

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

Press Release

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Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Announces

Second Annual Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Awards

Nominations Being Accepted Through January 22

Montgomery County, Texas - January 3, 2010 -

For the last five years, Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) has made a positive and significant impact on the environment in our community. Through community beautification, waste management, and environmental education, KMCB has reached out to help maintain the natural beauty of Montgomery County communities.

Now, with the help of public nominations, KMCB will honor especially deserving individuals and groups with its first annual Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Awards. The awards will be given at the KMCB Volunteer Recognition Event on February 20, 2009 to those whose impact on the community has been particularly positive and noticeable.

KMCB requests that the public assist in identifying outstanding contributions made by individuals and groups in the any of these categories: Waste Reduction and Recycling Centers, Litter Prevention, Beautification and Community Improvements, Volunteerism, and Environmental Education.

Go to KMCB's website (www.kmcbtexas.org) to download the nomination form. Mail nominations to: KMCB, 6606 FM 1488 Ste. 148, #356, Magnolia, TX 77354; or email kmcbtexas@yahoo.com. Deadline for nominations is January 22, 2010.

Contact Information

Contact KMCB at kmcbtexas@yahoo.com or call Charlotte Riser Harris 281-252-9540 or Terry Woodson 713-202-1334 for additional information or with questions.

About Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful was organized in June, 2004 as a charitable, non-profit organization under Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 56-2461358.

Our Mission is to 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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Charlotte Riser Harris
Chairman of the Board

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Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

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.

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More information is available at our website www.kmcbtexas.org. Contact us by emailing kmcbtexas@yahoo.com or by calling Charlotte Riser Harris at 832-567-3404.

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Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Recognized as Gold Star Affiliate by Keep Texas Beautiful

53 Texas Communities Honored with Gold Star Status by Statewide Nonprofit

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(Austin, Texas) - Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement organization, named Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) as a Gold Star Affiliate at their annual meeting in Austin on June 24th. KMCB is one of more than 350 towns, cities, and counties in KTB's statewide network that take responsibility to care for the community environment.



In 2010, only 53 of these affiliates obtained Gold Star recognition, the highest status for an affiliate.

KMCB implements programs to prevent litter, reduce waste, beautify community areas, and educate citizens.

To achieve the level of good standing with KTB, affiliates must annually submit a report, pay a fee, attend at least one training session, and participate in at least one KTB endorsed activity. In 2004, KTB introduced the opportunity for affiliates to earn Gold Star recognition by meeting additional criteria. To achieve this status, affiliates are required to share information on their mission and goals, answer questions about their public education programs, partnerships, and sustainability efforts, participate in the Keep Texas Beautiful or Governor's Community Achievement Awards programs, and provide a letter of support from their community.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (www.kmcbtexas.org) is active throughout Montgomery County through programs that include Welcome Bags for new residents; Living Green presentations for groups and classes; annual Growing Green Plant Sale to raise money for the Growing Green Grant Program and to educate about recycling and native plants; Growing Green Art Poster contest which includes a scholarship to the winning Montgomery County High School student.

Keep Texas Beautiful, the statewide grassroots environmental organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB works with volunteers, elected officials,

businesses and state and federal agencies to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.

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