



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 searched for Master Gardeners of Hamilton County who are willing to use their leadership skills to lead our organization in 2011.

The committee will present a slate of nominees to the MGHC members at the regular meeting on October 21, 2010. The election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting on November 18, 2010. At that time, if there are others who might be interested in holding an elected office, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

All offices need to be filled for 2011. A description of each of these offices is presented in the "Governing By-laws of the Master Gardeners of Hamilton County, Tennessee" section of the 2010 MGHC Directory, Article VIII, "Board Members and Officers Duties." 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.

Our thanks to our current officers for their fine service.

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

Your Nominating Committee

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BOARD BUSINESS, August 2010



There has been a change in the Siskin/ Master Gardener volunteer policy. As of September 1st, 2010, any Master Gardener volunteering to work at either of the two Siskin facilities will need to follow new policies **adopted by Siskin**. All volunteers will need to have a **background check** and **attend a two hour orientation and training class**. Only group workdays when children are not present will be exempt from this policy.

The July treasurer's report shows an ending balance of \$11,838.77. There are no outstanding debts.

Master Gardeners will now start teaching planting classes at the Food Bank pavilion. The Board has allocated an annual allowance for materials and soils to be purchased for the classes. The new greenhouse will be put to full use.

We need to set up a permanent committee for the greenhouse and raised beds. A notice will be posted soon and a committee will be appointed from the volunteers.

The Board has been gathering information from Denise Chivington on a Master Gardener scholarship program. We will let you know as soon as the details are firm. We will need worthy candidate suggestions to find our first two candidates.

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 that 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!*

'In case you missed it'

The speaker at the August 19th. members meeting was Al Good, an expert on native grasses. He talked about native grasses and eastern grasslands. There are 230 native grasses in TN.

Calendar Events (for more events, see <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>)

September

September 2, Thursday

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

September 5, Sunday**

Downtown Chattanooga Market, 11:00am to 4:00 pm. email Donna at buschmandonna@bellsouth.net to sign up for a time slot.

****This is the last Sunday for the MG information table at the Market this year.**

September 11, Saturday

Chattanooga Bonsai Society meets from 2-4pm at the Ag Center

September 14, Tuesday

Chattanooga Herbies meet at the CAFB at 6:30 pm

September 23 & 24, Thursday and Friday

Setup for the Hamilton County Fair Master Gardeners display. Start at 9:00am both days.

Members meeting/potluck at Shelter 2 at Chester Frost Park @ 6:00pm on FRIDAY.*

***If you plan to attend, contact**

Lisa Clark clarkld@epb.net or

Denise dqchivington@comcast.net with the number attending. We need an accurate head count to order the meat. Please respond by Friday, September 17th.

September 25 & 26, Saturday & Sunday

Hamilton County Fair! Starts at 10:00am

October

October 7, Thursday

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

October 8, Friday

UT 100th. Anniversary celebration @ the AG Center, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Call 423-855-6113 to RSVP by October 4.

October 9, Saturday

Chattanooga Bonsai Society meets from 2-4pm at the AG Center

October 12, Tuesday

Chattanooga Herbies meet at the CAFB at 6:30 pm

October 21, Thursday

Master Gardeners member's meeting at the AG Center @ 6:30 pm.

The "Master Your Garden" radio show

Mike and Stephanie Payne are doing their part to make Chattanooga even more beautiful. 95.3 WPLZ and Mike and Stephanie have launched the Master Your Garden Show.

Mike and Stephanie are on WPLZ on Saturday morning from 8 to 10AM 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

Send Oct. CALENDAR EVENTS to lkbrant@aol.com by Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

Send Nov. CALENDAR EVENTS to lkbrant@aol.com by Monday, October 25, 2010

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 Hamilton County Fair exhibit 2010

Hamilton County Master Gardeners Helping **Grow Tennessee**

Setup is Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24, @ 9:00am @
Chester Frost Park

Demonstration name:

Leader(s):

- #1, Growing and Use of Herbs-----Stephanie Payne
- #2, Soil amendmets & Composting----- Denise Chivington
- #3, Propagation Greenhouse----- Donna and Jerry Smolinski
- #4, Raised Beds, ----- Dick Fehrenbacher
- #5, Rain Barrels-----Jeff Jarrett
- #6, Pest and Disease Control-----Tom Stebbins
- #7, Bee display-----Ray Miller
- #8, Containers-----Lisa Lemza
- #9, Bird House Construction----- Dick & Judy Smith
- #10, Turf Grass-----Mike Payne
- #11, Gardening & Attracting Wildlife with Natives----Nora Bernhardt, Sally Wencel
- #12, Central Benches and water feature ----- Mike Payne
- #13, Q & A tent-----Sue Henley

Contact: Karen Ray 865-388-3180
For Immediate Release

**Healthy Living Expo offers Biggest Losers, BiLo THRIVE Pavilion
and the Minute to Win It PEPSI Challenge!**

Want to live a healthier lifestyle? Then do not miss The Healthy Living Expo, October 1 & 2 at the Chattanooga Convention Center with over 100 companies offering health, fitness, nutrition and green information. Learn STEPS to a healthier life; get motivated, eat healthy, move more and live green.

GET MOTIVATED

Get motivated meeting 3 contestants from NBC's "The Biggest Loser", Koli Palu, \$100,000 winner and Ashley and Sherry Johnston, the Pink Team. Register for the "You Can Do It Workshop" with health professionals and the Biggest Losers to learn how to change your life the way they do at the Biggest Loser Ranch.

Hear fitness tips from Dr. Adam Shafran and Lee Kanter, from radio show "Dr. Fitness and the Fat Guy" produced in Atlanta and podcast worldwide. Be inspired by Lauren Monahan's 120 lb weight loss story, she became Mrs. Tennessee after the age of 50.

EAT HEALTHY

Taste healthy samples and learn how to shop healthy at the BiLo Thrive Sampling Pavilion and learn cooking tips from BiLo nutritionist Monica Amburn along with local chefs at the Kitchen Stage. Be sure to visit the garden exhibit area of Master Gardeners of Hamilton County. Learn ways to substitute herbs for salt and sugar. Learn composting and how to build your own raised garden bed.

MOVE MORE

Be encourage to move more while watching dance, karate, Pilates, Zumba and yoga presentations at the Activity Stage. Then visit The Rush Fitness area, where a fitness coach can actually demonstrate the proper use of equipment in the onsite gym. Join a scheduled walk on an inside track to support local charities and a chance to win prizes. In fact you have a chance to win prizes after every stage presentation on the activity stage, the kitchen stage and the walks.

Get excited watching and maybe be chosen from the audience to play the Minute to Win It Pepsi Challenge on Saturday. Contestants will be drawn from the audience for each game with a prize awarded after each one.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Several health screenings will be offered FREE with others greatly discounted. Use the Trail to Good Health found in the expo guide. After visiting the trail, become a part of a special prize drawing to be awarded late Saturday afternoon from the Activity Stage.

LIVE GREEN & NATURAL

Learn ways to live green, keep the planet healthy and be exposed to alternative health options at the Healthy Living Healthy Planet pavilion presented by Natural Awakenings magazine. Over 20 exhibitors with messages from alternative fuels to yoga meditation offer ways to live healthy.

With motivating speakers, FREE health screenings, information on healthcare, nutrition, fitness and natural health, visitors are sure to find something to enhance their lifestyles. Friday 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, FREE admission age 55 and older and children 12 and under, general admission \$8.

For more information, visit www.TheHealthyLivingExpo.com, or call 865.851.8141. ###

MG PROJECTS CORNER:

For information about Master Gardener approved projects, contact:

Stephanie @ (423) 842-3743 or email spayne@cbizmmp.com

or

Lisa @ (423) 332-1780 or email 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
6183 ADAMSON CIRCLE
CHATTANOOGA, TN.

New Demonstration Garden sign at the CAFB

Special thanks to Jeff Jarrett for the beautiful hand-made stand.



“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.