackson TN. The meeting will be held at Melinda and Joe Lyle’s gardens too. As the Executive board decided that this year we would also have a regular meeting for the people not attending the Summer Celebration. The August MCMGA monthly meeting will be held at Dr & Mrs. John Matthew gardens.
- Karla Kean said the Fall Master Gardener class would start August 17th and go until November 16. These are weekly classes. Karla said this would appear in the paper next week. She also said the community gardens are going really good too.
- Shan Smith passed around a GroWild List sign up for mailing from GroWild. Shan also reminded us Don Shadow’s bus trip is October 2nd, 2010. And Shan introduced our special guest Troy Marden; spoke on Tropical Temptations for Temperate Climates. And was he Great!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Submitted by Judie Treangen

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
July 8	Meeting*	6:30 PM	Joe and Belinda Lyles	(Bring snacks and a chair.)
July 8	Summer Celebration**		Jackson, TN	
July 15	Small Farm Expo	All day	Otis Floyd Nursery, McMinnville	/Karla Kean
Aug. 12	Meeting	6:30 PM	John and Nancy Matthews	(Bring snacks and a chair.)
Aug. 17- Nov. 16	Master Gardener Class begins	Tuesdays 6-9 PM	Extension Bldg.	/Karla Kean
Sept. 9	Meeting	6:30 PM	TBA	
Oct. 2	Trip to Don Shadows	TBA		/Shan Smith
Oct. 23	Plant sale	TBA	TBA	/Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap

*Hosts: Diana Griffin, Ruth Davis, Tina Dunlap, and JoAnn Baggett

**If anyone wants to go to Jackson early and spend the day, Thursday, July 8, at their "Summer Celebration," you may contact Jim Willard (552-6230) for a ride.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 06/02/2010	\$10,373.41
Debits ----	
#2017 06/02/10 United Methodist - June Meeting	\$ 60.00
#2018 06/02/10 Shan Smith - May speaker & Supplies	35.07
#2019 06/10/10 Shan Smith - June Mtg. \$ Supplies	84.20
#2020 06/10/10 Troy Marden - June Speaker	300.00
#2021 06/10/10 David Baker - Plants	28.25
#2022 06/15/10 Mont. Co. Extension - June Postage	22.12
#2023 06/30/10 Diann Nance - Laser Pointer	36.87
Deposits ---	
06/10/10 Garden Tour and Sale	\$ 1,748.00
06/10/10 Dues	80.00
07/05/10 Garden Tour and Sale	150.00
Ending Balance as of 06/30/10	\$11,784.90

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association

Executive Committee Meeting – June 30th, 2010

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg., Conference Room 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Present: Barbara Plechaty, David Baker, Karla Kean, Tina Dunlap, Shan Smith, Diann Nance, Terrie Young, Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen

Agenda Items:

- David Baker had a rough draft of the MCMGA Brochure in Color, could also be a mailer, triple fold, and proof read it. David still working on the format; the pictures that Jennifer took are very good.
- Reunion of previous Master Gardeners was discussed and will send out invitations to invite them to our September 9th meeting to be held at the Pavilion at McGregor Park. It will be picnic potluck; MCMGA will bring the meat, normal meeting hours and bring your chairs. We will be talking about it also at the next regular meeting. Karla Kean to represent this meeting: How it got started, will have big posters make up with past pictures, etc. We will be checking with parks and rec about reserving this location.
- Phil Greenawalt is working on a Volunteer Calendar on the website with opportunities to get your volunteer hours.
- Diann Nance says it's time to give up the newsletter, and Judie Treangen, with the help of Phil Greenawalt, will be taking over these responsibilities of the Newsletter. And it was voted on and motion passed to order the software needed to be able to do that. Adobe Creator maybe, but Terrie Young looking at another option, she will let us know 1st.
- Karla Kean asked if the MCMGA wanted to do the Green Thumb Festival next year. It will be the 1st Saturday in May. We voted to do this Green Thumb and pass on the Farm and Lawn and Garden Show in February 2011. This same day we will host a Plant Sale for the spring too! We will be looking for volunteers to chair this. As Karla noted, we will need a representative from MCMGA to go to all the Green Thumb meetings also. We will be discussing this subject at the August Meeting.
- Karla Kean said to spread the word about the MG class coming up August 17th, 2010. The deadline for signup is August 5th, 2010.
- Shan Smith said he would have a signup sheet at the August meeting for the October 2nd, 2010 bus trip to Don Shadows.
- Also we are getting low on door prizes. July meeting is at Belinda and Joe Lyles for those not going to the Summer Celebration in Jackson TN
- Barbara adjoined the meeting.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Karla's Korner

July 2010

As I am writing this article I am also preparing for a much needed week of vacation which is very distracting as I really want to be lying out by the pool or working on my garden! I am happy for the little break in the humidity as I am sure you all are too. So, next week while you all are either attending the meeting or headed to Summer Celebration in Jackson I will either be lying in the sun close to a cool body of water somewhere or on the rollercoaster ride of my life at some theme park! Or, I may just be home pickin' the beans!

I have been receiving a lot of fruit tree questions and upon further investigation have found the typical problems such as apple scab, cedar-apple rust, bacterial leaf spot diseases and others. It is so important to select varieties that are resistant to diseases and to make sure that we also manage the orchard floor with proper weed control and fertilization practices. Insecticide and fungicide sprays must be applied on a regular basis according to researched information. A fruit spray guide for homeowners can be found on the UT website at <http://utextension.tennessee.edu/Pages/default.aspx> or the Extension office can print one off for you. This publication tells you what to spray and when. You may also request a list of disease resistant varieties for planting in our area.

I know this is not Master Gardener related but I want to recognize and congratulate Chris Rhinehart and Scarlett Mulligan of Montgomery County, owners of RiverView Mounds Farm (<http://riverviewmoundsfarm.com/default.aspx>) who are the winners of the 2010 Tennessee Small Farmer of the Year in the Alternative Enterprises for the estimated gross farm income of less than \$50,000 category **AND** the 2010 Tennessee Small Farmer of the Year award. It has been a great honor to work with Chris and Scarlett during the past few years, and they are very well-deserving of this award! They will be recognized at the 2010 TENNESSEE SMALL FARM EXPO AND SMALL FARMER RECOGNITION PROGRAM on July 15th, 2010. Note that this will be held at the Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center located at 472 Cadillac Lane, McMinnville, TN, rather than at the farm in Cheatham County. **TSU will be offering transportation leaving at 7:30 in the front of the Ag building (3500 John Merritt Drive, Nashville) on July 15th but you must register!** Contact Bridgette Collins at (615) 963-5705 or e-mail bbush@tnstate.edu.

Please spread the word that we are **Now Accepting Applications for Fall 2010 Master Gardener Course**. All classes will be held at the Montgomery County Extension office on Tuesday evenings 6:00 -9:00 pm beginning August 17th and ending November 16th. The fee for the class is \$100.00 or \$125.00 per couple (if sharing a book). **Deadline August 3rd, 2010**. Contact: Karla Kean, Extension Agent kkean@utk.edu 931-648-5725

July 8, 2010 Summer Celebration Lawn & Garden Show Blue skies, golden sunshine, friendly people, and oh yeah, one of the most exquisite gardens in West Tennessee...sounds like a setting for a good time. At the annual University of Tennessee Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden Show, the mood is always festive. With thousands of trees, shrubs and flowers on display, plus exciting presentations, unique vendors and good food, it's easy to see why people love to come to this event, and why it's become a favorite West Tennessee tradition. Admission: \$5.00
<http://westtennessee.tennessee.edu/events/SummerCeleb.asp>

MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS FOR 2010

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>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-Chairs are Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@charter.net.</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. Two areas that are maintained are the Roadside Garden and the Main Entrance Garden. Co-Chairs are Jim Conatser, 561-0929, jim_conatser@yahoo.com and Ruth Davis 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net</p>
<p>Project 6: The Agricultural Shade Garden displays a variety of hostas and other shade-loving plants beside a walkway joining buildings at the Agricultural Extension Center. Co-Chair is Ruth Davis, 551-9819, rdd22@earthlink.net.</p>
<p>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 Karla Kean, 648-5725, kkean@utk.edu</p>
<p>Project 8: To keep pace with advances in technology the MCMGA website was developed to keep members up to date and informed. Co-Chair is Phil Greenawalt, 906-2967, plgreenawalt@charter.net.</p>
<p>Project 9: 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 10: 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, nance.d@cdelightband.net.</p>
<p>Project 11: 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 Margaret Pace, 647-4328, pacem@apsu.edu.</p>
<p>Project 12: 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>