



Newsletter, February 2021

Announcing the MCMG Plant Sale May 8, 2021

**WE RECEIVED
APPROVAL
from UT
and in record time!!!!**

**YAY!!! Maury
County Master
Gardeners Can
Move Forward!**



*Happy
Valentine's*



We are pleased to say that we are going ahead with plans for our plant sale in May this year. All of you who have been through this before know that we need PLANTS, LOTS of PLANTS to fill the Baker building! Please start your plans on what you can bring: start those cuttings, seeds, and divisions of bigger plants. New members- you are in for a fun event. We bring annuals, perennials, house plants, bulbs, trees, shrubs, edible plants, garden related items, tools, magazines.....We need lots of help to pull this together and make it successful. More details will be coming soon. **With plant sale comes MG hours**-while planting, potting, dividing plants and working the sale.

Officer and Committee Chairs Meet March 16, 2021

Senior Citizens Center

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

The Center requests that we wear masks and practice social distancing.

No food served but we will have bottled water. We have several items to discuss so hope you can make the meeting.



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**Membership
Meeting
Being planned
for April**

It's been a while since we have been together, "Out of sight, but not out of mind"

I wanted to reintroduce your MCMG Service Project Co-Team Chairs:

Sue Nagel, Shelby6866@yahoo.com (307)640-0004
Judi Heyning, jheyning@aol.com (931)-489-6029

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either one of us with your service project ideas.

Service Projects

Maury County Master Gardeners (MCMG) is always looking for community partnerships. Volunteers are needed to support these partnerships. Opportunities will be coming up in the spring and summer. Please think about your interests, need for services hours and how you can support the projects.

Historic James K. Polk Home (JKP)



JKP Home 2021 Gardens of Columbia Committee requested our participation in this year's Gardens of Columbia 2021 Garden Tour, events and future events. We welcome the opportunity for the community involvement.

Exciting opportunities to provide community garden support range from playing in the dirt to educational demonstrations to showcasing our gardens.

This spring help is needed with planting the JKP Home Perennial Garden.

One or two volunteers are needed for Demonstration and Education Talks over the summer. Talks will focus on planting and raised bed gardening. The dates are to be determined.

Showcase your garden as part of the **JKP Gardens of Columbia Tour**. Hours are 10:00 am - 4 pm, Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5. You do not have to be present the entire time; however, your garden needs to be accessible to ticket holders and the garden tour visitors during this time.

Be a ticket stamper at one of the gardens on the tour. The hours are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can sign up for a 4 hour slot; all you need is your MCMG Name-tag, a lawn chair and a smile! Note: Volunteers get a reduced cost Garden Tour ticket.

To volunteer your garden or to stamp tickets please reach out to Sue Nagel, Shelby6866@yahoo.com (307)640-0004, as soon as possible. Her list is due to JKP April 1. [Click here for more information.](https://jameskpolk.com/upcoming-events/gardensofcolumbia2021/) (<https://jameskpolk.com/upcoming-events/gardensofcolumbia2021/>)

Maury County Senior Citizens Center Landscaping & Grounds Care



Grounds care at the Senior Citizen's Center can take place any time someone wants to help out. In addition, specific MCMG service project days are planned in the Spring and Fall.



Rippavilla Plantation Update

For the past few years we have partnered with the Rippavilla

Plantation in Spring Hill, Tennessee. Currently the grounds and gardens are undergoing a major redesign to take them back to the time Rippavilla was established. Until they finalize their design plans, we are on hold with assisting them with gardening service projects, but we hope to pursue this project in the future.

Other Projects Being Discussed

4-H Building Project - Landscape and beautification project on the property of the William P Ridley 4-H Center, 850 Lion Pkwy, Columbia. Plans are being developed. More information to follow.

Columbia Parks and Rec. Projects - Beautification of Parks and Recreation facilities possibly including community gardens and presenting talks for designing and maintaining gardens.



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 [maury county master gardeners](https://www.facebook.com/maurycountymastergardeners)

Home Garden Variety Trials for 2021

Now in our 5th year, we are excited to continue this engaging and TN gardener-focused citizen-science program. Gardeners across the state can team up with us in Extension to trial and evaluate paired selections of common garden crops. Here is the “hot-off -the-presses” trial report from 2020 trials. [Click here for report link.](https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W657.pdf) (<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W657.pdf>)

It showcases the great collaborative research produced by this project. We'll be accepting participants through the early part of March (with a great response already from folks who have participated in previous years). Feel free to share these materials with your local county folks.

Here is the pdf version of the 2021 Home Garden Variety Trial catalog. [Click here for catalog link.](https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Documents/UT%20trial%20catalog%202021.pdf) (<https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Documents/UT%20trial%20catalog%202021.pdf>)

The catalog has all the trial options and information, along with the order form to be returned to the Plant Sciences Department in Knoxville. The catalog and forms are also all on UT's webpage, [Click here for trial link.](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1807&SINGLESTOR E=true) (https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1807&SINGLESTOR E=true)

We have set the return date for the trial orders for March 15th, but we will fill first-in/first-out, so getting orders in before the deadline may be useful. The paper form is at the end of this newsletter.

For more information contact Roger Clark
rogwclar@utk.edu

Earn
Continuing
Education
Hours

2021 Area Master Gardener Classes

All Classes are from 6-8 pm CT on Monday and Thursday nights

Classes Begin February 15th



This year there are two classes offered for Master Gardener Trainees. One set of classes started in early February and is conducted by the State. Those classes are only open to Trainees. The second set of classes are offer by the Lower Middle Tennessee Counties. The class schedule was finalized last week. Roger is one of the coordinators for the training and has **opened the online classes to Certified or Intern Master Gardeners!** If you are a Master Gardener, you should have already received an e-mail from MCMG president, George Patton with detailed information for accessing the classes. NOTE: Carol Reese will be doing a presentation on “Landscape Design” February 18.

GARDENING CALENDAR



February

Trim bushes, evergreen hedges. Prepare seed beds. Chit potato tubers. Direct seed English peas, mustard, kale, and collards. Seed early warm-season transplants. Dormant prune blueberry canes



March

Plant fruit trees or plants . Remove straw protection from strawberries. Sow seed for warm weather transplants. Trim winter shrubs. Clean up around the garden. Plant shallots, onion sets, early potatoes and summer-flowering bulbs

MCMG Dues are ONLY \$10 and it is important to pay them

All are welcome to come to Maury County Master Gardeners Meetings; however, to be an active member you must pay dues and turn in service hours. Interns in training do not pay dues.

Both cash and check are accepted.
Checks are payable to: Maury County Master Gardeners.

Please bring your dues in March or April or mail a check to:

Bruce and Cay McShirley;
148 Shapiro Trail
Columbia, TN 38401

February 9, 2021

The Maury County Master Gardener Association, MCMGA, requests an exemption to conduct a plant sale, May 8, 2021 from 8 am to noon at the Baker Building in Columbia TN. We understand that an exemption is needed as the Plant Sale might have over 50 people at any one time. The Maury County Master Gardeners intend to implement protection and safety guidelines established to combat COVID-19.

The MCMGA annual Plant Sale is the Association's only fund raiser for the year. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund community service projects and other Association events and activities. The event was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The sale is an opportunity for our members to learn more about growing and propagating plants and at the same time, benefiting our community by encouraging gardening and providing healthy, locally grown plants.

The sale generally consists of plants grown by the county Master Gardeners and displayed on about 21 tables arranged in three rows of seven. The building is large and has doors at each end large enough to fit farm equipment.

The sale is a one-day event and is open from 8 am until noon. As many as 30 master gardeners and helpers work the day before the sale to organize, clean, and place plastic covering over the tables and place the plants with identification tags in the plant pots. After the sale some of the helpers will remove unsold plants, clean and break down tables, and clean the building as needed.

Food is not sold at this event.

The restrooms will be closed to the public.

The number of people attending the Maury County Master Gardener Plant Sale typically varies with about 100 total shoppers attending during the four hours of the sale. Since shoppers come and go there may not be as many as 50 shoppers at any one time. The overall display of plants occupies less than one fourth of the floor space in the building with ample space to spread out.

The large doors at each end of the building will remain open during the sale. The large doors and open floor space permit great air circulation and make social distancing easier to accommodate. People will enter on one end of the building and exit on the opposite end. Master Gardeners will be asked to use a smaller door on the front of the building.

Tables with plants will be spaced at least 12 feet apart.

The 3 or 4 vendors and one demonstration will be in separate spaces and located at least 10 feet apart.

Cashiers will be 8 feet apart from each other and over 10 feet apart from other activities. Stickers will be placed on the floor to indicate six feet of separation leading to cashiers.

All Master Gardeners will wear masks.

Signage will be posted reminding participants to social distance, sanitize, and wear masks.

Signs will be displayed at door entrances to encourage workplace safety. We will use the same signs used at the entrance to the Maury County Extension office.

Sanitizers will be placed around the room especially at the doors and at the checkout areas.

On behalf of the Maury County Master Gardeners and the future gardeners and the residents of Maury County, we thank you for your consideration in granting us the requested exemption.

Sincerely,

George Patton, President
Maury County Master Gardener Association

PLANT SALE

Saturday
~~**May 9, 2020**~~
8 am - Noon
May 8, 2021

The Baker Building at The Fair Grounds

1018 Maury County Park Drive in Columbia, TN

**MAKE YOUR OWN
FLOWER
ARRANGEMENT
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2021 University of Tennessee Home Vegetable Trial Order Form

Trials include seeds of both cultivars for approximately 8-10 row feet of trial space per cultivar

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|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Bean, bush snap (Contender, Wyatt) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Bean, green filet (Borsalino, Nickel) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Bean, heirloom pole (Cherokee Black, Turkey Crow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Okra (Silver Queen, Carmine) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Cucumber, open pollinated slicer (Marketmore 76, White Wonder) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Cucumber, pickling (County Fair, Bush Pickle)- raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Cucumber, seedless snacker (Green Light, Diva) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Cherry tomato (Tidy Treats, Patio Choice Yellow)- container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Winter squash (North Georgia candy roaster, Black Futsu) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Butternut squash, traditional size (Waltham, Waldo) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Sum. squash, small (Lemon Sun, Eight Ball)- raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Sum. squash, green zucchini (Green Tiger, Bossa Nova) - raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Sum. squash, yellow zucchini (Chiffon, Gold Rush) - raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Sum. squash, yellow squash (Tempest, Grandprize) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Basil, Genovese (Devotion, Newton) - container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Borage (Blue, White) - container/raised bed option |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Zinnia (Profusion Mix, Zahara Sunburst) - container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Marigold (Super Hero Spry, Lemon Gem) - container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Lettuce (Sandy, Muir) - container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. Swiss Chard (Bright Lights, Rhubarb) - container/raised bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Trial (free for those participating in other trials) yard long beans (Red Noodle, Python) |

Please select trials you are ordering with an 'X' and two alternates with an 'A' in case we run out of a selected trial.

LIMIT 5 trials (excluding youth)

Must participate in regular trials to be shipped free youth trial

Orders are filled in order of arrival and seed quantities are limited. Please return forms by 3/15/21.

Tennessee county of residence: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

You are invited to participate in a research study. You will be asked to complete cultivar evaluation forms that should take about 10 minutes of your time. There are no foreseeable risks associated with this study other than those encountered in everyday life. All data will be kept confidential. No identifying information about your garden evaluations will be shared and submission of this evaluation is completely voluntary. Information will be used to assist home gardeners in TN select the best vegetables for their home gardens. The information in the study records will be kept confidential. No reference will be made in reports which could link participants to the study. If you have questions at any time about the study please contact Dr. Natalie Bumgarner at nbumgarn@utk.edu.

Order information

Seed trials from 1 to 20 above (2.00 each) _____

Youth trial (1 free trial per participating family) _____

Total (free shipping) _____

Checks should be addressed to: University of Tennessee

Order forms and checks should be and mailed to:

UT Home Vegetable Trial; 2505 EJ Chapman Drive, 112 Plant Biotech; Knoxville, TN 37996

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