



Newsletter, August 2021

## August MCMG Meeting

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

6 pm

Senior Citizens Center

## “Food Preservation”

with Starla Hardin



Starla Hardin.  
UT Extension Agent III

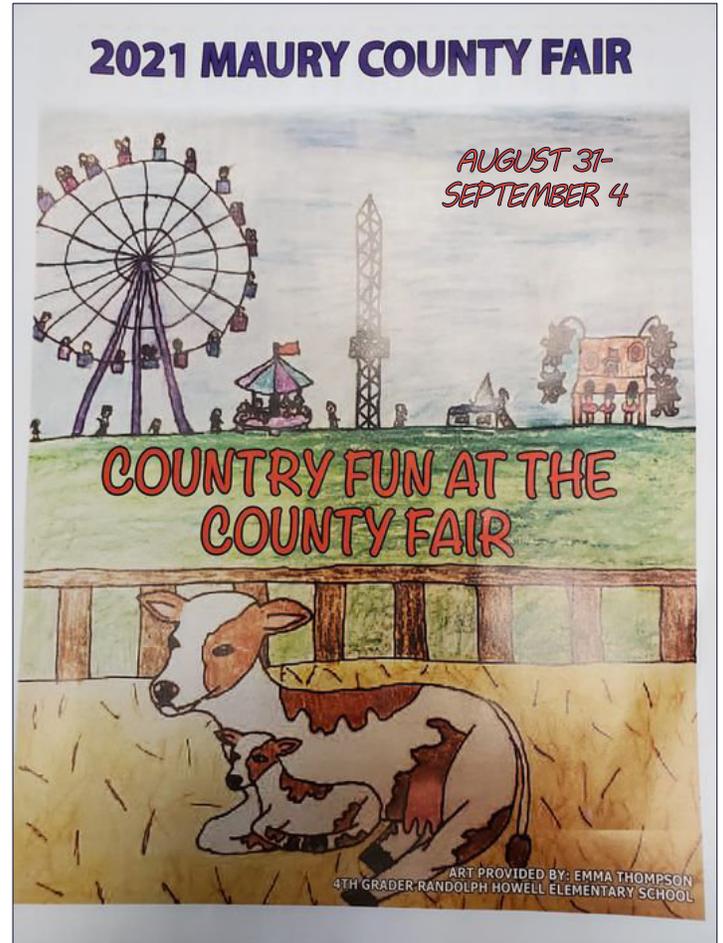
Starla Hardin comes to us through UT Extension. She serves right here in Maury County. Starla holds an undergraduate degree in Home Economics Education and a Masters in Clothing and Textiles. She has been an extension agent for 26 years



The Maury County Commission has been in talks about moving the Maury County Extension Office. We want them to know all we do in

Extension and let them hear from the people that we work for and with on a regular basis. We want to work with the county to solve the issue of office space, but some commissioners do not know what Extension is or what the Master Gardeners do in this county.

So, if you would like to help us reach out to your local County Commissioners and tell them how important Maury County Extension is. The letter on the last page of this newsletter is a guide to help you.



## OPPORTUNITY TO EARN PROJECT HOURS

August 30

Check-in . Registration . Judging

11 am until ca 6 pm

Come for part or all

Contact: Roger Clark 9313755301 Office  
rogvclar@utk.edu

The 2021 Maury County Fair books have been printed and we have copies for you to pick up here in the office. We are open from 8 am till 4pm Monday Through Friday. Let me know if you have any questions.

Roger

## Mark Your Calendar

### August

- August 3* **NEW** 1st Tuesday Maury County Master Gardeners Meeting, 6 pm Senior Citizen's Center
- August 13* Grassland Restoration and Management and Wildflower Seed Collection and Propagation; 5-8 pm Giles County Ag Park; 2030 Elkton Pike; Pulaski
- August 30* Maury County Fair Check-in, Registration and Judging, 11 until ca. 6 pm Baker Building, Maury County Park
- August 31* Fall Gardeners' Festival 9 am-5 pm Plateau AgResearch and Education Center; 320 Experiment Station road; Crossville
- August 31-September 1* Maury County Fair; Maury County Park Fairgrounds

### September

- September 2* Steak and Potatoes Field Day 7 am CST Plateau Ag Researcher and Education Center; 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville
- September 7* **MCMG MEETING 6 PM**



<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>  
[info@maurycountymastergardeners.org](mailto:info@maurycountymastergardeners.org)  
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## Opportunities to Earn Continuing Education Units

UTK is going "Live" with their events this Fall. Both events are scheduled for the same week at the UT Plateau AgResearch and Education Center. The Fall Gardeners' Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 and the Steak and Potatoes Field Day is scheduled for Thursday September 2. We have limited time to get the word out. We would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Electronic preregistration for the Fall Gardeners' Festival is encouraged at <https://forms.gle/LadyfEitanSNppTF6>

Walt Hitch  
Director

## GARDENING CALENDAR

### July



Pick tomatoes, beans, corn and other warm season crops. Properly can, freeze or dry garden produce. Manage irrigation, nutrition and weeds. Scout frequently for insect or disease and spray as needed. Select cool-season crop for fall and make seed order.

### August



Prune summer flowering bushes. Collect seeds Continue picking warm season crops and correctly preserving produce for later use. Don't let weeds get ahead of you and produce seeds. Late plantings of summer squash can be done. Watch soil moisture levels, irrigate and side dress fruiting crops. Prepare soil for fall cool-season crops. Transplant fall cool-season crops that take the most days to mature.



## Steak and Potatoes Field Day

Thursday  
September 2  
7:00 am CST

Steak and Potatoes is a field day presented by UT AgResearch and UT Extension. Please check back for additional details and registration information as this event date approaches.  
<https://plateau.tennessee.edu/>

Plateau AgResearch and Education Center 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, TN 38571

Contact: Jennifer Burns  
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# Grassland Restoration and Management And Wildflower seed collection and propagation Workshop

Friday, August 13  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Giles County Agriculture Park; 2030 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478



- Free Habitat Workshop hosted by Tennessee Quail Forever, Southeastern Grasslands Initiative, NRCS and Tennessee Valley Natives
- Free propagation Workshop by Tennessee Valley Natives
- Open to Landowners from Giles and surrounding counties
- Dinner provided

For additional information contact: Jeremy French Grasslands wildlife biologist, 641-295-0833 or [Jfrench@Quailforever.org](mailto:Jfrench@Quailforever.org)  
Or follow Tennessee valley Natives, Tennessee Quail Forever and Southeastern Grasslands Initiative on Facebook

## Fall Gardeners' Festival

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. CDT

Preregister at [ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens](http://ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens)

Presentations 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Free to the Public

Plateau AgResearch and Education Center

320 Experiment Station Road  
Crossville, Tennessee



## Fall Gardeners' Festival

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Visit the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center for a day planned just for the gardener. Enjoy educational workshops, exhibits, Ask-the-Expert, wagon tours of the entire facility, and garden vendors.

Food will be available for purchase.

Tent presentations include:

- Foodscaping: Edible Landscaping
- Backyard Berries: Tipping, Tasting, and Tennessee Trials
- Appalachian Natives and Plant Lore
- Gardening Under Trees
- Ground Covers: How Low Can You Grow?
- Fruit and Nut Crops for Tennessee
- Insects: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
- Mushrooms in the Garden
- How to Avoid Costly Landscape Mistakes
- Pollinators in the Garden
- Rain Gardening
- Conifers
- Iris and Pineapple Lilies

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*June Meet  
'N Greet with the  
Interns*

*New Friends!  
Catching Up!  
Certificates!  
Fun!  
Games!*

*Saying Hello*



*Playin' Games*



*Congratulating Interns!*



*Bill Ballard*



*Shannon Reece*



*Vanessa Cuomo*

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To: Maury County Extension Supporter

From: Dill Hughes; Maury County Extension Director

RE: Office Space

Due to growth in Maury County there is a shortage of space for county employees. As a result, the UT Extension office is being considered for other offices. UT Extension and Maury County have had a gentlemen's partnership agreement that the county provide office space for the extension office for as long as Extension has been in the county. This agreement is the same in all of Tennessee's 95 counties. In addition, there is not an original written document in place for this partnership. I spoke on behalf of the Extension office at the June 14<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. I left feeling as though the county did not agree with the partnership and that we may not have an office space. I have had some discussions since that meeting indicating that the county is trying to come up with a solution. We are glad to work with the county to find a space and provide services. We want to make sure we have adequate space and would welcome a new opportunity to have an office that provides space for our needs.

Here is the link to the budget meeting video. The first agenda item on "Leases for Downtown Spaces". It is just under 30 minutes. It will give you insight to the discussion. <https://play.champds.com/maurycotn/event/408/s/1465>

Here is a link to page of commissioners. <https://www.maurycounty-tn.gov/168/Commissioners>

I would ask for your support as an agriculture committee member to support providing space and/or looking into building or finding a new space for the Extension Office. You can do this by making the Maury County Commission aware of your involvement with and the importance of the Extension office to Maury County.

A few talking points:

- A physical Maury County Extension office location is imperative to provide access to critical information and services for farmers and families
- A physical office location is important for Extension clientele due to the one on one educational services that are requested
- Providing an office location is a critical part of partnerships between UT Extension and county governments.
- Counties provide physical Extension office locations for all 95 counties in the state
- The Maury County Extension office is an excellent value for the county. For every \$1 that Maury County budgets for the Extension program, UT provides \$3 for Maury County Extension programs

We appreciate your support and please share with others that can do the same.

On a final note, I have accepted a position with UT Extension in Jackson County starting July 19<sup>th</sup>. Starla Hardin will be starting as Maury County Director on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions please call 931-375-5301