

Maury County Master Gardener's

February Newsletter 2018

HAPPY VALENTINE'S



**Maury County
Master Gardeners**

**Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 13**

- ♥ **Special Guest**
- ♥ **Guest Speaker**
- ♥ **Seed Swap**

Maury County Senior Citizen's Center by the Fair Grounds
Begins 6 pm: Potluck - business bits - Introduction - Swap - Speaker



Jarrod Reeson
University of Tennessee
Extension Agent I, Maury County

Introducing... Jarrod Reeson

Jarrod Reeson is Maury County's newest addition to the University of Tennessee Extension staff. Jarrod's responsibilities include working in Maury County schools with 4-H groups, as well as, the Master Gardener Program. Jarrod is originally from Barneveld, Wisconsin, where he grew up on a

small, family owned dairy farm. Jarrod spent ten years in the 4-H program in Wisconsin where he participated in showing dairy cattle at the local, county, district and state levels. Following college, Jarrod spent approximately six years as an active duty soldier in the United States Army, deploying twice to Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, KY. In 2010, Jarrod was honorable discharged from the Army and subsequently found employment in the Department of the Army as a civilian. Jarrod was interested in getting back into agriculture and enrolled into Colorado State University's AgriBusiness program, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 2016.

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February Presentation "Gardens at Belmont"



John S. Lancaster
Curator Rippavilla Plantation

John S. Lancaster will speak to our Master Gardener group on Feb. 13th. His topic will be the "Gardens at Belmont", regarding the 19th century gardens that were around Belmont Mansion.

John S. Lancaster is a native of Smith County, TN. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Gordonsville High School. He received a Bachelor in Business Administration

with an emphasis in Music Business from Belmont University, where he worked at Belmont Mansion. However, he did not consider a career in museums until 1996 while working at Carnton Plantation. He then returned to college and received a Master's Degree in Public History at MTSU.

In 2004, he accepted the position of State Coordinator of the Tennessee Association of Museums. During this time he also served as the TN Representative on the council of the Southeastern Museums Conference. He continued his museum education through several institutes and programs, and, since 2011, worked as facilitator of the Jekyll Island Management Institute.

He and his wife moved to Pulaski, TN in 2013, where they purchased and restored a 1904 house. He is working to reintroduce plants that were in the yard prior to 1980. John is currently on the board of the Giles County Chamber of Commerce. He is a Co-Director of the Giles County Museum and the Sam Davis Memorial Museum. In November of 2017 he became the curator of Rippavilla, where he hopes to reintroduce some period appropriate plants.

Ever since working at Belmont and researching the gardens, John has had a great interest in Victorian gardens. He went through the Master Gardener program in Williamson County in 2002. In 2011, the Lancaster's flower garden was on the Williamson County Garden Tour.

Can anybody say: SEED SWAP?



SEEDS from "The Seed Exchange" will be up for grabs



SEEDS (vegetables, herbs, flowers, gourds, grasses...20 seeds per envelope or plastic bag) BULBS, SUCCULENTS and CUTTINGS you bring will be up for grabs.

Let's have a seed frenzy!!!

FREE TREE SEEDLINGS



Tulip Poplar, White Flowering Dogwood,
Pin Oak and White Pine

1 Bundle per person

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
8:00 am-10:00 am

BAKER BUILDING
MAURY COUNTY PARK

Sponsored by:
MAURY COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MAURY COUNTY PARKS and RECREATION
AND AREA BUSINESSES

Mark Your Calendar

February

February 13 **Maury County MG Meeting**
Maury County Senior Citizen's Center
1020 Maury County Park Dr
Columbia, Tennessee, 6:00 pm
Guest Speaker, John Lancaster
SEED SWAP

March

March 1-4 Nashville Lawn and Garden Show
The Fairgrounds; Nashville
10 am-7 pm
March 10 Maury County Home & Garden Show
Baker Building Maury County Park
March 13 Service Project/Work Day
Maury Co Sr Citizen's Center, 4:30 pm
Maury County MG Meeting, 6 pm
March 17 Free Tree Seedlings
Maury Co Park, Baker Building, 8 am
March 24-25 Spring Hill Antiques, Lawn & Garden Show - "The Rusty Rake"
Rippavilla Plantation Spring Hill



Plant Sale Pointers

Click on the link below to TN State U. "Growing Vegetables" guide. It will tell you when to plant your seeds and how long until harvest plus many great planting tips. We need any of the suggested veggies mentioned plus all types of herbs for our yearly fund raiser. Dividing perennials comes later.

Ready! Get Set! Plant!

<http://www.tnstate.edu/extension/documents/growingVegetablesinMiniGardensContainers.pdf>

Also, check out John Tullock's (The Permanent Gardener) blog about growing herbs.
http://statebystategardening.com/tn/blog_03_summary/

Please contact Cynthia at skillets@yahoo.com & tell her what you plan on growing so she can share the info with all members.

Troy Marden, co-host of Nashville Public Television's "Volunteer Gardener", will begin filming for a new season in April. He is looking for new segment ideas for the show.

IDEAS??? E-Mail Troy at: tbgmgardens@gmail.com



Troy will also be leading tours to exquisite gardens in 2018.

Gardens and Estates of the Brandywine Valley,
June 24-30

Spring Fling in North Carolina, April 25-30

For information go to: www.troybmarden.com

Highlights from January

With thanks to Deena...



5 Reasons to Grow and Collect Heirloom Seeds

1. **DIVERSITY:** saving seed increases global and community access to an incredible variety of food not available in stores.
2. **ADAPTATION:** over time, collecting seeds from healthy plants will allow plants to adapt to and thrive in your garden.
3. **PRESERVATION:** heirloom seeds contain the history of farming within them. Saving these seeds helps protect that knowledge as well as the food they produce.
4. **HEALTH:** growing and saving your own vegetable seed gives us control over our food. You can be sure it is safe for you and the environment.
5. **FREE and FUN:** one seed can lead to hundreds more. Observe, experiment and you will become attached to this cheap way of growing healthy, beautiful and delicious food.



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