



Master Gardeners Hear it ... Through the Grapevine

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MASTER GARDENERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

President's letter

It's almost fair time! Don't miss the County Fair at Chester Frost Park. Sign up, earn volunteer hours, have fun with all the activities that go into making our exhibit the best. As we work throughout the community most people in the area never see any of our projects. The County Fair is where we take a small area to display our talents and skills for a couple days. Thanks to the many volunteers at the Fair Build Day we are ready to put the final project together on Thursday, September 22nd and Friday, September 23rd.

At the build day, Bud Hines assigned leaders with construction experience for each of the various building projects and they looked over the plans and took charge. Master Gardeners and friends and family filled the lot. The area was full of people sawing, hammering, and painting all at one time. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and energy. Because so many people have come together to share ideas, the fair exhibit is going to be fantastic. The set up will be beautiful as well as educational. After all the work is done on Friday afternoon the Master Gardeners will celebrate with our annual Picnic at the Chester Frost shelter #2. Bring a covered dish to share and a plant for the plant swap (preferably with the name and growing instructions) Here is a time for you to get involved and invite your family, friends or significant other to see how your organization shines at the fair. Volunteers are still needed for the Fair Days on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th. Now if you are not able to participate in the preparation of this event, please plan to attend the fair and to view our "Backyard Retreats". As always, we will need help on Sunday September 25th, when the fair is over, to break this area down leaving the place the way we found it, bare. Looking forward to seeing you "at the Fair".

President,

Patsy Boles

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August 2011 Board Business

To help clarify the hours required for the new class members, you will need to obtain 8 additional CEU units (continuing education units). There has been misinformation given to you on these hours to be earned by the new class members. This is in addition to your 40 hours of ACT hours (administration, community and teaching) You will need 48 hours to be certified as a Master Gardener this first year. After certification, then 35 hours are required to remain certified. These are 8 hours of CEU and 27 hours of ACT hours for a total of 35 hours annually.

Reflection Riding has a new name. It will be known as 'Chattanooga Arboretum and Nature Center'.

There are eleven Master Gardeners going to Virginia for the international Conference in October. This is a three-day learning experience for Master Gardeners.

Carol Mathews' name was added to the new class Mentor leaders for the 2012 class. Carol will be the night lead mentor and Shirley McMasters will lead the morning class.

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@yahoogroups.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)

September

September 1, Thursday

MG monthly board meeting @ 6:00pm at the AG ctr.

September 4, Sunday

The Last Sunday of the season for the Master Gardener Q&A table: The Chattanooga Market from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sign up by contacting Donna Smolinski at: buschmandonna@bellsouth.net

September 10, Saturday

The Tennessee Valley Bonsai Society meets on the second Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agriculture Center on Bonny Oaks.

September 12, Monday

Native Plant and Wildflowers group meets at CAFB @ 6:00pm

September 13, Tuesday

Chattanooga Herbies meeting at Chattanooga Area Food Bank Conference Room at 6:30 pm.

September 22 and 23, Thursday and Friday

Master Gardeners Fair setup days.

September 23, Friday

MG monthly member's meeting, bar-be-que and plant swap @ 6:00pm at Chester Frost Park, Shelter #2..

September 24 & 25, Saturday and Sunday

Hamilton County Fair

See list of displays and leaders on page 4 to sign up to work.

October

October 4, Tuesday

Harvesting, Protecting and Preserving Fall crops class at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, 5:00 to 7:00pm. at the Evelyn Davenport Navarre Teaching Garden.

Fee: \$10 (includes reference materials)

October 6, Thursday

MG monthly board meeting @ 6:00pm at the AG center on Bonny Oaks.

October 8, Saturday

The Tennessee Valley Bonsai Society meets on the second Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agriculture Center on Bonny Oaks.

October 11, Tuesday

Chattanooga Herbies meeting at Chattanooga Area Food Bank Conference Room at 6:30 pm.

October 15, Saturday

Chattanooga Area Food Bank Plant sale, 10:00am to 4:00pm. At the Evelyn Davenport Navarre Teaching Garden. Free Planting Workshop 11am-Noon.

October 20, Thursday

MG monthly member's meeting. Food and socializing at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:30pm

Send October CALENDAR EVENTS to jsmolins@bellsouth.net by Saturday, September 24, 2011

Send November CALENDAR EVENTS to jsmolins@bellsouth.net by Tuesday, October 25, 2011

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

**Master Gardener, “Backyard Retreats”
at the
2011 Hamilton County Fair**

Display/Demonstration:**ENTRY****CONTAINERS/BONSAI****BEE KEEPER****INSECTS****DOG HOUSE W/LIVING ROOF****HERB SPIRAL****NATIVE PLANTS****RAISED BEDS****WATER FEATURE****COMPOST/WORMS****BIRD FEEDERS and BATHS****RAIN BARREL-SILENT AUCTION****Q & A TENT**

PLEASE CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL LEADERS TO HELP IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS.

Leader:**Carol Mathews----1-706-375-6098****Jane Elmore, 757-4667 and Liza Lemza, 332-1780
Jim Gunnick, 847-1342 (Bonsai)****Ray Miller, 1-813-716-1436****Tom Stebbins, 855-6113****Heidi Griswold, 886-5827****Gayle Tryon, 877-1922****Stella Twilley , 364-3631****Marv Thomasson, 710-3210****Mike Payne, 842-3743****Jeff Jarrett, 697-7115****Matt Thompson****Judy and Dick Smith, 842-1483****Donna and Jerry Smolinski, 847-9116****Sue Henley, 894-1103**

Garden Gallery will donate plants to be used for display.

Please bring YARD ART for display at the fair.

The build day was held on Saturday, August 20 at the Soddy Lake site.

The September MG member's meeting will be held at Chester Frost Park in Shelter #2 on Friday, September 23, across from the Ranger building at the gate. This is a barbeque, bring a dish to pass and a plant to swap!

Pure Heart Hosta



Virtues: This miniature hosta makes a good addition to a small garden or a tight spot in the border. It can also be grown in a container. The leaves are thick and rounded. Their wide cream-colored bands will brighten up a shady corner. Its flowers attract hummingbirds.

Common name: ‘Pure Heart’ hosta, ‘Pure Heart’ plantain lily

Botanical name: *Hosta* ‘Pure Heart’

Foliage: Rounded in shape, with a broad off-white stripe down the center and a bluish green margin.

Flowers: Pale purple flowers appear in midsummer on an 8-inch-tall stem. Attractive to hummingbirds.

Habit: Clumping herbaceous perennial forming a rosette of foliage to 4 inches tall and 5 inches wide.

Season: Spring through fall for foliage; midsummer for flowers.

Origin: First occurred as a sport (genetic mutation) of *Hosta* ‘Blue Mouse Ears’, a slightly larger mini hosta with bluish green leaves. *Hosta* ‘Mighty Mouse’ is another sport of ‘Blue Mouse Ears’; its leaves are blue-green with a cream-colored edge—the opposite of Pure Heart’. Pure Heart ‘ was named for the cartoon character Mighty Mouse’s girlfriend, Pearl Pureheart. ‘Pure Heart’ was introduced to the retail market in 2011 by Walters Gardens, Inc.

Cultivation: Grow in partial or full shade. Appreciates consistent moisture and well-drained soil rich in organic matter. In the northern part of its growing range, remove dead foliage after the first hard frost of fall/winter and then cover the plant with a finely shredded mulch. Removing the foliage will eliminate any [slug](#) or other insect eggs from overwintering, and the mulch will prevent it from being heaved out of the soil during [freeze-thaw cycles](#). USDA Zones 3–9.

Submitted by [Meghan Shinn](#) on August 21, 2011 – 8:52 am to [hortmag.com](#)

MG PROJECTS CORNER:**Current 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. Ringgold First Baptist Community Garden

Contact **Stephanie Payne @ 423-842-3743** or spayne@cbizmp.com if your project is not listed or it should be removed or for more project information.

Full guidelines for projects can be found on page 25 of the 2011 MGHC Directory.

“Gardening throughout the year”, a guide for Tennessee Gardeners***September******Trees and shrubs***

- Work on a landscape plan for planting trees and shrubs and shop for supplies.
- Transplant broadleaf evergreen shrubs.
- Prune any remaining diseased or dead rose canes.

Perennials, Annuals and Bulbs

- Add a fresh layer of mulch to perennial beds, fruit trees and berries.
- Plant peonies this month.
- Divide, transplant and label perennials; provide plenty of water to new transplants.
- Collect seed from perennials and annuals.
- Take in tender aquatic plants from ponds.
- Plan spring bulb gardens and purchase bulbs this month.
- Remove and compost spent annuals.
- Dig Caladiums and other tender bulbs and tubers and store for next year's use.
- Fill outdoor containers with cool-season annuals and ornamental vegetables.
- For Fall through Spring color, add late season annuals like pansies, snapdragons, sweet alyssum, ornamental kale and cabbage to the garden.
- Cut flowers for drying; yarrow, strawflower, gomphrena and cockscomb.
- Take cuttings from ornamental sweet potatoes, coleus and geraniums.

Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

- Plant strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries.
- Continue to plant cool-season vegetables.
- Sow green manure cover crops (crimson and white clover, hairy vetch and annual rye).
- Continue to harvest beans, tomatoes, peppers, okra, eggplant, pumpkins, winter squash and watermelons.

Miscellaneous

- Cleanup garden debris and add to compost pile; water and aerate the pile to speed decomposition.
- Add organic matter such as manure, compost and/or leaf mold to improve garden soils.
- Don't forget to water; September can be dry.
- Bring house plants back indoors before frost and inspect for insects.
- Continue to take garden notes and/or photographs.

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