



Montgomery County Master Gardeners Association

March 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message

We are getting warmer days here and there. Spring planting is getting close. I have already started seeds inside, some of them for the plant sale. It's not too early to be thinking about that.

We still need help with gardens and volunteers for the Garden Tour. Please don't hesitate to volunteer help or a garden. This is a major source of funds for us.

We are looking for ideas for day trips this spring and summer. These trips are a great way to get to better know more Master Gardeners. We need your input so we can include as many Master Gardeners as possible.

Everyone should be caught up on dues by now. If you have not done this yet, please take care of it at the meeting.

-Jim Conatser

Master Gardener Tour Update

We still need volunteers at each stop on our Master Gardener tour. Interested in helping out? Talk to your board members.

Remember, this is could be a future Master Gardener's first impression of our organization. Help make this Master Gardener tour the best it can be.

March's Garden To-Do List

- Get your soil tested. (Remember: The Extension Office can do this!)
- Plant cool season vegetables. (Broccoli, cabbage, chard greens, lettuce, peas, root vegetable and flowers.
- Plant berry bushes.
- Start seeds of warm season vegetables. (eggplant, peppers, tomatoes) and flowers
- Finish pruning while woody plants are still dormant.
- Roses should be fed with a special rose feed or a balanced fertilizer as they come into growth.
- Prune roses to encourage strong new growth. Remember to wear gardening gloves to protect from thorns.

Information gathered from <https://www.thespruce.com/regional-gardening-guide-for-march-1403162>

Blooms in March

Days finally seem longer and the official equinox is upon us, but still the garden has yet to completely awaken.

As we wait for spring to arrive, here are a few sneak previews arriving this month:

- Forsythia
- Scilla
- Anemone
- Arabis
- Daphne

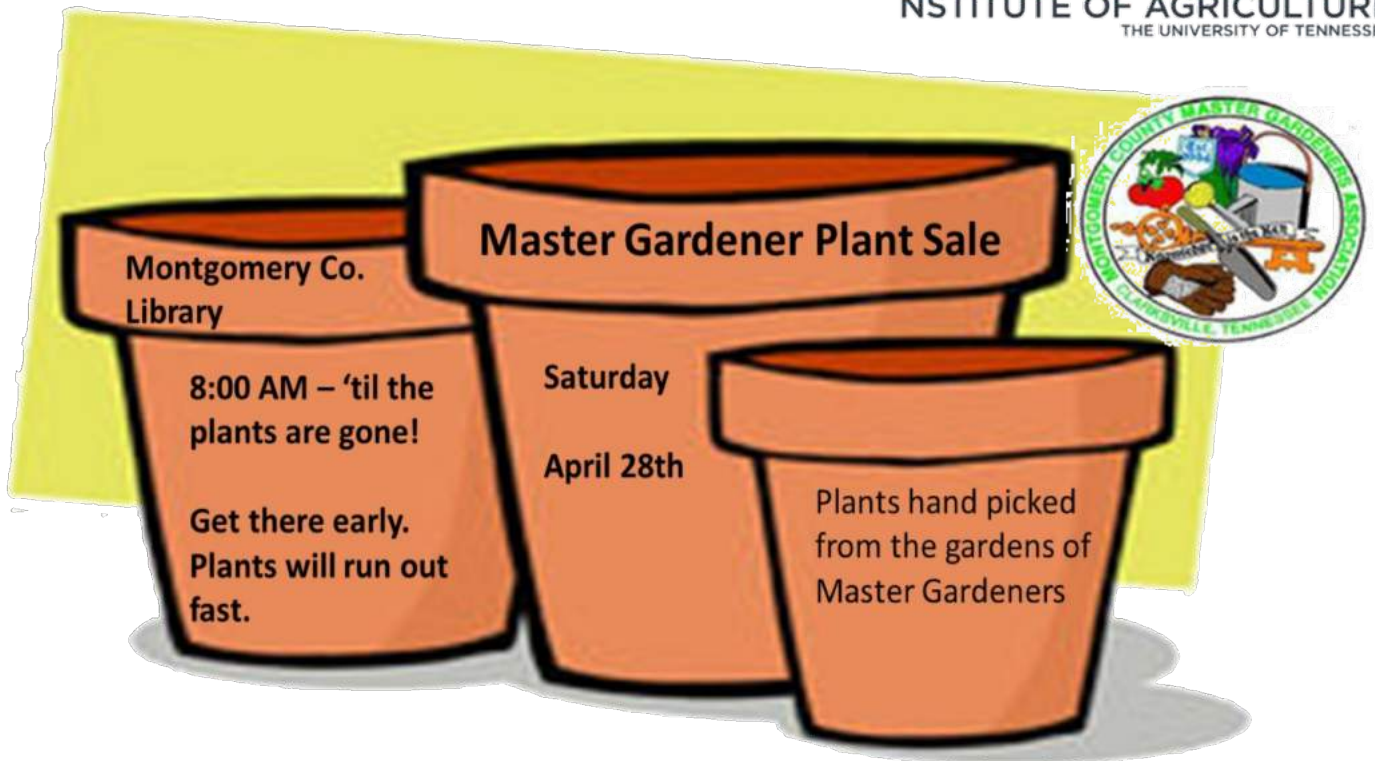
Information compiled from http://garden.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Flowers_by_Month



Spring Plant Sale April 28th

Start looking around your garden for items to sell at the Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale. Even if you don't have any plants worthy of sale, we can use your help volunteering.

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Last Month's Meeting

During February's Meeting, Dana Koverman from Greenwood Cemetery and Herman Albright shared information about the Scatter Garden at Greenwood Cemetery. They shared the planning stages as well as the step by step process to take this idea and turn it into a reality. This project is one of the newer projects for the Master Gardeners. It is a great way for our association to give back to the community and a chance to showcase the work we do. Thanks to Herman and all others who made this unique project a success.



Master Gardener Meeting

February 8th 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Conatser,

Herman Albright read the MCMGA Purpose.

Leon Gordon led us in a wonderful prayer of thanks and praise.

There being no revisions to the Minutes and Treasury Reports, they were both passed and approved as recorded.

Pres. Jim reminded the association that those who have yet to pay their dues, are asked to do so. He also announced that the National Lawn and Garden Show will be March 1-4, 2018 at the Nashville Fairgrounds. He also expressed the need of a chairperson and more volunteers for the upcoming garden tour committee. He reminded us it was time to prepare our seedlings for the coming annual plant sale on April 28, 2018.

VP Yvonne announced last months hostesses, who were applauded for their beautiful presentation, and passed around a sign-up sheet for future hosts and hostesses. She also shared two correspondences she received from Karla Kean, The Food Initiative, a Non Profit Community Organization in Clarksville, TN, sent an ever so eloquent letter of praise and thanks, for the MCMGA's \$500 donation. And a Certificate of Appreciation with a letter of thanks was sent from The Fishes & Loaves Non Profit Community Organization in Clarksville, TN.

VP Donna Newman presented the updated list of the MCMGA Projects, to be passed around. She encouraged all members, especially the new interns to sign up for every project that interest them.

Sectary Jet reminded the new certified members that she is available to take pictures for the association directory. And if anyone has a favorite picture, send it to her at jet2jet1010@yahoo.com.

UT Agent Karla Kean announced that the Jr. Master Gardeners meeting will be held on February 15, 2018. The meetings will be every third Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. If interested in working with the kids, please email her. She addressed the "Slow Your Roll Workshops", we can view the classes on the Montgomery County website, and can sign up by contacting her or the office secretary. Karla told us about the upcoming Rotary Park Tree Planting Event on February 24, 2018, meeting at the second pavilion at the Rotary Park at 8:00 am. Karla said that this year's goal is to plant 250,000 trees across the state of Tennessee.

Karla also imparted some of the highlights of the upcoming TEMG State Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park, April 5th, 6th and 7th, 2018. Full info and registration forms can be found at <https://extension.tennessee.edu/mastergardener/Pages/default.aspx>. Karla also announced that there will be a Master Gardeners class this fall.

Margret Pace announced the annual Paint The Campus Red Project will be held on April 19, 2018, and that Austin Peay University has become so confident of our service, as to have placed the event in their official Handbook and Calendar.

Our newsletter co-creator Thommy Barbeauld asked that any member who is not receiving the monthly MCMGA Newsletter, please leave their email address with him.

Vice Pres. Yvonne Wheeler introduced the guest speaker Dana Koverman, manager of the Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville, Tn. who along with Herman Albright collaborated on a beautiful presentation of the Scatter Garden's creation.

Door prizes were drawn and the meeting was adjourned.

This month's Host and Hostesses, Julie Baron, Linda Hall-Drake, Kit Vaughn and Yvonne Wheeler

Submitted by Jet Alexander-Williams, Secretary

February Board Meeting Minutes

MCMGA Executive Board Meeting

February 27, 2018 4:00 PM

Attendees: Jim Conatser, Yvonne Wheeler, Tina Dunlap, and Jet Alexander-Williams

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jim. VP Yvonne gave a report on the progress of the garden tour, tentatively being held on June 9, 2018. She said thus far committee members are Tina Dunlap, Colleen Teet, and Jet Alexander, while still canvassing to add more volunteers. She also reported having at least three gardens committed for the tour to date, and the board compiled a list of more gardeners to be asked to consider entering.

Also discussed was looking into adding the Scatter Garden Project at the Greenwood Cemetery to the tour, as a way to highlight the work of some of our association members. Some great innovative advertising for the garden tour was also discussed.

Pres. Jim suggested scheduling some day trips for the MCMGA this year. Some ideas brought forth were Cheekwood, Hermitage and Belle Meade. Other ideas are welcomed.

Pres. Jim report that plans for this year's annual plant sale, being held on April 28, 2018 is progressing well. Chairperson David Baker suggests its time to start your seeds.

Sec. Jet Alexander will be available to take face pictures of our newly certified Master Gardeners during the association meeting, for the official association directory. If one has a favorite picture on hand they'd like to use, please feel free to email it to her along with your full name, email address and phone number, to jet2jet1010@yahoo.com.

Master Gardeners Association Meeting, March 8, 2018

Guest Speaker: John Froeschauer, Regional Interpretive Specialist of Tennessee State Parks, Middle Tennessee

Program: Butterflies

Hostesses: Julie Baron, Linda Hall-Drake, Kit Vaughn and Yvonne Hiett

Submitted by Jet Alexander-Williams, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance for February 20186861.51

Dues Deposited 2/14, 2/27 2018505.00

Debits for February 2018

Ck# 2385 Yvonne Wheeler.....50.00

Ck# 2386 Jet Alexander.....103.84

Ck# 2387 Master Gardner's post cards (postage).....46.20

Ending Balance 2/28/2018.....7166.47

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Bray Treasurer for 2018

This month's meeting...

John Froeschauer, a Regional Interpretive Specialist from Tennessee State Parks will be speaking about Butterflies.