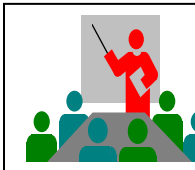




**The Charles County Compost
Newsletter of the Charles
County Master Gardeners
Winter 2003**

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Charles County Master Gardener March 2004 Meeting
Thursday, March 4th, 2004
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pot Luck Luncheon
... more information coming soon....

Charles County Extension Service, 9375 Chesapeake Street, Suite 119, La Plata, MD 20646, (301)934-5403

Master Gardener Annual Meeting, October 30, 2003

Sue Lewis chaired the Annual Meeting on October 30, 2003. The master gardeners in attendance signed a matted and framed certificate of appreciation for Gayla Jenkins. The certificate will be presented to Gayla at her retirement dinner in November along with a gift certificate from Wentworth's Nursery contributed by the CCMG's. Kudos were extended to several master gardeners for their work on the following projects: Geoya Stout for preparing our fall newsletter, Norma Rodriguez for tracking volunteer hours (*2,130 through September*), Rick LaNore for developing our new database and Ashley Remik who will maintain the database. Ashley and Pam demonstrated the ease of retrieving information from the database, which contains addresses, volunteer hours, and the skills inventory. Jessica Milstead reported that we have had an excellent response to the Skills Inventory. Joan Crownover spoke to the gathering regarding the use of the CCMG Website.

Pat McGarry accepted the public sector beautification award on behalf of the master gardeners who worked on the flagpole butterfly garden at Camp Merrick. Master gardeners Beth Bonifant, Anita Adams, Cindi Barnhart and Bill Hardy were awarded certificates of appreciation for their work on the John Hanson Bayscape project, and Diane Kramer, Carol Teets, Betsy Cramer, Sue Wilson and Anita Adams were awarded pencils and note pads for their work on the Wildlife Garden. Pam King thanked all who prepared the Master Gardener exhibit for the Charles County Fair in 2002 and those who erected and manned it for 2003. The exhibit won a 4th place ribbon in the educational category. The ribbon will soon be displayed on the new bulletin board at the Extension Office.

A curriculum committee comprised of Neal Larson '99, Beverly Driver '01, Jeff Bossart '02, Marge Lamar, Yvonne Irwin, Patrick McGarry and Dianne Shisler '03 will meet with Pam to prepare the curriculum for the 2004 master gardener training classes.

Volunteers are still being sought to work at the Extension Office, on a rotating basis, on Wednesdays and Fridays, or any other time you can help. Contact Marcia Wakefield to volunteer.

We adjourned the meeting to have a wonderful potluck luncheon and some advanced training with Pam King regarding caring for damaged trees and lawns and Deborah Storey of the La Plata Red Cross regarding disaster preparedness.

Diane Shisler (03)

What you will find in this newsletter. There is an article about all our 2003 projects since the last newsletter, articles about things that Master Gardeners need to know, articles about new ideas in gardening, recipes, Steering Committee News, Purchases and Awards. You will also notice that we have named the Newsletter and that we have lost our editor, Geoya Stout.

Master Gardeners participated in the 80th Annual Charles County Fair held September 11th through September 14th, 2003. The purpose of our participation was to provide to the general public education pertaining to landscaping, conservation, horticulture and other garden-related topics and also to provide information about our Master Gardener program. Visitors to the Fair found our display board and handouts interesting and helpful. Patrick McGarry and Anna Tominack set up the display and handout materials. We were provided an area for the display in the Flower Building. Jessica Milstead and Sue Lewis checked materials. Marge LaMar and Sherie Zimmer took the display down at the close of the Fair.

Many visitors found our display and handouts interesting and helpful, especially the material on West Nile Virus. The display received a yellow ribbon (which is 4th place) in the educational category.

Patrick McGarry(03)

Westlake Median Strip Landscape Design

We completed the first phase of the landscape design for medians in the Westlake area of St. Charles in the fall. Angie Booker, Mary Beth Chandler, Yvonne Irvine, Lisa Lessard, Dianne Shisler, and I walked the site, met, discussed, and came up with a design that we're very proud of. Diane Kramer served as our design guru and Jacquelyn Hawkins-McGrail helped with plant identification. Lisa Lessard prepared rough drawings, which were then put in final form by Outdoor Creations. Unfortunately, Outdoor Creations' work took a couple of months, by which time it was too late to get funding and plant in 2003.

Mark Rose of Southern Maryland RC&D is working on funding for installation of the plant material, and we have high hopes for planting in the spring.

Meanwhile, ACPT liked our design for the first phase, covering St. Patrick's Drive from Smallwood Drive to Billingsley Road, so much that they asked us to start phase two right away. Phase two covers the northern and eastern part of St. Patrick's, from Smallwood to near the mall. Lisa Lessard, Yvonne Irvine, and I have walked the site a couple of times, and as I write this are hard at work (in between holiday distractions) on developing a design. We have hopes of having this design ready so that if Mark Rose can get more funding it may be possible to install the material in spring 2004.

For phase one we had an almost blank slate – 9 islands, most of them about the same length, with nothing but grass for most of the distance. Phase two is very different. It's shorter, but presents more challenges. There are some existing plantings, so that we first have to decide what should be removed and what kept. In addition, we've been asked to produce a design that will prevent pedestrian crossover in some problem areas.

The Westlake medians project is likely to continue and we can always use more volunteers. If landscape design appeals to you, let me know and I'll put you on the list for the next phase.

Jessica Milstead(02)

Residential Landscaping Workshop

Last winter's Landscape Recovery Seminar was such a success that we received many requests to do it again. So, on Saturday, April 3, the Charles County Extension Service and CCMG will present a Residential Landscaping Workshop with an illustrious roster of speakers (Pam King's network at work). The workshop is directed at homeowners in the tri-county area. We expect to have sessions on drought-tolerant plants, lawn care, and a variety of other topics.

The upcoming workshop will be different from last year's seminar in some important ways. It's not specifically oriented toward disaster recovery and, best of all; we were able to start planning much earlier. Dianne Shisler and Patrick McGarry, with the recent addition of Marge LaMar, have cast our publicity net very widely. We expect to

have not only local coverage, but also announcements in some of the national horticultural media and on television. Lisa Lessard has prepared a superb flyer in color, which will be widely distributed, and Sherran Myers has worked on updating the vendor list that Patty Mattingly prepared last year. Mark Rose is helping us with sponsorships, and making contacts for Resource Alley.

This event gives you an opportunity to add to either your volunteer hours or your advanced training hours, or both. Work on the project counts as volunteer hours, of course. If the workshop goes as it did last year, you may also have time to sit in on one or more of the sessions, thereby getting advanced training hours. The only caveat is that you can't claim both for the same period of time!

While the Planning Committee for the workshop has been meeting monthly, work will start to heat up in February. That's when we'll need to have people to take charge of registration, signage, setup of information materials, and so on. And on April 3 we'll need plenty of help setting up and staffing. Contact me to sign up.

Jessica Milstead (02)

Report on Home and Garden Center Winter Training

The Winter Training sponsored by the Home and Garden Information Center on December 2, 2003 provided some current information on pests and soil testing. Don Oberpriller and I were able to attend.

Exotic Pests (Mike Raupp)

Emerald Ash Borer is a new pest, first reported in 2002 in Michigan and nearby Ontario and Ohio. Unfortunately, it made it to Maryland in 2003, and the trees on which it arrived were distributed to several locations before it was detected. While efforts are underway to track down all possibly infested trees, speaker Mike Raupp believes "the genie is out of the box" in Maryland. This insect devastates ash trees. Visit <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/index.html> for more information.

Asian Longhorned Beetle has been around for a couple of years, primarily in the Chicago area and around New York City. It's not as mobile as the Emerald Ash Borer, so it's not quite as much of a threat. Visit <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/alb/index.htm> for more.

For an update on **Dutch elm disease** and the status of the **American chestnut**, visit http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/rpc/1999-03/rpc_99mar_33.htm. Breeding efforts are underway with both of these trees, and resistant varieties of elm are available.

Sudden Oak Death has become a serious problem in California; it's neither sudden nor limited to oaks. Among the other woody plants it infects are rhododendrons. Since the disease has been found in Oregon, the source of many rhododendrons planted in our area, it's likely that it will make it to the East in the near future. For more, see <http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/symptoms.html>.

Have you noticed that we're no longer having such devastating outbreaks of the **Gypsy Moth**? It's still a threat, but predators and diseases are keeping it under better control in many areas. <http://www.fs.fed.us/ne/morgantown/4557/gmoth/>

For general information on invasive species, check out: <http://www.invasivespecies.gov/>

17 Year Periodical Cicada (Stanton Gill)

There are several broods of this cicada, and brood X, which is due to hatch in May-June 2004, is a biggie. They make lots of noise and they're very conspicuous, but the damage they do is limited. This cicada is a native, and it and its host plants have evolved together. The immature stages of the cicada feed on tree roots, but don't damage mature trees much. The damage you might see next year comes from egg-laying. The female cuts a slit in young branches to deposit her eggs, sometimes causing dieback or snapping of the branch. Enough of this can damage trees but doesn't usually bother mature ones. Since they are especially fond of fruit trees, Stanton Gill suggested waiting until 2005 to plant fruit trees, when this brood will have disappeared underground for another 17 years. Sprays don't do much good; the only suggestion is to cover young, susceptible trees with netting that has an opening smaller than 3/4".

Check out www.agnr.umd.edu/IPMNET for more. The Annual or Dog Days Cicada comes out in August. It doesn't do much damage; it's the May-June one that we'll notice next year.

Plant Pathology (Ethel Dutky and Jennifer Dominiak)

Daylily Rust, first detected in the summer of 2000, has made it to Maryland. Nurseries can control it with sprays. Trials are underway to find resistant varieties, which will be the long-run solution for management of this disease.

Rose Rosette or **Rose Witch's Broom** is believed to be a virus. There is no cure; the agent is carried from diseased roses to healthy ones by a microscopic mite. Red, small leaves on closely spaced shoots are the first symptom. Any rose showing symptoms should be removed and destroyed (not composted!). Miticides applied in May and June may help, but the mites are difficult to control. The only good news with this pest: It seems to spread better in pesty multiflora roses than in cultivated ones. (As for me, I'm on the lookout for some infested stems, which I intend to put near the multifloras that infest our woods.—Jessica) Website: <http://web.ntown.net/~apeck>.

Soil Test Labs (Trish Steinhilber)

Until June 30 this year, we didn't have a problem with soil testing. All we had to do was hand out the little bags and the forms. Then the University closed its soil test lab. Fortunately, the Home and Garden Information Center has prepared a list of soil test labs which is available both in paper from the Charles County Extension Office and online at: <http://www.hgic.umd.edu/pubs/online/hg110a.pdf>. However, this is only the start of the search.

Dr. Steinhilber showed us how the findings and recommendations of labs can differ dramatically. Different labs use different testing methods; some methods find more of a nutrient, while other methods are closer to what is likely to actually be available. Then they make different recommendations, ranging from the minimum that will benefit the crop, to an attitude of "hit it with all you've got." There is one unifying characteristic, however: they all recommend vast amounts of nitrogen, far beyond what lawns really require. Following those recommendations would really turn the Bay green! (One pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet is considered adequate for healthy growth. Using more just means more runoff and seepage into the soil, as well as more mowing.)

There's no simple answer to this diversity in soil test labs, but the speaker's recommendation was to find a lab and stick with that one over time. That way you can at least rely on the pattern of changes in the analysis.

Jessica Milstead(02)

The Flagpole at Lions Camp Merrick

On the Potomac River, down Route 224 past of Nanjemoy, the Master Gardeners returned to Lions Camp Merrick to continue the gardening projects started in the year 2002 under the leadership of Lois Moore and Millie Head. Camp Merrick was founded by the Lions as a week-long residential summer camp for diabetic children. The camp now also serves boy scouts, girl scouts, deaf children, and those with special needs of all types. The camp is 320 acres of the most beautiful scenery in the county. It contains cabins, dining hall, canoes, swimming pool, and all the equipment any child could want in a camp.

In the year 2002, over two dozen Master Gardeners devoted over 500 hours to designing and planting flower beds at the Camp Merrick flagpole and on the grounds of the Director's House. In the year 2003, Lois Moore and Millie Head returned with four new Master Gardeners to open the gardens and replace annuals. The flowers were chosen to appeal to children: those with strong odors, those that had strange textures, and those, that attract butterflies and birds. In addition, the plants needed to be able to survive touching and trampling.

New Gardeners Anita Adams, Mandy Edwards, Marge LaMar and Patrick McGarry selected and planted the annuals, then mulched, deadheaded, and trimmed up the perennials. It was inspirational to observe the campers assembling around the flagpole for the Pledge of Allegiance. The children were being so careful not to damage the flowers growing around the flagpole. It was also rewarding to observe the campers racing over the daylilies and grasses without damage to the landscape. To see a project through to completion and to see how much pleasure a Master Gardener project can give to others makes all the service hours worthwhile.

This was the Master Gardeners' project that won a countywide beautification award in the year 2003.

Marge LaMar (03)

The Historic Dr. Samuel Mudd House

During the 2003 summer, Millie Head supervised a group of four neophyte Master Gardeners in an ongoing gardening project at the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House off Beantown Road. In the preceding year Millie, with experienced Master Gardeners Lois Moore and Kathy Trimble, had designed and installed an exquisite colonial herb garden on the Mudd house grounds. The Master Gardeners' 2003 objective for the Mudd house was to reopen the herb garden and revitalize the herb plantings.

Reopening the herb garden was simple. The Lions Club had donated over 100 bags of mulch to this historic house and Danny Fluhart, Docent of The Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Society, Inc., had the mulch placed within easy reach of the herb garden. Mulch replaced the garden trash, and the herb garden was pronounced reopened.

The Master Gardeners then seized the opportunity to practice the skills acquired in their training classes. Patrick McGarry displayed amazing pruning techniques on the historic forsythia and pink rambling roses. Anita Adams environmentally and successfully attacked the pests devouring the antique holly bushes. Mandy Edwards led the troops in dividing and replanting aged hosta and daylilies from front yard beds to the side of the Mudd house and the farm buildings. When not weeding, Marge LaMar was perusing Millie Head's plant identification books to determine which plants were what and which plants would have been present in the Mudd gardens when John Wilkes Booth came calling on April 15, 1865.

The Maryland Independent newspaper printed on its Editorial Page a letter from Danny Fluhart, on behalf of the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Society. Mr. Fluhart's letter was one of appreciation for the Master Gardeners. Millie Head promptly sent a thank you to Mr. Fluhart via the Maryland Independent. Shortly thereafter, a sign appeared next to the front door of the historic house stating: "These gardens are maintained by the Charles County Master Gardeners."

Marge LaMar (03)

Rain Gardens

Rain gardens are special areas created to help cleanse the water before it returns to our streams, lakes, rivers or the Chesapeake Bay. They are depressed, shallow, saucer-like shaped gardens comprised of three layers that collect storm or rain water. Rain gardens range in size depending upon the amount of water they receive. They can be small enough to be dug with a trowel or so large that they require excavation.

Not only do they help protect the environment, they add beauty to the landscape and attract birds and butterflies.

Rain gardens enable plants, soils and bacteria to remove pollutants from rainwater. Then rain water and snow melt can slowly drip into the soil. The lowest level (approximately 18 inches) in the garden is designed to have standing water in place for no longer than 4 days, except in winter when the plants are not transpiring. The sides of the garden gently slope upward to meet the ground's surface. These gardens can be placed near down spouts, hard, non-porous surfaces such as streets, sidewalks or paved driveways or low-lying areas. Rain gardens should be placed at least 10 preferably 20 feet away from the house and never over septic tank drain fields. Swales or piping can direct the water into the garden and also to redirect excess water to other areas. Nicely trimmed lawns, shrubs and walls can be utilized to maintain neat garden edges.

Plants, trees etc. that can tolerate wet feet are planted in the lowest level. Next level comprises plants that can tolerate changing water levels. The highest level contains plants that enjoy drier soils. Many times native plants are used in rain gardens and require the same care as they would in any other area.

Kathy Trimble(01)

If you did not get an article about your "special" project for 2003, please submit one for publication in 2004. Send it in WORD to anyone on the Steering Committee.

EASY COOKIN'

By Deborah Carpenter

Whether you are having company or just want to come in from gardening work and have dinner “magically” prepared, you will love the following Slow Cooker treats.

Italian Spaghetti Sauce

- 2 pounds bulk Italian sausage or ground beef
- 3 medium onions, chopped (2 ¼ cups)
- 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms (6 ounces)
- 6 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 cans (14 ½ ounces each) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (29 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (12 ounces) tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons dried basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper

Cook sausage, onions, mushrooms and garlic in 12-inch skillet over medium heat about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until meat is no longer pink; drain well. (I prepared this in the microwave instead. I cooked it 3 minutes, checked and stirred the mixture, and cooked an additional 3 minutes on high. This may vary with your microwave, cook until the meat is no longer pink.)

Spoon the meat mixture into a 5-quart slow cooker. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Cover and cook on low heat setting 8 to 9 hours or until the vegetables are tender.

Add a tossed salad, Italian bread, and a glass of wine for a great meal!

Note: You can freeze the sauce and have for another evening.

New Old-Fashioned Pot Roast

- 1 chuck roast (4 to 5 pounds)
- 3 medium-sized onions
- 2 cups (about 24) pre-peeled baby carrots
- 8 medium-sized potatoes
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water

3 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves OR 1 tablespoon dried rosemary

Trim off and discard any excess fat from the roast, and place it in the bottom of a 5-quart or larger slow cooker.

Peel and thinly slice the onions, adding them to the pot as you slice. Add the carrots to the pot.

Rinse, peel and quarter the potatoes. Add them to the pot.

In a 4-cup container or glass measure, combine the ketchup, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce and salt and ½ cup water.

Mix well. Pour over the roast and vegetables. Sprinkle the rosemary over the roast, and cover the pot.

Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. When done, the roast and vegetables will be very tender. To serve, spoon a portion of the meat and vegetables into shallow bowls or pasta plates. Serve with hot biscuits, and you won't be disappointed with this meal.

Enjoy!!

Advanced Training Field Day....."Bug Day"

On September 30, 2003, Master Gardeners from all classes met at the residence of Carol Teets '03 in Newburg, MD for advanced training. The mature landscape on the historic property was an ideal setting for Pam King, our Charles County Extension Agent, to provide hands on training. Pam shared her expertise in all areas of the landscape. We identified trees, shrubs, and plants. We learned to recognize pest, drought, and hurricane damage. Then recommendations were shared on pruning, mulching, and WEEDS.

The casual atmosphere led to lots of questions and answers that made learning easy and fun. The clear sky and sunshine made for a perfect September day to have a brown bag lunch and share a dessert (or two) on the patio afterwards. The following Master Gardeners enjoyed the day: Cindi Barnhart, Jim Winters, Sherrie Zimmer, Mary Beth Chandler, Patrick McGarry, Dianne Shisler, Linda Lockhart, Ralph Smith, Marge LaMar, Deborah Carpenter, Yvonne Irvin, and Carol Teets.

Note: To see pictures taken at the Field Day see the new Master Gardener Bulletin Board coming to the Extension Office soon. Our thanks to Marge LaMar for sharing her pictures.

Carol Teets(03)

New Display Board

Master Gardeners now have a full-height display system. The Extension Service one that we've been using has to sit on a table, but this one can stand by itself. The system consists of eight separate panels. The panels can be put together in a variety of configurations to produce a display anywhere from 3' wide and 4' high, to 7' wide and 8' high. It's stored in two wheeled gray cases, so it's portable. Setting it up will be a two-person job, not because the individual panels are heavy, but to hold them straight while they're slotted together. I have set it up and taken it down, so I know how it works. Until others have learned how to put it together, I'll be happy to help with setup anytime it's needed for an event.

JessicaMilstead(02)

The Steering Committee

The following volunteers have been added to the Steering Committee. They are Sherran Myers and Marge LaMar; both are members of the 2003 Class. We are trying to get publicity for the CCMG's and they expressed an interest in helping us to get the appropriate exposure as an organization. This is an important area for our whole group and for each specific project. Their efforts have already resulted in an article in The Maryland Independent (December 17th, 2003) and with more to come. Please request their assistance with publicity for your project and with ideas for publicity for the Charles County Master Gardener organization. Any interested Master Gardener is invited to attend our monthly meetings and we request that you contact any Steering Committee member for dates and times. Try one; it may be your cup of tea!

Steering Committee Volunteers

Marge LaMar, Susan Lewis, Rick Lanore, Linda Lockhart, Patty Mattingly, Patrick McGarry, Elaine Miller, Jessica Milstead, Sherran Myers, Ashley Remik, Dianne Shisler, and Carol Teets.
Thanks to Pam King for her help and guidance, we couldn't do it without her!

A Note from Pam: Happy New Year to everyone. I am so impressed with all the wonderful things that Charles County Master Gardeners have accomplished. You folks are great! And I am really looking forward to a productive 2004. One special request for 2004. When you turn in your Master Gardener hours, please give me an estimate of the number of people you taught and their race and sex. A reasonable guess-timate will do. I need to submit aggregate numbers to help maintain our funding. **Please use the NEW record sheet attached.** Many thanks for everything.

CHARLES COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROJECTS-2003**JOHN HANSON BAYSCAPE GARDEN PROJECT – Renovation 2003**

- Teacher: Pam Schau
- Diane Kramer (contact Person) – diane7600@aol.com

JOHN HANSON WILDLIFE GARDEN-June 2003

- Teacher: Jill Locco
- Diane Kramer (contact Person) - diane7600@aol.com

LIONS CAMP MERRICK FLAGPOLE

- Millie Head – (contact person)- millie.head@dc.afrh.gov
- Lois Moore- MooreLoi@aol.com

DR. SAMUEL A . MUDD HOUSE GARDENS

- Millie Head – (contact person)- millie.head@dc.afrh.gov
- Lois Moore- MooreLoi@aol.com

INVASIVE PLANT LIST PROJECT

- Joan Crownover (contact person) – richnchip@olg.com

FAIRGROUNDS LANDSCAPE VISION PROJECT

- Joan Crownover (contact person) – richnchip@olg.com

WESTLAKE MEDIAN STRIPS-2003 Multi Year Project-St Charles (ACPT) Civic Associations

- Jessica Milstead (contact Person)- jmilstead@rcn.com

HIGH WESTLAKE SCHOOL LANDSCAPE PROJECT-Multi Year Project with 9th Graders

- Mike Heim- Learning Services Coordinator – mheim@ccboe.com
- Project Leader not yet determined first meetings to be scheduled in Jan -Feb 2004

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL LANDSCAPE -Landscaped by Students with MG's

- Sherrie Zimmer – (contact Person) – flowerpatchslz@comcast.net
- Dianne Shisler – dshisler@aol.com
- Erica Wilhelm- (contact person) – skybird@comcast.net

PLANT CLINICS FOR HOME OWNERS

- Jessica Milstead- jmilstead@rcn.com

LANDSCAPE RESTORATION SEMINAR-February 2003 and March 2004

- Jessica Milstead- jmilstead@rcn.com

HOMEOWNER SITE VISITS-Service offered as needed since November 2002

- Jessica Milstead- jmilstead@rcn.com

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOME & GARDEN SHOW-Second Annual

- Jessica Milstead- jmilstead@rcn.com

ST CHARLES (ACPT) LANDSCAPING AWARDS-Judged by Master Gardeners Annually

- Diane Kramer- Diane7600@aol.com

BRYAN'S ROAD LIBRARY CASE PROJECT-Month of June 2003

- Patty Mattingly- catzpurr@earthlink.net
- Anita Adams- Richard2@erols.com

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL CHILDRENS PRAYER GARDEN-MID 2004

- Beth Bonifant- EDBONIF@aol.com
- Mary Beth Chandler- MBC900@aol.com

MT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GARDEN RENOVATION

- Nardine Daniels- nardined@hotmail.com

Note: I hope that I have not removed anything from this list that took place in 2003 and that I have included everything that is a multi-year project or that is planned for the future. This list of projects will be included in each edition of **The Compost** and updates can be forwarded to any member of the Steering Committee for inclusion. All projects should have an article with pictures, if possible, when there is sufficient information available. Multiple articles on the same project are acceptable, it's great to hear about what everyone is doing! The Steering Committee will assemble The Compost quarterly but we need a new person to do the Desktop Publishing.

Susan Lewis(01)

COMPOST: A collection of unattractive materials, that when mixed together and properly treated, become something useful and enriching.