MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Newsletter May 2022





May 7, 2022, 8 am to 12 pm Baker Building; Maury County Park Contacts: Melanie 931-446-0610

Annette 931-637-5958

LINK TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

See Flier on Last Page of Newsletter

Maury County Master Gardener's Swag



Sue Nagel has SWAG items available for pick up. Prior to the Plant Sale, you can pick them up at her house (please contact Sue in advance to arrange for pick-up) or at April events. The remaining SWAG will be available at the Plant Sale. Please bring your checks made out to MCMG or cash for purchases that are not pre-paid.

Susan Nagel 307-640-0004.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Glad to report that none of our interns opted out of email correspondence! Thanks for your continuing interest in MCMG and its projects!

Gratefully, Kathie Wilson

IF YOU ATTENDED THE MARCH MCMG MEETING YOU EARNED

Club Support - 30 minutes + Driving Time Education (CEU) - 1 hour

MCMG COMING EVENTS



"TREE IDENTIFICATION with a TWIST"

Monday, May 23, 5:30 pm

Nagel Home, 704 Riverside Drive, Columbia TN

Our UT Extension Agent Roger will be walking the property to identify the trees. He uses the leaves of the tree for tree identification. This is an educational opportunity to share his knowledge of tree identification. There will be great networking opportunity and a fun time. "Tree identification with a Twist" Bring your favorite beverage, a snack to share with others and your lawn chair. We will have a nice time learning about trees and visiting.

SEED PACKAGING

MCMG will have flower seeds to sell & give away at events. Seeds and envelopes provided. Help needed to package the seeds. Friday, May 6 after Plant Sale Set -up.

COLLECTING PLASTIC MILK JUGS

We have a January Seed planting project and will need approximately 60 one-gallon plastic milk jugs. Plan ahead to save a few.





MOUNT PLEASANT LIBRARY Bedding Cleanup & Planting

Rescheduled for May 24 at 5 pm.

More information will be posted on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/groups/ MauryCountyMasterGardeners/

Reach out to Sue Nagel, 307-640-0004, <u>shelby6866@yahoo.com</u>.



POLK HOME RAISED GARDEN COMMUNITY DEMO & PLANTING

Rescheduled from April. Awaiting May date.

Time remains 9 – 11 am.

In need of volunteers to present/ demonstrate and plant at 9:00 am for the Community Demo Service Project.

MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PRESENT THEIR 2022 ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR



Saturday, June 4 Starts at 9 am Ends with a Picnic Potluck & Party

See the gardens of: Stephanie Horstman 906 W 6th St. Dawn Bourff Shannon Reece.

Contact Sue Nagel, 307-640-0004, <u>shelby6866@yahoo.com</u>.

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE DETAILS

CHECK OUT MCMG ONLINE

https://maurycountymastergardeners.org
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DO YOU ENJOY CREATING? DO YOU NEED HOURS? THEN MCMG HAS A DEAL 4 U!

We have been asked to do a MCMG Booth for "Fruits of the Backyard" June 14.

All the planning, all the prep, all the assembly, all the take down and driving to and from for the display counts!

Let's make people aware of our association and recruit for classes.

Contact our president Kathie Wilson. You can text her at 931-215-9466 right now.



Still Looking for a Newsletter Name

Thanks to those who have already submitted names for our Newsletter that will set it apart from other master gardener newsletters! If anyone has an inspiration, we will be accepting nominations until July 1. The final list of names to be published in the August Newsletter. Members who have paid dues and active interns will cast their vote to "Name the Newsletter" at the August meeting. The winner will receive a \$10 credit for plant purchases at the next plant sale. All nominations are welcome. Let Gail hear from you fgapatton@gmail.com or call or text (703)371-9704

OPPORTUNITIES

FROM RUTHERFORD CO MG: MG Plant Swap

May 14 - The Ag Center, 315 John Rice Boulevard #101, Murfreesboro, TN - Open to public 10 am. Bring plants in a pot and swap for another one. No sales. There will be a lot of plants brought by MGs first thing. Bring a cart if you plan to get a lot. Please let all the MG know about it.



A Secret Garden Party benefiting Discovery Center

Secret Garden Tour

Saturday, June 4 | 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, June 5 | 1 pm – 4 pm

Discovery Center at Murfree Spring; 502 SE Broad Street; Murfreesboro, TN

Tickets: \$10/person - On Sale May 1 on the website.

https://www.explorethedc.org/events/sgp

The "Secret Garden Tour" is part of the Secret Garden Party Weekend. It is your opportunity to stroll through intimate gardens tucked away in local homes. The Ag Center MG gardens are also included. The Ag Center is free and is always open. There is a herb garden, perennial, native plants, butterfly, vegetable garden, compost area.

Distance Connections for EMGs

Live on Zoom Tours, Teaching and Q and A with our statewide Extension Hort Team June 3, Aug. 5, Sept. 9, Nov. 4

LIVE TEMG Events

Intern Friday Field Days

May 6, June 9-11 State TEMG Conference -Oct. 20 Leadership Day

UTIA and Extension Events

June 14 - Fruits of the Back Yard Jul. 14 - Summer Celebration, Jackson Aug. 30 - Fall Gardener's Festival, Crossville

For online sign ups for all events & registration <u>https://mastergardener.tennessee.edu</u>

Reinstating Master Gardeners



For those Master Gardeners who have not been around for a while and would like to come back, here are the guidelines: 1. If it's been more than 5 years: audit the master gardener training for free and get back into doing service hours (25 per year). 2. If it's been fewer than 5 years: talk to Roger Clark. He'll make a motion to the club so that they can be voted on and be reinstated immediately.

Contact Roger Clark rogwclar@utk.edu 931-375-5301



MCMG April Meeting Featured Event "How To Clean & Sharpen Tools In Your Garden"

With Special Thanks to Our Presenters



Rodd Keech



Evelyn Mroczek



Ed Wilson

A Few Pointers From the Workshop:

- 1. Store your tools in a 1 gallon bucket of sand with one pint mineral oil to keep them sharp and clean.
- 2. Sharpen the beveled edge of the tool, then only smooth the opposite side a couple times.
- 3. Use a triangular or round file for sharpening serrated edges.
- 4. Wash tools with water and bleach solution (or Scrubbing Bubbles).
- 5. Soak rusty tools in vinegar overnight (or 24 hours) to rid of rust.
- 6. Use Linseed oil to season your wooden tool handles.
- 7. Instead of WD40 (which attracts dirt), you can use dry silicone spray as a lubricant.

Helpful Videos

"How to clean and sharpen your garden tools?" <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YzpKDkIOkJM</u> *"Easiest way to restore rusty garden tools."* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFFiqwKCZvM</u> *"How to care for and sharpen Gardening* Tools." <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1KSqC1yEeU</u> *"Clean and rust proof Garden Tools."* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1zSNYio9Qs</u>



MCMG Garden Cleaning and Sharpening Kit for check out

The club has two kits for check out. You can have the items to clean and sharpen your tools at home. Contact Sue Nagel, 307-640-0004, <u>shelby6866@yahoo.com</u> Sue is happy to bring the kit to the meeting. You can have it for the month and bring it back the following month.

DAYS OF MAY

By Candice Gourley, Master Gardener Intern

Gardening for wildlife month - Gifts from the garden month - Nat'l Asparagus month - Nat'l salad month - Nat'l Strawberry month -Nat'l Sweet Vidalia onion month

Nat'l African Violet week May 29-June 5 Nat'l Herb week May 1-May 7 Nat'l public gardens week May 6-May 15 Nat'l Raisin week May 1-May 7 Nat'l Wildflower week May 2-8 World migratory bird days May 14-May 15

May 4	
May 1	Lemonade Day
May 2	Nat'l Truffles Da y
May 3	Nat'l Raspberry popover Day
May 4	Bird Day
	Nat'l Orange Juice Day
May 6	Nat'l Public Garden Day
May 7	Nat'l Herb Day
	World Naked Gardening Day
May 8	Nat'l Coconut Cream Pie Da y
May 13	Nat'l Apple Pie Day
	Tulip Day
May 14	Int'l Migratory Bird Da y
May 15	Bring Flowers to Someone Day
May 16	Love A Tree Day
May 17	Nat'l Cherry Cobbler Day
	Nat'l Mushroom Hunting Day
	Nat'l Walnut Day
May 19	Plant Something Day
May 20	Flower Day
-	Pick Strawberries Day
	World Bee Day
May 21	Nat'l Strawberries and Cream Day
2	Plant A Lemon Tree Day
May 23	World Turtle Day
May 24	Asparagus Day
May 26	Nat'l Blueberry Cheesecake Day
	Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day
	Whooping Crane Day
May 29	Composting Day
May 30	Water A Flower Day
may 00	Water A Hower Day

Plan Your Calendar

May 3	NO MCMG Meeting
May 6	Set up for MCMG Plant Sale Baker Bldg, Maury Co Park, 1-6 pm
	MCMG Packaging Seeds after set-up
May 7	Maury County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale, 8 am-12 noon Baker Bldg, Maury Co Park, MCMG arrive by 7 am for instructions and assignments
May 14	Rutherford Co. MG Plant Swap 10 am ; The Ag Center; 315 John Rice Blvd. #101; Murfreesboro, TN
May 23	Tree Identification With a Twist 5:30 pm, Nagel Home, 704 Riverside Drive; Columbia, TN
May 24	Mt. Pleasant Library Bedding and Clean up and Planting, 5 pm 213 S High St, Mt Pleasant, TN
June 3	<i>First Friday Hort Session</i> <i>Distance Learning</i> 9 am
June 4	2022 MCMG Garden Home Tour Starts at 9 am at the garden of Stephanie Horstman; 2060 Sims Rd; Culleoka, TN
June 9-11	State TEMG Conference Jonesboro, TN
June 14	"Fruits of the Backyard Field Day," 8 am Middle TN Ag Research and Education Center, Spring Hill; 1000 Main Entrance Drive; Spring Hill
July 14	Summer Celebration; Jackson, TN
Aug 2	Maury County Master Gardeners Meeting, 6 pm
August 5	First Friday Hort Session
Sept 1-5	Maury County Fair and Expo Maury County Fair Grounds; Columbia, TN



Come Tour with us...

2022 Maury County Master Gardeners Annual Garden Tour

June 4, 2022, Saturday Times: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

First Stop, **estimate** arrival 10:00 am – Stephan Horstman's Garden, (303)-646-3385 Address: 2060 Sims Road, Culleoka, TN Parking: On the lawn in front of the house.

35 Minute Drive

Second stop – estimate arrival 11:00 am – Dawn Bourff's Garden, (317) 371-4204 Address: 2454 Duxbury Drive, Columbia, TN

15 Minute Drive

Third Stop, estimate arrival 12:00 pm Shannon Reece's Garden (714)- 595-3905, Shannon's "Hodge Podge Heaven Garden" - a whimsical little space. Address: 1858 Theta Pike, Columbia TN

Notes: We have a long, dirt road that has some ruts. There is plenty of parking near the main house for the event. I'll have signs posted for parking the day of - it will make it much easier than trying to explain to people.

<u>Picnic Potluck</u> - Plans for the last stop at Shannon's home. Outdoor event please consider joining in by bringing your lawn chairs, sunscreen, and hats along with a potluck picnic item to share for the end of day luncheon. Shannon will be offering light refreshments, and finger foods! BYOB is fine and will have a cooler with ice on hand.

Note: You will be provided a \$50.00 Gift Card for hosting the event.

In 2023 we will not have a MCMG Garden Tour we will be supporting the Historic Polk Home who host "Gardens of Columbia", Alternate year events.



Plant Sale Information

Set up Day Friday May 6 Plant Sale May 7

Contacts

Melanie 931-446-0610 Annette 931-637-5958

Preparation

- GET PLANTS READY NOW. We need PLANTS, LOTS of PLANTS to fill the Baker building!
- Be dividing plants and potting up perennials The sooner the plants are off to a good start, the happier they will look for the sale.

Remember

- Label pots with plant Name and Care Instructions - Sun/shade, amount of water, etc
- Don't know the name of a plant: take a picture and post it to our Facebook page asking for ID, use a plant ID app or touch base with a gardening friend
- For Iris and other rhizomes or bulbs, PLEASE INCLUDE COLOR on label - If dug just before sale they can be placed in boxes or bags with COLOR listed.
- Laminated pictures of plants on picks are used to show the plant in bloom or at maturity. There is only one laminated picture per group of the same plants. Customers make photos of the cards.
- The plants we have signs for are at the bottom of this page. If the plant you are bringing is not listed, please bring a picture from a plant catalog or online to the April Meeting or to the Set-up Day Friday, May 6thfor lamination.

ID's For These Plants Are Already Laminated:

Acanthus (Bear Breeches) Artemisia Baby Joe Begonia Balloon flower Bee Balm Black-Eyed Susan Caesar's Brother Calla lily Canna Cardinal vine Chrysanthemum Clematis Autumn Columbine Comfrey Creeping Jenny Feverfew Forget-Me-Nots Forsythia Freelander Prunella Fuzzy Dogwood Shrub Akebia Chocolate Vine Heliopsis Sundrops Hosta Hydrangea Kerria shrub

Other Things to Do Now

- Locate and wash vases to donate to our flower arranging table
- Find any garden related items you would like to donate to the Yard Sale Table.
- Put up fliers (print out available on page 8 of this newsletter.)
- TELL EVERYONE.
- Keep track of your hours

Set-up Day, Friday May 6

- 1 pm Tables delivered
- 1-3 pm Set Up
 Boxes at entrance Plant Tables Holding
 Area Yard Sale Area Flower Arranging
 Station Cashiers' Table Place Signs
- 3-6 pm Plants with identification accepted Melanie and Annette verify plants are labeled - Plants organized on tables -Plants priced - Laminated signs placed
- BRING clean VASES
- BRING DONATIONS for Yard Sale

Day of the Sale, Saturday May 7

- 7 am Be At Baker Building ready to work (Wear your Name Tag and Master Gardener Swag if you have it. An apron with pen can be helpful)
- BRING FRESH CUT FLOWERS
- Job assignments given
- Guidelines for conducting the sale given
- 8am Sale starts
- 12 noon Sale ends
- Help with clean up afterwards

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Lamb's Ear Lamium Archangel Lespedeza Lily-of-the-Valley Liriope Lobelia Love-In-a-Mist Mexican Petunia Mint Moonflower Mountain Mint Obedient Plant Oxalis Penstemon-Husker's Red Plectranthus Primrose Rose Campion Sedum-starfish Solomon's Seal Solomon's Seal variegated Stokesia Sweet Woodruff Tansy Trillium Verbena Virginia Sweetpire Winter Jasmine





Maury County Master Gardener Association

ANNUAL PLANT SALE Saturday May 7, 2022 8 am - Noon

GREAT Prices!

All Kinds Of Plants

Vendors

Flower Arrangements (DIY or made for you) Prices Start at \$2

The Baker Building, Maury Co Fair Grounds 1018 Maury County Park Drive, Columbia, TN

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