



# Master Gardeners hear it...

## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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### President's Letter

The Daffodils are here! The Daffodils are here! They are popping their heads up everywhere hailing the promise of Spring. So, it is time for us Master Gardeners to dust off our trowels and get busy. Mike has already gotten me out shoveling dirt...or should I say soil. However, a dump truck full is still a dump truck full by either name, but at least he is not trying to pass it off as my Birthday present like last year! We are improving and raising our cut flower bed. Last year it was closer to a bog garden than anything like the Victorian flower garden I

was going for. You know you have a problem when you have to wear muckers to cut flowers. At least getting back outside and playing in the dirt has gotten me excited about the MG projects coming up this spring.

We should all be thinking about what projects we would like to participate in this spring. Like the Beginner and Newcomer classes that started this month. It is inspiring to see fresh faces excited about learning gardening basics. Work on the Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden between the Aquari-

ums will start shortly [look for e-mails from Mike]. There are plans for field trips to Mary's Greenhouse and Huntsville Botanical Gardens. We have submitted the garden design for the Hub Garden at Heritage Park in East Brainerd. So, we will need MGs for breaking ground and planting soon. The list is growing. If you have a personal project, don't forget to submit it to the Project Committee, so we can track Master Gardener activities in the community. Very important! Don't forget to attend this month's membership meeting, Thursday, March 16th. We are voting on the next Board of Directors. Your support is important and remember, you receive a Continuing Education Hour for attending. What easier way to get those 8 CEUs we talked about last meeting?

See everyone at the meeting.

Stephanie

### **March Master Gardener Meeting,**

#### **March 15th, 6:30pm**

The March Membership Meeting will be held at the Ag Center on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker for March will be either

Michelle Brown or Pat from Possum Creek Herb Farm. The topic will be herbs and the plan is to have a question and answer period for any herb questions.

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Bridge from MG Peggy Dyer's Garden

## Upcoming Events

•**March 1st, Master Gardener Board Meeting**, 6:00 at the AG Center.

•**March 9th, Irrigation Techniques** at Crabtree Farms, 9-12. This training features an introduction to traditional and creative approaches to irrigating the garden. Wear comfortable work shoes and clothes (things that can get dirty). Register by phone 493.9155 x16. Free Activity.

•**March 15th, Master Gardener Membership Meeting**, 6:30 at the AG Center.

•**March 17th-18th, "Down to Earth" Lawn and Garden Show**, Plant Sale and Seminars. Saturday 9-5; Sunday 10-5. \$5 Admission, kids under 12 free. Camp Jordan Arena, East Ridge. Exclusively for the serious gardening enthusiasts with over 50 exhibitors offering: The latest in ideas; products; and Off-the-floor bargains. Visit <http://www.sertomachattanooga.com> for more information.

•**March 22nd, "Herbs 101"**, 6:00-7:30 P.M. Bring all of your herb questions and let Possum Creek answer them. Question topics will range from growing herbs to using them in your every day lifestyle. Everyone will take home pots of seeds they started in class. Call Heather at 756-7721 for Reservations. \$25.00; 202 Tremont Street.

## MARCH 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Board Meeting	2	3
4	5 6-9pm Roses / Compost- ing	6 9- noon Perenni- als	7	8	9 9-12 Irrigation Tech- niques	10
11	12 6-9pm Trees/ Ornamentals	13 9-noon Trees/ Ornamentals	14	15 6:30 Member- ship Meeting	16	17 Down to Earth Lawn and Garden
18 Down to Earth Lawn and Garden	19 6-9pm Insect / Diseases	20 9- noon Insect / Diseases	21	22 Herbs 101	23	24
25	26 6-9pm Fruit	27 9-noon Roses / Com- posting	28 Wildflo wer Classes	29	30	31 Organic Class

## Upcoming Events Continued

•**March 26th, 27th, and 29th, "Wildflower Classes"**, 6:30-7:30 pm at the TN Aquarium Auditorium (basement) \$10, members \$15, non-members.

•**March 27, Trillium Species of the Southeast, Tuesday**. Tom Patrick discusses the defining character of southeastern trillium and its complex biology, to include propagation and identification.

•**Monday, March 26, Fern Forays in the Great Smokey Mountains**. Patricia Cox

shares her extensive knowledge about characteristics and habitats.

•**Thursday, March 29, Gardening with Heirloom Seeds & Seed Swap**, Lynn Coulter discusses fragrant, antique flowers and old-fashioned veggies, with book sale/signing afterwards. Seed swap.

**Must register for all TN Aquarium Events. Register at [www.tnqqua.org/Events/](http://www.tnqqua.org/Events/) or call 267- FISH**

**March continued~**

•**March 31st, Organic Gardening Principles** at Crabtree Farms, 9:30-1. Subjects to be covered include Organic Philosophy, Soil Fertility, Disease and Pest Resistance. Cost: Member:\$35 Non-Member:\$40. Register by phone 493.9155

**Upcoming Events April**

•**April 1st, Chattanooga Market opens**, 12-5 at First TN Pavilion

•**April 5th, Master Gardener Board Meeting**, 6:00 at the AG Center.

•**April 7th, Potato Planting** at Crabtree Farm, 9-noon. Joel Houser will instruct volunteers on how to plant your own potato patch through interactive demonstration in our potato beds on the Urban Farm. Wear appropriate attire for gardening, such as old work shoes and clothes (things that can get dirty). Children welcome! Activity appropriate for kids 10 and older. Register by phone 493.9155 x16. Free Activity.

•**April 13th,14th, and 15th Spring Wildflower Festival & Native Plant Sale** at Reflection Riding Choose from hundreds of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers all for sale. Call 821-9582 for more information.

**APRIL 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chatta-nooga Market Opens	2 6-9pm Turfgrass	3 9-noon Turfgrass	4	5 <b>6:00</b> Board Meeting	6	7 Potato Planting
8	9 6-9pm Land-scaping	10 9-noon Landscaping	11	12	13 Plant Sale	14 Plant Sale
15 Plant Sale	16 6-9pm Pruning	17 9-noon Pruning	18	19 <b>6:30</b> Member-ship Meeting	20	21 Herbal Class Plant Sale
22 Plant Sale	23	24	25	26	27	28 Herb Class
29	30					

**Upcoming Events Continued**

•**April 19th, Master Gardener Membership Meeting**, 6:30 at the AG Center.

•**April 21st, 8-1pm and April 22nd, 12-4pm. Crabtree Farm's 7th Annual Spring Plant Sale.** Offers a wide variety of vegetable starts including heirloom tomatoes, herbs and annual flowers. Call 493.9155 for directions or more information.

•**April 21st, Spring 2007 Herbal Theme Gardens at the TN Aquarium Auditorium**, 10-12. Karen Creel of GardenChick.com will discuss herbal garden

themes including a medicinal garden, relaxation garden, tea garden, and others. \$20/Member; \$25/Non-Member. To register call 267- FISH.

•**April 28th, Natural Herbs Seminar**, 9:30-1pm at Crabtree Farms. Growing Kitchen Herbs & Cooking With Herbs! In this two-part training, you will learn how to grow culinary herbs like rosemary, oregano & sage in your own backyard. In the Crabtree Farms kitchen, you will learn to create flavorful dishes with these fragrant herbs. Cost: Member:\$35 Non-Member:\$40. Register by phone 493.9155

### Tom's Tidbit's

#### Spring Brings Out Master Gardener Projects!



*Be careful your project doesn't fall into the martyr category where you feel alone and helpless.*

#### Send in Your Favorite Garden Picture for the Newsletter

Send Gina Turley, the Newsletter Editor, your favorite picture from your garden and have it featured on the first page of the newsletter. E-mail all pictures to [Leobishop@comcast.net](mailto:Leobishop@comcast.net)

*(Editor Note-there is no "-" in the e-mail address.)*

Spring is the time when we get stir crazy. We just have to get outside and do something in the garden. Some things are hard work. These chores need to get done early to make life easier later on. Mulching is one example. Proper mulching now can save a bundle of time on weed control. Most tasks are fun. Planting flowers is one of my favorite spring activities. Small little seeds or transplants that grow and become flowers or fruit are still amazing to me.

Now is the time to also give back something to the community. Maybe you can mobilize a church or school start a new garden. Remember, it is not your position to do all of the work. Most churches, schools, communities just need

some guidance and organization.

It may be easier to jump aboard projects that are already going on. In fact, the Master Gardeners of Hamilton County encourages this. Working with other Master Gardeners gets projects done smoothly. Plus, you will learn from others while doing something worthwhile for the area.

Here is how I would describe a great project atmosphere. Ten people show up for an activity that could have been completed by five people. Someone brought coffee or snacks so the first few minutes people laugh and chat about life. The leader goes over the goals. People split up into teams or groups and get the job completed. Everyone is on alert to help others who are having

problems. Everyone watches out for people who might get exhausted or feel faint. Nobody has to work hard, there is lots of laughter. Plans are made for another day or another project. Everyone goes home happy.

Be careful your project doesn't fall into the martyr category where you feel alone and helpless. It makes a big difference!

You can sign up or just attend the Sertoma Lawn & Garden Show, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. It's a good time to get hours and learn so much. It is at The Camp Jordan every year, which is just off I-75 and Ringold Road.

For Masterful Gardens  
Tom

## Announcements:

Don't miss **Mary's Greenhouse** in McMinnville, TN! It is a great opportunity to get plants cheap! We are planning a trip on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Ag Center at 8:30 a.m. and we will car pool from there. Plan on having lunch out. Contact Stephanie Payne for more information.

It is election time! At the March 15<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting we will be voting on the new Board of Directors for the next term, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

The following Master Gardeners have been nominated by the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors. We will take additional nominations from the floor at the meeting.



### Officers

President - Stephanie Payne  
 Vice President - Dee Clark  
 Secretary - Ron Bohrer  
 Treasurer - Nancy Williams

### Board of Governors

Jim Keown  
 Bud Hines  
 Joy Wooden  
 Sue Michelena

## Cherry-Pineapple Coffee Cake by Tammy DeArk

Tammy made this for the January MG Meeting.

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained

1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling

1 box yellow cake

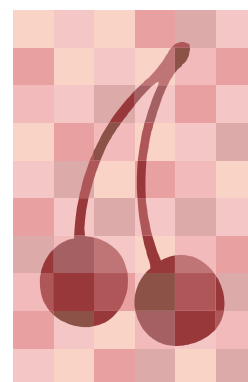
mix  
 1 C. butter/margarine

1 C. pecans, chopped

In a 9 x 13 pan, spread undrained pineapple evenly then spread cherry

pie filling over pineapple. Sprinkle cake mix over cherries and dot with butter. Sprinkle pecans over top. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

This recipe is in the MG Cookbook.



## Hot Nacho Dip by Kelley Walker

Kelley made this for the January MG Meeting.

1 lb. ground beef, cooked with onion, drained and crumbled

1 can refried beans

1 (4 oz.) can chopped green

chilis  
 1 (8 oz.) pkg shredded cheese

1 jar salsa or taco sauce

Bake these first five ingredients at 350 for 30 minutes in a 9 x 13 pan.

Let cool a little then

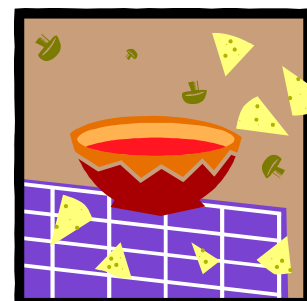
add in this order:

1 C. guacamole dip  
 1 8 oz. container sour cream

chopped green onions

chopped tomatoes

chopped black olives



# Volunteer Service Report

Phone:

The purpose of this sheet is to help you keep track of your hours and report them to your county Extension office. These hours, mileage and money spent are very valuable in providing evidence of MG program impact in your community.

REPORTING YOUR HOURS CAN BE THE BEST WAY TO *GIVE CREDIT TO YOURSELF*,

Hours Completed in (Check one)  1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (April-June)  2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (July- September)  3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (October-December)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (January-March)

## ACE and CEU Hours Report for Tennessee Master Gardeners

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Place the correct letter ( A C E ) in the category column for each line item.

Please round off hours to the nearest quarter hour and enter the time to the correct decimal place.

Please give a complete description of the activity and use a second line if necessary. Enter only the hours that you are reporting at this time.

Do not list hours previously turned in. You may use the back of this form to enter additional hours if necessary.

Please total hours at the bottom of this page in the space indicated.

Category A C E	CEUs	Date MM/DD/ YY	Hours 0.00	Mileage	Complete Description of the Activity Speaker, Topic and Activity	Location Where the Activ- ity Took Place
Total		<b>A= Administrative</b> ; hours contributed while working for the Master Gardener organization or the Agricultural Extension Service.				
Total		<b>C= Community</b> ; hours contributed while working on Master Gardener approved community projects.				
Total		<b>E= Education</b> ; hours contributed while teaching or preparing Master Gardener or Agricultural Extension Service educational programs.				
Total		<b>Miles = Mileage to and from volunteer ACE service, Mileage and travel time do not count for CEU opportunities.</b>				
Total		<b>Continued Educational Units (CEUs)</b> are educational programs, monthly meetings and garden seminars attended by Master Gardeners.				

Master Gardener Interns are required to complete **40 ACE hours** to become certified. Certified Master Gardeners must complete 27 ACE hours and 8 CEU's to maintain certification status. Hours must be reported to the Extension office to complete certification requirements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **UT Extension –Hamilton County**  
 Master Gardener Resource Room  
 6183 Adamson Circle  
 Chattanooga, TN 37416



# Master Gardeners of Hamilton County

**Invoice:** *Please, Return This Form With Your Check*

Membership Dues – April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008	c \$16 - Single
<i>Mark the appropriate box.</i>	c \$27 - Couple

Membership dues should be postmarked by:

**March 31, 2007**

**Note:** Lifetime members still pay dues but do not have to report volunteer hours.

**Please Remit Payment To:**

Master Gardeners of Hamilton County  
P.O. Box 25194  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

*or you may drop off your payment at the regular  
Master Gardener meetings*

**Please help us keep our records up-to-date by completing the following information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you mind if we share your contact information <b>only</b> to other MG members by an email or secured website?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, Please do not share my contact information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, You can share my contact information <b>only</b> as indicated.
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**Keep This Portion For Your Records**

Payment of Dues:

Master Gardeners of Hamilton County

Date	Check No.	Amount
		\$

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**2006-2007**

**Master Gardener Officers:**

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*Past President/Advisor*– Sue Henley

*Master Gardener Coordinator*–

Tom Stebbins

*Advisor*- Sue Henley

*New Class Representative*-Bud Hines

*Certification Officer*-Gretchen Rominger

**2 Year Members**

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Lisa Lemza

**1 Year Members**

Charles Quarles

Nona Harp

Sue Michelena

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Elaine Barker

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Jane Elmore

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