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President's Message

Fall has arrived--those hot, hot days are gone, but it is so very dry. If you would like to organize a rain dance, give me a call.

First and foremost, our **meeting** for October will be held at the Madison St. United Methodist Church starting at 6:30. Karla thinks we may be back at the Extension Office by December. Time will tell. I will keep you posted. It will be nice to have everything in one place. However, I have heard comments about how nice it is to have our meetings in town.

I have messed up once more. **Elections** will be held in November, not October. I just got ahead of myself. The good news is that Ann Langmack and her committee of Penny Donahoo and Terry Simo have completed their search. Thank you so very much. Someone once told me that you will get ten no's before you get a yes. However, if you think you would like to serve on the executive committee, we will call for nominations from the floor. Think about it.

This is the last **newsletter** that Diann Nance will be doing. Diann has been putting the letter together for several years. I want her to know how much I appreciate her time and talent every month. Thanks, Diann. Judie Treangen will be doing the newsletter as well as finishing up her position of recording secretary. You have no idea how much I appreciate those who step forward to volunteer. I hope you will all mention your appreciation to these ladies.

Our next event will be our **Fall Plant Sale**. October 23rd, 8:00a.m. at the Veterans Plaza. I have finally begun to get some plants out of the ground. I let the sprinkler soak the ground, let it set for a couple of hours. Bingo, I could dig. Cooler weather has inspired me. Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap have volunteered to co chair this event. Make sure to get you plants there early as we always have before 8:00 shoppers.

This will be **Joann Hackman's** last Master Gardeners meeting. She will be moving down to Memphis to keep a closer eye on her family. She will be really missed by this Master Gardener Association.

Margaret Pace has come up with an idea of a **SEED SWAP** for our November meeting. So when you are out there collecting seed for you, collect some for me, and I will do the same. I will let Margaret give you the rules at our meeting.

Organization and details to go to **Don Shadows** is not a simple matter. Shan Smith is my hero. Thanks,Shan. We had such a terrific time with lots of excitement. It was no ordinary trip. Thanks to those who invited friends, family, Pond Society Members, and Garden Clubs. Thanks to all of you who got up before dawn to join in the fun.

See you at church.

Date	Event	Time	Location	Program/Contact
Aug. 17- Nov. 16	Master Gardener Class begins	Tuesdays 6-9 PM	Extension Bldg.	/Karla Kean
Oct. 14*	Meeting	6:30 PM	Madison Street United Methodist Church	Chris Robbins "Safe Use of Pesticides"
Oct. 23	Plant sale	8 AM---	Veterans' Plaza	/Judie Treangen and Tina Dunlap
Oct. 23	Tree Planting		Rotary Park	/Karla Kean
Nov. 2	MG Board Meeting	4:30 PM		
Nov. 10	Meeting	6:30 PM	Civic Hall	

*Hosts: Margaret Pace and Carl and Kay Papenfuss

MCMGA OFFICERS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS 2010

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (per checkbook) 09/01/2010	\$11,269.26
Debits -----	
#2031 09/01/2010 Mont. Co. Ext. (Reunion Postage)	\$138.04
#2032 09/01/2010 Terrie Young (Candles-Reunion)	46.71
#2033 09/10/2010 Shan Smith (Jul/Aug/Sept mtg supplies)	249.12
#2034 09/10/2010 Just for the Fun of It (Don ShadowBus Deposit)	200.00
#2035 09/20/2010 TAAA & S (Karla Kean Dues)	70.00
#2036 09/30/2010 Just for the Fun of it (Don ShadowBus - Balance)	850.00
Ending balance - as of 09/30/2010	9,715.39

Montgomery County Master Gardener Association Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting – October 6th, 2010

420 Madison St, C David Elliott Bldg., Conference Room 4:30pm – 5:45pm

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

Agenda Items:

- President Barbara announced slate of officers, Diana Ruby as Secretary, Colleen Teet as 1st Vice President, Melinda Grimes as President and Judie Treangen will take over the newsletter.
- Joann Hackman will be moving to the Memphis, TN area and this will be her last meeting. We voted to present her with a gift as she was a founding member of the MCMGA.
- Fall Plant Sale is 10/23/10, 8am to Noon or sold out. Volunteers and members bringing plants be there early please. And please label and price each plant for sale. As it is important to know what the plants are and the price of each plant. Price them as \$1, \$2, \$3, etc.
- This months meeting on 10/14/10 will be held at the Madison Street United Methodist Church. The address is 319 Madison St. Fellowship and food at 6:30pm and meeting to start at 7pm
- This speaker this month is Chris Robbins, "Safe Use of Pesticides"
- Phil Greenawalt said Apple updated the Safari browser, MCMGA website media player will play on it now.
- Karla Kean said the New MG class is going good and ½ way though. Also, Middle TN nurseries gave a huge donation of trees and shrubs, some potted, some bare root. Will get Debby Johnson and Herb Baggett with Habitat for Humanity

to get a list of houses built to plant some of these trees and put some of the trees at McGregor Park that died due to the flood. Also, \$22,000 grant given for native trees to be planted at Rotary Park and other areas that are in need.

- Karla Kean, also announced “Make a Difference Day” will be a planting of trees in Rotary Park. Trying to get it at 10am, so people working at Plant Sale could come help as well. It will be Native Trees that are planted to our area. She said right now the time for this is 9am to 1pm, holes will be dug for these 75 trees to be planted, some ferns and other plants as well.
- Terrie and Karla both announced that project chairs that haven’t turned in the Project Evaluation Reports to please get them turned in as Karla needs them.
- President Barbara appointed Terrie Young as the Hostess Chairperson though the end of the year. Will be for the November and December meetings.

Submitted by Judie Treangen

Karla’s Korner

October 2010

This has to be the longest summer ever! As well as the hottest and driest! Hopefully we will get back to cooler temperatures and fall weather or we may be celebrating Thanksgiving by the pool in our swimsuits! Who knows at this point!

A lot of people are concerned with their lawns and whether or not to renovate this fall. I will stand by the recommendation that fall planting is best for cool season lawns (the fescues); however, you do need to plan to irrigate if you renovate this year. Broadleaf weeds can be spot-sprayed now with a herbicide such as Tri-mec. The University of Tennessee has an excellent web page that will provide all you need to know about turf-grass selection, weed control, fertilization and general maintenance. This information can be found at <http://tennesseeturf.utk.edu/default.htm>.

Upcoming Events & Activities:

Rotary Park Stream Enhancement Project:

WHAT: Tree Planting Day

WHERE: Rotary Park

WHEN: October 23, 2010

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wall Branch Creek meanders through Montgomery County’s Rotary Park and provides cool vistas for park visitors and habitat for a broad variety of native wild life. This stream has a segment that receives concentrated storm water runoff from a relatively large grassy area, and this may be degrading the stream’s natural systems.

In an effort to protect and enhance this stream, the Montgomery County Storm Water Program, The Montgomery County Parks Department, the Tennessee University Extension Service, and the Cumberland River Compact have joined forces to plant trees and understory plants to area that will help protect the stream. The vegetation will slow the flow of storm water and act as a natural filter to prevent pollution and sediments from

being deposited in the stream. In addition, slowing the runoff will reduce erosive damage to the stream floodway and riparian areas.

October 28–29, 2010 19th Annual Urban Forestry Conference

Sustainable Sites and Natural Resources: The Urban Forestry Approach

<http://urbanforestryconference.org/ufc/schedule.html>

Chattanooga Choo Choo

12th annual Tree Climbing Championship October 30th at East Lake Park

Talk to a person: 615.352-8985



Pictures from trip to Don Shadows' Nursery.



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>