

## NEWSLETTER

November 2018

### Maury County Master Gardeners November Speakers



*Richard Harris  
"Oak Trees"*

Richard Harris is an experienced mechanical engineer with over 40 years in manufacturing and teaching. In 2010 he became a Master Gardener.

He owns property in Tennessee with a variety of different trees. Richard will share with us from his experience with trees. How to manage the forest? The answer is improve the timberstand by growing white oak trees.



*Larry Heidkamp  
"Growing Our Farm"*

Although a Yankee from Chicago and Boston, Larry has grown roots in middle Tennessee. He worked as an IT manager for a printing company before moving with his wife, children and horses to "Our Farm" in Columbia.

His passion for IT dwindled and his passion for growing things increased. As he began to look for ways to work the farm, he knew he found the answer as he read and learned about small-scale, intensive, organic vegetable production through "The Market Gardener." Larry will share with us from his passion for getting things done through growing vegetables, a business and "Our Farm."



*Samuel Richardson III, M.D.  
"Garden Safety & Demonstration"*

Sam was born in Minden, Louisiana. He graduated from Louisiana State School of Medicine in 1967. He practiced medicine for over 50 years and is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine. He currently works at Magnolia Ranch Recovery.

He has been a member of the disaster section of the American College of Emergency Physicians and served 2 years in the U.S. Navy, one with the First Marine Division in Viet Nam. He served 5 years as the Command Surgeon of the Mississippi State Guard, where he pioneered the teaching of the Combat Lifesaver Course. He now teaches a one-day lifesaver course to civilians.

Sam became a Master Gardener in 2017 and is currently trying to raise blueberries.

***Motto: God is Faithful.***

***MCMG Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018***

***Times: 6:00 pm Pot Luck – 6:30 pm Business  
Meeting – 7:00 pm Speakers***

***Location: Maury County Sr Citizens Center;  
1020 Maury County Park Dr, Columbia, TN***

# Field Trip



## There is still time...

If you are reading this article before Saturday, November 3, you can still join us for our tour of White House Arboretum in White House, Tn.. The Arboretum consists of over 165 types of trees, and over 350 trees total! White House Arboretum is located at the headwaters of a USGS blue-line stream, recently renamed Melton Creek. The Arboretum has a half acre catfish pond and a third acre natural pond, both embellished with trees and wildlife. Call or text Annette Wakefield at 931-637-5958 if you have not signed up but would like to join us.

**Saturday, November 3. FIELD TRIP to White House Arboretum**  
**210 Rolling Acres Dr. White House, TN. 37188; Randy Allen 615-714-4628**

We are looking forward to cooler weather and some good fall colors as we plan our trip on November 3 to White House Arboretum in White House, Tn. to see their collection of trees and bamboo. If you are thinking about adding a tree to your landscape, it really helps to see it up close growing in a lawn. Randy is a certified arborist and grows over 350 trees, 165 types, 148 species, and 81 genera. He also grows a giant timber bamboo with canes as big around as 2 liter bottles that are 55 feet tall that have been used to make necklaces, rings, furniture, fences and also for food. Come join us for a day in nature around his ponds, wildlife, and trees. Call Annette if you have any questions at 931-359-2328 or text her at 931-637-5958.

Meet at Bear Creek Cracker Barrel at 8:00 a.m. We will leave there at 8:15 a.m. The tour starts at 9:30 a.m. and lasts about 2 hours. There is a Colorado Grill (similar to Charley's half a mile away.) Your car group can decide if they want to have lunch or not following the tour.



## MCMG Christmas Party

*Maury County Master Gardeners,  
Interns and their Spouses*

*are cordially invited to celebrate*

*The Christmas Season*

*at the home of*

*Barry and Deedee Blackburn*

*1113 Iron Bridge Road*

*Saturday, December 8, 2018*

*12 Noon*

## For the Party:

*Suggestions are needed for charitable  
organizations for donations from our club?*

*Any creative suggestions to help make the  
occasion even more special?*

*Contact Deena, [maurycountymg@gmail.com](mailto:maurycountymg@gmail.com)*

*Look for more details to follow at  
the meeting and in the December  
Newsletter...*

# Thanks to All Our Service Project Helpers

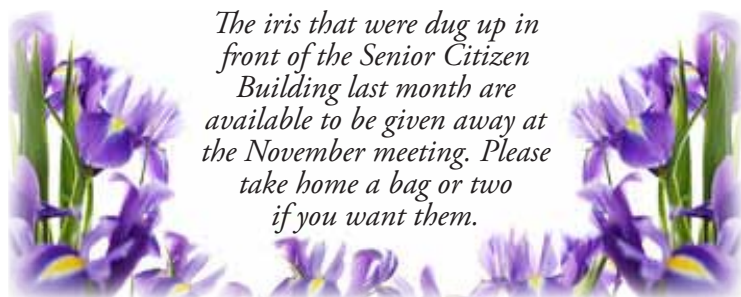


*Trimming the crepe myrtles, pulling weeds, digging iris bulbs from under the bushes, and general clean up at the Senior Citizens Center.*



*Filling and labeling seed packets to be given away as promotional materials at MCMG booths beginning in the spring of 2019.*

## Free Iris Bulbs



*The iris that were dug up in front of the Senior Citizen Building last month are available to be given away at the November meeting. Please take home a bag or two if you want them.*



## MCMG Mentors

*Follow up with interns  
Invite them to meetings  
Say hello at the meetings  
Let them know they are missed*

## MCMG Class

***Begins February 18, 2019***

***Graduation April 4, 2019***

Contact Jarrod Reeson  
931-375-5301 or [jreeson@utk.edu](mailto:jreeson@utk.edu)

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Major Changes in WHEN and HOW to Report Master Gardener Hours!

At the October meeting Extension Agent, Jarrod Reeson announced a New Service and Continuing Education Units (CEU) Hours reporting policy. Those hours will be reported on a calendar year instead of September to September.

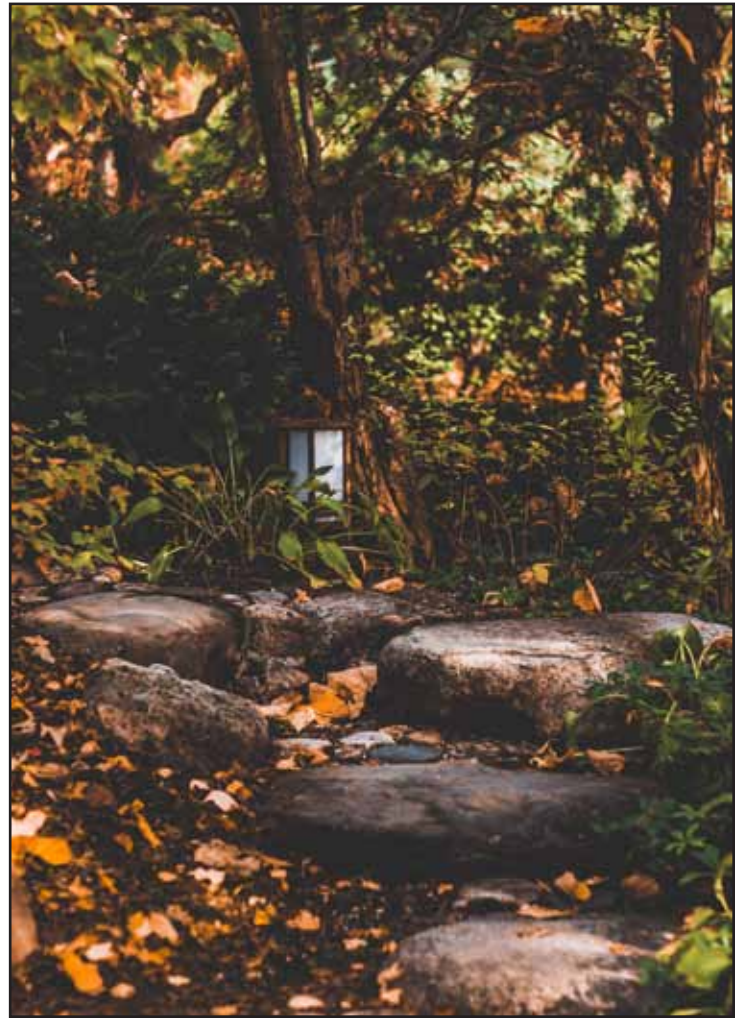
### PLEASE NOTE:

- Master Gardener Hours will be due December 20, 2018.
- If you have already turned in your hours for 2018, any hours you have earned since that date will be added to your hours for this year. You will need to report those hours to Jarrod. The counting starts over with the new calendar year.
- Travel time only counts for Volunteer Projects.
- The entire meeting time for a Maury County Master Gardener Meeting counts for CEU time.
- This years Interns turn in for their 40 hours will be December 20, 2019.

Jarrod also announced we will have a new "System for Reporting Hours." Training is beginning and Master Gardener Hours will soon be entered online. If you have not done so Jarrod needs you to fill out a registration form so he can enter you into the system. He needs 4 volunteers to help input the service projects and hours into the system.

# Fall Garden Checklist

- Dig up tender tubers and corms of caladium, cannas, dahlias, and gladiolus.
- Leave ornamental grasses up over the winter for wildlife and winter interest in the landscape.
- Gather all garden plants that aren't diseased, and you're not leaving up for winter interest or wildlife. Compost them.
- Discard any diseased plant parts. Most home compost piles don't get hot enough long enough to destroy pathogens.
- Continue watering, especially your evergreens, if your soil is dry.
- This is the time to fertilize trees if a soil test indicated nutrient deficiencies.
- Thin out one-quarter to one-third of the oldest branches of mature forsythia, lilac, spirea, and potentilla for better bloom and shape next spring. Cut these branches to the ground.
- It can still be too early to apply a winter mulch to roses in October. Wait until the ground has frozen before mulching.



*Photo by Cedric Wilder on Unsplash*

## Garden Maintenance Chores

- Be consistent about disconnecting your hose from the faucet to prevent freeze damage.
- Have your sprinkler system blown out this month, and protect your backflow preventer and any other above-ground parts with a waterproof insulation jacket to keep them from freezing.
- Collect and shred leaves. Don't leave them on your lawn to mat over the winter. The best way to shred them is with a vacuum shredder (a leaf blower set on the "suck" setting). You can use them as a mulch over tender perennials or compost them.
- Clean up fallen fruit from ornamental plants like crabapples to reduce disease and pest problems.
- Cover any bare soil in your garden. Use mulch, straw or leaves to build up your soil structure.
- Continue weeding. Focus first on pulling creeping perennials like bindweed or horsetail. After that, pull

any annual weeds that'll spread their seeds all over your garden. Fewer seeds now = fewer weeds next year!

- Pull and dispose of anything that looks diseased or unwell.
- Look for mildew on leaves, dark blotches on stems, signs of rot, unmanageable insect pressure or damage. Don't compost this stuff!
- Keep all plants, especially newly planted perennials, trees, and shrubs adequately watered until the ground freezes.
- Get a soil test if you haven't done so in the past three years. When you get the results, amend and fertilize your soil. Follow the instructions in the test results. This will save you time next spring.
- Protect and store any pots or planters that won't survive outside during your winter.
- Mulch newly planted perennials, shrubs, and trees to prevent heaving over the winter.
- Winterize water features (ponds, fountains, etc.).

# *Awesome October Meeting Presentations by Our Own Master Gardeners and Intern!*



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*Alice Minyard  
Coleus - Color in the Shade*



*April Ray  
Growing Microgreens*



*Crystal Blackburn  
Bamboo*

# *Memories from Huntsville Botanical Gardens*

