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KMCB Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers

Five Montgomery County Residents Receive Awards

Montgomery County, TEXAS - February 27, 2010 - 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 some of the many volunteers making a difference in the beautification of our community.

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 Kind 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 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.

Environmental Education

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

KMCB also awarded a scholarship to McCall Ransom, a senior at Montgomery High School for her winning art work in the KMCB Art Contest to find art to be used on the poster for KMCB's Second Annual Growing Green Plant Sale. Ms. Ransom's painting of a Purple Coneflower was selected from many outstanding entries. She will be attending Texas A&M in the fall.



McCall Ransom with poster showing her winning artwork

KMCB's annual plant sale raises money to fund grants to groups in Montgomery County for beautification and environmental projects. Funds raised through the 2009 plant sale funded projects

by Green Up Magnolia and the Montgomery County Leadership Class of 2010. Dion Wilky of Green Up Magnolia and Tanya Bryant of MC Leadership Class of 2010 were recognized at the dinner.

Green Up Magnolia grant money was used toward expenses for the Environmental Festival held at the Depot Park in Magnolia in October 2009. Many children attended and learned about recycling and nature. The Montgomery County Leadership Class of 2010 grant money will assist with their class project which involves extensive renovation and beautification of the Community Clinic located in Oak Ridge North.

"Keep Montgomery County Beautiful is pleased and proud to provide support for these worthwhile projects and we look forward to assisting other grassroots groups doing projects which will enhance our community" states Charlotte Harris, Chair of the KMCB Board.

Dignitaries attending this event recognizing volunteers from across the county included Judge Alan Sadler, State Representative Rob Eissler, and Bill Meador representing Commissioner Ed Reinhart.



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

KMCB unveiled the poster for the 2010 Growing Green Plant Sale and announced that sales of the Purple Coneflower plants selected as this year's native plant will be held on April 10th at The Woodlands Earth Day Festival, Precinct 2 Recycling Center and Precinct 3 Recycling Center from 10 am until 2 pm. Plants will also be available for purchase at the Texas Woodland and Wildlife Expo on May 1-2 at the Montgomery County Convention Center in Conroe. Plants are \$5.00 each and proceeds will provide grants for Montgomery County beautification projects. Bring your recycling to Precinct 2 or 3 and buy a plant or two - a great way to combine trips - or visit one of the events and learn more about recycling and pick up a plant!

For more information contact kmcbtexas@yahoo.com.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful is a charitable, non-profit organization under Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code whose mission is to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment.

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