

Garden Variety News

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MEETING NOTICES



June 8, 2008 is the date of the family picnic and meeting, to be held at Marilyn Bickley's home, with a stop-off at Ginger Voyles' farm to see the water feature. The picnic is a pitch-in with each family attending to bring a covered dish. The Association will provide **hot dogs, buns, eating utensils and lemonade.**

Immediate family and significant others are invited to attend. The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Call Marilyn at 342-9890 if you need additional information. The swimming pool will be open for those wishing to take a dip. Bring your own towels. A map and driving directions are on the back of this newsletter and posted on the website at www.mcmastergardeners.org.

The **July Meeting** will be held at Terry Bunton's house. Terry will do a presentation on lawn care and Tom Flatt will bring everyone up to date on the Fair Booth and ask for volunteers.

No August Meeting Due to the Fair



Tom Flatt, Fair Committee Chair, reported that the Fair will be held from July 26 through August 2, 2008.

*We will have one day to set-up and will have a Gazebo and two side by side tents – one side for plants and one side for public speakers and publication material handouts. **Go Green** will be the theme again this year. We will encourage the use of native plants. Tom needs volunteers for the fair committee. We will handle money this year, selling plants and produce that members donate. The plants and produce should be grown by the member and donated. Plants that bloom in the fall are recommended – mums are a good choice; or, produce that will keep during the heat of the day.*

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BY-LAWS

Trena reported that the By-Law committee, consisting of herself, Cindy Vogel, and Terry Bunton, had completed the By-Law revisions and they were handed out at the May meeting. Members need to review carefully prior to voting on them at an upcoming meeting, probably September.

New Officers

A nominating committee has been selected to contact members who might be interested in serving as officers in the Master Gardener Association. If you are called, please do not turn down the opportunity to run for office. Elections will be held in September.

Plant Markers Now Available

By Trena Trusty

We have a quantity of 1000 high quality plant markers from EON Industries, www.eonindustries.com that are available for Master Gardeners and Interns to purchase at greatly reduced rates from those on the website. We will be using the markers in various garden projects that the club works on, but there are plenty available for purchase as well.

These markers are the E-20 model that you can see at the website. They are a 20" stake with a dull, metal plate that the stake legs go through. You can write on these with a china pencil or lead pencil. These are the highest quality stakes of this type on the market and are made in the USA! They will be available at the June and July meetings, or by contacting Trena Trusty at 317-996-2746. The price for a bundle of 10 is \$5.00; a 50% savings off the price when ordered online.

Reserve Your Spot on the Trip

By Trena Trusty

The plans for our trip to the Chicago area have been finalized, and the reservation forms are now available. If you received this newsletter by regular mail, the form was included. Otherwise you can download it as a pdf file from the website or open it from this newsletter. Copies are also available in the Extension Office.

The trip is on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16. That way you can rest up on Sunday before you go back to work. There are so many great places to

visit in the Chicago area, but we think that the destinations we have put together for this trip make quite a nice variety.

Here are the reservation details. Reservations will be open only to Morgan County Master Gardener Association members (who are up to date on their dues) and their guests until June 15. After that date, we will open reservations to the public and Master Gardeners from other counties. Trena must have your paid reservation by July 15 to make the hotel reservations. Cancellations after July 15 will be refunded only if we have someone to fill your spot. If you know of people who want to go on this trip, but are not Master Gardeners, they can contact Trena now to put their name on a list, and she will contact them after June 15 to let them know if space is still available. Please help get the word out about this trip. We would like to have a full bus (56).

We will be staying at the Comfort Suites in Aurora, Illinois. Walter Payton's Roundhouse is adjacent to the motel and the Holiday Casino is 1 1/2 blocks away. So besides our visits to Ball Seed Company, Cantigny Gardens, The Planter's Palette, The Growing Place in Naperville, and the Morton Arboretum, you can have a nice dinner out and do some gambling if you like. Our motel does have an indoor swimming pool, hot tub and exercise room, Internet access, and a complimentary full hot breakfast.

If you need more detailed information about this trip, please contact Trena Trusty at 317-996-2746.

Raffle Items Needed for the Bus Trip

We plan to have a raffle on the bus trip and need donations of garden related items. Possible items include tools, books, stationery, garden art, soaps, candles, lotion, gift certificates or other items that you think gardeners would enjoy. Please bring items to the June picnic or July meeting and give them to Mary Ellen Holmes, Trena Trusty, Neta

Phelps or Karen Padgett. The raffle is always lots of fun on the bus and is a nice way for us to raise some money.

NOTE: There is a tri-fold brochure available on the Morgan County Master Gardeners Website that contains all the details of this trip. The brochure was created and written by Trena.

Map to Marilyn Bickley's House

