



Newsletter, October 2021



MCMG Meeting!

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
6 pm CT
Sr. Citizen's Center
1020 Maury County Park Dr.
Columbia, TN

Drinks • Safe Munchies • Door Prizes
Business Meeting • Speaker

JOIN US & BRING A FRIEND!

Maury County Master Gardeners Slate of Officers for 2022 and 2023

The following members, if elected at the November 2nd meeting, have agreed to serve as officers of our association. Officers serve for a two year term. Members may nominate additional members from the floor at the next meeting or by contacting George Patton.

President - Kathie Wilson

Vice President - Sue Nagel

Vice President - Kelly Raimondo

Secretary - April Ray

Treasurers - Bruce & Cay McShurley

Immediate Past President - George Patton

October Speaker



Mitchell Mote
Extension Agent III
Rutherford County

Mitchell Mote is an Extension Agent III from Rutherford County with 34 years of experience. He is a native of Lawrence County, TN and grew up on a small dairy farm.

Mitchell learned a lot about turfgrass back in the early 90s. After receiving a lot of calls he decided he needed to learn more to be able to help his clients in his county. Mitchell currently maintains and oversees turfgrass demonstration plots at his office in Rutherford County. Utilizing the plots he is able to show different weed management techniques and how to best use pesticides. Typically he consults with 30 plus lawn and landscape service companies annually to assist with pest identification and control recommendations and makes 150 site visits to assist homeowners with similar issues.

Mitchell's major work area is consumer and commercial ornamental horticulture where he provides training to homeowners, Master Gardeners, and lawn and landscape service providers in the areas of turfgrass management, ornamental landscape management, weed, insect, and disease pest control, home vegetable gardening, and safe and effective pesticide use.

UT Turfgrass Science & Management



WANTED! Leaders for Maury County Master Gardener Committees in 2022

This list contains the committees and the main leaders for each committee. Leaders whose names are red will no longer be in those positions starting in 2022. You can contact them for information about what is required for each position.

Please consider volunteering for one or more of these positions. Contact George Patton gpatton703@gmail.com to volunteer.

Plant Sale – Melanie Edwards, Annette Wakefield

Mentoring & Retention – **Kathie Wilson, Kelly Raimondo**

Meeting Coordinators – **Kelly Raimondo, Kathie Wilson**, Shannon Reese

Programs – **Sue Nagel, Kelly Raimondo**

Publicity – George Patton (website), Gail Patton (newsletter), Keith Buddemeyer (Facebook), Larry Heidcamp (plant sale)

Service Projects – **Sue Nagel, Judi Heyning**

Maury County Home and Garden – Melanie Edward

Maury County Fair – **Sam Richardson**

Sunshine – Cay & Bruce McShurley

Field Trips – Shannon Reese

Club Photographer & Reporter – Shannon Reese

Budget – Cay & Bruce McShurley

Volunteer & Education Hours-online system support – George Patton, **Rebecca Hartman, Kelly Raimondo**



Upcoming Dates for Service Hours

Partnering with Polk Gardens, Sr. Citizens Community Center & The Boys and Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee earns you service hours!

Historic James K. Polk Home (JKP) Service Projects

Saturday, September 25, 8:00 – 10:00 am

We were invited to partner with the JKP Home weeding the Polk Gardens.

The Boys and Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee

This would be a group effort with the Pioneers Group helping the Boys and Girls club of Giles county.

Saturday, September 25, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
(help needed with bushes, flower beds and interior of building - come when you can)

This new project presented to us by Kelly Raimondo supports the Boys and Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee. Sponsored by the AT&T Pioneers, it is a volunteer opportunity for hours that would greatly benefit the B&G Club.

The more volunteers that show the more money AT&T will donate to the Boys & Girls club. We would be doubling up in helping the community and by getting the Volunteer Hours we Master Gardeners need.

Senior Citizen Center Weeding Project

Workday: Tuesday, October 5, 4:30 to 6:00 pm
(before our 6:00 pm meeting.)

If you have any suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to:

Sue Nagel, Shelby6866@yahoo.com (307)-640-0004

Judi Heyning, jheyning@aol.com (931)-489-6029

Kelly Raimondo, kraimondo@att.net

George Patton, gpatton703@gmail.com (703) 371-9798

Remember:

your gloves
small garden shovels
other tools for weeding/trimming



<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>

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TEMG Intern Training Update - 2022

The UT Extension MG work-group is planning to continue a collaborative training in spring 2022. The focus will be to combine distance lectures, hands-on teaching, and building local relationships.

- Intern training online live on Tuesdays – 9-11 am CT. UT Extension hopes you will consider hosting live, but individual viewing is also fine.
- Online sessions begin February 1st, continue until April 26th (13 online sessions)
- Each individual county is encouraged to host a visit on Tues, January 25th to teach the database, get to know each other, and provide an “orientation” to the county and program.
- Each county handles another 14 hours of in-person training on their own. (with January 25th counting towards the 14 other hours).
- The main additional element that we would like to add this year is more hands-on interactive elements. We will further develop this content through the fall.

Is Your Yard a Tennessee Smart Yard?

A Tennessee Smart Yard is one that is in balance with the local environment and reaps benefits for both you and our ecosystem. Master Gardeners have been long participants in this UT Extension-led statewide program, certifying their landscapes by adopting recommended practices. Over the last year, a virtual platform was created so that any Tennessean can participate from the comfort and safety of their own home and at their own pace. By certifying your yard, you can earn five hours of continuing education credit and five hours of service. Check out the program online at tnyards.utk.edu and stay tuned for more resources available soon to use in your communities. If you were an early adopter who certified previously through a county workshop and have kept up those recommended practices, then you are eligible to receive an official certificate and purchase a metal yard sign. Simply complete the online certification form at the site. Thanks to all the Tennessee Smart Yards that protect our natural resources, one yard at a time! *resources, one yard at a time!*



SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR SPECIAL FALL SMART YARD SERIES FOR EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Join Extension Master Gardeners from around the state for three Tuesday morning sessions all about the Tennessee Smart Yards Program. Tuesdays at 10 eastern/9 central on Nov. 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

On Nov. 2nd, we'll focus on Smart Landscapes - application in your own backyard

On. Nov. 9th, we'll focus on Smart Communities with insights and snapshots from Franklin, TN efforts

On. Nov. 16th, we'll dive into how the Smart Yards program can be used for EMG outreach and connect with new efforts in Knox County.

These sessions are all free and open to EMGs across TN- simply sign up here on this Google form:
<https://forms.gle/iFhusbusfTtoYFMn7>



Maury County Master Gardener Class 2022

interest form

Scan QR Code





A Little Sunshine

When I was growing up I loved spending time with my Grandma. She always had the most beautiful flower beds. I remember helping her weed and tend to them. She grew Morning Glories, Petunias, Marigolds and Nasturtiums to name a few. I remember, even at a young age, how much I appreciated the beauty of her flower garden.

As an adult I wanted to have a flower garden like I remembered from my childhood. I tried for several years, never quite getting it right.

When we moved to Tennessee, the first house we bought had the perfect spot to try again. I planted Lantana, Vincas, Petunias and Moon Flower seeds (I had never heard of these). Everything was growing really well. The buds formed and things started to bloom. The flowers were beautiful except for the Moon Flowers. The vine was very healthy and there were blooms but they didn't really open up. I was disappointed, and thought, at least I know not to plant them again.

One night I went outside to do a little stargazing. There was a fragrance that smelled a little lemony. It was coming from the area where my flower garden was located. I went to check out what flower might be giving off this heavenly aroma. As I was nearing the flower bed, there before me were these beautiful, white, fragrant blooms. I couldn't believe it. I had never seen flowers bloom in the dark. It was a beautiful sight. They proved themselves. It was their time to shine!

As I think back, I am reminded, it is easy to see beauty in the light, it's all around us waiting to be seen.

In the darkness, beauty is hidden. Let us all seek to find it.



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Plan Your Calendar

September

September 25 **James K. Polk Service Project** 8-10 am
301 W 7th St; Columbia, TN

September 25 **Boys & Girls Club of South-Central TN** anytime 7 am - 4 pm; 540 Massey Dr; Pulaski, TN. 38478

October

October 5 **Senior Citizen Center Weeding Project Workday** 4:30-6 pm (before MCMG meeting); 1020 Maury County Park Dr; Columbia, TN

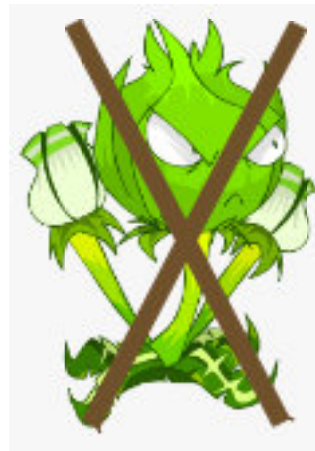
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November

November 2 **Maury County Master Gardeners Meeting**, 6 pm Senior Citizen's Center; 1020 Maury County Park Dr; Columbia, TN

November 2, 9, 16 **Visual Smart Yards Training**. Virtual Workshop 9 am CT;
<https://forms.gle/iFhusbusfTtoYFMnZ>

A Special "THANK YOU"

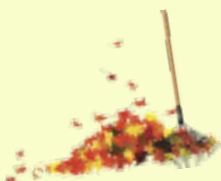


to all those who joined in to help "take out those weeds" from the gardens at the Polk House September 14.

Job well done and congrats on those well earned hours!

GARDENING CALENDAR

October



Continue picking remaining warm- and cool- seasons crops. Keep an eye on soil moisture levels and manage pests. Clear up fallen leaves. Move tender plants into the greenhouse. Seed/transplant fall cool-seasoned crops with shorter days to harvest. Seed cover crops. Plant out spring cabbages.

MCMGs at the 2021 MAURY COUNTY FAIR



A huge “**Thank You**” to all who helped set up, check in and judge this year. Special kudos to Melanie for the wonderful MCMG booth.



WELCOME BACK!

September 7, 2021
featuring
Carol Reese



“Just Do It”

*Establishing
and reevaluating your
landscape*

It's not carved in granite!

- It will never be perfect.
- Yes, you can erase
- It will always be evolving or need editing or reinventing
- Every good garden has been in the wheelbarrow three times!



Food and Sharing With Friends, Old and New



Door Prizes



Welcoming Our Newest Master Gardener
Congratulations Lawrence Jackson

