

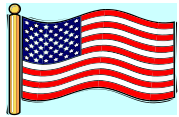


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President's Message

There are many new cultivars for 2007. It's always exciting to try new plants in our gardens. PSDI-Encore has two great lorapetalums for sale now. They are 'Purple Diamond' and 'Purple Pixie'. Novalis offers 'Lemon Daddy' Hydrangea with chartreuse leaves. In summer 2007 they will introduce 'Pink' Double Knock Out Rose. A never-sold-before offering is 'Empress of China' dogwood. It is evergreen and a prolific bloomer (blooming for six or seven weeks). Their newest echinacea is 'Harvest Moon'. Coreopsis 'Autumn Blush' and salvia 'Sensation' are both heat-hardy. 'Gold Brilioni' Lonicera and 'Golden Tears' Trachelospermum are new to the Novalis shade series. Proven Winners will introduce 40 new plants this year. Among these are: 'Suertunia Raspberry Blast' petunia; 'Spirit Appleblossom', 'Spirit Damask', and 'Spirit Frost' cleomes; 'Flambe Orange' and 'Flambe Yellow' strawflowers; and 'My Monet' dwarf weigela. There are several 2007 rose introductions from Weeks. Included are: 'Gentle Giant', 'Burgundy Iceberg', 'Night Owl', 'Sky's the Limit', 'Vavoom', and 'We Salute You'.

Information on more than 2,000 garden catalogs, including customer ratings on quality, price, service and breadth of offerings can be found at www.gardenlist.com.

If you over wintered plants indoors, now is a good time to take cuttings. Use 2 or 3 inch cuttings for most plants and remove the bottom set of leaves. Perlite is a good material to use for cuttings. Rooting hormone will generally help. A fluorescent grow light hung 3 to 6 inches above rooted cuttings to increase light intensity.

March 11 is Johnny Appleseed Day – John Chapman, a traveling nurseryman and early conservationist, planted hundreds of apple orchards in the Midwest before his death in 1845.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."

David Baker
MCMGA President



**PLEASE
PAY
2007 Master
Gardener
Dues**

**A BIG THANK YOU to the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
members for tonight**

**Fran Irvine - Eunice Martin
Ann Langmack – Allen Gilbert**

**Time to pay
your 2007
Association
DUES**

**April 12th, 2007 Committee members are:
Betty Bowman – Doris Evans**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDERS ASSOCIATION

February 8, 2007

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Following the 6:30 p.m. food and fellowship period, the February MCMGA meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Baker.

- The December 2006 and January 2007 MCMGA minutes were read and approved with the correction of the MG plant sale to April 28.
- The January 2007 Treasurer's report was approved.
- A rough draft of the 2007 proposed MG budget was included in handouts – the projected 2007 budget will be presented for approval at the March meeting. MCMGA is underwriting the cost of bus for the 2nd day of the June MO Botanical Garden trip and the entire cost of the bus for the September Don Shadows Nursery trip.
- The sign-up sheet for four monthly volunteers needed for each meal's set-up and clean-up was circulated again to complete slots for July through December 2007.
- MCMGA members are asked to promote the MG Short Course scheduled for March 6, 13, 20 and 27 as this event is a fund raiser for the organization.
- A sign-up sheet was circulated and members asked to volunteer time on April 14 and May 5 to clean and refurbish Franklin St. planters.
- Openings are still available on Thursday or Saturday evenings for MG members to schedule a 'garden walk' for MCMGA members.
- Betty Lambert, scheduled to present a program on 'violets' for the April MG meeting, will be unable to attend, but will provide a video on this subject.
- MG members were reminded to continue preparing for the April 28 MG plant sale. Day lilies and tuberous plants may be sacked. Seedlings, small bushes and little trees should be potted and correctly identified. House plants may also be contributed.
- The sign-up sheets for the June 9-10 MO Botanical Gardens and the September 29 Don Shadows Nursery trips were circulated. Money must be paid by the May meeting.
- Extension Agent Pam Rye confirmed members may remain in the MCMGA if the \$20 yearly MG membership dues have been paid, but the volunteer hours requirement has not been met. She recognized six members from the recent class and acknowledged that a few class members have not received their MG certificates yet.
- Shirley Calvert and Helga Browder are encouraging submission of MG favorite recipes for the MCMGA recipe book to be completed by fall 2007.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Orchids, Rev. Bryon Dumas

Rev. Dumas, a member of the Orchid Society and an award-winning exhibitor, displayed and discussed numerous specimens. An orchid grower since the early 70's, he shared valuable growing tips and orchid requirements; diffused light, adequate air and moisture (soft water or rain water). For best results, he recommended investing in a light meter and planting orchids in coconut hulls, never in dirt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

Helga Browder - JoAnn Baggett

Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at Public Library, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Present: President David Baker, Linda Earp, Barbara Plechaty, Shirley Calvert, Margaret Pace, Delona Shockley, Extension Agent Pam Rye

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Tentative changes to the MCMGA proposed budget, better reflecting income in relation to expenses, were approved. Final figures are subject to the membership vote and to the financial success of the April 28 plant sale.
- Due to the lower than anticipated enrollment in the March MG Short Course, changes were discussed, including allowing attendance to specific days of the short course and amending the cost of the St. Louis Botanical Gardens trip.
- Jamie Pendergrass, horticulturist with Dickson's 'Plant Ranch' will present at the March 8 MCMGA General meeting.
- Stations of the Cross is no longer a MCMGA community project
- MCMGA plant sale, scheduled for April 28 at the Veteran's Plaza, will be set up in the rear area shed in case of rain.
- Extension Agent Pam Rye has resigned her position due to family commitments.

Respectively submitted by Margaret Pace

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 may interest you and contribute to the necessary community hours in the ACE program. Thank you for your participation.

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| <p>Project # 1: The <u>Extension Garden</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>Smith-Trahern Mansion</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>Adopt-A-Plot</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>Clarksville Police Department Headquarters</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>Montgomery County Library</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>Agricultural Extension Center</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 645-1785 ywartist@aol.com.</p> |
| <p>Project # 7: The <u>Master Gardener Hotline</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>Master Gardener Website and Newsletter</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@aol.com.</p> |
| <p>Project # 9: The <u>L&N Railroad Station</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 Carol Martin, 920-5481</p> |
| <p>Project # 10: Every Spring (April 16 weekend), APSU invites the master gardeners to lead the campus residents in the <u>Plant-The-Campus-Red</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 # 11: <u>Curb Appeal Rossview High</u> – Improve entrance to High School. Co-Chair: Barbara Plechaty (931) 358-9340</p> |
| <p>Project # 12: <u>Habitat for Humanity (426 Glen Street Clarksville, TN)</u> – MG to design and plan gardens & yard. Co-Chair: Debbie Johnson (931) 368-0239</p> |
| <p>Project # 13: <u>Franklin Street</u> – 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.</p> |



2007 MC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM CALENDAR 2007

March		March	March
Lawn & Garden Show- Nashville	1st – 3rd		Car Trip
(TOGA) Tennessee Organic Growers' Assoc. 3 rd Annual Conference	3 rd	For more information: www.tnorganics.org	Campus of Tennessee State University - Fees: \$50 for members & \$55 for non-members.
Regular Meeting - MC Ext. Off	8 th	6:30 pm	Meet the Projects and Jamie Pendergrass with Plant Ranch
MG Spring Fling 3 rd Annual Free Gardening Seminar With the sale of Plants & Garden Related Items	10 th	9 am – 4 pm	The Red Barn on the grounds of Ag. International 7777 Walnut Grove Road Memphis, TN Sponsored by the Memphis Area Master Gardeners
Free Grafting Workshop	10 th		East TN – Roane County MG's Call (865) 919-5769 for more information.
Master Gardener's Short Course – Madison Street Methodist Church	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	6pm – 8pm (every Tuesday)	Joanne Hackman - Cost \$40.00
Fourth Annual Blooming Garden Expo	13 th -15 th		Williamson Co. MG's - Ag. Expo Park in Franklin, TN
St. Patrick's Day	17th		
Wild Flower Walk – Cheatham Co.	17 th		Conniece Jackson
45 th Wearin' o' the Green Parade & Arts and Crafts Festival	17 th	10:15 am Parade begins	Houston County Chamber of Commerce (931) 289-5100
Spring Begins	21st		
Grow Wild – Franklin	24th	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Car Trip – meet at K-mart 7:30 am
April		April	April
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	4 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
DEADLINE for St. Louis, MO. Botanical Gardens trip	6 th		Linda Earp
Wild Flower Walk	7 th	9:00 – noon	Eunice Martin's Home
Herb & Wildflower Festival	7 th		Townsend Visitor Center, Townsend - Contact: (800) 525-6834 www.smokymountains.org
Wildflower Pilgrimage	7-8, 14-15, 21-22		Wartburg, TN – Contact: (423) 346-3318 www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/frozenhead
Bunkum Cave Trail Wildflower Walk	7 th -28 th (Sat. only)		Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park, Byrdstown - Contact (931) 864-3247 www.cordellhullmuseum.com
Easter Sunday	8th		
Dogwood Arts Festival	11 th -29 th		Knoxville – Contact (865) 637-4561 www.dogwoodarts.com
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off	12 th	6:30 pm	MCMGA Plant Sale Forum - Delona Shockey / Betty Lambert on Violets
Williamson Co. MG's Blooming Garden Expo	13 th – 15 th		For more information: www.bloomngarden.com
Franklin Street Project Work Day	14 th		Franklin Street Clarksville
Walk on the Wildflower Side	14 th		Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail, Ashland City – Contact: (615) 792-2655
Sevier Co. Flower & Garden Show	14 th	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	
Rivers & Spires Festival	19 th – 21 st		Clarksville, TN
Plant The Campus Red (APSU)	21 st	8:00 a.m.	APSU Campus
MCMGA Plant Sale -Veteran Plaza	28 th	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Delona Shockey
Fairview Plant Auction (Retail Sales)	28 th	9:00 am	No Charge to Bid
May		May	May
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	2 nd	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
International Master Gardeners Conference Little Rock, Arkansas	2 nd – 5 th		Check it out at: http://mg2007.uaex.edu/
Franklin Street Project Work Day	5 th		Franklin Street Clarksville
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off	10 th	6:30 pm	Shade Gardening – Carl Herbison
Mother's Day	13th		
Armed Forces Day	19th		
Memorial Day	28th		

June		June	June
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	6 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
2007 Tennessee State Master Gardening Conference	8 th -10 th	Conference details & registration: http://tnmgc2007.net	MeadowView Convention Center & Resort in Kingsport, TN Cost: (early Bird by 3/15 \$135)
St. Louis Botanical Gardens	9th-10th		Bus Trip – St. Louis
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	14 th	6:30 pm	Woody Plants – Carol Reese
Hydrangea Gardens	16 th	10:00 a.m. – noon	Joanne Hackman's Home
Father's Day	17th		
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	27 th	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	To Be Determined
July		July	July
Independence Day (Wednesday)	4th		
Monthly MCMGA Meeting - MC Ext. Off.	12 th	6:30 pm	TBA
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
September		September	September
Labor Day	3rd		
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	TBA
Don Shadows Nursery - Nashville	29th	6:00 am	Bus Trip – Leave K-Mart South
October		October	October
MCMGA Executive Committee Meeting	3 rd	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Public Library
Columbus Day	8th		
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		

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@aol.com
Secretary - Margaret Pace pacem@apsu.edu	Website - Jackie Peak mcmgtn@aol.com
Treasurer - Shirley Calvert skcalvert@aol.com	



**Daylight Saving Time
Starts Sunday 3/11/2007**



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**