

## October 7, 2010 Master Gardener minutes

Meeting was called to order by Vernon Parimore, President. Vernon welcomed everyone and introduced the speaker.

Speaker - Lisa Turner gave a very informative and entertaining in-service on growing gourds. A hand out was provided that highlighted types of gourds, diseases and pests that affect gourds and how to clean and decorate gourds. (1 hour)

Treasurer report: Balance \$5,864.27. Application and dues were collected for 36 TMGs for the year beginning September 1, 2010. Please turn in your application and dues to Booker or Brenda Carroll if you have not done so yet. If there are any receipts for expenses from the graduation or Heritage festival, please turn them in so the account can be balanced before the end of the year.

### Business:

Heritage Day was a great success. About 12 people signed up to receive information about the Master Gardener Program. Vernon thanked everyone who volunteered to work at the booth to give out information and answer questions about gardening from the public. It is a great volunteer opportunity for people to let people know what the MG program and the UT Extension program are all about.

The Master Gardener brochures that were developed and printed look good and were very useful and much appreciated.

Vernon thanked everyone for all their hard work at the graduation. It was a very special event for our new Master Gardeners and we are proud of all of them. We are really fortunate to have such a great bunch of talented and dedicated people.

We will be planning the Christmas party and will discuss that at the next meeting.

Bob Miller will review the movie we purchased and we will be planning a time to view the movie together. We will provide the popcorn. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers or would like to speak about one of their favorite gardening topics, please let us know.

Very soon we will be discussing planning for the next Spring Expo. Spring will be right around the corner. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, we welcome any input you might have.

The Munford Park and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Biltmore Estates in Ashville North Carolina, November 29-December 2. Brochures were handed out to those interested. You may contact the Park and Recreation office.

### Committee Reports:

Lisa Turner volunteered to assist Juanita Henson with the Sunshine committee. Booker provided a new list of Tipton County Master Gardeners with contact information. The Newsletter looks great. Nancy and Bob have done a good job. Bob has developed a form and wants everyone to fill out information to add a section called "Getting To Know Your Master Gardeners". Please fill this form out and send it to him. He will highlight a member for each newsletter.

Lynda Carter will be planning a volunteer day at the Museum working on the Hosta beds. She will notify everyone when a day is set.

A drawing for door prizes was held. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.