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*On the cover: Wild Violets in bloom before the January cold snap. Photo credit: Karen Less*



# letter from the **NEW!** president

## *New Year's Greetings!*

I'm delighted to once again serve as your SCAMGA President. It's been ten years since I served, and a lot has changed in our club, both in membership and organization. It might take me a bit to get with our new normal but I'm looking forward to the challenge. Of course, it won't happen without your help! Clubs do not function by Boards alone, but with the work of every club member. I look forward to sharing those projects with you!

I cannot begin my term without a HUGE word of "thanks" for Tammie and the previous board members. They've really worked hard through some very uncertain years for our club and life in general. We are still here and raring to grow due to their diligence, patience and creativity. Please be sure to send them all notes of appreciation for the sacrifice of time and the stress they went through to get us to this other side.

We are looking only forward now! With our Horticulture Agent Matt Anderson at the helm, we have a slightly different process on how to serve him and UT Consumer Ag as master gardeners in Sevier

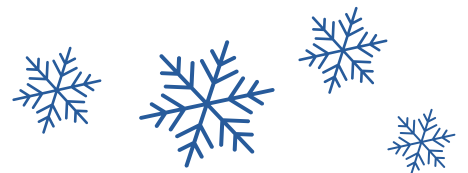
County. We should be excited for the new directions, personnel, and the opportunities that will present themselves. Keep us up with your ideas and suggestions. Project in mind? A program you'd like to have presented to help your gardening education? Let us know.

Check out our January program – Diane has planned one that is interesting and definitely timely! ALSO be sure you know the meeting date for January, as it will be different with the MLKing holiday. And be sure to keep up with the input of your hours – so much easier at the end of the year!

Board members' names and contact info will be in each newsletter. We'll be glad to help you out with questions and ideas! Find that perfect fit for your time and interests and PLUG IN this year as we dive into 2023!

*Dixie Seaton*

SCAMGA President



# opportunities



## volunteer

**Senior Center Garden Workdays**  
First Saturday (January 7) and Third Wednesday (January 18) of each month 9:00 am.

**Demo Garden Workdays** (3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm every month). January 17th, February 21st, March 21st.

**Save the Date!** Wilderness Wildlife Week, The Ramsey Hotel, Pigeon Forge. January 24-28, 2023. Multiple volunteer opportunities available each day.

**Save the Date!** Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale, Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9 am to 3 pm, Sevier County Fairgrounds. Multiple volunteers needed. Volunteers needed for set up on Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21.

## meetings & events

**Board Meeting**, Monday, January 9, Time TBA.

**Monthly Meeting**, Monday, January 23 (one week later than usual due to MLK Holiday), 6:30 pm. Potluck finger foods.

**Tell Your Friends! New Master Gardener Class**, Jan 31 - May 2, Tuesdays 10am - 1pm. Hands-on sessions TBA. Have interested prospective master gardeners contact Matt to get on the interest list.

**Monthly Meeting**, Monday, February 20, 6:30 pm.

**Save the Date! 33rd Annual Asheville Herb Fest**, WNC Agricultural Center, Fletcher, NC (close to Asheville Regional Airport), Friday, May 5-Sunday, May 7. [Details Here.](#)

## educational

**Melody's Monday Musings**  
(Greene County), [More info HERE.](#)

**Wilderness Wildlife Week**, The Ramsey Hotel, Pigeon Forge. January 24-28, 2023. [PROGRAM SCHEDULE HERE.](#)

**30th Annual Organic Growers School Spring Conference**, February 24-26, 2023, Mars Hill University, Mars Hill, NC. [MORE INFO HERE.](#)

**Friday Office Hours in Horticulture**, April 14, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8. [Register here to receive reminders.](#) See the entire 2022 playlist [HERE!](#)

More TEMG events in [THIS CALENDAR!](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**International Master Gardeners Conference**, June 18-22, 2023, Overland Park, Kansas. [MORE INFO HERE.](#)

**Eastern Regional Tennessee Master Gardener Conference**, September 8-9, 2023, Hamilton County.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS! NEW HORT PUBLICATIONS!

Two new publications were released focusing on indoor plants.



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Thanks for the info, Audrey MacLellan!

# a christmas party to remember



## 2022 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

### 400+ HOURS

Sarah Gibson

### 200+ HOURS

Steve Greenwell    Dixie Seaton  
Diane McCullen

### 100+ HOURS

Tammie Browning  
Melanie Hill  
Andrew Bush  
Karen Less  
Glenna Julian  
Pamela Barron  
Lois Worthington  
Patsy Farmer

### DEMO GARDEN HOUR AWARDS

Patsy Farmer  
Melanie Hill  
Diane McCullen  
Pamela Ogle  
Andy Bush

### MOST SERVICE HOURS

Sarah Gibson, 433 hours

### MOST CEUS

Melanie Hill, 104 hours

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Andrew Hennigh

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dixie Seaton

### YOUTH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Melanie Hill



### YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

#### 3 YEAR

Diane McCullen  
Donald Norstrand  
Sandra Palmer  
Janette Pitzer  
Steve Wilson

#### 10 YEAR

Andy Bush  
Carl Parsons

#### 15 YEAR

Joan Falsone  
John Oakberg  
Linda Oakberg  
Lois Worthington

#### 25 YEAR

Leo Lubke

### CERTIFIED INTERNS

Jennifer Bacon  
Andrew Hennigh  
Pamela Ogle  
Monica Scaccianoce  
Bonnie Young  
Nat Cassel





SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

# meeting minutes

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

**ATTENDANCE:** 27 plus guest speaker

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:32 PM with President Tammie Browning presiding.

**PROGRAM:** Phil Haar, Eastern region nursery specialist at Tennessee State University, presented “Entomology,” a program on both harmful and beneficial insects.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Called to Order at 8:00 PM

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING:** The Minutes were approved without change by voice vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s report was approved without change by voice vote.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Christmas Party:** Tammie reminded the members that the annual SCAMGA Christmas Party will be held at the Sevierville Golf Clubhouse next to the Wilderness Resort on December 8th from 5:30 to 8:30. Natalie Bumgarner will be attending this year. Tammie asked for suggestions of something SPECIAL THAT COULD BE DONE IN NATALIE’S HONOR.

**MATT ANDERSON** stated that all service hours and CEUs for 2022 must be entered by Friday, November 25.

He also stated that RSVP forms and payments for the Christmas party be turned in by Wednesday, November 23.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation for 2023: President: Dixie Seaton (new term), Vice President: Diane McCullen (new term), Secretary: Carl Parsons (1 year remaining), John Oakberg —Treasurer (new term), and Andrew Hennigh (new term, replacing John Oakberg).

John Oakberg asked for all committee chairs to submit their 2023 budget requests by December 15th.

Matt Anderson requested nominations for Rookie of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Youth Educator of the Year Awards be forwarded by email to him.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Ask-a-Master-Gardener:** No report.

**County Fair:** Tammie Browning reported that changes to the exhibit areas will be made during 2023.

**Demo Garden:** Diane McCullen announced that Demo Garden workdays will now be held on the Tuesday after the SCAMGA monthly meeting each month. Also, the hügelkultur raised bed will be devoted to edible flowers next year, and a new bed will be added for medicinal herbs. She also reminded members to bring in donations for the gardening store that will be part of this year’s Flower Sale. Donations can be brought to the monthly SCAMGA meeting.

**Greenhouse:** Dixie Seaton reported no recent activity.

**Senior Center:** Glenna Julian thanked the 4 MGs who stepped in to help at the Senior Center this year. She also stated that the “Christmas for the Birds” event will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, December 20th, at 9:30 AM.

**JMG:** Dixie Seaton reported that JMG needs more younger children and more MG volunteers.

**Tomato Seed Project:** Tammie Browning announced that this event will be resumed in 2023 with Patsy Farmer as the new chairperson. She will be needing volunteers for each school.

**Plant Sale:** The next Plant Sale is April 22, 2023.

**Wilderness Wildlife Week:** Steve Greenwell reported that the WWW 2023 booklets are not yet available. The event is scheduled for January 24–28.

**Newsletter:** Teresa Rae reminded the members that there will be no December newsletter. The deadline for the January newsletter is January 1st.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Anderson stated that the next MG classes start January 31st, but no applications have been received yet.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carl Parsons*  
Secretary



# scamga speakers bureau

We all have our areas of gardening expertise that we hop you would be willing to share with our group or other groups in our community.

Andrew Hennigh is our Member at Large and the primary contact for this project. Please remember that he is your member contact with the board. Contact Andrew Hennigh, Diane McCullen, or Dixie Seaton if you have questions.

If you have ideas, projects, etc., to be considered please call Andrew. He is also in charge of the Speakers Bureau, so if you haven't signed up, please do so. As things continue to open up, we could have community groups seeking speakers in the late summer and fall. So please register if you are interested in sharing your expertise with local groups (while earning service hours).



## Resolved for 2023: MG meetings! Photos, Food & Finance!

Bring a finger food to our January business meeting and we'll nibble while Diane McMullen presents photos of pictures of different plants and using ALL of our MG knowledge and experience, try to determine if they will survive after the freeze and if any steps should be taken to help them survive. If any MG has a plant that they want us to look at please send a picture and name of the plant to [LDMCULLEN@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LDMCULLEN@sbcglobal.net).

**January 23, 2023, 6:30pm**  
(Board meeting January 9th)



*Pippa showing off Diane's Hibiscus,  
some of the last colors of Fall.*

## demo garden news

Winter, the time for gardeners to rest, recupe, and plan. The planning for the Demo Garden has begun in earnest. We are trying to revamp the garden to better serve our purpose of educating our community. I am hoping to have a scheduled workday on the third Tuesday of every month. Our first workday will be on **January 17th at 1:00pm** (weather permitting). We will begin our year cutting down the Jasmine that is over the gate. This is a big job since we have to unwind it from the chain link fence. Bring your trimmers, big and small, and join us!

We could use a few more people to help with the gardens. If you would like to "join" our committee just come out and we'll find a spot for you.

See you in the garden,  
*Diane McCullen*

# treasury report

Sevier County Area Master Gardener Assoc.  
October/November 2022

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<b>MASTER GARDENERS:</b>			
<b>SEVIER COUNTY</b>	\$1,979.36	\$1,000.00	\$1,455.00
<b>UT</b>	\$2,794.16	\$3,913.52	\$3,818.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,773.52</b>	<b>\$4,913.52</b>	<b>\$5,263.69</b>
<b>JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS:</b>			
<b>SEVIER COUNTY</b>	\$216.97	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>UT</b>	\$1,589.35	\$2,220.84	\$2,039.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,806.32</b>	<b>\$3,220.84</b>	<b>\$3,039.84</b>
<b>COMBINED MG &amp; JMG:</b>			
<b>SEVIER COUNTY</b>	\$2,196.33	\$2,000.00	\$2,445.00
<b>UT</b>	\$4,383.51	\$6,134.36	\$5,858.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,579.84</b>	<b>\$8,134.36</b>	<b>\$8,303.53</b>

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY

MASTER GARDENERS: TRANSACTIONS	INFLOWS	OUTFLOWS	YEAR TO DATE
Adjustments*			-\$3,913.19
Christmas Dinner	\$405.00		
Demo Garden			-\$612.02
Greenhouse			-\$3,417.51
Master Gardener (General)			\$75.00
Membership Dues	\$50.00		\$815.00
Miscellaneous#			-\$0.56
MG Flower Show			\$226.00
Plant Sale			\$2,114.97
Sevier County Fair			-\$460.00
Storage Building			-\$50.80
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$455.00</b>	<b>-\$0</b>	
<b>MASTER GARDENERS - KNOXVILLE ACCOUNT</b>			
Adjustments*	\$1,119.36		\$1,119.36
Ag Store**	\$85.50		\$85.50
Storage building		-\$45.00	-\$45.00
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,204.86</b>	<b>-\$45.00</b>	
<b>JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS: TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>INFLOWS</b>	<b>OUTFLOW</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
4 - H Scholarships			-\$600.00
Adjustments			-\$2,045.84
Demo Garden			-\$36.32
Greenhouse			-\$13.44
JMG Camp			-\$530.02
Miscellaneous			-\$187.48
Plant Sale			+\$500.00
Sevier County Fair			-\$120.00
Storage Building			-\$105.00
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$0</b>	
<b>JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS - KNOXVILLE ACCOUNT</b>			
Adjustments^	\$631.49		\$631.49
Storage building		-\$38.00	-\$38.00
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$631.49</b>	<b>-\$38.00</b>	

\*Balance transfer of \$1,119.36 credited to Knoxville account on 11/04. Debit from the Sevier account registered on 10/31.

\*\* Ag Store (whatever that is), three credits of \$28.50 each.

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Newsletter content is due on the 1st of each month, and should be emailed to [peatree@peatreedesigns.com](mailto:peatree@peatreedesigns.com)  
*Articles submitted by members are welcome and should be 300-500 words. Photographs should be at least 3Mb in size. Please make sure emails that contain attachments are less than 10Mb (combined). If attachments exceed 10Mb, send in separate emails or use Dropbox.*

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# calling all master gardeners!

Matthew can use your help with the hands-on portions of each class. If you have any ideas on hands-on activities related to the week's topic and want to come lead the hands-on portion, let him know. All previous Master Gardeners are welcome to come and hang out with the new interns.



January 31 to May 2, 2023  
10:00 am to 2:00pm

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2023 TEMG INTERN TRAINING			
WEEK #	DATE FOR SYNCHONOUS TRAINING	TOPIC	CHAPTER(S)
1	1/31	LOCAL GROUP ORIENTATION	-
2	2/7	TEMG ORIENTATION/ TN HORT OVERVIEW	1 & 2
3	2/14	ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	4
4	2/24	SOILS & COVER CROPS	5 & 6
5	2/28	BOTANY & PROPAGATION	3
6	3/7	LANDSCAPE DESIGN & HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS	7 & 9
7	3/14	WOODY ORNAMENTALS & TREES	8
8	3/21	ENTOMOLOGY & IPM	13
9	3/28	PATHOLOGY	14
10	4/4	TURF & WEEDS	10 & 15
11	4/11	FRUITS	12
12	4/18	VEGETABLES	11
13	4/25	POLLINATORS & COUNTY WRAP UP	16
14	5/2	MULTI-COUNTY CAPSTONE EVENTS	-