



Master Gardeners Hear it ... Through the Grapevine

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MASTER GARDENERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TN.

President's letter

Master Gardeners,

Even though our 2011 graduation party was delayed a month, it was a great celebration. It was exciting to see some of you cheering for your peers when their name was called to accept their certificates. Congratulations again to each of the Class of 2011, especially to the eight interns who have already become certified Master Gardeners by completing their 40 hour commitment. Also congratulations to the 49 members of the 2010 class who have certified.

Many awards were presented, including the VIP pin for 3 years of certified service and the Five year pins. The Master Gardeners who completed 100 hours of service and had received the Centennial Year Pin for 2010 were honored. Certificates were presented to those who had volunteered from 200 to 600 hours in 2010.

The Lifetime award for completing 10 years of service to the Master Gardener Program were presented to Sue Henley, Joyce Lewis, Jean Patton, Kay Red Horse and Carol Webber.

The Excellence Service Award was presented for outstanding dedication and service to:

Lisa Clark	Hospitality
Bud Hines	Fair Chairman, Composting and Raised Bed Coordinator
Donna Smolinski	Secretary, Chattanooga Market and Events Coordinator
Jerry Smolinski	Newsletter and Chattanooga Market
Sally Wencel	Web Site and Communication
Wanda Wilkey	Membership Directory

Special thanks to Tom Stebbins for preparing all the certificates and for the beautiful watering can awards for outstanding service.

I hope many of you will be participating in the Spring Garden Tour benefitting the Chattanooga Area Food Bank on Saturday, June 4th from 10:00am to 6:00 pm and on Sunday, June 5 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. My garden and the St. Albans Community Garden (project of Dee Clark) are part of the tour. As an added bonus the Farmers Market at St. Albans will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday (no ticket required). Tickets for the tour are \$15.00 and you may purchase them at any of the seven locations on the tour. Go to chattfoodbank.org and click on 'events' to get the brochure and map.

Finally, you are invited to the 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese at the home of Jerry and Donna Smolinski on Saturday, June 4th from 5:00 to 8:00. (A reminder invitation and directions will be sent to all members by email.)

Watch your emails for more information on Mike and Stephanie Payne's Garden Party on June 25th to benefit the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.

Patsy Boles, President

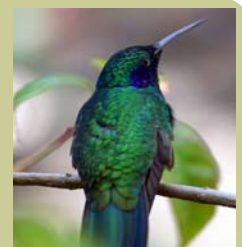
To plant a Garden is to believe in tomorrow

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Courtesy:

weforanimals.com



May 2011 Board Business

The Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden was long overdue to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a teaching wildlife habitat. An application was sent in and the garden was approved. We are waiting for a beautiful metal sign which will be installed on the garden trellis.

Thank you notes sent to the Hamilton County Master Gardener organization for their involvement and volunteering at their Spring Events were received from The Children's Creative Discovery Museum and Rock City.

After a discussion on a couple of pending project applications, the Board has requested that a new Projects committee be formed. A suggestion that the committee be made up of five Master Gardeners was approved. This committee will search out all current projects, write some better classifications of what each project is and create some better understanding of what are projects, workdays and simple volunteering opportunities.

If you would like to join this committee, please contact President Patsy Boles at:

cnpboles@gmail.com

The Bud Sprout program has gotten off to a good start with 17 certified Master Gardeners and 30 Interns signing up so far. The purpose of this program is to help the Interns have a M.G. help them in their transition into the program after their classroom training. This is already a State Master Gardener established program that we are using.

For the Board,

Donna Smolinski, Secretary

New Yahoo Groups Tips

Yahoo Groups is a great way to send messages to the entire group. You can post messages directly from Yahoo Groups if you are logged into your account online – look to the left column of your page, select “Messages” and under that “Post.” By default, you will be posting a message to the entire group. If you just want to send a message to one member, you will need to select the member under “Members” and then “Search Members.” Once you have found the individual, select “Send Message” under their name.

You can also send a message from your own email program (i.e., Outlook, Eudora, et al) by addressing the message to **mghcmembers@yahoo.com**. This will only work if you are sending this message FROM the primary email account that you selected in your Yahoo Groups membership settings. This means you can't send a message FROM your work account email program unless you set it up as your primary email address. If you changed your email account and didn't change your email address in Yahoo Groups, you won't be able to send messages until you make this change in your Membership Contact Information.

If you don't know what email address Yahoo Groups uses as your primary address, just go to this link: **<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mghcmembers/join>** and see which email address is selected under Step 1. This is where you make changes to your email address setting, by the way, as well as your other Yahoo Groups membership settings. If you make a change *remember to hit the “Save Changes” button before your exit!*

Calendar Events (for more events, see mghc.org)

June

June 2, Thursday

MG monthly board meeting @ 6:00pm

June 4, Saturday, 10:00am-6:00 pm

June 5, Sunday, 1:00pm-6:00 pm

Chattanooga Area Food Bank Garden Tour
Contact Jane Mauldin @ 423-622-1800 or
jmauldin@chattfoodbank.org for tickets

June 6, Monday

Native Plant and Wildflower Group
Chattanooga Area Food Bank @ 6:00pm

June 11, Saturday

Tennessee Valley Bonsai Society will be having an event to assist Al Good in reducing his collection. He is offering 60 trees for a silent auction.

The event will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. More information is available on our website at www.TVBonsai.org or e-mailing Jim Gunnick at JLGTWO@peoplepc.com.

June

June 16, Thursday

MG monthly member's meeting @ 6:00pm. Social time and food at 6:00. Meeting starts at 6:30.

June 18, Saturday

Fundraising '100 Dinner' @ 6:00pm. It's a dinner featuring local food that will be served to 100 people at one long table in a field at Crabtree Farms. For more info: crabtreefarms.org or 493-9155 ext.13

June 25, Saturday

Mike & Stephanie's garden party to benefit the Food Bank Garden Program

July

July 7, Thursday

MG monthly board meeting @ 6:00pm

July 21, Thursday

MG monthly member's meeting @ 6:00pm. Social time and food at 6:00. Meeting starts at 6:30.

Send June CALENDAR EVENTS to lkbrant@aol.com by Friday, June 24, 2011

Send June CALENDAR EVENTS to lkbrant@aol.com by Monday, July 25, 2011

"In case you missed it" The 2011 graduation and awards presentation was held on May 19 at the pavilion at Chester frost Park. At least 59 people received awards! Congratulations to the new Master Gardeners!

The "Master Your Garden" radio show

Mike and Stephanie are on WPLZ on Saturday morning from 9 to 11a.m. to help listeners with their gardening questions. Do you or your friends and neighbors need some gardening help?

Email: masteryourgarden@yahoo.com Phone: 423-702-9111

Website, Yahoo Groups and Newsletter posting Policy

Purpose: Define information that may be communicated to MGHC members and the public through MGHC private and public communication channels at the request of non-affiliated groups or organizations. Private communication channels include MGHC member newsletters, Yahoo Groups, the members-only section of the website and other email-based communications. Public communication channels includes the public section of the MGHC website.

Policy: "It is the policy of the MGHC to communicate information about events sponsored by groups not affiliated with the MGHC, Tennessee Master Gardeners and the University of Tennessee only if the events provide members an opportunity to earn continuing education units (CEUs) or service hours. The MGHC newsletter editor and website administrator may deny any post or submission that does not fit these criteria. Members may, however, freely post items of general gardening interest, to include personal observations as well as non-commercial notice of bargains and availability of plant/gardening material(s).

Nothing in this policy statement is intended to limit a member's involvement in outside organizations or right to communicate directly with other members via public or private communication channels.

Adopted January 14, 2010,
Revised 2-16-10

MG PROJECTS LIST:

1. Hamilton County Fair
 2. Tennessee Aquarium Hummingbird and Butterfly garden
 3. Master Gardener Hotline
 4. Chattanooga Area Food Bank Garden Tour
 5. New Master Gardener Mentor Program
 6. Chattanooga Area Food Bank Demonstration Garden
 7. Chattanooga Market at the Tennessee Pavilion
 8. Tennessee Aquarium
 9. Siskin Early Learning Center
 10. Chattanooga Area Food Bank
 11. Crabtree Farms
 12. Habitat for Humanity
 13. Greenway Farms Restoration Project
 14. Seeding the Cumberlands
 15. A Children's Garden (CSTCC Child Development Center)
 16. CCS Student Gardens
 17. Hospice Care Center of East Brainerd
 18. Brainerd United Methodist Church Landscaping
 19. Abba's House Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden
 20. St. Alban's Community Garden
 21. The Mitchell Street Garden
 22. The Gathering Garden
 23. Brainerd Community Garden and Grace Gardens
 24. Argonne Memorial Square
 25. Energize East Ridge (EXIT 1 project)
 26. St. Elmo Community Garden
 27. Bonny Oaks Arboretum
 28. Rain Barrel workshops
 29. 'Bud Sprout' program
 30. Thrasher Kindergarten Raised Bed Garden
 31. The Hart Garden
- Contact Stephanie Payne @ 423-842-3743 or spayne@cbizmmp.com if your project is not listed.

2011 Bud/Sprout Participants**Buds (MGHC)****Sprouts (Interns)**

<u>Linda Billingslea</u>	<u>Jennifer Walls</u>
<u>Katie Bishop</u>	<u>Linda Duvoisin and Katie Frankfort</u>
<u>Patsy Boles</u>	<u>Barbara Gardner and Elaine Tate</u>
<u>Lisa Clark</u>	<u>Neida Ward</u>
<u>Gary Fleichinger</u>	<u>Pam Bare and Lee Fogel</u>
<u>Charlene Griffith</u>	<u>Emily Blackwell, Adele Castleberry and Heidi Griswold</u>
<u>Tommy Jackson</u>	<u>Jim Edison and Ulyana Pugina</u>
<u>Bob Kemp</u>	<u>Tommy Craig and Andy Mullins</u>
<u>Linda Kiesche</u>	<u>Linda Book and Sandra Bunting</u>
<u>Jim Kowen</u>	<u>Melissa Gessman and Samantha Pfeiffer</u>
<u>Jo Lawrence</u>	<u>Pam Edgmon and Jennie Storm</u>
<u>Carol Mathews</u>	<u>JanElle Reuter and Tricia Wollbright</u>
<u>Clyde Mathews</u>	<u>Ron McKelvy and Carolyn Tatum</u>
<u>Gretchen Rominger</u>	<u>Connie Giles and Sharon Gollop</u>
<u>Donna Smolinski</u>	<u>Janet Dalton, Libby Hickman and Cindy Rutledge</u>
<u>Jerry Smolinski</u>	<u>Jami Brown and George Helton</u>
<u>Gail Tyron</u>	<u>Linda Phemister</u>

“Gardening throughout the year”, a guide for Tennessee Gardeners

June

Trees and shrubs

- Fertilize azaleas, pieris, mountain laurel and other cricaceous (acid-loving) species once more before August 15th.
- Start taking cuttings of azaleas, rhododendron and hydrangea mid-month.

Perennials, Annuals and Bulbs

- Water new plantings and keep a close eye on containerized plants.
- Mulch garden beds to conserve soil moisture.
- Cut back fall-flowering plants such as asters, goldenrod, sedum and Joe Pye weed by three-quarters of their current growth for shorter-stockier plants .
- Continue deadheading spent flowers.
- Divide bearded iris.
- Gather mature seeds from spring-flowering plants; dry and store in a cool place and plant next month.
- Continue to stagger planting annual flowers (sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds.)

Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

- Spray fruit trees in accordance with UT Extension guidelines.
- Keep tomatoes pruned and staked or in cages.
- Check your garden daily. Start harvesting cucumbers, green beans and summer squash to keep plants producing; continue to harvest berries and herbs.
- Harvest herbs early in the morning when essential oil content is at its peak.
- Side-dress eggplant, peppers and tomatoes.
- Continue to direct-seed summer vegetables (beans, crowder peas, cucumbers, winter squash, pumpkins, corn and okra.)
- Set out more transplants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes and herbs.
- Pull weeds in the morning to prevent seedheads from shattering and scattering.
- Patrol the garden for Japanese Beetles, potato beetles and squash bugs that arrive mid-month; knock them off into a mixture of dish soap and water.

Miscellaneous

- Enjoy the abundance of bloom this month! Pick bouquets and share summer's beauty with family, friends and neighbors.

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<http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/>
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Bud Hines

Mike Payne

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Lisa Clark

Katie Bishop

Barb Blankenship

MG Coordinator – Tom Stebbins

Master Gardeners Committee

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Mike Payne

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