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President's Message

We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Don Shadows. It seems the more times you go the more interesting the trip becomes. To watch the faces of our fellow members find a plant they have been waiting to purchase is like watching a child open Christmas presents.



Be prepared to smile tonight as we need your picture to up-date our Master Gardening directory. We need name, year you became a Master Gardener, your phone number and e-mail address, your gardening interest and brief other interest. Phil Greenawalt will be our photographer and Judie Treangen is his lovely assistant.

Thanks to John Mathews and David Neblett for organizing and setting up the Spring Plant Sale. A big thanks to all of you who dug, potted, watered, and worked the plant sale. A special thanks to Delonas' son Ross and son-in-law David who not only brought Deloia's plants but were delivery men and helped everyone. We netted \$849.00 from the sale. Thanks ya'll.

Allen Gilbert has taken new a position with the U.S.Govt. I think in Kentucky. He became a Master Gardener in 2001. He has headed the Police Department gardens project since I can remember. Always here first and ready to help. Good Luck, Allen, you will be missed.

The Police Department Garden Project will be taken over by Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen. All three were invited to a Volunteer Luncheon. It's nice to be

appreciated for a job well done.

Joy Moody is slowly recovering and hopes to be here soon.

I talked to Delona Shockey on Wednesday last week. She does have cancer and it is inoperable. She has one more biopsy to determine the type of cancer to see if there is a treatment. Prayers are requested and our love is extended to all of the Shockey family.

Thanks always to the hostesses and those who continue to bring doorprizes.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – May 14th, 2009

Agenda Discussion items:

Following the 6:30pm food and fellowship period. President Barbara Plechaty called the May MCMGA meeting held at the Extension Office to order at 7pm sharp.

- Correction to the last month meeting: The MCMGA will provide a \$40 Native Tree for each Home for Habitat.
- It was voted for \$50 to be given to each City Plot that the MCMGA works on in the City of Clarksville.
- The MCMGA Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Katie Smith asked if any of the Co-Chairs still needed any volunteers help, no one responded.

- Newsletter's on the MCMGA website now available online to print out per Fitz Fitzpatrick. Diann Nance will send out an email when it's available to print it out.
- John Matthews & David Neblett reminded members to pot up plants for the Plant Sale on 5/30/09.
- Next meeting we will be taking your picture for the new rooster for the MCMGA, come prepared to have you picture taken.
- Summer Celebration in Jackson TN coming up July 9th, will be our 2nd Thursday MCMGA meeting also. Bus Trip if we can get enough people to sign up, cost \$10.00 Signups at the June Meeting.
- Joy Moody is ill was shared for all of us members.
- Guest Speaker: Clint Patterson, City Forester of Clarksville, TN. Spoke on future of trees in Clarksville and Rails to Trails.
- June speaker will be Ernest Eddington and he will speak on Wildflowers.
- Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8pm sharp.
- A man who plants a tree plants it not for himself but for future generations. Proverb that Clint Patterson had.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Executive committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009

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

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

Agenda Discussion Items:

- At the next meeting Phil Greenawalt will be taking your pictures for the new MCMGA Directory and Judie Treangen to be his assistant.
- Reminder this is the last meeting before Jackson trip to sign up for the bus trip; we need at least 30 people to sign up to get a bus for this trip. If not, we will be car-pooling to Jackson Summer Celebration on Thursday July 9th; this is the monthly meeting also, so no meeting July 9th at the Ag Center. The tickets for this bus trip are \$10 and we will be brown bagging it for our lunch. Casey Jones for Dinner at 5pm. Shan Smith will have the bus list and be collecting the money.
- Karla Kean told us about the downtown market going on starting Saturday, June 6th from 8am – 1pm, now till October 31st, 2009.
- Barbara Plechaty reported the Plant Sale on May 30th make \$849. We need to get more advertising out there before the next plant sale this fall. Maybe we will place an ad in the Peddler Rag.
- After future Master Gardening Classes we discussed that we should take a couple names each and call upon these new members. To make sure they feel welcomed into the MCMGA and any other questions they may have.
- Reminders for members, door prizes are needed for the meetings.

- Phil Greenawalt and Judie Treangen will be taking over the Clarksville Police Department Headquarters Project for Allan Gilbert. Sadly enough Allan took a job in Kentucky and starts work there June 8th, 2009. He will be greatly missed.
Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

June 11, 09	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Ext. Office	Earnest Eddington, Wildflowers
July 9, 09	Sum. Celebration	TBA	Jackson, TN	Shan Smith, contact (\$10.00)
Aug. 13,09	Monthly Meeting	TBA	Ext. Office	

*Hosts: Ralph Brown, Terrie Young, Tina Ramsey, David Beher

Karla's Korner June 2009

It seems as though the rain and cooler weather is gone and a hot, dry summer is on the way. The cool weather set the stage for disease problems in fruits and ornamentals so I have had many calls about that. With fruit trees it is essential that you apply the sprays as recommended and not use that "all-in-one" fruit spray mix. When using those general mixes you are not applying enough to solve the problem and you are applying the wrong chemical at the wrong time. Those schedules can be found on the UT website at www.utextension.edu and then click on publications.

Garden of Hope Update

The Garden of Hope workdays & general tasks will be as follows. If you cannot make it at one of these specific times, please feel free to go out and pull weeds as you are able! The Garden of Hope is located at 860 Hornbuckle Road in Clarksville, TN. Please pull in the drive and stay on the path; go past the house and barn into the back field...this is where the garden is and where volunteers will be! Please bring your own tools!

Workdays:

Mondays: 7:00 or 8:00 am – noon-ish

Team Leader: Terrie Williams

Tuesdays: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Team Leader: Mission Clarksville Group

Wednesdays: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Team Leaders: Angela/Carolyn/Karla

Fridays:

8:00 am - 11:00 am (Harvesting & Boxing)

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (On-Farm Stand & Box pick up)

Saturday: As you are able!

Downtown Market sales...tentative

Garden Tasks:

Scouting: Walk through the garden and look for signs of insect or disease and let me or a team leader know if you see something that is not right. Also, look for what may need to be harvested & weeded that day

Weeding: It should be clear to everyone what is a plant and what is a weed at this point! Only worry about weeding in the row in between and around the plants. Mike Bradberry will plow between the rows.

Watering: Water only what looks desperate! The water truck is on site and there are 5-gallon buckets and 1-gal milk jugs to use for watering. There is a hose on the side of the water tank and a valve that turns the water off and on. Fill up the 5-gal bucket and water using the 1-gal container. Sorry! It is that and we depend on Mother Nature!

Harvesting: Most harvesting will be done on Friday morning for filling the CSA boxes & other sales. As we get further into the season we will harvest more often during the week and start making deliveries to the food banks as we are able. The first CSA boxes should be available on July 3rd! By then we will have tomatoes and maybe sweet corn!

Thank you all for your support! If you have questions or know of people who wish to help, please pass on this information!

Brandon Hills Garden Update

Brandon Hills Heritage Youth Garden summer program is off and running! Youth are participating in a program here at the Extension office called "Food Safety Investigations" once a week and regular gardening days are scheduled. Pictures and more information can be found at <http://www.mtolivecemeterly.org> or by contacting Geneva Bell, 552-8026 or Beth Kasper 387-3715.

To volunteer, here are the dates for the two programs:

Food Safety Investigations (at the Extension office): June 2, 6 & 16 and July 7, 14 & 21

Workdays in the garden begin at 9:00am: June 20th; July 4th, 18th

Downtown Market Update

The Clarksville Downtown Market opened on Saturday, June 6th and was a great success! Make sure you go visit throughout the season! The Market is open on Saturdays, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm June 6th – October 31st. The Market will feature locally grown produce & plants, nursery stock, hand-made crafts, art and more! For more information and/or to sign up as a vendor contact Niki Crowe, Market Manager at 931-645-7476.

<http://www.cityofclarksville.com/parks&rec/DowntownMarket.php>

Tennessee Yards & Neighborhoods Workshop

TYN will host a Home Landscape Workshop in Clarksville on Tuesday, June 23rd. The six-hour workshop will begin at 8:30 am and will be held at the new Civic Hall, 350 Pageant Lane (Veterans Plaza). The workshop is limited to 25 participants and costs \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. To register or for more information, contact: Karla Kean at 931-648-5725 or kkean@utk.edu or

<http://utiportal.tennessee.edu/ext/tyn/Pages/default.aspx>

The Gathering Update

Friday June 19: Next Webinar, Educational Meeting & Tour. We will meet in Clarksville at the UT Extension Office-1030A Cumberland Heights Road (at 8:45 for our 6th Webinar) on Business Retention and Expansion. We will leave (Van & carpool) from the office at 10:10 and should arrive at our first stop around 10:50 am. First stop:**Smokey Hollow Exotic Birds and Feathers**; lunch at **Rustic Timbers Bed and Breakfast**-all in the TN Ridge general area. Then on into Erin for a stop at **JLP Enterprises**; Lemonade and a stop at **Five Oaks Bed and Breakfast**; then on to Cumberland City to see **GEO Signs and Designs Inc.** and then “**Awnings and Canopies Over Tennessee**” made out of canvas and vinyl. **Register by Friday June 12, to help reserve your place at lunch.** The Gathering is all about “Building Community and Community Based Businesses.

Treasurer’s Report

INTERIM REPORT/ MAY 23, 2009

<u>Beginning balance</u> (per checkbook) – May 23, 2009		\$ 12,191.85
Debits: # 1956 Barbara Plechaty (cash for plant sale)	50.00	
#1957 speakers (March/April)	50.00	
#1958 Postage (post cards)	<u>21.00</u>	
	(121.00)	<u>(121.00)</u>
		12,070.85
Deposits: May 7, 2009 (Don Shadow trip)	275.00	
May 15, 2009	<u>165.00</u>	
\$ 60.00 dues	440.00	
	<u>105.00</u>	
	165.00	<u>440.00</u>
Ending balance/Interim Report – May 23, 2009		\$ 12,510.85

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.

<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-Chairs 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 Charles Fitzpatrick, 906-6408, cfitzpatrick@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, dinance@bellsouth.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>