



Kentucky Extension
Master Gardener
Fayette County

Newsletter

Winter 2020

Fayette County Master Gardeners Association

The Prez Sez:

Greetings to all of you MG's!

As 2020 draws to a close, I feel like it's not a moment too soon! We all have high hopes for next year as far as a vaccine for COVID-19, so that we can resume more normal activities in our lives. As gardeners, don't we always hope for a better year? Better weather, better plants, better health-we always strive for improvement.

I thought I would report to you about our last Board meeting on November 11th. Board members were asked to keep their positions for next year, and as Master Gardeners always do, they stepped up and volunteered. At this meeting, we also voted to approve a budget for 2021, and we voted to approve any needed memorial donations to be sent to Glean KY. Members usually vote on all these issues at the annual meeting, but since there will be no annual meeting this year, these were items that needed clarification. And the Board felt we needed to be ready for better times next year, when hopefully we can resume some in person activities. I hope you all understand that there are no provisions in our bylaws for pandemics. We are all just doing the best we can to find ways to participate and to keep you informed.

In our contact free Food Drive, held in August and September, we collected 550 pounds of fresh produce and nonperishable food items. You'll find a thank you note in this newsletter that details how welcome our donations were. We really did a great thing, and if any of you have ideas for contact free ways that MG's could help our population, please let me know!

In closing, please take care, stay well. Here's another famous gardener's view about gardening and optimism...

"The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising & never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before" – **Vita Sackville**

Susan Umberger, President



Association Dues

Dues for 2021 are due by Feb. 28, 2020. Please send a \$20.00 check payable to FCMGA, to:

Kay Fisher
1905 Port Royal Ct.,
Lexington, KY 40504

Newsletter Committee

Susan Miller, Chair
Mary Miller, Co-Chair
Sharon Bennett
Nancy Boland
Stacy Decker
Debbie Johnson

FCMGA 2021 Budget

Because we are unable to meet for our annual Potluck/Business meeting in January, Treasurer Kay Fisher has submitted the proposed 2021 budget. Kay reported at our November Executive Board Committee that the balance for the FCMGA account is very healthy and that there have been few expenditures during 2020. She reminded members with expenditures to be reimbursed to get those approved by committee Chairs and to forward those to Kay Fisher, 1905 Port Royal Ct., Lexington, KY 40504

Fayette County Master Gardener Association FY 2022 Proposed Budget

| INCOME | FY 2022 Budget |
|----------|----------------|
| Dues | \$ 1200.00 |
| Interest | \$ 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1250.00 |

| EXPENSE | FY 2022 Budget |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Annual Meeting | \$ 250.00 |
| Administration | \$ 75.00 |
| Volunteer Projects | \$ 300.00 |
| Demonstration Gardens | \$ 575.00 |
| The Arboretum Donation | \$ 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1250.00 |



Greetings from Carrie and Jamie

Carrie Spry and Jamie Dockery sent greetings to all the FCMGA members in a video update. If you haven't viewed this video yet, take a look at <https://youtu.be/OkhRITadugQ>. Their message is: "Hang in there my friends!" and they are eager to see us in person again. Jamie also let us know that MG's will not have required volunteer hours or CE credits for 2021. Jamie and Carrie have been busy filming YouTube videos on many gardening and horticulture topics on the Fayette County Extension Horticulture YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs72XdCBoKYkHN9VMFx4aMw>



FCMGA received the following thank you note from our Food Drive held in August and September. Master Gardeners donated 550 pounds of food.

Dear Master Gardeners, Thank you for your wonderful donation of fresh veggies and non-perishable food. We were able to distribute it to many families and students and they were thrilled to get it! When we delivered a food box and produce to one grandmother who raises her granddaughters, she told us she really needed the food and how much she appreciated it. Thank you for sharing and donating to our families --- it's truly needed now more than ever.

Mary Jo Dendy, Medowthorpe Elementary Family Resource Center