



**NE MGA**  
*Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association*

Northeast TN Master Gardener Meeting & Christmas Dinner  
Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center  
Date: December 13, 2021

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Elaine Adams, Terri Agold, Ed Basconi, Andrea Belcher, Susanna Barry, Evelyn Bolden, Patsy Brown, Mary Cain, Lenore Colhoun, Don Davis, Gwyn Duncan, Gwen Ellis, Karen Fleenor, Donna Fowler, Sharon Good, Maxi Gregory, Nancy Haas, Karen Hatfield, Charles Hawk, Millie Sue Hawk, Nina Hedrick, Michelle Hejny, Doug Hilton, John Hitchcock, Catherine Hornbeck, Clark Hollingsworth, Cathy Horne, Ben Hunter, Eva Johnson, Virginia Lapin, Vonda Little, Robert Lounsbery, Christine Loveday, Mary Ann Lovelace, Linda Lowery, Pat Mazurkiewicz, Monty McLaurin, Phyllis Morgan, Jane Mullins, Patty Neas, Barb Radice, Sherry Ragsdale, Karen Rowell, Nancy Shilling, Clark Shugart, Susan Sims, Willie Sims, Gloria Snodgrass, Emily Ann Thompson, Karen Todd, Julie Underwood, Kathy Wagner, Larry Wagner, Kathleen White, Joletta Woodward

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Meeting was called to order by the President, Karen Rowell.

Karen called for the election of Board Officers for 2022:

President - Karen Rowell

Vice President – John Hitchcock

Secretary – Mary Cain

Treasurer – Karen Todd & Mary Ann Lovelace

She asked for any further recommendations from the floor and with none noted, she asked for all in favor to say Aye. All approved and no one opposed the slate of officers, so they were accepted as stated.

**BYLAWS APPROVAL: Karen Rowell**

Karen also asked for approval for the revised By-laws as presented to the entire membership.

Motion to approve made Pat Mazurkiewicz

Seconded by John Hitchcock

The By-laws were ratified and accepted as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Karen Rowell**

1. The State Master Gardeners will be holding their annual conference here in Northeast Tennessee and we will be hosting it June 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2022. If anyone is interested in helping with the Conference please contact Karen Rowell.
2. There will be a Farm Expo February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Bristol Motor Speedway. Sign up genius will be coming out early in January for volunteers to assist.
3. Kingsport Garden Show will be March 4th, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign up genius will be coming out later in January for volunteer opportunities.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT: Chris Ramsey**

Chris congratulated the class of 2020 for a great class of 33 participants!

The 2022 program will begin on January 25<sup>th</sup> and there will be 14 sessions every Tuesday from 10am-12noon until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Most of the sessions will be broadcast and interactive presented by a state level expert. Classes will be held at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center and there will be hands on sessions in some afternoons. This is an exciting new approach, so sign up ahead of time if you want to attend for CE credits, there will be space limitations.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Christmas Carols sung by Ms. Jona Osborne and Mr. David Frances

**DINNER**

Blessing by Karen Todd

Steak Dinner served by the Cattlemen Association of Sullivan County

Clare Childs prepared the Vegan meal

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF 2022**

Communications – Barb Radice

Facebook – Heather Duby

Hospitality – Kathy and Larry Wagner

Membership/Certification – Mary Cain

Programs – Teresa Gaffner

Projects – Don Davis

Publicity – Brenda McKinnis & Nancy Shilling

Website – Barbara and Carl Voigt

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Awards Meeting**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:30pm at RRAC

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:30pm at RRAC