



NEWSLETTER

April 2018



WEEDS

April Speaker: Mitchell Mote

Mitchell Mote is a native of Lawrence County, TN where he grew up on small Grade B dairy farm. He served eight years in the TN Army National Guard in the 4th Battalion, 117th Infantry before beginning his career as an extension agent. Now in his 30th year with UT Extension, having worked as a 4-H agriculture agent for 15 years and have worked as an adult agriculture agent for the past 15 years.



*Mitchell Mote
Extension Agent III
Rutherford County*

Mitchell is a member of the Central Region Green Team which plans and conducts the long running Middle TN Landscape and Grounds Management Shortcourse annually in Franklin, TN. His major work area is consumer and commercial ornamental horticulture where he provide 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. He typically consults with 30 plus lawn and landscape service companies annually to assist with pest identification and control recommendations and make 150 site visits to assist homeowners with similar issues.

Mitchell is married to Kathilu, a 30 year veteran school teacher, for 34 years. They have three grown daughters; one is an Extension agent in Warren County and one is married to an Extension agent in Marion County, and the third works in labor and delivery at St. Thomas Rutherford. He is a member of Blackman United Methodist Church and competes in garden tractor pulling with a heavy stock modified garden tractor.

**Workday #2 and Meeting
Tuesday, April 10**

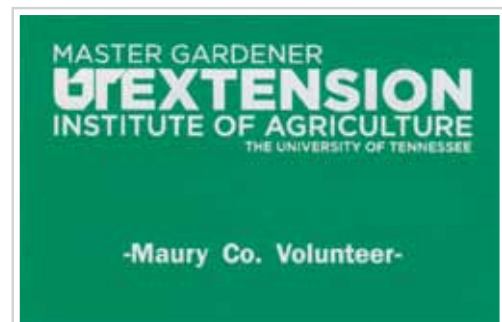
Maury County Senior Citizen's Center by the Fair Grounds

Begins 4:30 pm Landscaping at Sr. Citizen's Center
6 pm: Potluck - Business Bits - Speaker



A Good Start!

*Let's continue cleaning the landscape for the
Maury County Senior Citizen's Center*



If you would like to have a new Master Gardener name tag, please contact **Jarrod Reeson**, extension agent:

931-375-5301

jreeson@tennessee.edu or jreeson@utk.edu



If you know of any of our past or present MG members with illness or death in their family, please contact **Cay McShurley**:
931-840-9850



Plant Sale Pointers:

Ready! Get Set! **Divide!** As you dig up your perennials please remember to label them. You might want to print out the names on your computer and save them for next year. Or...write on the pots.

May 12th will be here VERY SOON!!!

Needs:

1. Please contact Cynthia at 931-486-0980 or ckillets@yahoo.com & let her know if you can take home a bunch of berry boxes for the sale at the April meeting. Bring them to the Baker Building on May 11th. Cynthia can't save & transport all the boxes plus all her plants. She thanks you.
2. Please bring any extra planting pots for sharing. (At least 4")
3. Below is a list of all the plant pictures we have collected with their growing requirements. If you see your plants listed, **you are covered**. If not, please bring your own pic with growing info. It should be about 3"x5". **We will laminate and put on sticks. Customers can then take a picture of the sign for their reference. We will keep the pictures.**

Plant Sale Pictures That Have Been 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
 Frelander Prunella
 Fuzzy Dogwood Shrub
 Akebia Chocolate vine
 Heliopsis Sundrops
 Hosta
 Hydrangea
 Kerria shrub

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

Plectranthus
 Primrose
 Rose Campion
 Sedum-starfish
 Solomon's Seal
 Solomon's Seal variegated
 Stokesia
 Tansy
 Trillium
 Verbena
 Virginia Sweetpire
 Winter Jasmine

*Think Oils
 First*

*Diggn' Your Garden with
 Essential Oils?? Of course!!*

We know that commercial pesticides have been widely used for years in the garden, most of which are made from chemicals and are harmful to ground water, soil, food supply and humans.

Essentials Oils could help:

- Protect plants from insects, mildew, and other plant diseases
- Protect the gardener from insects, heal bites and relieve itching, and treat sunburn
- Protect your animals from mosquitoes, flies, and fleas
- Easily replace some pesticides and poisons in your garden

For the third year, Peggy McEwen with *Think Oils First* will be a part of our Master Gardeners Plant Sale. Because everyone is so busy at the plant sale, you may not have had the chance to stop by her booth. To make sure you don't miss out on these wonderful gardening solutions, **Peggy is going to set up a table at our April meeting to give you the opportunity to make some sprays and roller balls to help you in your gardening (cost \$5 per spray/rollerball).** Be sure to stop by her table, before and after the meeting.



St. Catherine's Catholic Church Plant Sale

3019 Cayce Ln
Columbia, TN

You can work at this sale and get volunteer hours.

Help is needed:

Friday, May 18 after 1 with set up

Saturday, May 19 10 am-2 pm

Sunday, May 20 9 am-1 pm

Donations of plants, bulbs, shrubs, trees are appreciated. For more information, contact Kelley Raimondo: 985-320-0941 or kraimondo@att.net

NEWSLETTER NEWS ARTICLE???
Be sure to send it to Deena Trimble or Gail Patton (fgapatton@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month.



Rippavilla Service Project

Work dates Apr 20 & May 4

"Rippavilla is looking for volunteers to help plant and maintain existing flower beds with mid 19th century appropriate flowering plants & herbs to enhance the visitor's experience. Perennials are preferred but if you have any annual seeds like zinnias or coreopsis that would be great. If anyone has any seeds or plants they want to share or divide, please let John Lancaster, Curator at Rippavilla know: [615-210-7933](tel:615-210-7933)/curator@rippavilla.org.

Here is a short list of appropriate plants: sweet alyssum, anemone, aster & China Aster, bachelor's button, black-eyed Susan, blackberry lily, bleeding hearts, butterfly weed, Canterbury bells, carnations, cleome or spider plant, cockscomb, purple coneflower, coral bells, coreopsis, columbine, dianthus, field daisies, false Solomon's seal, native ferns, four o'clocks, foxgloves, French mallow, gaillardia, black hollyhocks, honesty or money plant, Joseph's coat, larkspur, lavender, lily of the valley, lobelia, love in a mist, love lies bleeding, Maltese cross, nasturtium, peonies, rose campion, sweet peas, sweet William, tuberose, Virginia Bluebells, wallflower, yellow jessamine, old zinnias."

Huntsville Botanical Gardens Field Trip is ON!

The Date is April 14th

Meet at Bear Creek Cracker Barrel at 7:15AM.

There will be a guided tour.

A shuttle is available for those who have difficulty walking. (fits 5)

Lunch there or picnic area available.

This trip has been scheduled during their annual plant sale which is supposed to be VERY good.

Plant sale at 9 am

Tour at 10:15 am

The special group rate is \$9. Please let Cynthia Killets know (931-486-0980) if you are driving by yourself, wish to ride with someone, or you can drive. If you can drive, how many can you take in your vehicle. Also, do you need the shuttle? Guests are welcomed. We need 10 people to obtain group rates.

Check it out on line at: <http://hsvbg.org/>

Please pay your \$9 to Cynthia Killets if you are going.

Gardening from the Heart



- Geraniums & Hanging Baskets
 - Heirlooms & Passalongs
 - Pollinator Plants
 - Native Azaleas
 - Wildflowers
 - Herbs
 - Ferns
 - Roses
 - House Plants
 - Trees & Shrubs
 - Vegetables
 - Annuals
 - Perennials
 - Free Soil Testing
 - Garden & plant professionals
 - Bring your own wagon
 - Plants loaded for you
- ...and so much more!

Food and refreshments, specialty vendors
Check hsvbg.org for more information!



APRIL 12 - 15, 2018

Hours: Thursday 9-6 • Friday 9-6 • Saturday 9-6 • Sunday Noon - 5
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue • Huntsville, AL 35805

Thank You

To ALL Service Project Participants



Landscaping at the Senior Citizens Center

In March our Master Gardeners cleaned up outside the Maury County Senior Center. Those who helped include, from left, Annette Wakefield, Sue Nagel, George Patton, Bruce McShurley, Sam Richardson, Deena Trimble, Peggy Hensley, Janice Ospourne, Larry Heidkamp, April Ray, Barbara Aubin, Mary Linda Moore.



Assembling Seed Packets for Garden Show Give-A-Ways

Putting the seed packets together. Cay McShurley, Linda Albert, Billie Richardson, Alice Minyard, Kathie Wilson. Thanks to Gail Patton for organizing this project.

Thank You

To ALL Garden Show Volunteers



With special appreciation to Darrell Trimble for printing extra postcards for Rippavilla.

Pictured Deena Trimble and Kelley Raimondo. Special thanks to Melanie Edwards for designing the display.



Pictured Mary Linda Moore, Ken Moore, Deena Trimble and Barbara Janice Osbourne. Thanks to Deena Trimble for creating the display.

2018 MCMG Membership Form and Survey

65 individuals on the roster

 37 Due paying lifetime members
 28 non paying members or interns

A great challenge to capture all the many talents and skills from our members and to be able to utilize the information to benefit the MCMG Club.

Active Members	21	Inactive or interns	1
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Main interest in the MCMG Club?

Monthly Meetings	20	Volunteering	10
Annual Plant Sale	19	Field Trips	10
Speakers	18	UT Extension Activities	8
Pot Luck	12	Fair Booths	5
Plant Swap	11	Committee Projects	4

Suggestions for improving the club Meetings?

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| 2 Ensure meetings are finished by 8:00 pm | 1 Cultivating Perennials |
| 2 Shorter Business meetings and longer presentations | 1 Field Trips over night /out of state |
| 1 Have members volunteer to speak on areas of expertise | 1 Membership Fundraisers/Recruitments |
| 1 Owners of gardening businesses like fern lady and blueberry seller as speakers | |
| 1 Have topic experts from club give 15 or so minute presentation or have tables with experts where members could roam around and ask questions. | |

Program topics of interest?

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| 3 Vegetable Gardens | 1 Tomato related topics | 1 Walkways through landscape |
| 2 Japanese's Maples | 1 Proper care of pastures | 1 Landscaping for a beautiful yard |
| 2 Weed identification and Control | 1 Miniature Gardening | 1 Flower arranging |
| 2 Conifers and Evergreens | 1 Birds and Bees | 1 Fruit Trees |
| 2 Container Gardening | 1 Lawn care | 1 Shade plants |
| 1 Gardening for children | 1 Perennials | 1 Tree identification |
| 1 What can I do with coffee grounds | 1 Natural lotions and Lip balms | 1 Seed saving |
| 1 Growing Mushrooms | 1 Landscape design | 1 Constructing a pond |
| 1 Learning about growing and maintain plants | 1 How to properly prune | 1 Water Gardens |
| | | 1 Blueberries |

Service Projects you would like to work on?

- 3 Sr Citizens Landscaping ongoing project
- 3 Rippavilla Project
- 1 Any
- 1 Plant Swap
- 1 Local community garden projects
- 1 Helping others who care about their yards, but can no longer do what is needed to maintain it
- 1 Are the Columbia sign areas maintained by the City?
- 1 Place signs in the areas maintained by MCMG or areas beatified.
- 1 Small garden in front of kids playground in Maury County Park
- 1 Teaching about gardening

Favorite items of interest?

Perennials	22	Fruits	7
Shade Plants	13	Herbs	7
Vegetables	13	Evergreens	6
Container gardening	10	Shrubs	6
Flowering Shrubs	9	Vines	6
Roses	8	Flowering Trees	5
Trees	8	Grasses	3
Annuals	8	Water gardens	2
Sun-loving plants	8		

Art/crafts or other Projects?

- 3 Any
- 1 Christmas and seasonal projects
- 1 Member sharing getting to know each other
- 1 Bird Houses
- 1 Native Plants
- 3 Hypertufa garden vessels
- 1 Re-purpose garden art
- 1 Design-landscape

Favorite public garden within 60 miles?

- 3 Cheek wood
- 3 Iris City
- 2 Huntsville Botanical Gardens
- 1 MCMG Garden Tour
- 1 Opryland Hotel
- 1 Polk Garden
- 1 Grow Wild Nursery
- 1 Local Columbia Gardens
- 1 Angie Han Gardens- Clarksville
- 1 Nursery

Field Trip times

- 12 Sat
- 10 Mon- Fri
- 2 Sun

Work?

- 4 Working
- 2 Semi-retired
- 1 Non-working

Retire?

- 10 Retired
- 2 Part Time

Willing to present topics?

2 Yes - no topic provided

1 Seeds, Hypertufa, Mason Bees

1 Pictures of gardens visited

1 Maybe-not topic provided

1 Church Garden where all produce is given away Trinity Lutheran Church

Do you specialize in any topics?

2 Blueberries

1 Day lilies

1 Fairy Gardens

1 Plants for pollinators (bees)

1 German Tomato

1 Work to have a green lawn

1 Butterfly Gardens

1 Shade loving perennials

1 Hostas and wild flowers

1 Coleus

Committee help?

3 Sr Building

2 August Booth fair

2 Home and Garden Booth

Service Project leader?

None

Other?

1 I enjoy being part of the club

1 Rippavilla Booth

1 Would like members to write articles for newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

April

- April 10 **MCMG Meeting and Service
Project/Work Day**
Maury Co Sr Citizen's Center, 4:30 pm
Maury County MG Meeting, 6 pm
Speaker Mitchell Mote,
Rutherford Co. Extension Agent
Topic: *Weed Identification*
- April 14 Field Trip 7:45 am until
Huntsville Botanical Gardens
- April 20 Rippavilla Work Day
- April 25 MCMG Newsletter Articles Due

May

- May 4 Rippavilla Work Day
- May 8 NO MCMG MEETING
- May 11 Set up for MCMG Plant Sale
- May 12 **Maury MG plant sale, Baker Bldg,
Maury Co Park,
8:00 am-12:00 noon**
- May 18 Set up for St Catherine's Plant Sale
- May 19-20 St Catherine's Plant Sale
3019 Cayce Ln, Columbia
- May 25 MCMG Newsletter Articles Due

June

- June 12 **NO MCMG MEETING**

July

- July 10 **NO MCMG MEETING**
- July 12 Master Gardener Classes Begin
- July Officer meeting

August

COMBINED MEETING WITH INTERNS

September

- September 11 **MAURY COUNTY MASTER
GARDENER MEETING, 6 pm**