

Garden Variety News

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MEETING NOTICE

The September meeting will be held on September 3, 2009 at the Wilbur Kendall room, Morgan County Fairgrounds. Social Time is at 6:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Master Gardener Kathleen Hull, "Some Famous Gardeners, Botanists, and Landscape Architects about Whom You Should Know at Least a Little."

ELECTION OF MCMG 2009 - 2010 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBER

The September 3rd meeting of the Morgan County Master Gardeners, Inc. will include the election of officers for the upcoming 2009-2010 year. The by-laws stipulate that all members of Morgan County Master Gardeners, Inc. must be notified of the ballot at least 3 days prior to this election and that only paid members may vote. A slate of officers will be presented to MCMG members September 3. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The nominating committee is presenting the following slate of officers to be voted into office.

President-----Ruth Pelouch
Vice-President-----Judy Turner
Secretary-----Michelle Bales
Treasurer----- Tom Flatt

Ann Lankford will be retiring her position on the Executive Board. There are three executive board members each serving a three-year term. One member is appointed by the Extension Educator; one member is appointed by the club president; and one member is voted by the club membership. Ann Lankford held

the position voted on by the club membership.

The nominating committee is nominating Neta Phelps for this position. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor for this position.

Please try to attend the MCMG meeting September 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

MCMG Nominating Committee
Marilynn Bickley
Terry Bunton

TIME TO PAY DUES AND SUBMIT VOLUNTEER HOURS

It is time to pay 2010 dues. We ask that you complete the attached membership application each year to enable us to update your information and to determine membership status and committee volunteer preferences. Also attached is the volunteer activity form you are to use to report your hours. The only requirements for being an Association member is that you have been initially certified as a Master Gardener or are working on your initial certification and pay your annual dues. The Association will start determining for next year membership status as either active or inactive. There are no differences in membership privileges between active or inactive status. Active status simply means that you have reported your annual hours to the extension office. For next year active status means that your have reported all your accumulated hours to date regardless of what they are, which means that everyone is already qualified for active status if they turn in their hours. Then beginning in 2011, active status would require a minimum of an

Southwest
Cornbread Salad

From Neta Phelps

5 c of cornbread
broken into pieces;
3 c diced tomatoes
1 c diced sweet
1/4 c sweet pickle
relish
1/2 c diced green
pepper
1 c Miracle whip
1/2c celery
1/4 c sweet pickle
juice
1 lb bacon
crumbled

Layer corn bread,
onion, pepper,
celery, and
tomatoes.

Mix relish and
miracle whip and
spoon on top.
Shredded cheese
added to the top is
optional. Chill and
mix when ready to
serve.

Some times I put
in green onions
and I don't usually
put celery (Dan
don't like) I also
use the real bacon
that is in bits you
buy if I am pressed
for time.

additional 12 volunteer and 6 educational
hours each year.

We would like everyone to turn in their
hours and pay their dues at the
September meeting. This insures that
the budget can be developed and the
membership established by January 1. If
you don't understand the process, there
will be farther explanation at the
September meeting and assistance will
be provided in filling out the forms. In
addition to the forms provided in this
newsletter, they are also posted on the
MCMG web site.

Thanks, Tom Flatt, Treasure

**DESPITE SOME PROBLEMS, THE
MCMG BOOTH AT THE MORGAN CO.
FAIR A SUCCESS**

Mother Nature blew down our tent
canopies and our gazebo sponsor went
out of business, but thanks to our
membership stepping up and sponsor
support, we still pulled off a decent
exhibit. Lowe's in Mooresville let us use
a storage shed, garden trellis and
decorative fencing. Even though the
shed and fencing were damaged, they
took the material back at no cost to the
Association. Lowe's is a wonderful
sponsor and deserves your patronage.
Same goes for Ace Hardware in
Martinsville that provided the fountain
and decorative wall and Home Bank that
provided the reference material copies.

The Bickley's and Nancy Manly provided
the two tent canopies that were
destroyed. Then the Bickley's managed
to come up with a replacement canopy
for the rest of the fair. Their sacrifice will
not be in vain, the Executive Board voted
to reimburse both of them for the
canopies. David Mow, co-chair, deserves
a lot of credit for keeping the booth
operational. He and Floyd Page opened
the exhibit each day and David was lead
the recovery effort and filled in extra
shift where needed. In addition Bonnie
Kohl should be recognized for calling
everybody to make sure all the shifts
were covered and well as filling several

of them herself. Also, thanks to the 21
members that pulled shifts and provided
flowers or produce for sell. We made
enough to cover the cost of the booth
not counting the tent canopy
reimbursements. We had eleven people
sign up for the next Master Gardener
Class and countless questions were
answered about horticulture.

Thanks to everybody for all your help,
Tom Flatt



**Photo by Tom Flatt – 2009 Morgan
County Fair**

Note from Neta Phelps

Where has the time gone? It has been
another great year to be in the Master
Gardeners. We had a outstanding Garden
Fest, another wonderful trip we won't
forget, and a memorable fair booth. We
have added new things to do this year
like the Water Nursing Home and have
planned more new things for next year.

All these things wouldn't be possible with
the membership stepping up to help out.
It is amazing that we don't see people
until we need them to work then they
come running.

I would like to challenge all members
and past members to try to make it to
the meetings. We have a great selection
of topics and there are always
refreshments and great fellowship.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard
to make 2009 a happening year.

Neta