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### Thanks to Our Members, Our Meetings are Events!

Thank you to everyone who bought food to the October meeting:

Lori Emens  
Ginny Fletcher  
Betty Griffith  
Joan Knight  
Byron Koelz  
Gerlene Lifer  
Alice Moore  
Mary Clyde McKnight  
Linda Pittman  
Marty Smith  
Cornelia Swain and  
Rosa Wooddy

The book winner was Rosa Wooddy

The centerpiece winner was Emelia Miekicki.

The centerpiece was a beautiful Terrarium designed by Donna Olswing from her Terrarium workshop at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens using plant materials from the Dixon.



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# Clippings

November 2011

## CSI for Gardeners: An Introduction to Plant Disease Diagnosis

If you garden, occasionally things go wrong, but why?

At November's meeting, our speaker, Alan S. Windham, PhD, will help us explore the dark side of plant life, looking into the struggles for life or death that go on in our gardens daily.

He will also cover the ways that plants are attacked and how to identify common diseases.

Dr. Windham is Professor of Plant Pathology with UT Extension at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Currently Dr. Windham is stationed at the Soil, Plant and Pest Center, at the Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville, Tennessee.



Dr. Windham received his B.S. degree with an emphasis in Plant Pathology in 1979 and an M.S. in Plant Pathology with a minor in Botany in 1981 from Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. He completed his PhD in Plant Pathology with a minor in Soil Science at North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1985.

After completing his graduate work, he accepted the position of Assistant Professor with the University of Tennessee in 1985, promoted to Associate Professor in 1989, and Professor in 1995. Dr. Windham is a member of the American Phytopathological Society and was inducted into the honorary societies Gamma Sigma Delta and Sigma Xi. In 2000, he received the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit for his work with the UT Dogwood Working Group. In 2002, he was awarded the American Society for Horticultural Science Extension Publication Award for Dogwoods for American Gardens. In 2007, he was awarded two plant patents for new disease resistant flowering dogwoods. Also, in 2007 he was named Turfgrass Professional of the Year by the Tennessee Turfgrass Association. In 2009, he was awarded The Porter Henegar Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to environmental horticulture research by the Southern Nursery Association.

Dr. Windham has conducted educational programs and consulted with nursery, greenhouse and turf industries nationally and internationally. He has published over 100 research papers, book chapters and popular press articles. He co-edited and co-wrote Plant Pathology Concepts, a text for introductory plant pathology students. He has lectured in many undergraduate/graduate courses in plant pathology, mycology, floriculture, nursery and turfgrass management. He teaches a graduate level course in disease diagnosis. His current research interests include the diagnosis and management of emerging plant diseases of ornamental plants and turf and the development of disease resistant ornamental plants.

Join us Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm at the Memphis Botanic Gardens as we all learn from this gifted and knowledgeable horticulturist.

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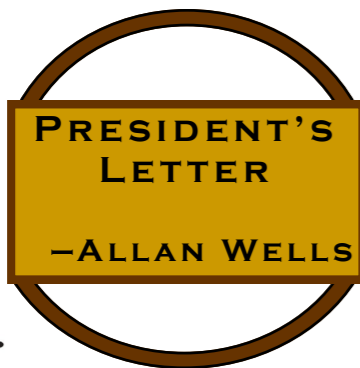
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For those who missed October's speaker, you missed some very helpful information about tree problems and the effort it takes to manage, cut, prune and inspect large trees.

Wes Hopper, a certified Arborist with almost 30 years of experience presented a program that covered his many adventures solving tree

problems, supported with expert advice and knowledge about the many diseases, problems, and tree "Do's and Don'ts." He provided a presentation with some excellent examples of the many problems that arborist are faced with while doing their work.

Next month we will have Dr. Alan Windham, a Professor of Plant Pathology with UT Extension in the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Dr. Windham is stationed at the Soil, Plant and Pest Center, at the Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville, Tennessee. His topic for discussion: CSI for Gardeners: An Introduction to Plant Disease Diagnosis. (See page 1 for details.)

Please come and enjoy the program and bring a guest or friend.

December will be the Christmas party.

## Bellingrath Gardens

—by G. A. Crosby



While on an October vacation in Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, Alabama, G.A. and Jackie Crosby took a day trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Theodore, Alabama south of Mobile. They took the Fort Morgan ferry across the bay to Dauphin Island. Bellingrath Gardens is 35 miles to the north of Dauphin Island.



The gardens and home on 65 acres of land is the creation of Walter and Bessie Bellingrath.

The gardens began to develop in 1927, followed by the home built in 1935. After their deaths, as the couple had no children, a foundation was created by Mr. Bellingrath to oversee the gardens and home which are open to the public every day except Christmas.

The gardens are in bloom 364 days a year. Even in winter, camellias are in bloom.

Many Christmas lights decorate the grounds, trees and plants. Workers were hanging more lights while G.A. and Jackie toured the beautifully landscaped grounds. The lights will be turned on the day after Thanksgiving and stay lit through New Year's Eve, presenting a spectacular sight for the annual [Magic Christmas in Lights](#).

An array of beautiful fall blooms covered the grounds including roses of many colors in full bloom. The rose garden is shaped like a rotary wheel with each spoke filled with roses of a different color.

A three room conservatory was filled with an assortment of tropical plants including a pineapple growing on the stalk. The garden contains winding walkways flocked with blooming hedges and flowers leading to many points of interest. One is the Asian American Garden completed in the mid 1960's formerly the bird Sanctuary, and still home to 200 varieties of birds. The yellow Shrimp Plant shown in this picture was the most unusual plant growing profusely in the garden.

For more about the gardens visit <http://www.bellingrath.org>.

*Editor's note: Please keep your fellow MHS members in mind when visiting gardens. We would love to share your trip with you via pictures. Email [mhort.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mhort.newsletter@gmail.com) if you have a story to share.*



## 2012 MHS Lineup

—by Ginny Fletcher, 2012 President Elect

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of 2011? Here are the stats: 1 week 'til Halloween, 5 weeks 'til Thanksgiving and 9 weeks 'til Christmas.

It's been a fast-paced year with many great learning opportunities. I hope you will be excited and looking forward to all of our 2012 speakers. We tried to cover the majority of the requests from the survey that we conducted last year. The following schedule is almost set in concrete!

January	Paul James	<a href="#">HGTV Gardener Guy</a>
February	Jimmy Williams	Perennials
March	Cindy Shapton	<a href="#">The Cracked Pot Gardener</a> – Herbs & Kitchen Edibles
April	Kristin Lamberson	<a href="#">Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds</a>
May	Cindy Gilberg	<a href="#">Landscape Design</a> – Rain Gardens
June	Annual Picnic	
July	Rodney Burkley	<a href="#">Wormwise Vermicompost</a> <a href="#">Nationally known garden guru</a> , designer, author and TV personality – Creating the WOW factor and/or Jhemajang
August	Chris Olsen	<a href="#">Fall and Winter Interest</a>
September	Dr. Gary Bachman	Critter Control
October	<a href="#">Ben West</a>	Hollies
November	Carl Suk	
December	Christmas Party	

Just to make you are aware: the January meeting will also be a fundraiser for the Horticulture Society, so bring all your friends. There will be a charge of \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. We anticipate that this will be the only month that members will be charged for attending.

REMEMBER – your membership renewal form is enclosed. Please read it over carefully and make any name, address, etc. corrections necessary, and return it promptly. We will be more than happy to process your renewal at our November meeting, the Christmas party, or you can mail it to: The Memphis Horticultural Society, PO Box 11665, Memphis, TN 38111.

Looking forward to some exciting programs in the coming New Year.



### Decorating on a Budget

Get a head start on the holidays at MBG on November 11. Join Caroline Nave as she presents **Dollar Store Christmas Decor**. 12:00-1:30 p.m. You don't have to spend a fortune to create beautiful holiday projects! Bring a sack lunch or order a box lunch from Fratelli's (not included in class fee.) \$5 members \$10 for non-members. Call 636-4128 to register.