



## Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Newsletter

Outstanding Volunteer Award Winners and more....

February 2010

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### Event Volunteers

Special thanks go to the following KMCB Board members and volunteers:

Jason Stutzman and Sophia Edmundson, students in Magnolia ISD, donated their time

Dear Charlotte,

On February 20, 2010 Keep Montgomery County Beautiful held its Second Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. More than 50 guests gathered for dinner in the beautiful Master Gardener's facility at the Montgomery County Extension office in Conroe to recognize and honor the many volunteers making a difference in the beautification of our community. Thanks to the hard work of the KMCB Board, many volunteers and the loan of dishes from the Magnolia Education Foundation this was a low impact event - there was very little waste generated from this event!



Categories of awards and the winners in each category are:

#### Waste Reduction and Recycling

**First Presbyterian Church of Conroe** for eliminating Styrofoam products at their church and implementing a recycling program and waste reduction initiatives. Ron Bailey accepted on behalf of First Presbyterian Church of Conroe.



#### Litter Prevention

**Friends of the Forest** for the five year commitment to keeping their stretch of the highway in the Sam Houston National Forest litter-free through the TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway program. Robert King and EJ Blaschke accepted on behalf of Friends of the Forest.



#### Beautification and Community Improvements

**Anita Ashford** for her hundreds of hours volunteering at the Jones State Forest to enhance that environment, to encourage others to improve our

to assist with set up, serving and clean up.

**Leilani Clark** was the official photographer.

**Glenn Buckley** created the awesome awards from scraps of polished granite - true keepsakes!

**Christine Leard** handled planning, decorations, design and printing of programs and nametags and all the other details that made this event special.

**Terry Woodson** was responsible for planning and procuring food (which was provided by Eden Cafe and was delicious), dishes and sponsorships!

The awards committee included **Glenn Buckley, Tonya Osgood and Gerry Luther**.

**Barbara Lopez** coordinated the facility procurement and logistics.

**Tonya Osgood and Sarah Hilburn** helped with set up.

**Ariane Edmunson, Sue Stutzman, Desiree Lipscomb, Susan Buckley, Glenn Woodson and Stanley Harris** helped with clean up.

**Charlotte Harris** was the Master of Ceremonies.

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environmental community and her willingness always to go the extra mile.



#### Volunteerism

**Teri MacArthur** for her commitment to several groups including H-GAC, Texas Stream Team, Legacy Land Trust, Texas Forest Service, Master Naturalists and Boy Scouts of America. Unfortunately, Teri was ill and unable to attend - we missed her!

#### Environmental Education

**Dawn Vollmer** for her many hours educating students, scouts, teachers and others about nature and the environment.



We are honored to recognize these outstanding volunteers - there were many deserving nominations and the awards committee had their work cut out for them. We also thank those who took the time to nominate volunteers from around the county. Without those who see the valuable service volunteers contribute, they would never be recognized.

**Begin thinking now about who you will nominate for the 2010 awards!**



### **Art Contest Winner Announced**

KMCB held an art contest open to high school students in Montgomery County to find the art to be used on the poster to advertise the Second Annual Growing Green Plant Sale. The native plant that will be sold this year is the Echinacea Purple Coneflower.

There were 10 art submissions representing three schools - The Alpha Academy in Magnolia ISD, Montgomery High School, and The Woodlands High School. The competition was tough!

The judges were local artists Stanley Harris and Ariane Edmunson and KMCB Board member Christine Leard. After much deliberation, the judges selected the artwork of **McCall Ransom**, a senior at Montgomery High School. McCall will be attending Texas A&M in the fall and KMCB is pleased to have granted her a scholarship to assist with the costs of college.

**Congratulations, McCall!!**

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### KMCB Grant Recipients

KMCB's annual plant sale raises money to provide grants to groups in Montgomery County for beautification and environmental projects.

Money raised through the 2009 plant sale have funded two projects so far. Those grant recipients were recognized at the dinner.

**Green Up Magnolia** received a grant to assist with expenses for the Environmental Festival held at the Depot Park in Magnolia in October 2009. Many children attended and learned about recycling and nature. Dion Wilky of Green Up Magnolia was recognized.

The **Montgomery County Leadership Class of 2010** received a grant to assist with their class project. The project involves extensive renovation and beautification of the Community Clinic located in Oak Ridge North. Tanya Bryant of MC Leadership Class of 2010 described this ambitious project and was recognized.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful is pleased and proud to be able to support these worthwhile projects and we look forward to assisting other grassroots groups doing projects to enhance our community.



### Dignitaries Attend KMCB Dinner

Dignitaries attending this event to recognize volunteers from across the

county included County Judge Alan Sadler, State Representative Rob Eissler, and Bill Meador representing Precinct 4 Commissioner Ed Reinhart.

Judge Sadler and Mr. Meadors were presented with framed copies of the KMCB Growing Green Plant Sale poster as an expression of our appreciation for their support of KMCB and of recycling. One of the goals of the plant sale is to promote recycling and to provide information about the recycling centers in each County Precinct.

We truly appreciate the efforts of State Rep Eissler, County Judge Sadler and each of the Commissioners - Michael Meador (Precinct 1), Craig Doyal (Precinct 2), Ed Chance (Precinct 3), and Ed Reinhart (Precinct 4) to improve our community through litter reduction, recycling and beautification and their support of the many groups in Montgomery County working toward the same goals.



Judge Alan Sadler accepts the 2010 Growing Green Plant Sale poster from KMCB Chair, Charlotte Riser Harris.



Bill Meador, on behalf of Commissioner Ed Reinhart, accepts the 2010 Growing Green Plant Sale poster from KMCB Chair, Charlotte Riser Harris.



## Second Annual Growing Green Plant Sale

Mark your calendar!

This year's featured native plant is the Echinacea Purple Coneflower. **American Tree Farm** ([www.americantreefarm.com](http://www.americantreefarm.com)) is growing the plants this year. We are very pleased to be working with the great people at this nursery located in Montgomery, Decker Prairie and Galveston. The report is that the 500 plants are growing well but slowly due to the very cold weather we have been experiencing.



Plants will be sold on **April 10th from 10 am until 2 pm** at the following locations:

**The Woodlands Earth Day, The Woodlands High School  
Precinct 2 Recycling Center, 31354 Friendship Drive, Magnolia  
Precinct 3 Recycling Center, 1122 Pruitt Road, Spring**

Any plants remaining will be sold at the **Texas Woodland and Wildlife Expo at the Montgomery County Convention Center on May**

1st and 2nd.

<http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/conferences/woodlandwildlifeexpo/default.aspx>

The plants are \$5.00 each and proceeds fund KMCB's grant program.

If you would like to preorder plants to be sure you receive some,  
please email [kmcbtexas@yahoo.com](mailto:kmcbtexas@yahoo.com).

Charlotte Riser Harris  
Christine Leard  
Growing Green Plant Sale Coordinators



**KMCB Mission:**

Empower Texans to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment through education, awareness and participation in programs for:

Waste Reduction and Recycling Centers  
Litter Prevention  
Beautification and Community Improvements  
Volunteerism  
Environmental Education

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**Sincerely,**  
Charlotte Riser Harris, Chair  
Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

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