

The Prairie Mud

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August 26, 2008 Meeting

Rarely do we have two distinguished speakers share the program as we have for our August meeting.

Kerry Smith, Alabama MG Program Coordinator and CCMGA President, Karin Carmichael, will present a program on **Composting**. Kerry will show us how worms do more than furnish us bait for fishing—they make for richer soil as well. Karin will tell us how to make our own compost, which is healthier and saves on buying fertilizer. Both ladies will help us become more “green” and have more fun gardening.

Please try to attend this informative and exciting meeting! I heard that Kerry is not taking her worms back to Auburn...

The meeting will be held at Vaughn Park Church of Christ—same meeting place—at the same time, 9:30 AM for chat and chew. The meeting begins at 10:00 AM. See you on the 26th!

Maggie Stringer



Tiger
Lilies
from
Karin
Carmichael's
garden.

THE GARDEN SCOOP

I always am saddened by the fading of blossoms such as coneflowers and daisies and the rapid disintegration of caladiums at this time of the summer. My tomatoes have had it but they were great while they lasted. At this point in the season, it seems that I am drooping as much as the flowers and foliage.

However, today as I write this article, the humidity has dropped to a level that reminds me that Fall is right around the corner. There was even a cool breeze blowing as I drank my coffee and did my morning tour of the yard. While I was assessing my pitiful vegetable garden, ideas about cool weather plants such as lettuce, broccoli and collard greens danced in my head.

When I start cleaning out my spent flower beds and vegetable garden, I will place my old vegetation in convenient piles in and around these sites. This process is part of a philosophy that I adopted some years ago when I realized that I was wasting a lot of time and energy hauling wheelbarrow loads of garden waste from one place in my yard to another. I will share my techniques of dealing with old vegetation with you at the next meeting when Kerry Smith and I present a program about composting. As the summer winds down, many of our garden projects around town will start to require less work. However, there are still many opportunities to earn volunteer hours in these gardens as they will still need watering and some weeding for a while until cooler weather gets here. Don't forget to record your hours either online or in your record booklet.

Everyone is required to earn twenty volunteer hours each year to maintain Master Gardener certification. Also, committees continue to meet in preparation for the 2010 AMGA Conference that CCMGA will host. It is going to take everyone participating in this project to make it the huge success for which we are aiming. Thank you Cathy Maddox and Betsy Coley and all of the committee chairs for all of your hard work thus far.

Maggie Stringer has some very fun programs planned for the rest of the year. Don't miss this month when



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Kerry Smith brings some of her "friends" for the composting program. We will be back in our regular meeting room on August 26. I hope to see you there.

Karin Carmichael

Karin Carmichael's garden is in the spotlight this month.

CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

July 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

President **Karin Carmichael** called the July, 2008 meeting to order at 10:00 am at Vaughn Park Church of Christ. The refreshment were provided by Mary Eleanor Hines, Cathy Maddox and Judy Crockett.

The devotion was given by **Suzanne Brookhart**. She read a passage from "Front Porch Tales" by Gulley. The speaker was Carol King, the curator at Old Alabama Town. Her program was on pass along plants.

There was a motion that the June minutes be accepted and the motion was seconded.

Old Business

- **Cathy Maddox** is the Chairman for the 2010 AMGA conference. A contract has been signed with the Renaissance. Please make sure you have been assigned to a committee - if not, call Cathy. Any good ideas are welcome.
- Helpline – **Marie Tomlin**. Thanks to all the volunteers. Please clean up after yourself, before you leave the helpline office and put all instruction sheets back in folder.
- Projects – If you have any ideas for projects, please fill out the form with all the information about that project included.
- The endowment fund at Auburn University provides a scholarship for undergraduate and/or graduate horticulture students. \$5,000 is needed to start the fund and it has to be fully funded to \$25,000 within 5 years. Your board recommended giving \$500.00 to this fund. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$500.00 to the Auburn endowment fund.

Committees

- Sunshine – **Cecelia Terrell** will send cards to **Dianne Bush** – death of mother in law and **Chris Brown** – illness.

New Business

- The membership committee is going to revise the membership form before the September meeting. Dues for 2009 will be due September 1 and delinquent November 30. Dues are \$15.00 (\$5.00 goes to the state and \$10.00 stays with our organization.) Interns receiving certificates in December will owe the \$15.00. Dues will not be collected at the Christmas Luncheon.
- Suzanne Reeves is implementing a mentoring program which will match up a member with each intern.

Announcements

- The August meeting is at Vaughn Park Church of Christ in the regular room.
- The program next month is going to be given by Kerry Smith from Auburn. The presentation will present unusual methods in going green and composting. She will be bringing a surprise.
- The advanced Master Gardener School will be August 12-13 at the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. Let Karin Carmichael know if you need a ride. Hours can be applied to the advanced Master Gardener certificate.
- Fall Vegetable Gardening Workshop will be held Thursday, July 24, 9-3.
- Fall AMGA Continuing Education, September 23, at Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, AL (Registration deadline September 16.)
- Laurice Goorley presented a program to the Green Acres Home Owners' Association on July 10. We still need members to join the Speakers Bureau. Please report your volunteer hours and number of home contacts. Today's meeting counts as 1 hour of volunteer time and 1 CEU credit.
- Ernestine Lewis was awarded her Bronze Star. The meeting was adjourned and we all swapped plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Gill, Secretary

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Karin's
daylillies

Words can not express how much the love and prayers have meant to me and my family at the death of my sister, Carolyn. Friends make this difficult time bearable. Thank every one of you and God bless.
Gail Cotney



CORN DIP from Marie Tomlin

Ingredients:

two cans Mexicorn 3 green onions (chopped)
(3 cups) shredded cheddar cheese 1 can green chillies
(chopped)
1 halopeno pepper chopped 8 oz. sour cream
4 oz. mayo.

Mix ingredients together and let sit in refrigerator overnight. Serve with favorite chips.

Above- Karin's whimsical garden accents.

Left- Elaine Galt shares her Icelandic poppies



Hostas in bloom in Karin's border.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CCMGA BYLAWS

The Board is proposing the following changes to the Bylaws. Please read carefully. We will be voting on these at the September meeting.

1. Change to BY-LAWS, Article I: Duties of the Officers, Section A, Number 3.
May appoint a historian, parliamentarian and a Database Manager.
2. Database Manager: Job description – Submits Membership Database to AMGA Database Manager by January 1. Provides membership data to Membership Committee Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, in a format usable for preparing Member Directory and reports. She will be assigned to the membership committee.
3. Change job description of Membership Committee: Collect membership forms and dues, work with database manager to provide membership list to state database manager and are responsible for yearly directory.
4. Changes to Section C. The Secretary shall: Delete number 3 (record the names and addresses of new members.) Add - Keep the membership record to include all names and addresses.
5. Changes to Section D. The Treasurer shall: Delete number 3 (Collect dues.) Change number 7 to read Submit \$5 dues per person collected by the organization to the Alabama Master Gardeners Association as specified by that group.
6. Change Article III: Dues, Section A. The annual dues in the Association shall be \$15, payable prior to December 1 and considered to be delinquent thereafter. All members shall also be members of Alabama Master Gardeners Association, Inc \$15, payable prior to December 1 and considered to be delinquent thereafter. All members shall also be members of Alabama Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

August 10, 2008

Beginning Balance July 9, 2008				\$ 4,738.98
Deposits		Raffle and Badges	\$	25.00
		Membership		15.00
				40.00
Checks		Auburn AMGA Endowment		500.00
(500.00)				
Ending Balance	August 10, 2008			\$4,278.98

We have 98 paid members

The Herb Ladies-
Chris Brown, Maggie
Stringer, and Judy
Youngblood.



**2009 CAPITOL CITY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

PLEASE MAIL FORM, CHECK OR CASH TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ANNA OWEN
@ 330 MILLY BRANCH COURT, PIKE RD, AL 36064 OR E-MAIL: robhead@aol.com

NAME _____

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YEAR OF YOUR MASTER GARDENER CLASS _____ WHAT COUNTY _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$15.00 (DUAL AND INTERN MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$10.00)
AND ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1 – DELINQUENT NOVEMBER 30. MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO CCMGA.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ \$15.00 _____ \$10.00 CHECK _____ CASH _____

IF YOU HAVE A MEMBERSHIP IN MORE THAN ONE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION,
WHICH IS YOUR PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP? _____

THE CCMGA AND AMGA NEWSLETTERS WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU UNLESS YOU
NEED TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY BY US MAIL. CHECK HERE TO INDICATE YOUR
PREFERENCE: _____ US MAIL _____ E-MAIL

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR REQUIRED **20** ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOURS?

IF NOT DO SO BY DECEMBER 31. NOT FOR THE “REACH FOR THE STARS” PROGRAM.

LIST THE AREAS WHERE YOU WORKED (EXAMPLE, GOVERNOR’S MANSION
GARDEN, SHAKESPEARE GARDEN, ORDEMAN-SHAW HOUSE GARDEN, FOREST
AVENUE SCHOOL GARDEN, HOME VISIT, MG HELPLINE, ETC.)

WHAT SPECIAL SKILLS DO YOU HAVE THAT COULD BE USED TO HELP OUR
ASSOCIATION? _____

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PRESENTED IN A PROGRAM? DO YOU
KNOW A PERSON WHO COULD PRESENT A PROGRAM ON THIS TOPIC?

