



NEWSLETTER

August 2018

Maury County Master Gardeners Opens their 2018-2019 Season

Thursday Evening, August 23, 2018, 6:00 pm

WELCOMING

Speakers, Interns, General Public and Members

*Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center
1000 Main Entrance; Spring Hill, TN*

Speakers:



Mike & Susan Klopovich began raising and releasing monarch butterflies 4 years ago after hearing about the declining population. It all began with a few milkweed plants, 1 butterfly cage and the release of 53 butterflies. Since that first year they became a certified monarch waystation, raising and releasing hundreds of beautiful monarch butterflies as well as doing several programs. They hope that by sharing what they do will inspire others to help preserve the monarch population for future generations. They have 179 eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalides at recent count, so we should have a lot to see at our meeting.



DINNER at 6:00 pm
(MCMG Members please bring a side and dessert.)

INTERN WRAP-UP

GIFTS for ALL Guests

DOOR PRIZES

RSVP 931-375-5301

JOIN IN!!!



Calling all friendly gardeners!

On August 23, at 6:00 p.m., we welcome the newest group of Interns to the Maury County Master Gardener Association! Current Master Gardeners can take two very important actions to ensure the Interns feel welcome:

- Attend the 2018 Master Gardener Class “Wrap up” (formerly “Graduation”) on August 23 at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill and introduce yourself to newcomers with a big smile!
- Agree to be a mentor when the Mentoring Committee contacts you! You’ll hear from either Kelly Raimondo or Kathie Wilson well before the August 23 joint meeting. We will cordially invite the last group of interns, who are now Master Gardeners, to be mentors to the new Interns.

We’re asking all Master Gardeners to review the mentoring guidelines shown here. While they call out mentoring relationships, the guidelines are simply reminders of behavior we all can support every time we meet.

Maury County Master Gardeners Mentors’ Guidelines



A mentor is a person who advises another person in a particular skill. In Maury County Master Gardeners, a mentor will be a currently Certified Tennessee Master Gardener, with dues paid, who is active in projects and who will “buddy” with an Intern during the first year. A mentor will remember how it felt to be an Intern and will do for the Intern what someone else did to welcome you.

For example:

- Learn the name of your Intern and other Interns as soon as possible. Encourage the wearing of name badges to facilitate learning names.
- Wear your name badge to all Master Gardeners’ events. Encourage your Intern to attend meetings by calling, texting or emailing them ahead of time, and then sit with them.
- Greet Interns by name and introduce them to Master Gardeners at meetings and other events.
- If needed, help your Intern fill out the service record.
- Be able to explain the difference between volunteer service hours and continued education hours.
- Encourage Interns to participate in projects with you.
- When they arrive, make a special effort to welcome and include them in what you are doing.



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Look What's Coming...



Jarrod Needs Our Help...

Six Master Gardener volunteers are needed to help with check-in and registration for agriculture

and handicraft items Monday, August 27th, noon to 6:00 pm. Six volunteers are also needed to help judge the entries beginning at 6 pm. Location: The Baker Building; 1018 Maury County Park Drive; Columbia, TN 38401. Volunteers work in 2-3 hour shifts. It's fun and a great way to earn hours!

Please contact Jarrod Reeson at 931-375-5301 or jreeson@utk.edu to sign up. He's counting on us!



MASTER GARDENER SERVICE HOURS DUE 9/1

You can submit your service hours via

- E-mail: Jarrod Reeson at jreeson@utk.edu
- Hard Copy: Give to Jarrod Reeson or drop at the Ag Ext Office located at 10 Public Square, Columbia, TN (2nd Floor above the Maury County Clerk's Office.) Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Monday-Friday.

A printable hard copy of the form is included on the last page of this Newsletter. A link to a fillable excel file is also provided.

In the future we hope to do some training for electronic submission of hours through the UT Website.



DID YOU KNOW ...



<http://maurycountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Fair-Book.pdf>

More Hours Available...

If anyone (including interns) would like to earn volunteer hours by working in the Maury County Master Gardener Booth at the fair, please contact Deena Trimble.



maurycountymg@gmail.com



*New Look for Sr. Citizens Center
More Landscaping to Come
Service Day October 9, 4:30 pm - Ya'll Come!*

Special Location for September Meeting Liberty Grace Farm

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Liberty Grace Farm
1966 Hicks Ln, Columbia

Jody & Aaron Weardon, Owners
(Daughter of our member,
Barbara Aubin)

U-Pick sunflower garden 5:30
Potluck at 6:00
Business at 6:30
Speaker at 7:00



<https://www.libertygracefarm.com>



*STAY TUNED
more information
to come!*

OCTOBER

Fall Field Trips Being Planned



NOVEMBER

**WHITE HOUSE
ARBORETUM**



Over 350 trees, 165 types, 148 species, 81 genera

Mark Your Calendar

August

August 23 **COMBINED MEETING
WITH INTERNS** 6 pm
Middle Tennessee Research & Education
Center; Conference Center; Spring Hill

August 27 Maury County Fair Check-in, Registration
and Judging, Noon until ca. 7 pm
Baker Building, Maury County Park

August 28 - Maury County Fair; Maury County
September 1 Park Fairgrounds

August 28 Fall Gardener's Festival; Crossville, TN

September

September 1 **Service Hours Due to Jarrod**

September 11 **MAURY COUNTY MASTER
GARDENER MEETING, 6 pm**

October

October 9 Sr. Citizens Center Work Day 4:30 pm
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GARDENER MEETING, 6 pm**

October 20 Middle TN Plant Swap

It's been a busy Spring and Summer...

The Plant Sale: A Big Thank You!

The 2018 MG Plant Sale was once again a success because of your hard work. Kuddos to everyone who participated in some form or fashion. It is an endeavor that involves Maury County Master Gardeners giving of their precious time and talents. The result was an increase of almost \$200 from last year.

Final Total: \$2773.85 Hoping to hit \$3,000 next year!

We are very grateful for all of you.....Cynthia & Annette



Beautiful Arrangements



Free introduction to planting for kids.



SOOOO... MANY WORKER BEES!



Vendor booths.



SOOOO... MUCH TO CHOOSE FROM!



*July 12 "Summer Celebration"
West Tennessee
Agricultural Research Center*

*Some of the beautiful gardens
with three of our MCMG
Members who attended.*



*June 9 Master Gardener Garden Tour Participants. Thanks to **Doug and Cynthia, Christine & Gary Berglund, and Nicole & Reagan Bull** for sharing their gardens.*



*Link to fillable Excel Service Hours Form:
<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org/HoursForm.xlsx>*

*Printable Service Hours Form
(Add pages as needed.)*



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Maury County Master Gardeners Volunteer and Education Hours Worksheet

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Master Gardener Interns are required to complete **40 Volunteer hours** to become certified. *Certified Master Gardeners must complete 25 Volunteer hours* to maintain certification status. All Master Gardeners must complete 8 Education hours annually. Hours must be reported to the Extension Office to complete certification requirements.

Round hours to the nearest quarter hour. Give a complete description of the activity . Use a second line if necessary. Do not list hours previously reported. Use as many pages necessary to report all your hours.

Volunteer Hours	Education Hours	Date MM/DD/YY	Hours 0.00	Mileage	Complete Description of the Activity Speaker, Topic and Activity	Location Where the Activity Took Place