



# Master Gardeners Hear it ... Through the Grapevine

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MASTER GARDENERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

## MGHC Officers to be Chosen in November

The Nominating Committee has been at work finding Master Gardeners of Hamilton County who are willing to use their leadership skills to lead our organization in 2010.

The committee will present a slate of nominees to the MGHC members at the regular meeting on October 15, 2009. The election of officers will then be held at the next regular meeting on November 19, 2009. At that time, if there are others who might be interested in holding an elected office, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

The offices which need to be filled for 2010 are President, Vice President and two members of the Board of Governors. A description of each of these offices is presented on page 22 of the 2009-2010 MGHC Directory, Article VIII, "Board Members and Officers Duties." For more information about the elected positions, see pages 27 – 29 of the Directory, where you will find detailed guidelines. It is necessary that an officer be an active member who attends regular meetings and has completed the required community yearly service hours.

The MGHC fiscal year now begins on January 1 and ends on December 31, with election of new officers in November and their subsequent installation in December. That means that our current officers were willing to serve nine extra months until we could "catch up" with our new by-law that changed our fiscal year. Our thanks to our current officers for their fine service during their extended term.

Remember --- Master Gardeners of Hamilton County need your unique gifts and talents to lead our members to greater heights of service.

Diane Slover

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MG information table @ the Chattanooga Market



## BOARD

## BUSINESS

There are still a few Master Gardeners who have not reported their 2008 hours. Failure to report your hours affects the entire organization and will affect your certification. The University of Tennessee requires us to be up to date on hours of community service and mileage that we use in doing these services. Please contact Gretchen Rominger to report your 2008 hours @ [GRominger@comcast.net](mailto:GRominger@comcast.net).

### VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Anyone wanting to start any project **MUST** fill out a Project Request form prior to beginning the project. We are required to do this according to our State guidelines. There is an application form in the back of the directory or on Yahoo under "FILES". Contact Stephanie Payne @ [spayne@bizmmp.com](mailto:spayne@bizmmp.com) or Lisa Lemza @ [lemzala@aol.com](mailto:lemzala@aol.com) with any project questions.

Elections for Board officers and Governors will be held in November for the 2010 year. The October newsletter and member's meeting will present the Nominating Committees selection for these Board positions. Anyone interested in serving on the Board may also be nominated from the floor at the November meeting.

The Chattanooga Market Master Gardener information table will be shut down after September 20<sup>th</sup> because of the County Fair. There are still 3 weeks to come down and help answer questions for the visitors. Hours are 11am till 4 pm. If you come, please bring a chair.

The County Fair will be upon us soon. There is always room for more help so please think about helping with this fun project and earn easy and fun hours. The Fair dates are Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up the display on Thursday and Friday prior to the Fair opening on Saturday. Call Tom Stebbins or check the Yahoo site for notices for member's posts concerning the Fair duties.

The Board has voted to purchase a permanent plaque or marker for the Butterfly/Hummingbird garden at the aquarium site. There is a committee looking into this.

And last but not least, everyone should go visit our website---"MGHC.org" The web committee is doing a fabulous job of getting this site up to date and adding much valuable information. AWESOME JOB web committee!! (Mike Smith, Keith Harper, Sally Wencel and Holly Jones)

For the Board:

Secretary, Donna Smolinski

### Garden Quote of the Month:

*"There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling." ~Mirabel Osler*

# Calendar Events

## **Sept 3, Thursday:**

MG Board meeting at the AG Center @ 6:00 pm.

## **Sept 6, Sunday:**

Q&A table @ Chattanooga Market, 11:00am to 4:00 pm.

## **Sept 8, Tuesday:**

Work parties begin at the CAFB greenhouse downtown on Gateway Avenue on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

## **Sept 13, Sunday:**

Q&A table @ Chattanooga Market, 11:00am to 4:00 pm.

## **Sept 20, Sunday:**

\*Q&A table @ Chattanooga Market, 11:00am to 4:00 pm.  
\*Note: Last day for the Q&A table at the market this year.

## **Sept 23, Wednesday:**

Setup day at Chester Frost Park for the Hamilton County fair @ 12:00. We'll be setting up the fence, path, etc.

## **Sept 24, Thursday:**

### ***October Newsletter input deadline***

Setup day at Chester Frost Park for the Hamilton County fair @ 8:30am.

## **Sept. 25, Friday:**

Setup day at Chester Frost Park for the Hamilton County Fair @ 8:30am until noon(ish). Dinner and meeting at the park at 6:00pm. Bring a plant for sharing and a dish to pass. (No guest speaker for this meeting)

## **Sept. 26 and 27, Saturday and Sunday:**

### **Hamilton County Fair**

## **October 1, Thursday**

MG Board meeting @ the Ag center @ 6:00 pm

## **October 15, Thursday:**

MG member's meeting @ the Ag center @ 6:30 pm

Speaker: Greg Ritchie speaking on Bonsai.

## **October 16 & 17, Friday and Saturday**

Fall Plant Sale @ the CAFB greenhouse downtown on Gateway Avenue, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

## **October 25, Sunday**

### ***November Newsletter input deadline***

## **CAFB new greenhouse update:**

**A meeting was held at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank on Friday, August 28 to discuss installation of the new greenhouse at the Evelyn Davenport Navarre Enabling Garden.**

**According to the construction company's project schedule, assembly of the greenhouse to the pavilion will start on or about Monday, September 28.**

## Flower Show at the Fair

The theme for the 2009 Flower Show is "Simply Beautiful" held during the fair at the Chester Frost Park on September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline to enter your horticulture is September 18, so we have time to get an application and get going. The first step is to contact Beth Hulbert at [Beth.hulbert@mail.hamiltontn.gov](mailto:Beth.hulbert@mail.hamiltontn.gov) and request an application. When you receive the application, fill in the info and return by the September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime check out your garden and get an idea of what looks good and what will look even better by September 26. For example, my sedum looks great now, but will my zinnia's last till then?

Display your horticulture in clear glass bottles or small jars. Colored bottles or canning jars are not permitted.

After you decide to enter and received your booklet and have read pages 9 & 10, I know there will be some questions, so I will be happy to help you in any way. My phone # and e-mail are correct in the year book so feel free to ask away. I had a lot of help my first time and I'm glad to pass on the tradition.

Jo Lawrence – Class of 2008

**Send Oct. CALENDAR EVENTS to [Ikbrant@aol.com](mailto:Ikbrant@aol.com) by Thursday, September 24, 2009**

**How to enter your Master Gardener hours:****ON-LINE METHOD**

E-mail site: [mastergardener.tennessee.edu](http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu)

Master Gardener Resources

Login/Logout

Username and password

(New Users email [grominger@comcast.net](mailto:grominger@comcast.net) who will assign you a username and password)

Click on **Reports**, then **My Volunteer hours**

Click back to **Reports**, then **My Education hours** (CEU's)

(There is no pull-down box)

Enter new report

Select places from the pull-down box **ONLY**

Change date to activity date

Put in **A C T** hours

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Scroll down to submit

Enter new report again, do the same

When finished go to login/logout

SEND A COPY OF YOUR HOURS TO THE AG OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE ACCRUED 35 HOURS (INTERNS 40).

AFTER THE HOLIDAY PARTY IN DECEMBER, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL HOURS OVER THE REQUIRED NUMBER (35 FOR MG; 40 HOURS FOR INTERNS) TO THE AG OFFICE.

TOTAL HOURS MUST BE IN THE UT WEBSITE BEFORE JANUARY 12, 2010 TO COUNT TOWARD CERTIFICATION.

ALL AWARDS WILL BE MADE IN APRIL AT THE AWARDS BANQUET AND GRADUATION.

**OFF-LINE METHOD**

Members not entering their hours on-line will continue to record their hours on the **Volunteer Hours Form** and forward copies to the Ag Office in MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER and DECEMBER (as soon as possible after the Holiday Party). Your hours will be entered in the University of Tennessee website for you.

This year you will need to be more vigilant in getting your hours sent in on time as they must be in the U.T. website by January 12, 2010 in order for you to be certified. Next year will be easier and hopefully you will be entering them yourself.

**INTERN REPORTING OF VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

**Interns** should turn in their 40 hours on the **Volunteer Hours Form** before entering any hours on the state website. Mail copies of the **Volunteer Hours Form** to the Ag Center and you will be notified about certification. After you have turned in your 40 hours you may continue to turn in as many hours as you like. In April, you will be presented your certificate at the Graduation Banquet.

**NOTE:**

TOTAL HOURS MUST BE IN THE *UT* WEBSITE BEFORE JANUARY 12, 2010 TO COUNT TOWARD CERTIFICATION. AWARDS WILL BE MADE IN APRIL AT THE AWARDS BANQUET AND GRADUATION FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS EXCEEDING 100 HOURS.

### **Hospitality Notes**

*Greetings! This year's Fair BBQ Celebration and monthly Membership Meeting is on September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. We will meet at Shelter #2, behind and to the left of the guard shack at Chester Frost Park. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting or you may call or email me. Information needed: what kind of food and/or beverage you will share, who is coming, how many in your party? The Hospitality Committee will provide the meat. Also, don't forget the **plant sharing**. Bring one/take one. Please consider (not required) bringing your own reusable plates, silverware, and cups, just like a picnic!*

Contact information: 423-332-5972 or [dgchivington@comcast.net](mailto:dgchivington@comcast.net)

### **Did you know...**

**The Chattanooga Market is the region's largest authentic outdoor market** – just ask the locals! We hold high standards when it comes to our “Local is Better” slogan. Our producer-only market represents approximately 3,500 acres of regional farms and dozens of local food manufacturers. Fresh on Sundays you'll find an abundance of fresh fruits, herbs, flowers and garden-ripened vegetables; gourmet beef, chicken, sausage and pork, lamb, and goat; cheeses, artisan breads, honey, fresh-roasted coffee, small-batch jellies, salsas, candies, fudge, cakes and more.

**Handmade world-class artistry at small town prices** – Our artists are the ones you'll meet and buy from directly at Chattanooga Market. They'll chat with you about their craft and educate you on the pieces you buy. Some of the treasures you'll find will be hand-blown glass jewelry; original photography; paintings on canvas; wood carved toys and furniture; hand-dyed and woven textiles; custom clothing for children and women; homemade candles; luxurious lotions, soaps and beauty products; sculptures made from recycled materials; and the list goes on and on...

**Free Family Fun** – With the ease of ample free parking and free admission to the Chattanooga Market, take a Sunday stroll under our covered pavilion in quaint downtown Chattanooga. Every Sunday features two live musical acts on-stage near our Market Café where you can relax and grab a bite to eat from local restaurateurs. For the kids, you'll find a free rock-climbing wall and tactile area full of toys to keep young and old entertained.

**Cooking Classes Monthly** – Ever wonder what to do with Arugula? Or, ??? Have no fear...our monthly cooking classes will give you ideas to keep your family satisfied with fresh meals all week long. Presenting recipes using fresh foods right from our Market, these classes provide entertaining instruction, samples and recipes to take home. A nominal fee may apply during some events.

**New for 2009, SAFE Program (Support Area Food Economies)** – It's just plain hip to support your local farmer's market and we're making it easy to be a part of this local movement. The SAFE program is designed just for the locals who wants to keep it fresh and keep it local. For the price of a dinner out, you can enjoy an abundance of fresh, healthy, locally-grown and hand-crafted foods all week while both stabilizing and promoting our local economy. And by subscribing to The SAFE Program, you are showing your support for both local farms and the Chattanooga Market. It's a win-win for everyone! Several flexible memberships are available for purchase at Chattanooga Market or visit [www.chattanoogamarket.com](http://www.chattanoogamarket.com) for more information.

Courtesy: Chattanooga Market website.

**MG PROJECTS CORNER:**

For information about Master Gardener approved projects, contact:

Stephanie @ (423) 842-3743 or email [spayne@cbizmmp.com](mailto:spayne@cbizmmp.com)

or

Lisa @ (423) 332-1780 or email [lemzala@aol.com](mailto:lemzala@aol.com)

**ATTENTION MASTER GARDENERS:**

ALL CORRESPONDENCE, DUES AND HOUR REPORTING SHEETS MUST BE MAILED TO:

**U.T. EXTENSION-HAMILTON COUNTY**

**MASTER GARDENERS RESOURCE ROOM**

**FAIR WORKERS NEEDED!!**

Sue Henley needs help at the Master Gardener Q&A tent during the Hamilton County Fair on Sept. 26 and 27.

We'll also need some "floaters" to work where needed and some additional help in the various gardens.

Please contact Sue @ 423-894-1103 or email at: [thehenhouse2@comcast.net](mailto:thehenhouse2@comcast.net)

The next meeting of the newly-formed **Chattanooga Herb Group** ("The Chattanooga Herbies") will be:  
Day and Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Chattanooga Food Bank Conference Room  
2009 Curtain Pole Dr.  
Chattanooga TN

Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

At the next meeting, there will be a short presentations about sage. Dishes with sage as an ingredient will be shared. Please bring your ideas for future meetings – topics, speakers, cooking demonstrations, travel, information exchange, etc.

The group is still forming, so it's not too late for anyone to join! Any interested friends will be welcome.

For more information, contact Jane Goodin ([janechatt@comcast.net](mailto:janechatt@comcast.net)) or Nora Bernhardt ([nsbernhardt@aol.com](mailto:nsbernhardt@aol.com)).

## MGHC Website Update

If you haven't checked in the past week or so, please go to the recently re-launched website at [www.mghc.org](http://www.mghc.org). The Website Committee has retooled the website using your responses to last spring's survey as our guide. For example, you will see there is a calendar for posting events and meetings, informational articles and guides, and we hope to have a listing of all the approved MGHC projects in the near future. Future features include member-only information such as the Membership Directory, workshop and training presentations, to name a few. We invite your feedback on how to make the website even better – just forward your comments to the webmaster, Mike Smith at [garden@mghc.org](mailto:garden@mghc.org).

We envision that Yahoo Groups will continue as the vehicle for broadcasting messages and alerts between members. The website will communicate to both members and the public MGHC activities and information.

Sally Wencel

### Spider May, Spider Mite Eat Your Plants Tonight

By: Carol Mathews

Hiding under the leaves, watching the weather, checking the calendar, July, August, September, it is time, it is dry, it is hot, ready-set-go, to the banquet and eat, eat, eat. That is the life of a spider mite.

Last week, I was the guest speaker for the Dahlia Society. Before the date to speak, I asked what they were interested in and they gave me a list of 3 things that they wanted to know more about. Spider mites were on the list. I did some research and this is what I found out. Thought you might like to know this information also.

The spider mite is just that, a little animal/insect that is the size of a dot at the end of a sentence. You can take a piece of white cardboard and scrape under a leaf and watch them fall off. They will look like several dots on the cardboard. When you have a lot, and a good infestation, you will see them because of the webs they have spun all around the leaves. That is where the name comes from. They are not, however, spiders.

First, they DO like it hot and dry. They DO NOT like humid conditions, therefore, keep plants watered well and all around the plants to make a humid climate. Of course, washing them off and drowning them is a good method also, but it is often hard to get under the leaves when watering unless you are purposely doing it.

There are always the insecticides, but when used, they destroy the good bugs as well and without the good bugs, the spider mites, will propagate even more than before creating a greater problem. Insecticides will travel into other areas of the garden, into you neighbor's garden, and the environment, causing things to happen that aren't good.

There are natural predators that you can encourage into you garden and/or purchase to help control them as well. The red ladybug, lacewing, and praying mantis are 3 good examples of natural predators. There are others that I can't pronounce or spell very well.

The third thing to control the little creatures is companion planting. By companion planting, we will get the good bugs and thwart off the bad ones. With companion planting we will also enhance the properties of the plants to each other and therefore have a healthier, brighter, and more pleasant garden experience. We have practiced companion planting this year and last year for our fruit trees, grapes, roses and crepe myrtles. This year we saw very few Japanese Beetles which usually make lacey leafed yard ornaments of our fruit tree and grape vines.

With all this in mind, we can say Spider May, Spider Mite, Take you **Flight**, Tonight!

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**Board Members & Chairpersons**

**2008-2009**

**Master Gardener Officers:**

**President – Linda Billingslea**  
**Vice President – Jeff Jarrett**  
**Secretary – Donna Smolinski**  
**Treasurer – Patsy Boles**  
**Past President/Advisor – Stephanie Payne**  
**MG Coordinator – Tom Stebbins**  
**Certification Officer -Gretchen Rominger**  
**New Class Reps: Dieter Urbanski,**  
**Judy Hixson**

**1 Year Members**

**Holly Jones**  
**Rena Keane**  
**Karen Webster**

**2 Year Members**

**Lisa Clark**  
**Jane Goodin**  
**Jean Patton**

**Master Gardeners Committee**

**Chairpersons-**

**Bonny Oaks Arboretum:**

**Jack Townsend**

**Budget/Finance:**

**Patsy Boles**

**County Fair Committee-**

**Individual garden committees**

**Decoration and Door Prize Committee**

**Lisa Clark**

**Food Bank Garden Tour:**

**TBD**

**Historian:**

**Joy Wooden**

**Hospitality Committee:**

**Denise Chivington**

**Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden:**

**Mike Payne**

**Mentor Coordinator**

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