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All the Dirt from the Memphis Area Master Gardeners

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Spring Fling: A Success!

Thank you--Thank you--Thank you--to all you Master Gardeners (and Interns) who volunteered your time and energy, as well as, crafts, foods and plants to make this year's 5th annual MG "Spring Fling" such a success!!! (Be sure to come to the April meeting for a full report.)

Just in case you missed it--The 5th annual Spring Fling Garden Show was held the last weekend of March at the Agricenter's Red Barn. The event was expanded to two full days this year to provide free, quality educational opportunities to the public regarding home gardening, and included "double" the vendors and educational exhibitors, MG demonstrations of garden crafts, MG assembly of seed starter kits for the public, a delightful children's Daffodil Fun Show with ribbons and certificate awards, and a very busy "Ask A MG" Booth.



Master Gardeners came ready to brave the rainy weather.

There was a special large speakers' tent with a selection of very informative topics by some very unique guest speakers. The area outside the Red Barn also had a variety of booths, including a large tent for the MG handmade craft items. The MG plant booth covered a large area outside on the west wing and did a fantastic business (with Habitat and MIFA benefiting from some of the unsold MG plants). Mother Nature contributed her part with lots of rain and wind; but as in the past Master Gardeners stepped up and weathered the storm! Spring Fling is a team effort and it takes many to make it a success--all of your hard work and participation paid off.

We did it--we achieved our goals--the public came in large numbers (in spite of the weather)--we learned a lot and, despite our concerns with the added costs of two days, we did make money! THANK YOU

—Genie Ashworth

Cheaper By the Dozen

Tom Mashour called it Cheaper By the Dozen, and rightly so. He had this idea about providing a service to gardeners while making a few bucks for the Spring Fling plant sale, and have a little fun too. It worked. It raised over two hundred dollars. Tom went home with a big smile on his face. I did, too.

Some Arkansas Master Gardeners said they want to do this in their programs. A couple of school teachers want to do this with their students.

What was it? It was biodegradable egg cartons filled with premium planting mix. Each filled carton was \$2, and the seeds were free, with two or three seeds of any kind in each egg position. I bought a few filled seedless containers to plant the fennel, red-hot poker plant, and other heirloom tomato variety seeds in when I got home. Tom had seeds for forty varieties of heirloom tomatoes, plus many pepper varieties, plus many herb, veggie, and flower seeds donated by Burpee Seeds. The interns did a super job building these instant gardens.

Tom is already dreaming about next year. His vision is to provide seeds of many more varieties of tomatoes and peppers and more of the veggies and flowers asked for but we did not have. Just think: an instant tomato garden with twelve varieties, many not available locally, and sold in packets online for more than twice one of Tom's instant gardens. I saved quite a bit of money buying one instant garden with several varieties of peppers, including black bell peppers. You can, too, next year. You might save your unused seeds for the 2010 Spring Fling. I need to remember to add Plant Sale when I say Spring Fling. Someone thought it was a cow patty contest.

—Carl Wayne Hardeman

Addendum from Tom Mashour: Carl Wayne gave me too much credit as it was a co-op deal between the both of us and we both financed it equally. Carl Wayne deserves equal credit. It was my idea to do the egg cartons. I came up with the idea over 30 years ago when I was a Cub Master in California. We sold them door to door, preplanted with 4 varieties of tomato plants. It was Carl's idea to do it at Spring Fling



Cheaper by the Dozen



Ask a Master Gardener provided gardening education to the public.

Deer Resistant Plants

-by Martha Hester

No plant is truly deer proof. There are those that are a bit more resistant, but if deer are hungry, they will eat most anything. Deer are less likely to eat strongly aromatic plants e.g. cedar, sages and many herbs. Deer also tend to overlook plants that are bitter, coarse, tough, prickly (but love pyracantha and roses...go figure), caustic, milky, or poisonous. Using lots of these plants, intermixed with your favorites, help to protect those tasty plants.

In winter and when it's very cold or snow covered and when very few leafy plants are available, your ornamentals are susceptible. In spring deer will eat almost anything. This is when the plants are the highest in nutrition and most tender. This is before the new growth has hardened off. During dry summers your yard is a true oasis for the deer and in autumn, the doe are ravenous, just before breeding season. In other words, they love your yard year round.

When researching specific deer resistant plants, there are differing opinions, based upon their personal deer



Tassel Fern

taste, areas, and what foods are available. I will give you examples of my own experiences and other first hand accounts as well as that from the literature. In my own yard I've replaced all of my hostas with ferns and Helleboris spp.. Those spectacular Sum and Sub-

stance Hostas were just too tasty for the deer for me to fight. I've interspersed autumn ferns, tassel ferns and others throughout my beds. An unexpected bonus is that I have beautiful foliage ten to twelve months of the year.

Groundcovers that I have found to be deer resistant include ajuga, lirope, vinca rosea*, English ivy*, mondo grass. The deer will bed down in the ivy and lirope, but they don't eat it in my yard.

Perennials, bulbs, annuals, etc. that are resistant include Achillea spp., Aquilegia spp., Asclepias tuberosa (butterfly weed), Astilbe spp., Baptisia spp., "Becky" Shasta daisy, Coreopsis spp., Cosmos spp, Dicentra spp., Digitalis spp., Epimedium spp., Echinacea* spp., Joe Pye weed, Pulmonaria spp., Helleboris spp., Lantana spp., Lobelia, Monardia spp., Phlox, Plumbago, Queen Anne's Lace, Rudibeckia (black-eyed Susan), Salvia spp., Sedums, Stachys spp.



Rudibeckia (black-eyed Susan)

(Lamb's Ear), Tiarella spp., Verbena spp., and Yucca spp. Marigolds and Dusty Miller, Zinnias, and Petunias, are also resistant .



Pink Muhly Grass

You should plant iris and daffodils, not tulips. Plant lily-of-the-valley, but not hybrid lilies or daylilies. Miscanthus, Muhly grasses and other ornamental grasses are considered resistant.

Avoid quince, hybrid roses, many azaleas and rhododendron, all hostas, daylilies (with possible exception of Stella do Oro and roadside daylilies), hybrid lilies, stock, Solomon seal, impatiens and pansies .

Most herbs are resistant. Those included are dill, oregano, lavender, rosemary, sage, chives, garlic, mint, thyme, lemon grass.

If you love roses, you may find that your types of roses are damaged by deer. Try rosa rugosa.

Shrubs that are resistant include Aesculus paria, red buckeye and bottlebrush buckeye, Mahonia, Beautyberry, Barberry, Budlia, "Otto Luken" Laurel, Nandina*, Leucothoe, Eleagnus spp., Forsythia, and Juniper spp, Many azaleas and rhododendron, Hydrangeas, Pyracantha, Spirea, Taxus spp (yews), Viburnums, Weigela and all considered "sometimes damaged" and are questionable.



Kousa Dogwood

Trees are attractive because they proved tender leaves, soft twigs, and a trunk for rubbing. In my yard I've not seen any damage to my trees , which include oaks*, dogwood, cedar, magnolias and pines*, sweetgum, flowering and Kousa dogwood. Trees that are considered resistant include American Holly, Cypress, Lagerstroem indica, Paper Birch, Vitex, Trees that are frequently damaged include many fruit trees including cherry, apple, peach and plum trees, Arborvitae, redbud, Japanese maples, and Hawthorne.

The deer's hunger and availability of other foods greatly effect the success of these lists. In times of food stress, deer will eat just about anything, but it is my hope that these lists, while certainly not complete, may provide a guideline to your success in encouraging your deer to dine elsewhere.

(*There is mixed evidence on these plants. Some consider them resistant. Others do not.)

The Azalea

The Beautiful Bloomer

—by Julie Morgan

After living thirty plus years in the south it has become apparent that the "Spring Queen of Bloom" is the azalea (Rhododendron). These beautiful blooming shrubs are closely related to rhododendrons but are often smaller in size. Around the first week in April azaleas ignite with a kaleidoscope of color that spans a spectrum of pink, white, coral, yellow and red. The yellow and red varieties are North American or the native azalea.

What characteristics might you find in an azalea? There is a wide range of choices in size, flower color and season of bloom and many are fragrant. They can be evergreen or deciduous. They may have a small leaf, a large leaf, a hairy leaf or a smooth leaf. The bloom can range from a one inch to three inches in diameter and have various petal shapes. The flower colors can be solid, striped or a combination of the two. Then there is the single flower, the hose-in-hose, the double, or the double hose-in-hose. The fragrance too should be considered (natives smell heavenly). All of this translates into lots of variables to consider when wanting a specific look or size of azalea.

There are three major considerations for choosing azaleas in your garden. First consider the amount of light, whether it is morning or afternoon, and sun's direction of the location. Dappled light with morning sun and afternoon

shade (high shade) would be ideal, as hot sun will scorch the plant. Secondly consider the type of soil. Soil that is moist, acidic, drains well and has plenty of organic matter is important. And lastly consider what do you want from the azaleas. Azaleas put on a show for two to three weeks, slightly longer if various types are planted. Azaleas need to fit into the green design and layout of your garden for the entire year. Determine these three answers and then start looking at the colors, the leaf, the size, bloom and hopefully you will find the right azalea for your location!



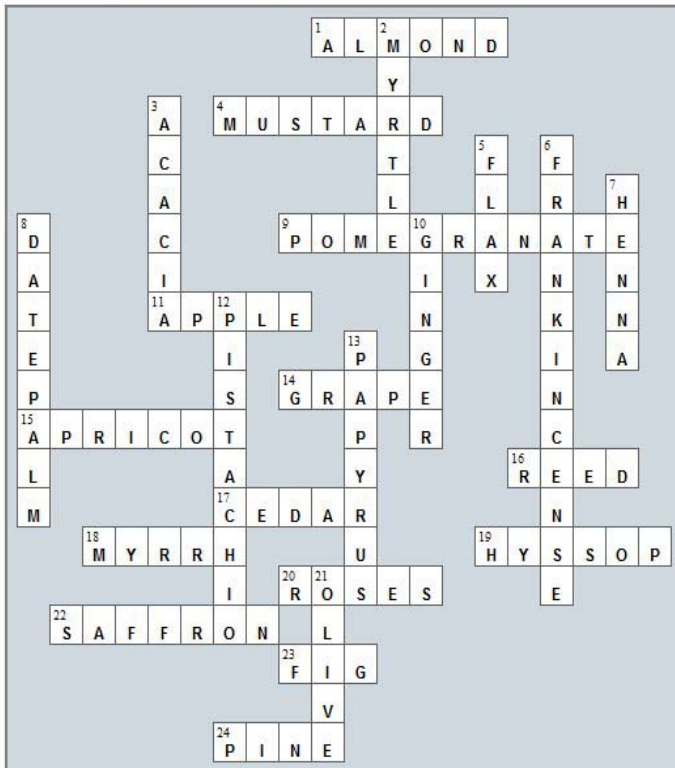
Spring flowering shrubs require pruning. Pruning should be done only after blooming and within four to five weeks. Later pruning may in fact remove already forming buds for next year's show! Prune with the idea of providing the shrub with a naturalized look, opening the middle to allow air movement.

The Azalea Society of America at <http://www.azaleas.org/> has registered over 10,000 azaleas and provides an accurate listing of the plants and traits you are searching for. They are an excellent place to start your search for that perfect azalea for your garden.

Answers to March's Crossword:

Plants of the "Holy Land"

BILL and GENIE ASHWORTH



MOTHER NATURE'S LITTLE HELPERS:

Each year the U.S. uses 30 billion plastic and 10 billion paper grocery bags, requiring app. 14 million trees and 12 million barrels of oil. Keep reusable bags in your car for shopping trips and help save our planet.



RAINDROPS ON ROSES

Our Favorite Gardening Things...

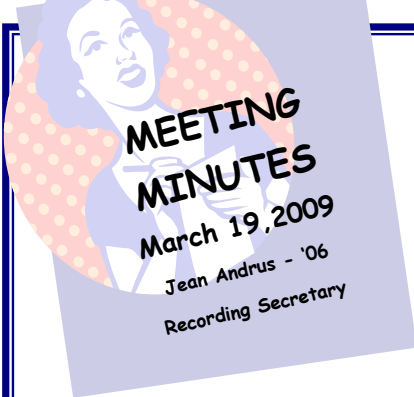
What was the biggest surprise in your garden this Spring?

Diggin' It is excited about a new column that will be written by intern Anne Krekelberg.

Each month a different topic will be introduced for comment by Master Gardeners. We want to hear from YOU concerning the various topics. If you have something to share on topic, please write a maximum of two to three sentences. Anne will then compile the comments and publish them.

Our goal is to learn from each other's successes. For next month, please let us know about your biggest surprise by emailing a few lines to: mamq.newsletter@gmail.com. If you have a picture, please include it as well. Don't procrastinate. Do it now so Anne will have plenty of time to get back with you before the due date of the next issue.

Good ideas for future topics? Please send those too.



The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Memphis Area Master Gardeners

President Kay McAdams called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Julie Morgan introduced our Speaker for the evening. Scott Woods is from Minnesota where he received his training with a national tree firm. He moved to Memphis and became the first certified arborist in the city through the International Society of Arboriculture. Scott began Timberline Tree & Lawn Care in 1999.

Scott gave an informative PowerPoint presentation concerning the diseases and man-made maladies trees face in our community. The membership was given the opportunity to identify the plants and the problems he presented.

Announcements

Mary Elizabeth McDonald thanked everyone who brought food to this month's meeting and reminded everyone to label his or her food.

Barbara Pierce announced that the Habitat planting is on go for May 2nd. If you have signed up but cannot make it that day, please call or e-mail Barbara because everyone has been assigned to a team and she is counting on you. This year's Habitat will be a green build.

Linda Overton-Phillips needs volunteers for the recycle right booth at Spring Fling for both Friday and Saturday 9-4 March 27 & 28.

Linda also wanted to announce that there are a few mentors who have not turned in their March reports. Please call Linda, Anne Frogge or Vicki Duggins. Thanks to all who are mentoring.

Linda Lanier announced a Hydrangea Society meeting on Monday, March 30th at the MBG. Peter Cummin will present a program on garden design. Members free, \$5 for guests, \$10 to join. Refreshments served at 6:30 and the speaker begins at 7:00 PM.

Caroline Nave needs a speaker on April 23rd at 7:00 PM to talk on composting for the Neshoba North Neighborhood Assn. She also needs a speaker on April 24th at 11:00 AM for the Mid Memphis Senior Citizens Group. Their 1st choice is Backyard gardening Tips, 2nd Perennial Plants and 3rd House Plants. Please contact Caroline if you can cover either of these requests.

The Iris workday scheduled for Saturday March 21st at the MBG has been cancelled due to the many activities at the garden this weekend.

Linda Taylor announced that the BWI orders were due at the end of the meeting. Delivery will be around the end of March.

The Garden Jumble is June 27th; please begin collecting your garden related items to contribute. Clean out your garden shed.

Tom Mashour thanked everyone who helped with spreading leaves over the PAR plots and up-potting seedlings. Recent rains have slowed things down but all who signed up will be contacted as soon as work begins. Volunteers are still needed for June, July and August.

Phyllis Walker said that the Botanic Gardens needs more volunteers for the Spring Plant sale April 17th - 19th, especially on Sunday. Please sign up.

Volunteers interested in helping set up the MGB's Horticulture Library please sign up or contact Phyllis. A weekly workday will be set up.

Spring Fling Announcements

Catherine Lewis asked that everyone take a Spring Fling flyer and give it to a friend or neighbor.

Debbie Peyton needs baked goods for the MG refreshment booth. We sold out one day last year, this year we need enough for two days. Please include specific ingredients.

Mary Elizabeth McDonald needs finger food for the 5:00 PM Kick-Off Get Together at the Red Barn on Thursday, March 26th.

Julie Morgan needs handmade garden/nature related crafts for the MG Craft booth.

Linda Taylor requests that each member donate a minimum of 5 plants. She also needs display shelves.

One hour may be earned for a contribution to each booth.

All Volunteers must wear their MG nametags and check in and out at the volunteer table in front of the Red Barn. Work gloves are a necessity.

In order for Spring Fling to be a success, everyone needs to encourage friends, neighbors and family to attend. We are the only free garden venue of this type in the Tri-State area.

From the Education Committee

Thank you's were given to Karen Houdek for her presentation on "Hand-tied bouquets, tussy mussies and more". April's presentation will be "How to make an Earth box and Vegetable Gardening" by Jim Gafford, Carl Wayne Hardeman and Jeff Golladay. Please do not enter the room after 5:15 as the room is small and it can be disruptive. Please contact Jean Ward-Jones at 901-388-5382 for more information.

Thank you's went to the hosts of February and March Gardens in Progress. April's Gardens in progress will be in the 38117 Zip Code area. The committee is always looking for hosts. Please contact Jean-Ward-Jones. May's Garden in Progress will be designated "The month of Roses." If you love roses please contact the committee about being a host. You will be able to earn 3-6 hours of ed-given hours. Contact Mary Wade to volunteer.

Except for May all Gardens in Progress will be in specific geographical areas to insure everyone has time to visit each garden.

Anyone who did not receive an e-mail on Wednesday night, March 11, at approx 7:30 PM concerning the rescheduling of the March

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Hotline Hotties

Common Questions From The Hotline

Question: What is the blackish knarled looking blob that has appeared on and is surrounding some of the branches on my cherry tree?

Answer: This description sounds like black knot, which is a common disease of plum, prune and cherry trees. Black knot is caused by the fungus, *Apiosporina morbosa*. Initial infections commonly occur via limb wounds or new growth twigs in early spring. The fungus living in these black knots produces spores that are discharged and spread to other limbs and germinate to produce new infections. Black knot first presents as a swelling of the smaller tree twigs, progressing to elongated swollen areas on older branches. Swelling of the limbs typically happens late fall or the following spring. The knots are initially greenish and texturally soft, occurring on only one side of the limb. However, it isn't uncommon for the knots to girdle the entire limb. Eventually, the knot becomes black and hard and can be a few inches to greater than a foot long.

In order to control black knot, the most important action is to buy disease free plants. There should be no swollen branches or knots evident at the time of purchase. If knots have been noted on your existing tree, remove them during the winter or early spring. It's important to remove all infected limbs so the knots remaining won't spread spores and more infection. Prune knots on small limbs 3 to 4 inches below the knot. Larger limbs can be pruned by cutting away the knot without removing the limb. The cuts should extend 2 or 3 inches back into the healthy wood on either side of the knot with wound paint applied to the cut surface during the summer. Make sure to remove and destroy all pruned knots. Neighbors also need to follow this control program if it is to be a success. Infected trees need a spraying of lime-sulfur before or shortly after bud swelling in the spring. During the summer, fungicidal spray programs will help control future reoccurrences. Apply Cleary's 3336 F or Domain FL at two teaspoons per one gallon of water, plus 4 teaspoons of Captan 50WP at bud swell. Repeat this application at early bloom, at full bloom and two to three weeks later.

For further information see University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, publication SP277-X. You may find this online by going to <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/publications/spfiles/SP307-H.pdf>

by Karen Houdek, MG - 2004

Chris's Corner this month is on Petunias. Visit it at: <http://memphisareamastergardeners.org/>

CoRe (County Required) Projects

For recertification a minimum of 8 service hours must be devoted to one or more of the following projects:

- Ask A Master Gardener
- Garden Jumble
- Habitat for Humanity (Education & Landscaping)
- Horticulture Hotline
- Plant a Row
- Speakers' Bureau
- Spring Fling
- Weekend Gardening Seminars
- Youth Plant Camp

Calling All Rose Growers!

May's GIP has been designated as "The Month of Roses". If your passion is roses and you love to share it with others, please consider being a host for this special GIP tour. (We are hoping to have enough hosts to make this a 6 hour tour event. This gives hosts the opportunity to earn 6 Ed Given hours if you chose to host for all 6 hours or 3 Ed Given hours if you host for the morning from 9 to 12 or afternoon from 12 to 3.) Contact Mary Wade to volunteer.

NOTES

Mark your calendar! Start saving your money!
It's time for the local plant sales!!

Memphis Botanic Garden

Friday & Saturday April 17-18th 9 a.m. -5 p.m.
Sunday April 19th 11 a.m. -4 p.m.

FREE to the public. Memphis Botanic Garden's largest plant sale of the year features a huge assortment of perennials, annuals, tropicals, herbs, shrubs, and trees.

Lichterman Nature Center

April 17 from 9:00 - 6:00
April 18 from 9:00-4:00

Choose from over 250 species of beautiful, unusual and wildlife-friendly plants native to the Mid-South.

Memphis Zoo

April 24 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Choose from a wide selection of annuals, perennials, tropicals, herbs, and vegetable plants, as well as unusual and hard-to-find shrubs and trees, and a select number of water plants, house plants, and cacti and succulents.

CoRe (County Required)

Horticultural Hotline

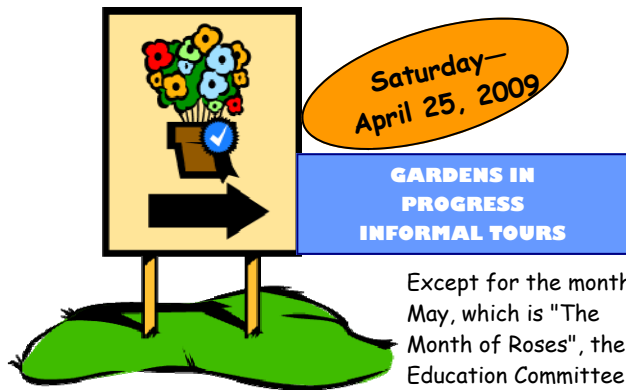
The Hotline will soon be implementing an orientation/mentorship program to assist first time hotline volunteers in getting acquainted with the hotline services and all that it entails. Hopefully, this will lessen the anxiety felt by some when confronted with all the information sources utilized. Stay tuned for details.

Remember that answering the Horticulture Hotline is a CoRe (county required) project and counts toward administration, community service or education given volunteer hours. Please stop by the Master Gardeners office to sign up for volunteer hours.

COMMUNITY HOURS

It's Azalea Time in Tennessee

Oaklawn Garden (7830 Poplar Pike Germantown, TN 38138) is about to explode with color! Come on out to see the 50-60 types of azaleas. Pruning will begin in about four weeks and we can use all the help you can provide. Contact Julie Morgan or Barbara McDonald.



Except for the month of May, which is "The Month of Roses", the Education Committee has assigned each of the remaining months of 2009 a geographical area for our Gardens In Progress tours. Feedback from GIP visitors suggests it is sometimes difficult to see all the gardens in the allotted time when a large geographical area is used. As a result, some garden hosts have said they had very few visitors to their gardens. We hope that assigning specific areas to each month will guarantee visitors the ability to visit all the gardens within the 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. timeframe. Hosts will then be assured an adequate visitor turnout to their specific garden. At present we have several people who have already signed up for a specific month. We're very excited about viewing your gardens, and thank you so much for considering being a host. However, we may be calling you about moving to a different month if necessary. We ask that if you are called, to please consider making the move rather than not hosting. We want to make sure the work you've put into your gardens is viewed by as many visitors as possible. Thank you everyone for hosting, visiting our member gardens, and making this such a successful program!

A big thanks to Tina Eastburn, Don Wear, Gellieta Wilson, and Martine Madlinger for hosting March's Gardens In Progress.

April's hosts are:

Chris Miller, 707 South Perkins, Memphis

Chris home sits on Audubon Park, and he has spent the past 3 years building his garden beds, most of the plants and shrubs being moved from his previous home in Shelby Forest. In addition to his gardens, you'll be able to check out his 12x12 greenhouse which houses his many tropical plants. * Note: There is no parking on Perkins Park in the lot next to the Cancer Survivors Memorial on Perkins in Audubon Park. Chris' house is the second one from the driveway into the park.

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meeting, please contact Jessica Morris by e-mail, jessicam@msn.com.

The Horticulture Hotline will soon be implementing and orientation/mentorship program to assist first time hotline volunteers in getting acquainted with the hotline services. The Hotline is the most important CoRe project. Stop by the office or call 752-1207 to sign-up.

Other Announcements

Sheila Sojourner needs straight twigs (small branches) about the size in diameter of a drinking straw for Plant Camp. She also needs Tin cans. Please leave these items in the Extension Office with Mary Wade.

Julie Morgan said that it is Azalea time and need help in preparing Oaklawn for the season. Contact Julie or Barbara McDonald.

The Oaklawn Crew will be planting azaleas in memory of MAMG Michele Cortese the third week of April. Dates will be posted in the Extension office, Diggin' It and on the website.

The next Weekend Seminar will be at Lichterman Nature Center April 25th from 9-12 Chris Cooper, Tom Mashour, Don Wear, Jim Volgas Dale Skaggs, Rick Pudwell and Jim Crowder will be acting as the panel.

The Hosta Trail at the MBG clean up is Saturday, March 21 @ 8:30 AM. Meet at the Pudwell Bldg.

Dr.. Chris Cooper thanked everyone for his or her patience with the scheduling mishaps.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

128 members attended.

SHARE & LEARN



Thank you to Karen Houdek for her March presentation on "Hand tied bouquets, tussy mussies and more".

April's Share and Learn, "How to make an Earthbox and Vegetable Gardening", will be presented by Carl Wayne Hardeman, Jim Gafford, and Jeff

Golladay. The Education Team is requesting that those who attend the Share & Learn sessions not enter the room after 5:15. The room is small, chairs must be moved, and each entry creates a new disruption for the session leader.

The "Share & Learn" program is held before each meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room. We still have July in need of a session leader. Please share your knowledge with your fellow Master Gardeners. The Share & Learn Series is a good way to test out your presentation among friends before giving it to other audiences. Session leaders will receive two Education - Given hours. Attendees will receive one Education - Received hour. Stop by the Education table at our monthly meetings or contact Jean Ward-Jones for more information.

Dina Martin 410 Goodwyn Street, Memphis

Dina's property contains a newly hardscaped historic garden in the heart of the city. 4 acres of mature canopy covers numerous perennial beds and proves to be a delight 4 seasons of the year.

**The Tennessee Bicentennial Iris Garden,
810 Cherry Road, Memphis**

Funded by the Memphis Area Iris Society and maintained by the society and MAMG volunteers, Memphis Botanical Gardens, The Official State of Tennessee Iris Garden, will hopefully be in peak bloom the week of April 25. The newly refurbished garden consists of 32 beds able to accommodate approximately 900 iris. It is one of the largest public iris plantings in the US and features a circular layout with a central fountain featuring Iris, the Goddess of the Rainbow. This is a special tour for Master Gardeners who will be admitted free of charge. To enter the iris garden travel past the Children's Garden construction and enter via the gate.

We're always looking for hosts. Stop by the Education table at the meetings, or call Jean Ward-Jones.

MASTER GARDENERS' CEU CALENDAR



Tuesday, April 7, Noon - 1:30 PM
Plant Collection Expedition to China,
Galen D. Gates, Director of U. S. Plant
Collections at the Chicago Botanic Gar-
den
Dixon, Hughes Pavilion
\$25 (members \$15); space limited
Includes a box lunch
Reservations required, 761-5250
An armchair tour of recent expedition
through northeast China.

Tuesday, April 7, 7 PM
Memphis Horticulture Society
Chicago Botanic Garden, Galen Gates
MBG, 576-4100
Non-members \$5
www.memphishorticulture.org

Wednesday, April 8, Noon - 1 PM
*Brown Bag: Landscape Lighting for
Drama and Safety*, Larry Griffin, Land-
scape Architect
MBG, 576-4100
\$5 (members free)
Lighting for aesthetics & safety in the
home landscape.

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 PM
**Memphis Area Master Gardeners,
752-1207**
*Water Gardening with Ponds, Pondless, &
Containers*, Mark Carter, of Carter
Nursery in Jackson, TN
Agricenter, Banquet Room, Wing C

Share & Learn at 5 PM
*EarthTainer Vegetable Boxes & Vegeta-
ble Garden Care*,
**Jimmy Gafford, Jeff Golladay, Carl
Wayne Hardeman, Tom Mashour**
Extension Office Conference Room
2nd floor, Wing B
www.memphisareamastergardeners.org

Thursday, April 16, 10:30 AM - Noon
**Ikebana International, Bamboo Chap-
ter**
Japanese Flower Arranging Class,
MBG, 576-4100,
Rick Pudwell Horticulture Center
\$15, Reservations required, 683-1163

Saturday, April 18, 10 AM - 11 AM
How Does Your Garden Grow?
MBG, 576-4100
\$25/family (members \$20/family); Each
family will receive a bag of compost &
other goodies, plus a special garden ac-
tivity for the kids!

Reservations required by April 13, 636-
4126
A garden primer for the whole family

Sunday, April 19, 1 PM - 3 PM
Sierra Club, 276-1387
Signs of Spring Walk,
Judith Hammond, Sierra Club, 276-1387
MBG, 576-4100, Visitors' Center
Included w/normal admission
1 1/2 hour easy walk, sunshine, rain or
snow.
judithhammond@bellsouth.net, 276-
2819

Monday, April 20 - Apr 25
Earth Day Week
MBG, 576-4100
MBG celebrates Earth Day & National
Arbor Day with environmental activities,
information, & resources

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM
Memphis Herb Society
MBG, 576-4100
Visitors welcome, \$5

Saturday, April 25, 9 AM - Noon
**Memphis Area Master Gardeners,
752-1207**
*Gardens In Progress Informal Tours,
Midtown, Downtown ZIPs*,
See Gardens in Progress item, *elsewhere
in newsletter*, or Education page on web-
site,
www.memphisareamastergardeners.org

Saturday, April 25, 10 AM - 2 PM
**EarthFest & Weekend Gardener Semi-
nar**
Lichterman, 767-7322, Ext. 121
Admission free before noon; adults \$6,
Seniors \$5.50 & children \$4.50 (3-12),
free for Pink Palace Family of Museums
members.

**The Weekend Gardening
Seminar will be from 9-12 and will
feature Dr. Chris Cooper, Tom
Mashour, Don Wear, Jim Volgas, Dale
Skaggs, Rick Pudwell and Jim Crowder
as the panel.**

Family-friendly celebration of Earth
Day, includes environmental information,
guided nature walks, games, nature
crafts, live animal presentations, gar-
dening activities

Tuesday, April 28, 7 PM
Memphis Bonsai Society
MBG, 576-4100
Bring your own trees to work on, tools &
wire

Thursday, April 30, 3 PM - 5:30 PM
Tipton County Extension Office
Diagnostic Clinic, Booker T. Leigh, Tipton
County Extension Director, & Tipton
County Master Gardeners
Munford Park & Recreation, 63 College
Street, Munford, TN
Get all your questions answered about
your trees, garden, shrubs, lawn, etc.

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM
Refreshments at 6 PM
**Memphis Area Master Gardeners,
752-1207**
Herbs, Growing, Care & Use,
Angela Mullikin, MG
Agricenter, Banquet Room, Wing C

Share & Learn at 5 PM
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*If you are aware of an educational event
that should be included in the newsletter,
please contact Jessica Morris, with the
information no later than the Friday after
the monthly meeting. jessicam@msn.com
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If you have not taken the 2009 Master Gardener Survey, it is
active through April 30th. Every member can take the survey
once and help guide the future of our organization. You can ac-
cess it at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?
sm=roWDHaGaglBX5hW1GAlfhg_3d_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=roWDHaGaglBX5hW1GAlfhg_3d_3d)

For questions or for a hard copy of the survey, contact Laura
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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



The April meeting will be:
Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments begin at 6:00

Topic: Water Gardening with Ponds, Pondless, & Containers
Speaker: Mark Carter of Carter Nursery (Jackson, TN)
Location: Wing C of the AgriCenter

Share & Learn will meet at 5:00 in the Extension Office Conference Room. This month's topic is "How to Make an Earthbox and Vegetable Gardening", will be presented by Carl Wayne Hardeman, Jim Gafford, Jeff Goladay and Tom Mashour.

The May meeting will be:
Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments begin at 6:00

Topic: Herbs, Growing, Care and Use
Speaker: Angela Mullikin of The Herb Society
Location: Wing C of the AgriCenter

Share & Learn will meet at 5:00 in the extension conference room.

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