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President's Message

Every year I give thanks for allowing me one more year in the great outdoors and letting me sift my fingers thru the dirt (soil). I am so excited.

Thursday Katie Smith will have sign-up sheets for our projects. It has been brought to my attention that a better communication needs to exist between co-chairs and volunteers. As you sign up for these projects pay attention to who the co-chair is. If you have heard when and where you need to be, then give this person a call or e-mail. (Check newsletter for information.)

Co-chairs, When you receive the completed list of volunteers take a few minutes to give these folks a call so they are in the know and feel like a part of your team.

Thanks! John Mathews and David Neblett for co-chairing the spring plant sale which will be May 30th.

Sharon Baggett and Ralph Brown for co-chairing the Fall Plant Sale.

All of the folks who helped Delonia Shockey with the Short Course.

The days are getting longer and there have been some pretty spring-like days. Yeah! Seeds have been ordered and I am awaiting their arrival with much anticipation. Thoughts turn to cleaning out the flower beds, tilling the vegetable garden, and adding compost, etc.

Trying new veggies is always fun. This year it will be edible soybeans. Last year Swiss chard became a favorite, along with radishes, red onions, and peas. My grandchildren love to eat peas off the vine.

Then my creative side kicks in. What areas might need improving in the yard. What flowers need to be moved because they need more sun or shade. I am sure there will be something new on the market I will need to try.

Quote: "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." Henry David Thoreau

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Treasurer's Report

<u>Beginning balance (checkbook) – Febr. 04. 2009</u>		\$10,430.42
Deposits: 02/04.09 – (dues - \$360.00; *Agent Expenses - \$70,00)		\$ 430.00
02/26/09 – Short Course		<u>440.00</u>
Total deposits -		
870.00		
870.00		
		11,300.42
Debits: #1943 – postage	28.62	
1944 – speakers, Short Course	200.00	
1945 – Gift card/past president	50.00	
1946 – gift card/MG mtg/speaker	25.00	
1947 – *Agent Expenses (reimbursed)	70.00	
1948 – postage	<u>30.24</u>	
Total debits	(403.86)	(403.86)
Ending balance (checkbook – March 4, 2009		\$10,896.56

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2009

Agenda Discussion Items:

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

- There were no corrections from the last meeting minutes.
- Budget approved – motion carries
- Margaret Pace announced “Paint the Campus Red” and sign up sheet passed around. This is also the 10th Anniversary and free T-shirts to be handed out.
- Ann Langmack announced for members that haven’t paid, dues are now due.
- Shan Smith announced for next meeting, sign ups for the Don Shadow trip will be available at the next meeting. The date is May 16th.
- Program for March Meeting is Wildflowers presented by Charles Moffett
- Plant Sale is Saturday, May 30th at the Veteran’s Plaza.
- Katie Smith announced to look over the sign up sheets to volunteer for Master Gardener Projects.
- Shan Smith introduced Charles Cook the “Bee Guy”, and remember “Don’t Kill our Pollinator’s” and honey was available for sale.
- Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Submitted by Judie Treangen

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2009

420 Madison St, C David Elliott’s Bldg, Conference Room 5pm – 6pm

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

Agenda Discussion Items:

- Ann Langmack Treasury beginning balance as of 2/04/09 \$10,430.42 and ending balance as of 3/4/09 \$10,896.56. Mini gardening course \$2,300.
- Don Shadow trip 5/16/09 bus trip discussed, tickets for MCMGA members \$30.00 and guests, \$40.00
- Katie Smith will have sign up sheets for projects and will have the times that the projects meet to volunteer.
- Karla Kean reported that Hotline Training will be on 3/19/09 from 9am – 10am at the Ag Center
- Margaret Pace sending in Tree Grant to State.
- Tin Barn invited Master Gardener’s to their open house June 26th
- Saturday, 3/28/09 Volunteers needed to be Plant Leaders for Garden of Hope, Exit

- Future project “Yards and Neighbors Program”
- Speaker, Charles Moffitt from Springfield to have a power point presentation on “Wildflowers”
- Family day at the Museum on Saturday, 3/14/09 in honor of Arbor Day, 10am – Noon
- A reminder for members, door prizes are needed for meetings
- Treasury Report cut off date for postcards mailing for meetings is April 1st if dues not paid
- Summer Celebration on July 9th, 2nd Thursday Bus trip to Jackson TN

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Dates to Remember

March 2-24	Short Course	6:30 P.M.	Madison St. Methodist Ch	Delona Shockey, contact
March 12*	Monthly Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Extension Office	Charles Moffet, Wildflowers of Appalachians
April 1	Deadline for dues			
May 16, 09	Don Shadow trip	6:00 A.M	Sango K-Mart	Shan Smith, contact
May 30	Plant Sale	TBA		John Matthews & David Neblett
July 9, 09	Sum. Celebration	TBA	Jackson, TN	Shan Smith, contact

*Hosts: Leon Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick, April Cacal

Karla's Korner March 2009

Well, March definitely came in like a lion this year with snow and ice one weekend and beautiful sunny days the next! Fairly typical for a Tennessee spring! I know my muscles are sore today after digging in my garden all day Saturday and raking leaves and such on Sunday afternoon. The daffodils are awesome and a welcome site after such a long cold winter. Cool season plants and seeds such as radish, beets, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, cabbage and others can be planted now. You may want to be prepared to cover them with straw or row-covers in case we have another hard freeze; but, overall they can take the cold fairly well. I saw a mosquito and a June bug floating around Saturday evening...I hope that is not a sign of what is to come!

Our entomologist Frank Hale is looking for bagworm eggs! Please contact him if you see any sites with **overwintering Bagworms containing LIVE eggs on Juniper.** He needs a couple hundred eggs per site. Frank Hale - 615-832-6802 or 615-835-4571 or e-mail: FAHALE@utk.edu

Upcoming Events:

March 19th: Master Gardener Hotline Training at the Extension office- Contact- Karla Kean 931-648-5725 to RSVP.

March 21st: Garden Gala at Brandon Hills Heritage Garden-1202 Commerce (corner of Commerce & Glenn Streets). We will be planting cool-season vegetables and preparing the gardens for the planting season. Come & get to know everyone! Contact-Karla Kean 931-648-5725, Geneva Bell, 552-8026, Beth Kasper 387-3715

March 28th: Garden of Hope/F.U.E.L Garden Planting-860 Hornbuckle Road, Clarksville. 10 am – until done. Volunteers are needed to plant cool-season vegetables. Contact-Karla Kean 931-648-5725, Carolyn Watson 931-358-0390 or Marcia Huguley 980-0093.

April 4th: Granny Wall's **J&J** Century Farm will host its first Annual Spring Festival April 4 & 5, 2009, 8 am - 5 pm Saturday, and 1 pm - 5 pm on Sunday. 1219 St. Michael Road

Southside, TN 37171 Phone: (931) 387-2594; E-mail:

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Directions: From Clarksville- Hwy 48 South to Gray's Chapel Road on left. Turn right on Old Hwy 48 at 4-way stop. Left on Mt. Hermon Road. Right on St.

Michael. We are the 1st house on the left. Directions: From Dickson- Hwy 48N to Gray's Chapel Road on the right. Follow above direction.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed---and gazed---but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

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-Chair is Allen Gilbert, 798-9763, allen.l.gilbert@us.army.mil.</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-Chair is Jim Conatser, 553-8725, jim_conatser@yahoo.com</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 are Gene and Joy Moody, 358-3475, joyfulgene@msn.com</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 Philenese Slaughter, 358-4187, slaughterp@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>