

# Sevier County Area Master Gardeners Association

## Master Gardeners Meeting

January 15th, 6:30pm

Sevier Co. Courthouse

A Committee Breakout and  
Flower and Garden Show Planning

## Welcome to the New Board of Directors

The December elections have put in place our  
2007 Board of Directors:

President:	Jerry Gilpin
President Elect:	Randell Tate
Vice-President:	George Denton
Certification Officer:	Leo Lubke
Secretary:	Colette Manke
Treasurer:	Margaret Thompson

## Events & CEU's

### Wilderness Wildlife Week: Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Music Road Hotel & Convention Center,  
Pigeon Forge – An excellent CEU Opportunity  
right in your backyard! Up to 4 CEU Credits!  
There will also be hikes and walks for those  
willing to brave the weather. Contact Leo  
Lubke for complete program information, or go  
to [www.mypigeonforge.com](http://www.mypigeonforge.com).

Sessions include:

- \*Wildflowers of the Southern Highlands
- \*Backyard Habitat: Creating a Sanctuary for Native Plants and Wildlife
- \*Raccoons: Masked and Mischievous
- \*Wildflowers of Tennessee
- \*Bluebirds: Not Just For The Country
- \*Exotic Forest Pests Threatening Park Forests
- \*Creating a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife
- \*Wildflower Identification
- \*Woodpeckers: Nature's Home Builders
- \*Six Months of Hummingbirds in Your Yard
- \*Wildflowers of the Smokies
- \*Birdbaths, Drippers & Misters

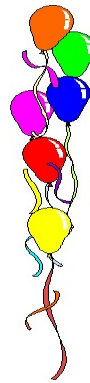
### Feb 5-6 – TNLA Winter Education & Exhibits

Music Road Convention Center, Pigeon Forge  
[www.tnla.com](http://www.tnla.com) (events)

Dr. Allan Armitage will be Guest Speaker  
Master Gardener rate is \$75, and CEUs should  
reflect the hours of lecture attended. A  
downloadable copy of the TNLA Winter  
Education Agenda and Registration are  
available at:

<http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/TMGopps/index.htm>

## Our Newest Master Gardeners!



The December meeting also saw the  
graduation of the third class of MG  
Interns to full Master Gardeners....  
An energetic bunch that brings new  
ideas and helping hands!  
Congratulations to Ruth Miller,  
Casey Berg, Jim Grubb, Pat Powell,  
Juneil Mathis, Margaret Thompson,  
Jack Bailey, Sandy Bailey,  
W.C. "Dub" Julian,  
Judy Denton and Sheila Pennycuff.

## The 2007 Flower and Garden Show Scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>

We've gotten the nod from the Sevier County  
Fairgrounds for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flower and  
Garden Show, so all you volunteers for  
planning, Booth Sales and general lending a  
hand, a preliminary meeting will be at Margaret  
Thompson's home on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and join us  
at the January Meeting for additional  
discussion and planning!

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## Extension Master Gardener Logo & Slogan Contest

### Logo & Slogan Contest Invitation

The Extension Master Gardener program will be 35 years old in 2007 and as part of that celebration you are invited to submit an original logo design and slogan for the organization's communication and visual identity.

The Extension Master Gardener Program needs a new logo for the website and to demonstrate national collaboration and recognition of all Master Gardener programs.

As an extension is developed, the logo and slogan will be utilized with new standardized curriculum.

This partnership will signify the cooperation of all State Master Gardener Programs, which will use this identification for marketing and promotion of a national unified program. State and local logos will still be utilized but may have the option of adding the International logo and slogan. The new logo and the title will be trademarked and protected by the USDA/CSREES.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a platform for each state partner to share materials increasing the availability of information for volunteers and Extension personnel to share with the general public.

## REPORT YOUR HOURS!

Sevier Co. Certification Officer Leo Lubke needs your hours...by telephone, fax, email, paper or carrier pigeon... email: [lhlubke@aol.com](mailto:lhlubke@aol.com), or phone the Extension office at 453-3695

## Links and Sites

<http://www.treehelp.com/>  
<http://plantsciences.utk.edu/>  
[www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)  
[www.pestfacts.org](http://www.pestfacts.org)  
<http://www.gardensalive.com>  
[Starting Plants from Seeds](http://www.startingplantsfromseeds.com)  
[friendsoftheoutgardens.org](http://www.friendsoftheoutgardens.org)  
[Mulch Calculator](http://www.mulchcalculator.com)

Nat'l Wildlife Federation : <http://www.nwf.org/>



Every now and then, Alan will share an excellent website for information: we all know he keeps the best websites carefully guarded, but he let these two slip....

For tree identification:

<http://www.agriculture.org/horticulture/trees/default.htm>

For Plant of The Month:

<http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/news/PlantofMonth/0610POM.htm>



From Beth Babbit:

Check out the TMG State Conference website: <http://tnmgc2007.net>  
Reserve June 8-10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, the Northeast TN MG promise to host a great event with great garden speakers!  
Registration will begin soon...

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## *The Scrapbook Committee needs your pictures!*

Our group of MGs and Interns have done some wonderful projects, and the Scrapbook Committee wants to keep record of them! Please email pictures and write-ups of projects and events to Casey Berg at [cjberg1@gmail.com](mailto:cjberg1@gmail.com) or Judy Denton at [judydenton@bellsouth.net](mailto:judydenton@bellsouth.net)

## *Greetings from the Weather Rock!*

Merry Christmas to all of you out there!...and a Happy New Year!!

We really had a wonderful warm-up in mid December. Its intensity was a little more than predicted, but it didn't break any major records. In fact it probably has caused more harm than good. You see it has acted like a plug in a dam; it has held the cold back, over the N. Pole, where it is dark.... and has let the cold get COLDER! This warm, high pressure air has also held the moisture out, temporarily. You have probably heard me speak of analogs before; these are previous winters that look like what we are getting now, kind of a template of what has happened in the past and an excellent predictor of what is to come....that would be the 'ghost of winters past!' ....anyway, there are several credible analogs indicating these conditions will build until they can be held back no longer. During the second week of the year things should start to pop.

What's the forecast for January?....there will be no long term warm-ups like last year. Last year, if you remember, the devastating cold stayed on the

Siberian side of the Pole, and we were above average for the whole month....this year, the temps will be average, or BELOW! Moisture will be average or ABOVE! We saw storms that first delivered snow to the southern plains...a bunch!...around New Years. And with each succeeding storm it will get closer and closer to us and eventually connecting....I believe the scientific evidence shows that you will see severe winter-weather events across the country....starting about the 15th of January, except perhaps, the northeast but, The analogs show the northeast warm in the beginning....but sometimes the coldest air heads for the warmest spot,....opposites attract, at least in science....sometimes!?!)

I believe the "global warmers' have done us all a great disservice, lulling us into thinking that bad winters are a thing of the past ....ANYTHING BUT!!....that's why I think they ('the global warmers') are dangerous....look what has happened in Denver and the Southern Plains ....snows to three feet and drifts to ten feet ....numerous deaths....There is tremendous snowcover in the west (way above average)....it's just not where it is 'supposed' to be. You may know that the Great Lakes are not frozen over ....yet ....when the cold kicks in....that warm lake water is really going to generate some snows.

If any of you want to know the science behind what's really going on with 'global warming' (more correctly called 'ocean warming',....just ask me.

If you are traveling, prepare!!....extra warm clothes, food and water, keep the gas tank topped off....keep the cell-phone charged, CHECK THE WEATHER (before you leave!) and if it looks bad....change your plans to fit the circumstances .....it all just makes good sense!....or.....just bundle up and stay home by the fire, where it's warm.

I've mounted a snowplow on the front of the Weather Rock....,put on the chains....,and I'm ready for anything!!!....

from....The Weather Rock....

*Jack Bailey*