

Sevier County Area Master Gardeners Association

Master Gardeners Meeting
November 19th 6:30pm
Sevier County Courthouse
“Latin Names in the Garden”
Presented by Donna Little

MG Day 2007

Master Gardener Day was a huge success. We had over 110 pre-register and over 100 who attended! The Master Gardener Store and Silent Auction netted the association around \$1,000.00!!

Many thanks need to go out to Leo and his committee who spent so much time planning this event. Everything came off with out a hitch and plans are already underway for next year's event.

If anyone has any input into changes they would like to see for next years event, please let me or one of the planning committee know. We hope to make next year's event even bigger AND better!

Alan

Events & CEU's

Friends of the UT Gardens 525-4555

Dec 8th – Holiday Wreaths with Greenery From The Gardens – UT PPD Course #281600

IJAMS 577-4717

Nov 9th – 6pm – Meet a Marsupial – Everything you ever wanted to know about opossums. \$5 non-members.

Nov 10th – 1pm – Living Clean & Green – The Bird Friendly Yard – How to improve your backyard habitat.

Nov 13th – Science Café 5:30pm – Global Warming – Monthly Forum for scientific discussion – Seating limited, email twitcher@ijams.org

Nov 17th -1pm Living Clean & Green – Creating a Green Household – Learn alternative cleaning methods and improve the air quality in your home

Nov 17th – 5pm – Seven Islands Owl Prowl – Meet at Ijams and carpool \$5 non-memebers

Nov 24th – 6:30am “Here Comes The Sun” Walk and watch the sunrise of the Tennessee River. Coffee & hot cocoa afterwards! \$5 non-members

As I put my final issue of the newsletter to bed, and turn it over to new hands, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, either by photos, articles, tidbits, websites, or just being involved... YOU all are what made the newsletter good....

I just put it all together. Thanks for all your help and contributions!

Jan

December's Meeting
December 4th 6:30pm

Sevier County Courthouse

This will be our election of Officers for 2008, the graduation of the latest class of Master Gardeners, and our annual Christmas party! So bring a favorite food to share and your holiday spirit!



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A Day of Wonders

By Jan Sutton

I was pleased to be able to attend the Plant and Seed Exchange this year, which found me driving some of the back roads of Kodak to Glenna and Dub Julian's house.... I have lived here in East Tennessee for over seven years now, but can still be awed with the things I see along the way. This time it was the wonder I found at their house back in the quiet woods.

It's an old house, older than Dub so I'm told, so it sits quietly and unassuming under the old growth trees that shelter it. But you can see the care it's been given over the years. And that care flows out into the yard, and ultimately, the gardens.

It was early, so there was still much shade in the yard, but the sun had started creeping in around the back fence that made a perimeter for this garden. I did not try to hide my smile at the scattering, and clustering, of various types of birdhouses.... Blue bird, of course, martin houses, wren houses, several decorative houses for yet unknown tenants... some old and a bit dilapidated, but it just increased their charm. There was a whole bunch up on a post, some hanging in the trees, a couple nailed to the fence posts.

Closer in, the Julian's gardens were actually scattered, slightly raised beds, edged with aged and fading railroad ties, and natures abundance of flowers and plants, some exceeding their bounds to wonder on the paths of wood chip. Bird feeders and baths welcomed visitors. Then there was the arbor, built of branches of a wood with molting bark that I scrutinized as best I could, to bring home the mental image so I might perchance acquire one of my own someday. In and amongst the flowers and plants I spied a sign that announced that the Julian's backyard was a

Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Glenna was kind enough to share the website address where one can find out about getting their own backyard certified: www.nwf.com/xxxxx

There were a number of fellow MG's here to attend the plant exchange, which in all honesty, had become secondary to me in the enjoyment of the setting. But I was yet to be surprised with another wonder here in the woods of Kodak. It may sound a bit silly to those who have experienced it before, but I was quite enthralled with an event that I was permitted to view.... the birth of a Monarch Butterfly.

With Lois English serving as Midwife, she held in her hand a chrysalis that you could see through, mostly black, but the distinct colors of the monarch visible. Some time went by as we all enjoyed the gardens, and then I noticed several other MG's huddled with Lois... and so I joined them.

There, in her hand, struggled the Monarch butterfly, emerging from his cocoon. Tiny, tiny wings compared to what one was used to seeing, but they were still wet and had yet to unfurl. Lois was even attempting to take pictures of the event, while it unfolded in her hand! Eventually he exited the last of his covering, and he was gently placed on a plant in the sun to help him dry his wings. I was surprised, having grown up in a place where we had butterflies and open fields, but never had witnessed this little miracle.

We moved onward with our exchange, and I was able to make off with a true milkweed plant that hopefully will provide me with some little miracles of my own. A little of the Julian's garden now grows in Dandridge, and my garden will be the better for it.

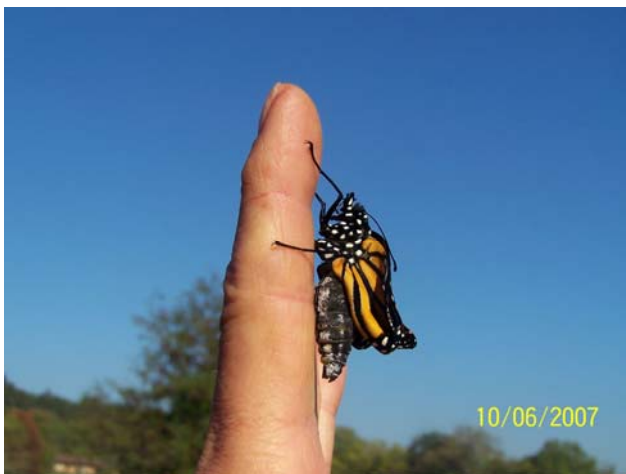
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I just wanted to share this particular event with you all, thank Glenna and Dub for sharing their wonderful yard and garden with us, and let all the MG's and MGs in the making know that nature can, and will, continue to provide us with all the beauty our hearts could desire.



Pictures courtesy of Lois English



The Newsletter needs your contribution! Events, pictures and articles are welcome!
Email to staceykingstamp@yahoo.com

Links and Sites

<http://mgsca.org/default.aspx>

<http://www.treehelp.com/>

<http://plantsciences.utk.edu/>

www.arborday.org

www.pestfacts.org

<http://www.gardensalive.com>

[Starting Plants from Seeds](#)

[friendsoftheutgardens.org](#)

[Mulch Calculator](#)

[SevierCountyNews.com](#)

<http://soilplantandpest.utk.edu/>

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Nominations Are Requested

Member Annual Dues

The Nominating Committee is tasked with presenting a ballot of recommended nominees for the election to Association Officers at the October meeting. Since there will not be a meeting in October this list of nominees will be presented at the November meeting.

Any Association member may recommend nominees. All nominees shall be an Active Members of the Association. Active members shall consist of Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns and must meet certain requirements.

To recommend nominees, contact the Nomination Committee at: georgedenton@bellsouth.net or call George Denton at 865-428-0885 with the name of the nominee and recommended position. Recommended nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.

THE ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.



The following Members have paid their \$15 Annual Dues... **Have you?**
Jack Bailey ... Sandi Bailey... Selena Ball
Liz Ballard...Casey Berg...Gayle Crowe
George Denton...Judy Denton...
Jerry Gilpin...Robert Glenn ...Jo Golden
Dalene Griffith...Jim Grubb...Tommi Jo Harrell
Gayle Holt...Dottie Johnson...Mike Jones
Glenna Julian...W.C. (Dub) Julian...
Barbara King...Donna Little...Leo Lubke
Carol MacKenzie...Colette Mancke
Carlene Maples...Laura Martin
Juneil Mathis...Ruth Miller
Sheila Pennycuff ...Pat Powell...Reatha Reil
Wes Shepherd...Jerry Shonk
Nellie Smith...Jan Sutton...Randell Tate
John Thomas...Margaret Thompson
Richard Wasman...Les Williams

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*Greetings From
The Weather
Rock*

Due to unforeseen non-technical difficulties, The Weather Rock will not be with us this month. Jack promises to rejoin us next month!