

Updates for Master Gardeners Newsletter
September 17, 2011

GREETINGS MASTER GARDENERS AND FRIENDS!

As you all know, the Williamson County Master Gardener Association is a very active organization. We are busy with a multitude of volunteer projects, educational pursuits, and planning. With all of this, comes organization. I, Connie Westfall, have been elected to serve as our Public Relations Director. I look forward to keeping our website current with up-to-date information and relevant content.

The fun job of keeping things up-to-date comes with other challenges that involve greater computer skills than I have; consequently, we will depend on Barbara Chapman in the Agricultural Expo Center Office. I want to thank Barbara for her willingness to work with us.

Without open communications we can do nothing. I am asking for everyone to contribute to our newsletter. If you think something is interesting, let me know. If you know of someone who should be recognized for their efforts, let me know. We want to spotlight them on our website. Please relay your ideas to me via Barbara Chapman at (615)790-5721. Remember, your participation is what makes this OUR website.

So, come on, let's get going!

Master Gardeners Association Membership Policy:

- Annual membership dues of \$20 run October to September -- the same as our fiscal year
- Two members living in the same household can join for \$30.
- If you are in the Master Gardener class which ends in April, you can join for \$10 (\$15 for two in a single household) which includes your lanyard and discount card. This discounted membership brings you up to October at which time your annual dues of \$20 are due
- Master Gardeners certification is not necessary to join the organization, however, completion of the classes is recommended
- As a member, you can audit any class at any time for a refresher course
- Master Gardeners Association Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, 6 – 9 in the “big room” at the Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 36064

Annual September Meeting and Fish Fry at Carnton Plantation

What a way to start our new year! Over 100 members attended this pot luck dinner on the porch and grounds of Carnton Plantation. The tables of food stretched half the length of the back porch and were in the capable “fly-swatting hands” of the “Kitchen Divas.”

Norm and Betty Bright parked their food van at the side of the house; Norm was “Catfish King for a Day” and Betty was “Lady-in-Waiting!” Tub after tub of lightly battered “oh, so delicious” catfish was carried to the table and pounced upon by hungry gardeners. Norm and Betty, who brought up the end of the buffet line, even found a few morsels left for them. Rest assured, no one left hungry!

Anne Knauff, our dedicated President made announcements which included three grants made by the association – Narrow Gate, Habitat for Humanity and GoodWorks in Leiper’s Fork. Anne and Susan Byrd then handed out certificates and lanyards to newly certified Master Gardeners.

All wise women and men will make plans now to attend the potluck fish fry and meeting next year. Don't miss another evening of fond fellowship and good cheer; one where the beauty of the setting sun is matched only by the rising moon.

2012 Scheduled Dates

Bloom 'n Garden Show – April 13, 14, 15 (day and night)

Landscape Short Course – January 18 & 19 (all day)

Junior Gardener Camp – June 4 to 7, 8 AM until 12 Noon (our by noon on the 7th)

Master Gardener Training – Tuesday Mornings, 9 AM until Noon (except March 13, see below)

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 21, 28

March 6, 13 (1 PM to 4 PM due to scheduling conflict), 20, 27

April 3

Master Gardeners Association Meetings – Monday evenings 6 PM to 9 PM

January 9

February 6 (changed from usual date of 13th due to scheduling conflict)

March 12

October 8

November 12

December 10