



# Master Gardeners Hear it ... Through the Grapevine

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## President's Letter

## MASTER GARDENERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

Master Gardeners, Wow, what a wonderful charitable event. The success of the Second Annual Garden Party benefiting the Chattanooga Area Food Bank was wonderful. If you missed this night allow me to highlight the evening. The event was May 30th, from 7 - 10 p.m. Upon arriving the sounds of a Live Swing Band could be heard throughout the garden. The weather was beautiful, and the pavilion had a sweet aroma of flowers and food. The tables were dressed with white linen and centered with floral arrangements that were produce from master gardeners gardens. The buffet was cen-

tered next to the band leaving just enough space to allow those who wanted a chance to dance the night away. The food was filling, servers passed trays of stuffed mushroom, and other open faced hors d'oeuvres. The buffet allowed the guest a great opportunity to mingle. Our own Mayor Ron Littlefield was among the elective officials present. Many of the great gardeners of the city attended as well as a great turnout of master gardeners. Citizens of Lookout Mountain and members of the North Chattanooga area attended this evening of fun. The variety of reci-

pes guaranteed that there was something to suit each person's taste. The buffet was set with breads, meats, cheeses, fruit trays, and vegetables etc. The desert table was a smash. The bar consisted of wine, imported beer, water, and sodas. Best of all was the silent auction items. Too many to name; but if you wanted to start a garden or put in trees or roses or shrubs or to make any changes in your garden this was a perfect time to take advantage and contribute to a worthy cause.

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## June Master Gardener Meeting, June 19th, 6:30pm

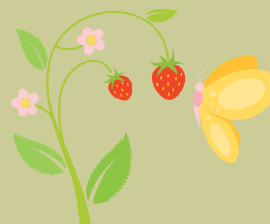
The June membership meeting will be held at the Ag Center on the third Thursday of the month at

6:30 p.m. At the June 19th Membership meeting Jackie Wells or Bruce Gulko "Tips and Tools for

Gardening with Ease" Horticultural therapists from the VA Hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

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## Upcoming Events

- June 19th, 6:30pm, Membership Meeting, Ag Center
- June 28-29th, UT Gardens Knoxville TN
- June 28th, Delano Daylily Garden cost \$11.00 departure Ag Center 8:30am
- July 3rd, Board Meeting at 6:00.
- July 17th, 6:30pm, Membership Meeting, Ag Center

### Butterfly Gardeners: Heads Up!

Tennessee Aquarium educator Bill Haley sponsored the founding of a local chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) in April. MG Intern Mary Randles and MG Lisa Lemza were at the first meeting in April. Meetings will be at the Aquarium on the 4th Tuesdays of each month.

National NABA membership, costing \$30/year, is required. The official area NABA's assigned our local chapter includes the following zip codes: 374XX, 373XX (excepting 37355), 307XX, 357XX, AND 359XX.

The chapter already has planned both informal field trips and official butterfly counts (next count is centered at Soddy 'Lake' on 21 June). These are open to all, not just members and they're a great way to learn native butterflies. We hope to also have black light trip to identify night-flying moths later this summer.

Contact Bill at [WGH@tnaqua.org](mailto:WGH@tnaqua.org), or call/email Lisa Lemza for more info.

## JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Garlic Harvesting	14
15	16	17	18	19 Membership Meeting, 6:30pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Daylily Garden
29	30					



## JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Board Meeting	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Membership Meeting, 6:30pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Because of the many hours of such dedicated master gardeners we have almost reached our goal. We are approximately 15% away from our goal of \$21,000.00. Give yourselves a hand because we were able to raise over \$3,000.00 from the items donated for this occasion. Oh, let me tell you about the auction items that wrapped the pavilion. Displayed for bid were any plant, shrub, or tree you can imagine to be planted in your garden. Hydrangea, Red Maple, Japanese maples, Knock out roses, Red Japanese maple, pear trees, Pom Pom Scotch Pine, Bonsai Boxwood, a Royal Purple Smoke Tree, Azaleas, a Spirea collection to many to name. There were mixed planting hanging baskets, Hosta collections, gift cards from some of the top restaurants in our City. Let me tell you about the talent and contacts of this organization: if you need any alteration we've got a top seamstress, who donated hours of service in designing a one of a kind christening gown. An artist who donated a lovely painting, a one of a kind Tiffany Style Lamp was donated, hyper-tufa items had been constructed, Bird Art Houses, Metal Celestial Sculpture, hammered Copper Bowls, and the list goes on and on.

Through this effort, the Master Gardeners will be able to reach people throughout the Tennessee valley through the Food Bank. This is the gift that will keep giving. We feel honored that we can be a part of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Thank you, to everybody who ask friends, family and the community for donations. It is because of each of you that we have come this far and we can complete this goal with your continued participation. I would like to thank each person who worked on the committee. Thank you, master gardeners for your personal donations. And I cannot end the thank you without giving a special thanks to Jeff Jarrett. Jeff, thank you for the countless hours you extended yourself in helping with the auction, your efforts helped to make the auction a huge success. It took much planning and effort to put this great event together. Thank you all for the countless hours you contributed to stuffing the save the date mailers together as well as the time that it took to get the invitations processed and mailed for this event. Although everybody could not come we had an evening of fun to celebrate the dedicated hours of labor. Thank You!

**Gardening News:****Entertaining moves to the great outdoors**

Consumers are entertaining outdoors more than ever, according to a [report](#) from research company NPD Group. Eight in 10 survey respondents said they prefer outdoor entertaining over indoor, weather permitting. According to the survey, 23% of homeowners reported owning a fire pit or outdoor fireplace, and another 14% plan to purchase one. Nearly one-third reported owning or planning to buy a gazebo or canopy.

**TetraPond e-newsletter available to retailers**

Retailers can now get free access to TetraPond's e-newsletter, ["Into the Pond,"](#) and send it directly to customers. The newsletter is published eight times a year and provides information on new equipment, fish food options, design ideas and pond keeping trends. Retailers will receive a link to the latest issue via e-mail, which they can then resend to customers using their own e-mail address. To sign up, send a message to [TetraPond](#).

## Tom's Tidbits for June 2008

### Pearl Fryar coming to Chattanooga

Summer seems to be flying by. We just finished helping with another successful Chattanooga Area Food Bank Garden party and garden tour. The Master Gardener Hotline is running quite smoothly. Everyone who works a shift discovers they can find the answers pretty good. They learn that there are many sources for the information needed to answer questions. Most of the questions are easy. Some are challenging. They are all important to the client.

Sign up now to help each Monday morning from 10am to noon. Once you take the training and work a couple times you can come on different days or times. You not only help others but you learn a lot as well.

#### **A Man Named Pearl**

This is a unique opportunity for Chattanooga gardeners on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Tennessee Aquarium is sponsoring a visit from Pearl Fryar. Master Gar-

deners are invited to attend and help with this event. Call me for more information.

Pearl Fryar began work on his 3 acre home garden in 1984 in an effort to win "Yard of the Month" for his home on the outskirts of Bishopville, SC. The well-manicured, sculptural plant forms that comprise Fryar's living vision of peace, love and goodwill often times began as salvaged seedlings from a local nursery. Recognized by art and botanical enthusiasts, the visually whimsical garden is maintained year-round by Fryar for visitors from around the world. The Friends of Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden has been organized to help care for and preserve the garden and assist Pearl as he educates and inspires others to achieve their creative potential.

Pearl's yard has been described as "a sort of Dr. Seuss meets Edward Scissorhands, on a 3 acre lot surrounding a brick rancher. A topiary

trophy unlike any other, where pure, unbridled creativity was let loose on such unassuming shrubs as common boxwood and compacted holly, and the results are anything but commonplace.

For more information and to see an interesting movie trailer go to

<http://www.amannamedpearl.com/>

<http://www.fryarstopiaries.com/>

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## Gardening News:

### 'The Victory Garden' gets new host, chef

["The Victory Garden"](#) will launch its 32nd season with a [new host and featured chef](#), The Cincinnati Post reported. Jamie Durie, previously a regular gardening consultant on "Oprah," will host. Michel Nischan, chef and co-owner (with actor Paul Newman) of The Dressing Room -- A Homegrown Restaurant, will be resident chef.



### Conservatories are becoming more popular

English-style [glass conservatories](#) are becoming more popular, The Star-Ledger reported. Homeowners are using them to extend living spaces rather than just cultivate plants. Average costs for conservatories range from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

### Wal-Mart gets new tagline, logo

Say goodbye to Wal-Mart's ubiquitous happy-face logo. According to [Advertising Age \(registration required\)](#), Wal-Mart plans to ditch the Smiley Guy and do away with the "Always Low Prices" motto. The company's new tagline is "Save Money. Live Better."

### Hurricanes kill 320 million trees

Satellite imaging shows that the 1-2 punch of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 killed 320 million trees, the largest forestry disaster on record, Washington Post reported. Researchers told the Post that the loss of the trees will add as much carbon to the atmosphere as the rest of the U.S. forests will pull out in a year.



### Food-grade organic herbicide hits the market

Pharm Solutions has received U.S. EPA registration for [Weed Pharm](#), an organic weed and grass killer made from food-grade vinegar. Pharm Solutions is adding the product to its line of USDA-certified organic pesticides. The product is available in 1-liter and 1-gallon sizes as well as 55-gallon drum and truckload quantities.

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