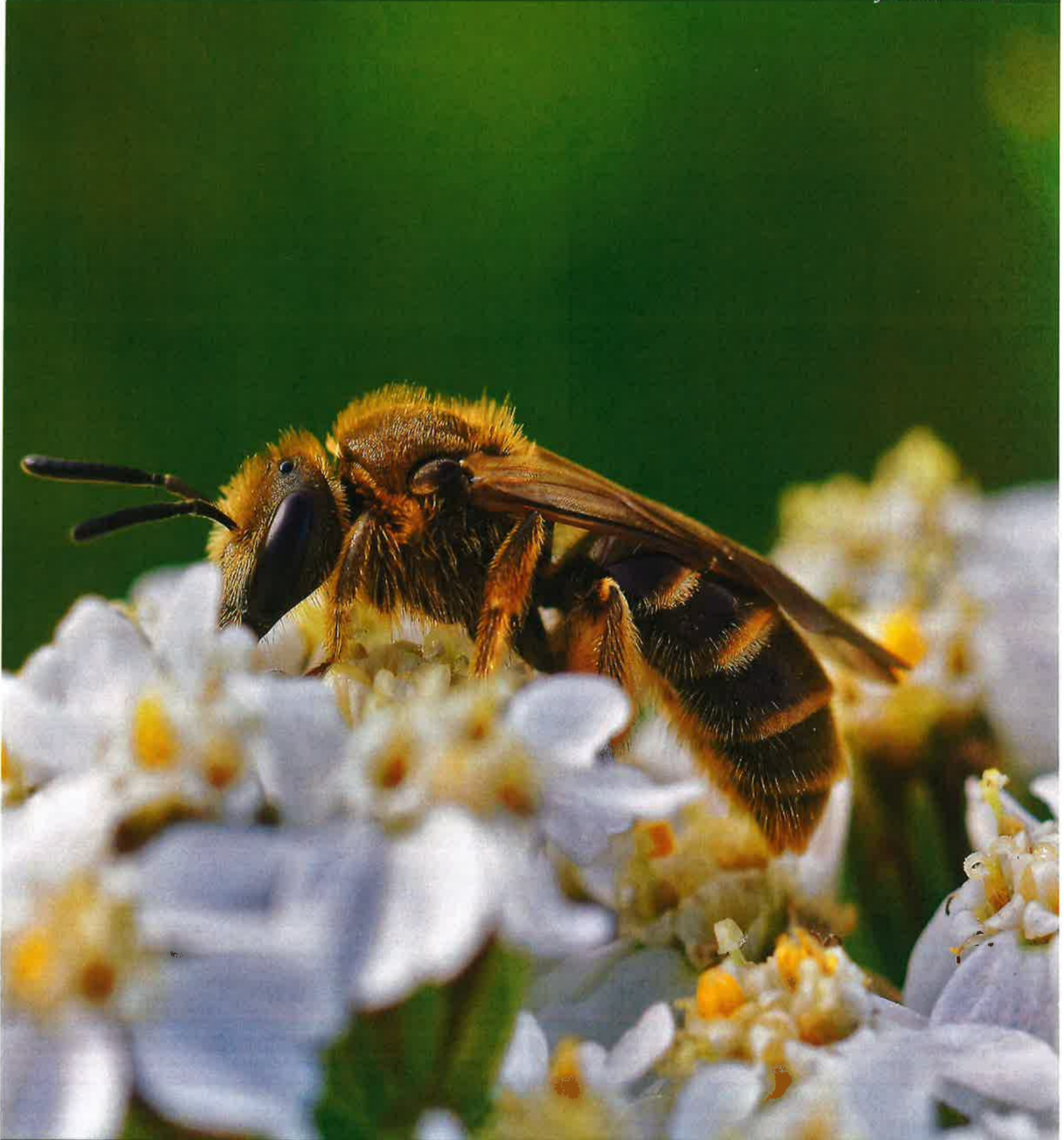




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The monthly newsletter of the Sevier County Area Master Gardeners Association

JUNE 2026



President's Column

WHEW!

Is it just me, or was May a whirlwind? We started off the month with a very successful plant sale at the My People Senior Activity Center. Thank you to the entire crew at the center for all your hard work in growing the plants, organizing the sale, and providing beautiful plants and excellent advice to the customers there. The flowers and milkweed that I bought are thriving in my garden and I'm waiting for the butterflies to find me. I hope you attended one or both of the plant sales and have beautiful plants growing in your gardens as well.

Less than a week later, the senior center also hosted a flea market where we held the Master Gardener Store that we weren't able to hold in conjunction with our plant sale at the extension building. This sale was also very successful, and I appreciate Diane McCullen being able to be there to lead that effort, along with a crew of master gardeners. The greenhouses are cleaned up and ready for the next round of planting.

We ended the month with several of us attending the TEMG state conference on the UT Ag campus in Knoxville. It was an excellent, well-attended event with a lot of presentations and garden/nature tours. And, our own Alan Bruhin, retired extension director, was recognized as one of the founders of the master gardener initiative in our state. And,



speaking of awards, we were proud to receive not ONE, not TWO, but THREE state awards.

Our own Glenna Julian was one of three statewide Individual Master Gardener Award winners. Leo and Linda Lubke's Growing Degree Days presentation from 2025 received the award for Best Workshop or Program. And our monthly newsletter, Roots, was the winner for Best Written or Recorded Education. Congratulations to the winners and to all of us that they represented.

As we head into the summer months, we plan to participate in several farmers markets and other community events. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer throughout the area.

Happy Gardening!

Karen

April Meeting Photos



Our wee guest from the April meeting.

Meeting Minutes Continued

UT Hort Zoom Programs
The third and final program will be on May 19.

New Business
The meeting was called to a close at 7:45 pm.

Demo Garden and Greenhouse Request
The Demo Garden requested a \$300 addition to their budget for gazebo painting and the purchase of plants. The Greenhouse requested \$100 to balance their budget after repairs. The board approved taking the remainder of the Tomato Seed Project (\$283.23) and splitting it between the Demo Garden (\$183.23) and the Greenhouse (\$100.00).

Adjournment
The meeting was called to a close at 8:05 pm.

Tiny Tillers

Tiny Tillers Junior Master Gardeners Celebrate Final Class

The Tiny Tillers Junior Master Gardeners wrapped up their last class with spirited projects focused on pollination and pollinators. Students and parents worked together to make bee baths and proudly unveiled their individually created stepping stones. The month's favorite activity was the Identify Seeds game, which challenged everyone to tell apart seeds that looked surprisingly similar.

Students also shared photos of their plants, and some even brought their growing plants to class for everyone to see. The session ended on a happy note with the distribution of class completion certificates, followed by a sweet celebration with ice cream cones. Special appreciation goes to Elizabeth Andrews, Cat Lawson, and Bart Brammer, for their much-appreciated assistance, throughout this fun class.

Darlene Kemp, Instructor





April Financials

Sevier County Area Master Gardener Association April 2026 Financial Report								
Item	Month Account Summary			Year Summary as of Month End				
	Income	Expense	Balance	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Funds Remaining*
Beginning amount	as of 03/31/26		8169.53					
Added approved items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
County Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
December meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	930.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Demo garden	26.77	62.28	(35.51)	0.00	800.00	26.77	679.68	120.32
Dues	125.00	0.00	125.00	900.00	0.00	950.00	0.00	950.00
Greenhouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	269.63	(69.63)
Plant sale	2816.25	45.34	2770.91	3800.00	300.00	2816.25	45.34	254.66
Senior Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tomato seed project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	466.77	283.23
Virtual meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Wilderness Wildlife	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4H Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
Ending: 04/30/26	2968.02	107.62	11029.93	5630.00	3125.00	3793.02	2061.42	2013.58
Net Income			2,860.40		2,505.00			1,731.60

Month: 4

* Budgeted expense minus actual expense; for Dues, actual income

The April Financial Statement shows a strong turnaround in revenue. We reversed last month's negative balance and posted a positive income of \$2,770.91, driven by the plant sale. The annual dues campaign ended on April 30, collecting \$950 and exceeding the

budgeted goal of \$900. The demo garden continued within budget, with \$120.32 remaining for use. The greenhouse was slightly over budget by \$69.63. We also paid the \$600 4-H scholarship, helping children attend camp. Our net income for April was \$2,860.40, compared with a

budgeted net income of \$2,505.00. We have \$1,731.60 remaining in budgeted funds for the rest of the fiscal year and remain in good financial standing.