

the SCOOP

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New Name for Newsletter

Congratulations to the **Gutherz** who submitted the winning name, ***the Scoop***, for our newsletter! They will be receiving a \$10 gift certificate from Valley Growers. We had a total of 20 names submitted, which were all clever and extremely worthy. Members attending the February

meeting of the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County voted by secret ballot. From the first ballot the top five names were selected, and another vote was taken to determine the winning name to be revealed in the February issue of the newsletter.

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Garden Basics 2006

The Garden Basics 2006 classes continue to draw positive responses from the participants. All 46 participants were invited to attend the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County February Meeting. Approximately 6-10 attended. Ω



Garden Basics Class Participants



Dr. Anderson — Lawns & Lawn Care

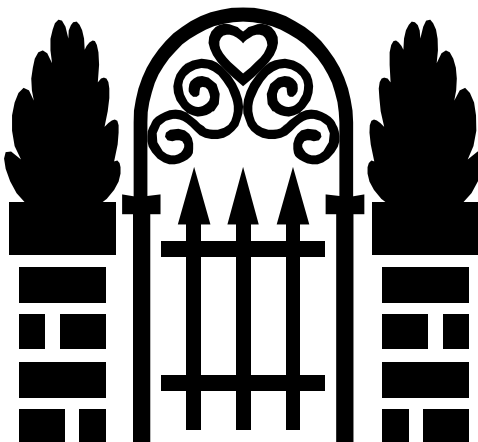
What Do You Want from the Master Gardeners Association?

In December you elected me President of your Master Gardeners Association for 2006. Thank you for the vote of confidence placed in me. The Master Gardeners of Rutherford County is **your** organization, and it will only be successful with your help and cooperation.

Beginning in March, I am asking each and every member to volunteer to write at least one article for the newsletter at some time during 2006. These articles do not have to be long narratives, but should be at least one-half page and no longer than one page in length.

Topics should conform to the Master Gardener program and University of Tennessee Extension and be garden re-

lated. Topic suggestions are annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, pruning, lawn care, soils, fertilizing, etc. I will be reminding you during the year about contributions to the newsletter.



Keep track of the time you spend preparing these articles as the hours will be considered Education time (not continuing education).

The more we all work and contribute, the more successful our group will be. So,

Volunteer, Teach, Lead! Ω

J. Smith, President

Meeting Minutes — February 20, 2006

The Secretary, due to illness, was not in attendance. E. Arnold volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.

The Newsletter name was voted on and narrowed to five. Another vote was taken, and the new name will be revealed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,996.11

Garden Basics Class participants were welcomed.

Agent Tuggle distributed information sheets for Brown Bag classes and the St. Clair Senior Citizens talks.

Special Events Chair, B. Fedorowicz, reported the trip to Optimara Greenhouses was very educational. She announced upcoming day trip events to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens (Alabama) and to Colorburst Nursery are in the planning stage.

Speakers Bureau Chair, D. Richardson, stated that people need to let him know what topic they would like to teach.

V. Sanders, an expert on daffodils, is scheduled to be the March speaker. Ω

EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Nashville Lawn & Garden Show Tennessee State Fairgrounds — Nashville	March 2-4 March 5	10:00 am — 9:00 pm 10:00 am — 5:00 pm
The Bloom 'n' Garden Expo Williamson County Ag Expo Park — Franklin, TN	April 7-9 For more information visit: www.wcmga.net	
Hydrangeas For American Gardens — Dr. Michael Dirr Memphis Botanical Gardens — Memphis, TN	April 10 Contact Memphis Botanical Gardens for information	
Middle Tennessee Daylily Society 2006 Sales Spring Sale — The Mall at Green Hills Show/Sale — Cheekwood Botanical Gardens Fall Sales — Bellevue Ace Hardware	May 6 June 24 September 9	10:00 am — 4:00 pm 10:00 am — 4:00 pm 10:00 am — 4:00 pm
Southern Region Master Gardener Conference Chattanooga, TN	June 8-10 For more information visit: www.srmgc.Tennessee.edu	

LANDSCAPE DESIGN — *First In A Series*

By: J. Smith, President

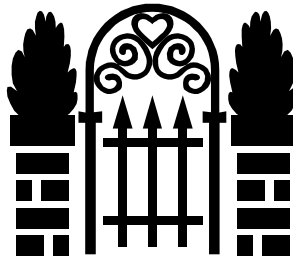
The planning of landscape design is almost always completely neglected. Here is what usually happens: you and I go to the local nursery outlet, see a plant that we cannot live without, purchase it, take it home, and wonder where we are going to dig a hole and plant it.

The process of landscape design to most homeowners is often an unsettling and formidable task. However, if the task is broken down and the process taken one step at a time, it becomes much less intimidating.

A well-designed landscape plan should be a logical series of steps taken to reach a given destination. The planning stage should be completed before any hard implementation takes place. The installation of plant materials can be spread out over as long a period of time as financial circumstances require. Many times, the cost of materials and cost of installation can become prohibitive if taken all at one time.

Unfortunately, a well-designed landscape with expensive plant material will not return a large amount of money when the property is sold. Sales of such properties will not support such claims. However, it will add considerable curb appeal, which will increase the possi-

bility of a quick turnover.



Develop A Base Plan

To properly complete a landscape design, the designer must first know and consider a number of factors — such as soil type(s), amendments, fertilizer requirements, and site drainage requirements. The ecology of the site including wind direction, availability or lack of sunlight, compass directions, etc.; also, existing elements such as structures, trees, shrubs, pools, patios, elevation, and slope of the site.

Most sources of landscape design usually list six to eight steps that must be considered in properly planning a landscape. Those are:

- Develop a base plan
- Do a complete site analysis and inventory
- Assess the family’s needs
- Locate the use areas
- Develop a final plan
- Establish a planting plan

Too frequently, these basic steps are ignored. Good planning will result in time saved, as well as effort and money saved. Ω

MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2006

MONTH	DAY	PROGRAM	REFRESHMENTS
January	23	Agent Tuggle	Fladung, Hollingsworth, K. Smith
February	20	M. Vehr— Colorburst Nursery	Miller, Gibson, Dill
March	20	V. Sanders — USDA (Daffodils)	Gutherz, Jones, Hines
April	17	Spring Plant Swap	POT LUCK
May	15	B. Smith—Landscape Architecture	McCrary, Fedorowicz, Arnold
June	19	P. Rowlette — Valley Growers	W. Richardson, Ellis, Norfleet
July	17	TBA	Selby, Massaquoi
August	21	TBA	POT LUCK
September	18	TBA	W. Richardson, Gutherz, Fladung
October	16	TBA	Ellis, Fedorowicz
November	18	TBA	Arnold, Dickson, P. Richardson
December	18	TBA	POT LUCK