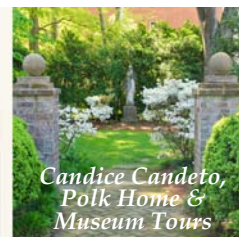




Newsletter, May/June 2021

Highlighting THE GARDENS OF COLUMBIA

Presented by the James K. Polk Memorial Association



James K. Polk Service Project

Friday 4 June & Saturday 5 June 2021

Thank you all for volunteering to be part of the partnership with the Polk Home and the Gardens of Columbia Tour for 2021.

As ticket takers you have been assigned gardens and need to be there 10 minutes before your tour starts. If you have your MCMG Name Tag, please wear it. Please bring a chair, hat, something to drink a couple pens to check off the tickets and a smile.

We still have a need for additional shifts that are available if you know of anyone willing to help out!

Note: We are counting on you at this late date if your unable to make your shift please send someone in your place.

Thank you all in advance for your volunteerism!

If you're working 4 hours over the weekend your entitled to a half price garden tour ticket.

Garden addresses:

1. James K. Polk Home and Garden, 301 West Seventh Street
2. Athenaeum, 808 Athenaeum Street
3. Mayes Place Stroll, Start at the corner of Mayes Place and West Sixth Street
4. Keller Home, 309 West Sixth Street
5. Mayes-Hatcher-Hill Homes, 306 West Sixth Street
6. Kinship Flower Farm, 2348 Couch Lane
7. Sharpe Home, 2527 Country Club Lane
8. Beck Home, 2539 Antrim Circle
9. Nagel, Master Gardener Home, 704 Riverside Drive
10. Wiles Vegetable Garden 914 West Sixth Street
11. aMuse'um Children's Museum, 123 West Seventh Street
12. Hayes Urban Secret Garden, 107 West Seventh Street/West Seventh Company

Any questions please reach out.

Sue Nagel 307-640-0004

<https://jameskpolk.com/upcoming-events/gardensofcolumbia2021/>

TIME SLOTS	Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5	Garden 6	Garden 7	Garden 8	Garden 9	Garden 10	Garden 11	Garden 12
FRIDAY	Polk Home	Athenaeum	Mayes Place Stroll	Keller Home	Mayes-Hatcher Hill Homes	Kinship Flower Farm	Sharpe Home	Beck	Nagel	Wiles Garden	aMuse'um	West 7th Co.
10:00 - 12:00	None needed	None needed	Bruce & Cay McShirley				Shari & Keith Buddemeyer	Denise Butler	George & Gail Patton	Nadeen Plonter	Karen Vest	
12:00 - 2:00	None needed	None needed	Bruce & Cay McShirley				Shari & Keith Buddemeyer	Ann Wright	George & Gail Patton	Nadeen Plonter	Brenda C.	
2:00 - 4:00	None needed	None needed				Mary Jane Parks	Joanne Pogue	Ann Wright	Sue Nagel			
SATURDAY												
10:00 - 12:00	None needed	None needed	Shari & Keith Buddemeyer			Jessica Hart	Bruce & Cay McShirley	Melanie Edwards	Kelly R/K. Wilson	Mary Beth Martin		
12:00 - 2:00	None needed	None needed	Shari & Keith Buddemeyer				Bruce & Cay McShirley	Judi Heyning	Kelly R/K. Wilson			
2:00 - 4:00	None needed	None needed					Lois Orr & Cindy Shapiro		Kelly R/K. Wilson			



<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>
info@maurycountymastergardeners.org
[maury county master gardeners](https://www.facebook.com/maurycountymastergardeners)



Come One Come All to A Master Gardeners "Meet and Greet"

June 13th, 4:30 pm
Woodland Park Columbia

It's a great time for Master Gardeners to get to know the new interns who have recently completed the MG classes. It is also an excellent opportunity to encourage the interns to continue the journey to becoming fully certified all while having fun at the Park.

More info to come. See you there!
Kelly, Kathie, Sue, Roger, and George



Fruits of the Back Yard Inservice

June 15th 2021 8am -11am CT

Do you want to grow your own blueberries or blackberries, but you're not sure how to get started? Or maybe you want some advice to enhance your efforts? Learn more at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture's annual Fruits of the Backyard Field Day on June 15 at the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center at Spring Hill. Session topics will include selection of types and cultivars, site preparation and planting as well as management with cover crops and support systems.

Attendees should note that physical distancing and other arrangements will be in place to help ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Fruits of the Backyard presenters will be David Lockwood, UT Extension fruit and nut specialist, and Natalie Bumgarner, UT Extension consumer horticulture specialist. Their presentations will provide useful tips for growing your own produce, with a focus on blueberries and blackberries.

This event is free and open to the public. The blueberry session will begin at 8 a.m. Central time. After a ten-minute break, the blackberry session will begin at 8:55 a.m. This field day will conclude at 11 a.m.

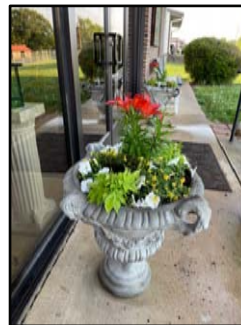
The Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center at Spring Hill is located at 1000 Main Entrance Drive in Spring Hill, Tennessee. It is accessible from Interstate 65. More information, including detailed directions, can be found at the Center's website. To request an accommodation for accessibility, contact the Center at 931-486-2129.

If you have any questions about the event call 931-375-5301 or email rogwclar@utk.edu

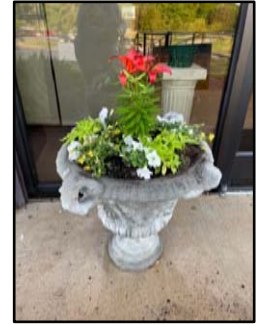
MCMGs Continue to Make Improvements at the Senior Citizens Center

After much fighting with a rabbit, the Sr Citizen Garden is hopefully safe and sound and will not be eaten again by anyone other than the humans. A rascally rabbit ate my first attempt at this year's garden. My cages apparently weren't high enough. Attached is a picture of the reinforced second attempt with higher cages. Fingers crossed.

April Ray



Urns at the Senior Center replanted by Stacey Gordon.



Judi Heyning thinned out the iris bed and is replanting the fountain/planter, not to mention coordinating and working with all the Sr. Citizen center grounds projects.

To all our volunteers who have worked so hard with the Senior Citizens Grounds so far this year.

Thank You SO Much!

Master Gardener 2022 interest form

Completing this form does not mean that you have signed up for the Maury County Master Gardener Class. This does however let you get information about the upcoming Master Gardener Class that will take place in February through April of 2022 Monday and Thursday 6-9pm. Cost is 100 Dollars or 150 for the two participants one book (couples package) and all classes are planned to be in person.

If you have any questions feel free to call (931)-375-5301 or email rogwclar@utk.edu

Some events are coming up where master Gardeners will be doing projects with the public and people will want to sign up for Master Gardener Classes. Roger has made a google form to best capture their contact information. Here is the link to it and a handout with a QR code they can scan on their phone. Use to help get people more information about classes.

Scan QR Code



Master Gardener Interest Form also available at:
<https://forms.gle/UVgZWqQfvWmKouR9A>

Maury County Master Gardeners Bioswale Project Summary



The Maury County Master Gardeners helped the Ridley 4-H camp that is located in Columbia Tennessee with planting annuals and perennials in their Bioswale. It has been left bare and unplanted for several years. We planted the following plants Yellow Flag Iris, Purple Fountain Grass, Oak Leaf Hydrangea, and Ninebark. This was done to make the bioswale more eye appealing. There are visitors to the camp and Center for Profitable Agriculture and

they were tired of just having effectively a mulch bed with weeds in it. So that is why we stepped in. The budget that was suggested for the project was more expensive than the camp was willing to pay so we only put in half as many plants as the plan suggested because of that. The plan is to see how these plants do in this bioswale and revisit in the future. If any master gardeners want to go and work on this project or take point on it Terri Quillen is more than happy for you to do that.

The bioswale was installed on this location to help with rain water runoff from the camp. Its job is to catch run off rain that did not infiltrate the soil, and then slowly release the water over several days. The reason this is done is to take stress off of the drainage systems farther downhill when there is an influx of water. Also, this will reduce turbidity in the water that runs off because of the different layers of sand, rock, small gravel, and topsoil that act as a filter for the water and catch sediment and top soil.



This sight does flood when receiving several inches or rain and water will pool and cover the plants for a few days. Special care was taken into consideration when selecting plants to place in this bioswale. Terri Quillen reached out to Dr. Andrea Ludwig UTK Extension Specialist in the Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science for guidance on what to plant. She looked to this publication "Tennessee Native Rain Garden Plant Recommendations" and



she chose from these plants for the site. I think this was and will continue to be a great project for the Master Gardeners. This allows us to be seen by the community and people that use the camp facility. Along the way, this will grow our relationship with the camp.

A Trip to the UT Knoxville Tranquility Hosta Garden

June 19 meet at Nashville Kroger 7 am



We are off to UT Knoxville Tranquility Hosta Garden, 2518 Jacob Dr, Knoxville, TN 37996 and stop by the Johnsons Nursery and Garden Center in Crossville 1717 E Spring St, Cookeville, TN 38506 (one of the top

100 USA Garden Centers) on the way back. **BRING** your picnic lunch. Estimate driving time 3.5 hours - 2 hours to tour the gardens - eat picnic lunch - drive back to Columbia. Car pool or follow each other. One of our members has volunteered to drive a truck so we can shop for plants. Meet at the Nashville Kroger parking lot (park near Popeyes Chicken) at 7:00 am for a 7:15 am departure. Long but fun day! If you want to add your name to the trip please contact Sue Nagel, (307)-640-0004.

<https://www.facebook.com/utgardensknoxville/videos/friday-field-trip-in-tranquility-the-cornelia-b-holland-hosta-garden/695474677662675/>

<https://www.johnsongardencenternet.net/>



From Tennessee Extension MG Statewide Newsletter

June 24th - Central Region Master Gardener Conference- hosted by the Warren County

Master Gardeners. Get ready for virtual morning sessions and live outdoor afternoon. Woody ornamentals, sustainable landscapes, outdoor tours (in the comfort of your own car) to great nursery and fruit stops in Warren County. Educational and safe- registration IS NOW OPEN! online:

https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=792&SINGLESTORE=true

Don't Miss UT Extension 2021 Friday Focus Statewide Digital Series Focused on Plants & People 11 am EST/10 am CST

Connecting Extension and MGs in Tennessee and neighboring states! These Friday sessions will be able to be counted as service hours for TEMG volunteers.

July 23rd - Live from Knoxville and Texas! Cut flowers, service in the MG program and botanic gardens, MGs in TX

September 24th - Arboretums and MGs in TN and OH

November 19th - Plants of the season tour with trees and poinsettias.

Catch up on any of 2021 & 2020 Friday Focus Zoom sessions, on YouTube playlist: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzeWcz0Mnwc&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHdVbLaJxAo1iQcZ63

Reporting Success from the MCMG Plant Sale

\$2,718.32

Thanks to all who contributed with your time, talents, plants, and great smiles. It was a true team effort. Special thanks to the project leaders Melanie and Annette.

The Plant Sale took in \$2,718.32 which may be a record high. There was a great atmosphere in the building and I believe many shoppers and club folks were blessed.

Now that you have recovered from all your hard work, If you haven't already, would send your impressions and your suggestions for improvement to me. I will send the consolidated list to our project leaders for possible future improvements.

READY!



SET!!

SHOP!!!



2021 MCMG
PLANT SALE
IS A WRAP!



James Polk House Perennial Planting Project

With shovels and work gloves, MCMGs were off planting the flower gardens at the Polk House Garden in Columbia and earning service hours. Smiles, fun and wonderful results!

Thanks Sue and Beth for arranging and coordinating this opportunity.



Thanks MCMG work crew for getting the job done!



Mark Your Calendar

June

- June 4-5* James K Polk Service Project -THE GARDENS OF COLUMBIA
- June 13* MCMG Meet and Greet; 4:30 pm Woodland Park, Columbia
- June 15* Fruits of the Back Yard In-service 8-11 am, Middle Tennessee Ag Research & Education Center; 1000 Main Entrance Drive; Spring Hill, TN
- June 19* FIELD TRIP "UT Knoxville Tranquility Hosta Garden" Meet 7 am Nashville Kroger Parking near Popeye's
- June 24* Central Region Master Gardener Conference - Warren County

July

- July 23* Live from Knoxville and Texas - cut flowers, service in the MG program, botanic gardens, MG in Texas 10 am Central Time

August

- August 3* **NEW** 1st Tuesday Meeting for Maury County Master Gardeners, 6 pm

The 17-Year Cicadas Can Damage Your Trees



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UTIA

According to a UT News Release fruit tree growers especially should wrap young trees with small-gauge netting or fabric to protect the branches from periodical cicada egg laying damage. Shown is an apple tree wrapped with nylon tulle fabric. Injury from cicadas on mature trees, vines or bushes may result in death or breakage of shoot tips. Remove and destroy damaged tips from branches within four to six weeks following egg laying to prevent nymphs hatched from eggs on the infested tree from entering the soil and feeding on tree roots. For more information go to:

<https://utianews.tennessee.edu/the-17-year-cicadas-can-damage-your-trees/>