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All the Dirt from the Memphis Area Master Gardeners

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The Dream Team Presents:

DESIGNING MY OWN BACKYARD

Memphis Botanic Garden
Saturday, October 27, 2012
gam to noon

Part 1: How Will I Use My Space?
Part 2: Developing My Plan
Part 3: Putting On My Personal Touch

Suzy Askew, Garden Designer & Plant Activities
Coordinator, Lichterman Nature Center
Isobel Ritch, Landscape Architect & Master Gardener
Bob Krekelberg, Garden Structure Designer/Artist &
owner, HomeSmith Custom Built-ins

Admittance \$8 for General Public and \$3 for MBG Members
Sponsored by Memphis Area Master Gardeners &
Memphis Botanic Garden

MAMG Scorecard

Volunteer Hours, 2011	Visitors from 5 countries
25,136 Service Hours	Facebook
6,588 CEUs	Monthly Reach: 450
PAR Poundage, 2011	MAMG Recertified
8,542 Lbs. Donated	137 as of August 1
(42% of TN total)	MG Entering Hours Online
MAMG 2012	146
18 standing committees	Plant Camp
22 projects	One Week; 30 campers
8 ad-hoc committees	Ask A Master Gardener
Hotline YTD	135 Hours YTD at Events
1,560 Calls Answered	Lichterman
Spring Fling	Lowe's
246 Volunteers	Monthly Senior Seminars
2,114.5 Hours	Spring Fling
131 MGs gave 1,343 plants	Sept Picnic Meeting
Garden Jumble	108 Members &
168 Hours	14 New Grads Attended
TOGG	Butterfly Week
2010.25 Volunteer Hours	96 Teaching Hours
500+ Attendees	Zoo Plant Sale
15 Garden Experts	42 Community Hours
Habitat for Humanity	Memphis Zoo YTD
10 Houses Landscaped	538 Hours
Weekend Gardening Seminars YTD	PAR YTD Lbs. Donated
Steps Up to Curb Appeal	Total: 6,913 pounds
Speakers Bureau	CVG: 3,671 pounds
98 Events YTD	Davies: 1,764 pounds
Website	Shelby Farms: 1,478 pounds
646 Individual Visits	
31% new visitors	

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower. — Albert Camus



A NOTE ON ROBERT'S RULES

With our election of new officers for 2013 coming up, I thought it would be useful to explain our procedures. What and how the process works is governed by our bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) and a Special Rule of Order.

The nominating committee is appointed by the President but approved by the executive board. From that point on, *they are completely independent*. The committee selects its own chairman and proceeds to create the nomination form which is formally made available at the October meeting. As nominations are received by the committee, every person nominated is contacted by a member of the committee. The nominee is explained the duties of the office and if they agree to accept are asked to submit a short bio/resume so that it can be included in the November newsletter. *Only the nominees who accept are then listed on the ballot*, not necessarily everyone who was nominated.

At our November annual meeting, ballots which were created by the nominating committee are made available to all members who attend. RONR does not permit absentee voting and discourages nominations from the floor by requiring a two-thirds vote by the members present to do so. The rationale here is that all members have had the opportunity to nominate previously.

Ballots are then collected by "tellers," who by custom are the nominating committee. If a member of the nominating committee is on the ballot, and this is permitted, that person must be replaced by the chair. The "tellers" then retire to a separate room to tally the ballots. The winner of an office must receive over one-half of the votes tallied. A Special Rule of Order states that *"If no one gets a majority and the votes received by the top two candidates total over 50% of the votes, those two will be in a runoff. If the votes are spread so that the top two candidates have not received a combined total of over 50% of the votes, the top three candidates will be in a runoff."*

Results of the balloting are announced by the President and recorded by the Secretary. Ballots and tally sheets are then placed in the custody of the Secretary and held until the next regular meeting.

By Jim Volgas, MG'99 Life Member. Jim serves as ancillary support to the Board in the role of Parliamentarian. If you have any questions about this article, please feel free to contact Jim.

Acer rubrum Red Sunset®

The oaks and hickories that dominate the tree canopy in West Tennessee provide various shades of yellow and rich browns in autumn. Species with orange and red fall foliage offer striking accents to this color palette. According to Michael Dirr, Acer rubrum Red Sunset®, is one of the best species for "orange to red fall color." The glossy green summer foliage begins to turn to brilliant red by mid-October. Throughout the year this tree is a landscape asset. As it ages, the smooth gray bark becomes darker and develops ridges. In the spring the samaras are a favorite of birds and squirrels. The University of Florida Extension recommends it as "well suited for the south."

The Acer rubrum Red Sunset® is a fast growing pyramidal to oval shaped tree that can reach 40 to 50 feet with a 30- to 40-foot spread. This low maintenance tree is well suited to parks and makes an excellent specimen tree for lawns. Since it prefers moist sites, both UT and Missouri Botanical Garden endorse Acer rubrum Red Sunset® for rain gardens and bioswales.



By Jan Castillo, MG'05

Gardens In Progress October 13, 2012, 9am to 1pm

Jenny Yeates (MG'11)

A great example of a low maintenance garden. This 1.25-acre lot is natural wooded. The beds have mainly evergreen shrubbery and ground covers with some shade perennials.

Mary Heim (MG'11)

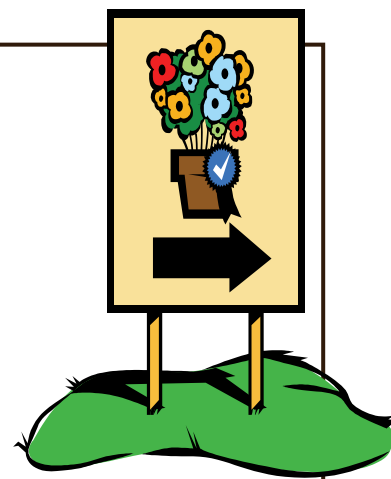
Mary espouses the "I see it, I like it, I buy it, and then find a place for it" gardening philosophy. The front yard boasts a newly added berm in a sunny spot with many perennials purchased at the Spring plant sales. You will find a variety of both sun and shade plants, bird baths, bird feeders and butterflies in this charming garden. Mary's two big dogs have a well-worn path under and around the plants and seem to like disappearing behind the bushes only to reappear on the run. She promises to put them in time out for your visit.

Paige Miller (MG'11)

A secret garden sandwiched between two buildings was established over 12 years ago. This garden includes mature trees and is full of native perennials. A pond with water plants and an arbor with seating makes the garden a true outdoor classroom.

Anne Ballentine (MG'11)

A new owner means a new lease on life for this garden. This garden is definitely a work in progress; it was a neglected back yard by previous occupants. It now has some new beds, plenty of room for more plants and especially those that will take FULL sun!



Have Ideas for 2013 Speakers?



We had some terrific speakers this year on a wide variety of topics: the inception of Mirimichi Golf Course wildflower fields, photographing flora, container ideas, water gardens ... & many more! But Master Gardeners are a talented & diverse group with many interests. As we approach 2013, I would like your input on what topics and/or speakers you may be interested in for programming. Please fill out a questionnaire (available at meetings & in the Extension Office), or contact Vice President Anne Krekelberg, MG'09.

Education Committee Needs Additional Member

The Education Committee needs a new member who has email capability and will regularly attend meetings each second Thursday of each month at 4pm at the Agricenter. The Education Committee is an active group and members contribute several hours per month to its activities. Interested members, please contact Cathy Bellheumer, MG'10.

Habitat For Humanity

The Fall 2012 Habitat build dates have been scheduled; five houses that are being built in the Las Cruces PD Subdivision will be landscaped. The tentative dates for landscaping/planting are Friday, October 26th (two homes) and Saturday, October 27th (three homes). For info, contact Denny Garner, MG'08, or Bob Hathaway, MG'09.

Weekend Gardening Seminar Needs Members to Bring Finger Food

The Weekend Gardening Seminar Committee needs volunteers to bring food to the seminar on October 27th. Finger foods - breakfast and snack types - heavy on the savory and light on the sweets - are needed. Please call Kay McAdams, MG'02 to sign up. This earns one Admin hour and one CoRe hour.



MAMG BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

(Amended 6/6/12)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Monthly Board Meetings—estimated time involved 2 hours

Monthly Membership Meeting—generally 2nd Thursday each month, generally 2/3 hours

On rare occasions—Special Called Board Meetings

BOARD POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT: Ideally has served previous year as VP

- Appoints/Reappoints all Project/Committee Chairs except Intern Program; Appoints Parliamentarian
- Schedules semiannual meetings with Project/Committee chairs and serves as an ex-officio member of the above projects/committees
- Implements and facilitates all MAMG calendar and time line requirements
- Responsible for all Board and general membership meeting agendas and presides over each (members wishing to be on an agenda need to contact the president prior to the meeting)
- Monitors minutes for changes and additions to Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs and assists the Recording Secretary in maintaining the By-Laws notebook in the MAMG office which also holds Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs.
- Keeps VP abreast of all activities/issues
- Monitors and reports monthly “Suggestion Box” ideas/concerns
- Keeps Board/membership aware of TMG recommendations/policies
- Initiates membership notifications of meeting changes, etc.
- Acts as the link/liason to UT Ext. Agent—MG Coordinator
- Writes a welcome letter and is one of the speakers for Intern Graduation

VICE PRESIDENT: A 3 year commitment (Vice President to President to Immediate Past President)

- Previous MAMG Event and/or Projects Chair experiences helpful
- Responsible for Speakers/Programs for monthly membership meetings
- Able to step into Presidency role should the need arise
- Organizes the Graduate Intern orientation program
- Oversees the September Picnic and December Holiday Social

TREASURER: Competent in the use of QuickBooks software (required for 501c3 charitable status)

- Be conversant with the Treasurer’s duties as described in the Tennessee Master Gardener’s County Program Handbook. Specifically pages 4 and 12-20.
- Be competent and proficient with QuickBooks software, as all of MAMG financials are generated using this software.
- Develop budgets for the following year with the previous Treasurer and the Finance Committee for presentation to the Board at the January Board meeting.
- Compile monthly financial reports for presentation to the Board and to the membership. Financials are to be completed and presented to the Board for approval, prior to the monthly membership meeting.
- Prepare financials for review by the Audit Committee in June and December.
- Complete all tax documents, (State and Federal requirements, 501C3, 990N, E-Post Card, etc.) prior to May 1st.

Donations

MAMG would like to thank
the following individuals for their
generous contributions:

Mike Gossum — Ferry Morse
seed donation

Georgiana Pulley — Collierville
Victory Garden donation

Janet Dickey - Collierville Victory
Garden donation

- Deposit all funds within 3 days of receipt. Process Expense Reimbursement Forms within 3 days of receipt. Appropriate MAMG forms are to be used.
- “Fund” all revenue events (Spring Fling, Through Our Garden Gates, Garden Jumble, etc.) with cash (for our cash boxes) in the denominations that are appropriate. All cash boxes will be counted and “signed off” on, by two people to insure accuracy.
- Establish clear guidelines for the receipt and processing of all funds at all revenue events. If possible, be present at all revenue events to insure the correct and accurate handling of all funds. If the Treasurer cannot be present, he or she will coordinate with the President to assign someone to act as Treasurer at those events.
- Communicate with the Corresponding Secretary on all donations, honorariums and memorials so they can be acknowledged in a timely manner. The Treasurer should provide complete information (amount, correct name, address, city, zip code.)
- Conduct an annual inventory of MAMG assets and equipment by February 1st.
- Submit the signed Memorandum of Understanding to the MAMG office by January 15th.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Basic computer and word processing skills necessary

- Promptly records all meeting proceedings of both the Board and Membership in form of minutes—forwards copy to President, then Board, for review.
- Coordinates with newsletter and website staff so that approved membership minutes are included in “Diggin It” and both meeting minutes and Board minutes are posted on the website after approval.
- Monitors minutes for changes and additions to Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs.
- Maintains the By-Laws notebook in the MAMG office which also holds Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

- Manages general correspondence for MAMG (Acknowledgements/Thank yous, etc.)
- Records either Board or membership minutes in absence of Recording Secretary
- Corresponds with Treasurer regularly regarding acknowledgments that need to be sent on behalf of MAMG.
- Notifies members or committee chairs of any donations or memorials, etc., made on their behalf.
- Sends monthly updates to newsletter chair so that donations/memorials, etc., may be published.

DIRECTORS: Seeks out and listens to the issues of their constituent group and shares their concerns with the Board.

1. *Less than 3 years:* Represents those who have been members less than three years. Greets them at meetings and helps integrate them into the group. Helps as needed to facilitate their involvement with committees and projects to achieve recertification hours.
2. *3—10 years:* Represents those who have been members for three to ten years. Acts as spokesperson/liason for all committee and project teams.
3. *More than 10 years:* Represents those who have become Lifetime members. Encourages Lifetime members to act as advisors or mentors to newer members.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Advisor

- Duties as assigned
- In the absence of the President and Vice President, calls the meeting to order and temporarily presides



NON-VOTING MAMG PARTICIPANTS @ BOARD MEETINGS:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Appointed position by the President in an Advisory or Consultant Role. Monitors minutes for changes and additions to Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs and assists the Recording Secretary in maintaining the By-Laws notebook in the MAMG office which also holds Special Rules of Order, Standing Rules and Customs.

WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER REPRESENTATIVES: Committee Chairs or their representatives attend for purposes of maintaining a comprehensive flow of information.

MAMG NOMINATIONS PROCESS

It is time to prepare for the election of the 2013 MAMG Executive Board! At the September 2012 Board Meeting, the members of the Nominating Committee were appointed and the chair selected. The Nominating Committee consists of MAMG members who currently hold or previously held an office on the Board. The Committee is responsible for contacting each nominee to review the job description and address any questions regarding time, qualifications and expectations.

The 2013 Nominating Committee:

Genie Ashworth, Chair (MG'02)	Robert Hollingsworth (MG'09)	Melissa Taylor (MG'09)
Patsy Courtright (MG'08)	Tom Mashour (MG'05)	
Vicki Duggins (MG'03)	Linda Taylor (MG'98)	

There are two ways to be nominated for MAMG Board positions:

Peer: Any current MAMG member who feels a particular individual will enhance the quality of leadership on the MAMG Board may nominate that person. Members can do this by completing a "Candidate Nomination Form" prior to but no later than Monday, October 15, 2012, noon.

Self: Any current MAMG member willing to participate and to fulfill the obligations of Board membership may self-nominate by completing the "Candidate Nomination Form" prior to but no later than Monday, October 15, 2012, noon.

To better understand the responsibilities of elected board members, review the "Job Description Form;" former and current Board members in these respective positions developed each description. Copies of both the "Job Descriptions Form" and the "Candidate Nomination Form" can be found in the MG Office, on the Website www.memphisareamastergardeners.org/ and in this Newsletter. Copies will be passed out at the October 11, 2012 meeting.

Please note that if someone is nominated for more than one position, that individual must choose which position he/she wants to be considered a nominee. Each nominee is expected to submit a brief bio to be placed in the November 2012 Newsletter, "Diggin' It". Mark your calendars:

The DEADLINE for all nominations is due in the MG office by Monday, October 15th at 12 noon.

The election of the 2013 MAMG Executive Board is the November 8, 2012 meeting and you must be present at the meeting to cast your vote.

If you have questions about one of the forms or the nomination process, please contact a member of this year's nominating committee. MAMG membership includes over 400 talented individuals with varied education, background, and experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity to lead MAMG into 2013 and beyond!

Genie Ashworth MG'02

Past President and current Nominating Committee Chair

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Those of you who attend our meetings regularly know that I always salute our Plant-A-Row workers and "beg" others to make working at one of the PAR gardens a priority. One of the things I do regularly is deliver the produce from Davies Garden to the Food Bank downtown. I like doing that because I can work it right into other of my tasks without having to shower first. PAR poundage is one of the most impressive numbers on the ScoreCard and that poundage comes with a lot of people putting forth some back-breaking work—it is easier when there are more of us helping. Aside from our PAR gardens needing workers, they also need resources—mulch, fertilizer, seeds, fencing, lumber for raised beds. And many of our other committees and teams need resources as well. For instance, we always need paper; Youth Education may need supplies; Jr. Master Gardeners may need unique supplies when that program starts next year. What we need are those people with sales, marketing or public relations experience in their background—people who are willing to make telephone calls or personal calls and ask those who have what we need to make a donation. Here's a great way to make a significant contribution without having to shower afterward. If you'd like to be a member of this new Resource Team, please call me.

Jean Ward Jones, MG'02

**MEMPHIS AREA MASTER GARDENERS
NOMINATION FORM**

Please nominate a member in good standing for any of the following positions. A member of the Nominating Committee will contact all nominees to discuss the requirements of each position and the willingness of the nominee to serve. After all nominees have been contacted, the Nominating Committee will prepare the ballot and members will vote in the November 8th meeting.

Except for the Directors, there is no requirement regarding years of membership.

PRESIDENT: Anne Krekelberg, 2012 Vice President, automatically becomes President.

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: _____

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

(Junior) DIRECTOR (2010, 2011, 2012) _____

(Senior) DIRECTOR (2002 TO 2009) _____

(Life) DIRECTOR (2001 AND EARLIER) _____

Brief bios of nominees will be in the November newsletter. Please turn in your nominations as soon as possible at the Master Gardener office or email them to info@memphisareamastergardeners.org. Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:
NOON, MONDAY, OCT. 15TH, 2012 IN THE MG OFFICE**

Shelby County Extension Office

Agricenter International

7777 Walnut Grove Road

Suite B, Box 21

Memphis, TN 38120-2140

Phone 901.752.1207

Fax 901.752.6240

Executive Committee 2012

President

Jean Ward-Jones, MG'02

Vice - President

Anne Krekelberg, MG'09

Recording Secretary

Nancy Davis, MG'01

Corresponding Secretary

Melissa Taylor, MG'09

Treasurer

Tom Mashour, MG'05

Directors

Robert Hollingsworth, MG'09

Vicki Duggins, MG'03

Linda Taylor, MG'98

Immediate Past-President

Genie Ashworth, MG'02

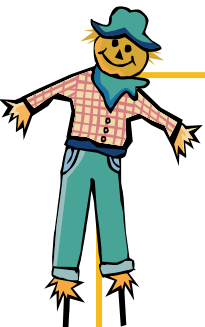
Ancillary Support

Parliamentarian

Jim Volgas, MG'99

Memphis Area Master Gardeners

The purpose of The Association shall be to support and engage in projects and activities of the Extension Service of The University of Tennessee, to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Greater Memphis Area through horticulture, and to increase the availability of horticulture information and service to the members and the community.



October Meeting

"Shady Borders"

Bob Byers

Garvan Woodland Gardens

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Thursday, October 11, 2012

6:30pm

Share and Learn

"Espaliers"

Tom Rieman, MG'11

5:15pm

Note: Both events take place in the
Agricenter International, Wing C,
Banquet Room

Please contact the newsletter committee
with your articles, ideas and suggestions:

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