



Master Gardener

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News for Delaware County Master Gardeners



Calendar



**October 14th – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

**Scarecrow Making** – there are still vacancies. Bring child-size clothing for your scarecrow. Joe will have everything else you need. Great hands-on for children of any age. **Smedley Park, 10am to Noon**

**Tuesday, October 17th**

6:30 pm—MG Meeting, Smedley Park

**Soup ‘n Swap.** Hortline Committee presentation. If you haven’t signed up for a dish to bring, please call or email Hope Jones-Gary. Bring your extra plants to share and swap.

**Tuesday, October 24th –**

**Composting Workshop** Smedley Park, 7 pm  
Free composting bin included for cost of \$5

**Tuesday, November 7th**

7:00 pm -MG Board Meeting, Smedley Park

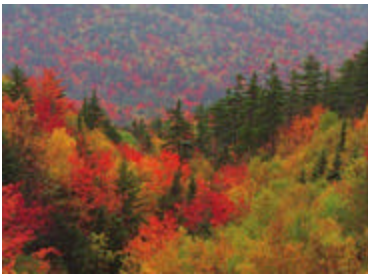
**Tuesday, November 21st**

7:00 pm—MG Meeting, Smedley  
Presentation by Speakers’ Bureau  
Committee from the class of 2005,  
**Gardening for Winter Interest**

**Sunday, December 3rd**

1—4:00 pm—Holiday Party

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## From the Coordinator: *Linda Barry*

Congratulations to the Fall Fest Committee for an excellent gardening program on September 16. Alyce Zellers chaired the committee, and her energy and enthusiasm were contagious. Marion Yaglinski spent countless hours grooming and labeling the hundreds of plants that you donated, and the reward was \$522 in sales. Lisa Augustine came in after work on many days to clean, price and prepare the Frugal Gardener items. That table earned a profit of \$328.00. Fifty Master Gardeners either volunteered at the Fall Fest or attended the event. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a great day.

The new State Master Gardener Coordinator has asked me to be one of the three representatives from the Southeast Region on her MG State Steering Committee. Our first meeting will be held in November. If you have suggestions for improving the program, please send them to me.

Thanks for entering/sending your volunteer hours. If you still need hours for this year, we have many activities going on. We particularly need volunteers for the teaching gardens. You may select your own days and times. If you would like to help, please contact the chairperson(s) for the garden that interests you. Delilah Foldes and Stephen Hinds for the Hillside Garden, Kathy Hornberger for the Bird and Butterfly Garden, Carl Pfeiffer and Marion Nelson for the Terrace Garden, and Carolyn DiPaulo and Maru Hollen for the Shade Garden. Thanks to the efforts of these chairpersons and their committees, the Teaching Gar-

dens have steadily improved. They looked great for the Fall Fest!

We will be preparing the Master Gardener Directory for 2007 next month. In order to save printing and mailing costs and paper, we will not be sending the entire list of Volunteer Opportunities to the membership. Marty Roelandt will include changes to the list in the November newsletter. Please look at the 2006 lists for members' contact information and the Volunteer Opportunities and let me know if you wish to make changes in your committee selections or contact information. If you have misplaced either, we can send you a replacement. Committee chairs – please read your committee description on the 2006 Volunteer Opportunities document and send any changes to Marty as soon as possible. If you need additional volunteers for your committee, you may wish to add that to your write-up.

The Hortline Committee has completed the Hortline Manual and will present the completed project to the membership at October's meeting. Congratulations to this talented and dedicated group of volunteers from the class of 2005!

The Social Committee is planning our Holiday Party for December 3 at Ridley Creek State Park. An invitation and RSVP will be included in the November newsletter. Please respond promptly so that the committee can order the correct amount of food.

We have printed tickets to make a donation to the Master Gardener Memorial Bench. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. One lucky donor will be selected at random to receive two vouchers for a round-trip flight for US domestic travel anywhere in the USAirways route system. (Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands are included!) The winner will be chosen at the Holiday Party. Tickets are available in the office and at the monthly meetings.

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## FROM MG PRESIDENT . . .

*Alyce R. Zellers*

**Ahhhh, autumn!**

It really is a great time of the year for just about everything. Yes, the flowers are lovely in the summer but with it comes hot weather that sometimes makes you hesitant to go outside to enjoy them. The fall offers lots of opportunities to go outside and reflect on your garden in cooler, more color-enhancing air as well admire the changing leaves. With the shortening days my appreciation of nature increases more due to the oncoming months when I will only be thinking of perennials, compost, plant sales, etc..

Why is it that most gardeners do not tend to plant a garden devoted to reds, oranges and yellow but when fall returns, we all fall in love with the combination when decorating with mums, pumpkins, Indian corn and we especially love those same colors of the changing trees?? Living on the East Coast we are fortunate to have the change of seasons so that we can all take the time to slow down and count our blessings that maybe throughout the past season we made a difference through gardening. Hopefully we planted a few more shrubs for the birds, maybe included more host and nectar plants for butterflies, put in a water feature or added more birdhouses. Whatever it is, fall should be the time to step back and just say “ahhh!!, this is what life is all about”.

So after reading this, go out and buy some unusual varieties of apples, (hint: Macouns or Ida Reds), put your flannel shirt/sweatshirt on, take a leisurely walk around your garden, pick up and admire some fall leaves and take on the attitude of a woolly bear caterpillar; just lumber along and let everything just brush right off.

Whatever way you enjoy fall, just don't imitate the squirrels and chipmunks, who are currently scurrying around like last-minute Christmas shoppers and similarly, probably won't remember where they hid those nuts.

*Almost ex-president,  
Alyce R. Zellers*



### **Apple Crisp**

- 4 c. tart apples, sliced
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 c. brown sugar (packed)
- 3/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1/3 c. butter, softened
- 1/2 c. rolled oats

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 8x8-in. baking dish. Arrange apples in the pan. In a medium-sized bowl, mix remaining ingredients with a fork. Sprinkle on top of apples. Bake for about 30 minutes, until apples are tender and topping is brown.

### GARDEN CONTEST WINNERS



*Garden Contest winners for Chester Eastside Ministries in Chester. All MGs (left to right) Barbarann Durham, awarding Anne Smith, Ann Hoffmann and Hope Jones-Gray*

*Garden Contest Winners—from left to right—Delilah Foldes, Ann Neiri and the students from the Main Street School in Upland.*





# OCTOBER TO DO GARDENING TIPS

BY Joe Daniels

## Seasonal:

1. Set out bird feeders to help keep birds well fed through the winter. Keep the feeder clean and stocked throughout the winter.
2. Check for seasonal price discounts on gardening tools and equipment. Keep some and save some for holiday gifts.
3. Boxelder bugs, multi-colored Asian lady beetles, and western conifer seed bugs may begin to invade homes as the weather cools.
4. Wasps and hornets will continue to be a problem while they abandon their nests for the year.

## Houseplants:

1. Bring any remaining houseplants in prior to frost. Rinse leaves and soak pots in water for 15-20 minutes to remove most pests.
2. Reduce watering and fertilizer to allow plants to go dormant. Do not fertilize plants again until spring.
3. Pot spring flowering bulbs with tips exposed to force bloom. Moisten soil and put in an unheated garage or a refrigerator for 12-15 weeks. Transfer to a cool and sunny area and allow 3-4 weeks for blooms to appear.
4. Pot up parsley, sage, thyme and chives from the garden for a winter kitchen garden.
5. Place Christmas cacti in 13 hours of complete darkness to initiate blooms.

## Bulbs:

1. Continue planting bulbs, generally at a depth of 2-1/2 times the bulb's diameter.
2. Plant more peonies
3. Hyacinths and some other bulbs have oils which can cause skin irritation in sensitive people. Wear gloves when handling bulbs.

## Herbs:

1. Cut back perennial herbs to improve branching for next year.
2. Select specimens of plants to hang-dry for use in wreaths or dried arrangements.
3. Smaller pieces of herbs can be used in potpourri.

## Lawns:

1. Rake or vacuum leaves from lawn. Leaves left on lawn, especially maple or sycamore leaves, can

smother the lawn.

2. Test soil with a soil test kit. Soil test kits are available from the Extension for \$9.00.
3. If test results indicate a need for lime, top-dress at this time.
4. Aerate your lawn now.
5. New lawns from sod can be established up to mid-October. The new sod must be watered until winter weather sets in.
6. This is the best time to control perennial lawn weeds like dandelions and broadleaf plantain. You must correctly identify the weed you want to control. Some weeds, such as ground ivy and violets will be difficult to control in any case.

## Perennials:

1. Continue fall planting, especially of pansies.
2. Divide plants that have open centers. Spring flowering plants are divided in the fall, as well as summer flowering plants. Do not divide fall flowering plants until next spring. Examples of plants to divide now: bugle weed, bleeding hearts, daylilies, hostas, peonies, phlox and yarrow.
3. If dividing peonies, include at least three buds in each division and set plants one inch or less below the soil. Expect it to take three years before each division will bloom.

## Trees & Shrubs:

1. October and November are the best months to plant most trees and shrubs.
2. Keep plants well watered until the ground freezes.
3. Lilacs can be transplanted now.
4. Needled evergreens: pines, spruces, and hemlocks, with poor growth may benefit from an application of fertilizer between mid-October and mid-March. If fertilizing hemlocks, avoid using nitrogen in the mix where hemlock wooly adelgids are a problem.

*Enjoy the cool crisp nip in the air to finish up those gardening projects you've been putting off all summer. See you at the October meeting with your favorite dish in hand and don't forget to write up the recipe and hand it to Chantal for the future cookbook that is being worked on as we write.....Joe*



From Marion Yaglinski

Just wanted to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated plants for our Fall Fest plant sale. Your generous donations made the sale a great success. People were impressed with our wonderful variety of plants!

And a special thank you goes to Helen Joyce and Cynthia Sabatini for their help with the sale.



*On Sept. 20th, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society awarded the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful award for the MGs Teaching Gardens at Smedley Park. Accepting the award from David McCorkle and Flossie Narducci is Kathy Hornberger.*

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:**

October 19.....Marcus Hook Library....  
6PM.....Scarecrow making

If anyone needs some hours or just wants to help out give me a call...Joe Daniels  
....all applications accepted.

**Green Thumb Dinners—**

Come out and join the fun -

**Thursday, October 19—6:45 pm**  
**SABAI THAI RESTAURANT**  
3707 West Chester Pike , Newtown Square  
(Routes 252 & 3, NW corner)

**Call Janae** so she can reserve the right size table— bon appetit

**2007 Election of Officers**

The election of officers for 2007 will be held at the January meeting. Alyce Zellers, our current president, has served two years and cannot continue. Our vice president, Kathy Hornberger, has agreed to be the nominee for president to replace Alyce.

This will leave the office of vice president open. The vice president normally serves in the office for two years and then goes on to be president for two years.

Anyone who is interested in serving in this capacity or would like to recommend a nominee, please call Carl Pfeiffer.

**MG OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

- President: Alyce Zellers
- Vice President: Kathy Hornberger
- Secretary: Darlene Delany
- Treasurer: Liana Bauerle
- Hours Keeper: Chantal Wildman
- Coordinator: Linda Barry

**Committee Chairs:**

- Newsletter : Barbara Smith
- Arbor Day : Mary Sambor  
Elsie Muelle
- Field Trips: Gerry Eunson
- Flower Show: Gayla McCluskey
- Garden Contest June Wojtowicz
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- Home Gardener's School:  
Diana Breen  
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- Mentoring : Lisa Augustine
- Octoberfest: Anne Smith  
Ann Hofmann
- Office Mgmt: Barbara Meahl
- Social Events: Hope Jones-Gary
- Speakers Bureau: Joe Daniels
- Teaching Gardens: Hillside: Delilah Fordes  
Stephen Hinds  
Butterfly: Kathy Hornberger
- Terrace: Carl Pfeiffer  
Marion Nelson
- Shade: Maru Hollen  
Carolyn DiPaulo  
Julia King
- Taylor Arboretum: Ed Lyons  
Darlene Delany

# Extension Master Gardener Logo & Slogan Contest

## ***Logo & Slogan Contest Invitation***

The Extension Master Gardener program will be 35 years old in 2007 and as part of that celebration you are invited to submit an original logo design and slogan for the organization's communication and visual identity.

The Extension Master Gardener Program needs a new logo for the website and to demonstrate national collaboration and recognition of all Master Gardener programs. As Extension is developed, the logo and slogan will be utilized with new standardized curriculum.

This partnership will signify the cooperation of all State Master Gardener Programs will use this identification for marketing and promotion of a national unified program. State and local logos will still be utilized by may have the option of adding the International logo and slogan. The new logo and the title will be trademarked and protected by the USDA/CSREES.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a platform for each state partner to share materials increasing the availability of information for volunteers and Extension personnel to share with the general public.

## ***Guidelines***

Submissions of a qualifying nature will be passed on to a panel appointed by the EMG-ECH committee.

Appropriateness, creativity, originality, aesthetics and the use of space used to measure the logo & slogan's merit. The winning logo & slogan will demonstrate the mission and understanding of the Extension Master Gardener Program to the general population.

## **LOGO SPECIFICATIONS**

- Logos must be legible, simple and clear.
  - Logos must be effective in black and white and in color.
  - Both grayscale and color versions must be submitted.
  - Logos should be no more than two Pantalone colors plus black.
  - Logos must be scalable as it will be used on websites, stationary and banners.
  - Submit high resolution images 640 x 480 dpi.
  - File format must be JPG, eps or Illustrator on a CD-ROM.
  - Logo and slogan should relate.
- Submit logo and slogan as separate files.

## **SLOGAN SPECIFICATIONS**

- Slogan should be appropriate and must reflect the mission of the Extension Master Gardener Program.
  - Slogan should be short and to the point.
  - Slogan should relate with logo.
- Submit slogan and logo as separate files.

## **PRIZE**

Registration and lodging at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 2 through May 5, 2007.

## **DEADLINE FOR JUDGEMENT**

Entries will be accepted beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> and the contest will close on February 15<sup>th</sup> (postmark deadline). The committee will judge the entries and select the winner by March 1, 2007. The winner will be announced at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference.

## **SUBMISSION**

Art submitted to the contest will not be return to the artist. More than one original art piece can be entered per Master Gardener.

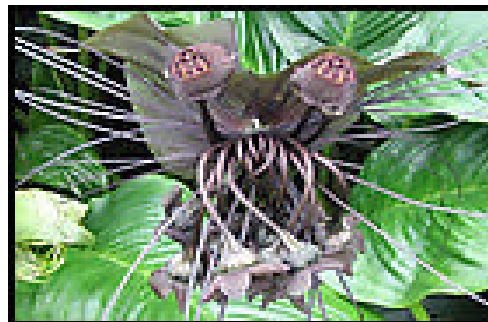
Include the following on your Submission Form:  
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## **2006 SECOND SATURDAYS at SMEDLEY—10:00 TO NOON**

**October 14—Pumpkin carving—\$10**  
**November 11—Ikebana—\$7**

**December 9—Wreath Making—includes  
materials—\$15**



Creepy Rat Plant (*Tacca chantrieri*)  
Happy Halloween