

Newsletter

MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
UT EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

August 2022

MCMG's in Action

OFF TO THE FAIR



MCMG will be helping with intake of Agricultural Exhibits at the Baker Building **Wednesday, August 31**. Starla Hardin from the UT Extension in Maury County will be at the August 2 meeting to share about changes from past years at the Fair and offer more information about what you can expect. Starla would love for you to be thinking of “Creative Ideas” you can share with her for ways to display the items being brought in so we can get away from using the bleachers. She will stay after the meeting for questions.

Soooo...if you would like to earn some hours and have a fun time doing it, sign up at the August meeting to help out.

Areas of need:

- Take in, record and display perishable items between 2 and 6 pm August 31 (2 or 4 hour shifts available) [MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)
- Be part of a team to judge perishable items starting at 6 pm August 31
- Check on and replenish items on the MCMG Booth September 2-5

Thanks Melanie for designing and setting up our booth!

Point of Contact: Dawn Bourff donna.boruff@gmail.com

A Word From the President



SUMMER PLANTING

It's August and the heat is brutal! Much too late to plant vegetables, right? "NO!" according to Nashville blogger, Anne Briggs – known as Anne of All Trades to her enormous YouTube audience.

Anne points out that the veggies you planted in early spring are running their course and are probably ready to be cleared from the garden. Yanking them out will make space for more seeds and plant starts. If you have chickens and goats like Anne, feed the removed plants to your animals! If the weeds are rampant, just pull them out of where you need to plant and weed-whack those in between rows to prevent seeds. Leave their roots in place.

In August, she claims, you can still plant seeds for cucumber, bush beans and zucchini for harvest before our first frost. The same nurseries and big box stores where you bought plant starts in early spring may still have tomato and pepper plants. Plant them now and they will jump in the warm soil and hot sun, producing a bountiful crop before frost.

Most of you know that I am not a vegetable gardener and that I don't want to feed anything else to the urban deer in our neighborhood. However, I'd love for you with vegetable gardens to plant something in August and let me know about your results!

Good gardening,

Kathie Wilson

MCMG MEETINGS RESUME

August 2, 2022

6 p m

**The Senior Citizens Center
1020 Maury County Park Dr.
Columbia, TN**

Contact Kathie: kwf@southportforge.com

[SEE AGENDA](#)

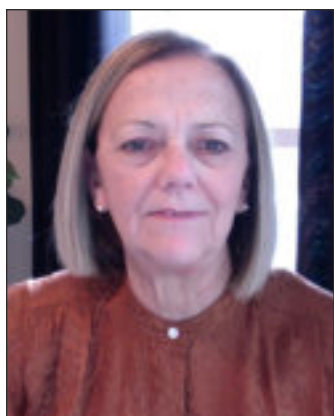
CHANGES ON THE WAY!

A NEW NAME FOR THE MCMG NEWSLETTER



- Digging it!
- Garden Talk
- Growing Together
- Rooted!
- The Gardening Gazette
- The Green Thumb Gazette
- The Vine

**Vote being taken at the
August Meeting**



**WELCOME TO BELINDA MOSS, THE NEW
MCMG NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR!!!**

Already hard at work for you...

Soon the newsletter will see some changes. Gail has done a wonderful job for you and with her move she is leaving for you a vision of next steps including a new program for newsletter development and a new name. As I assume this

role, please be patient with me as I learn - as the song says, "He's walkin' in my (Gail's) tracks, but he can't fill my shoes." **Please submit your polished articles directly to me (bb.m@charter.net) by the twelfth of the prior month along with any photos you hope can be included. Thus, articles and announcements for the September newsletter should be to me by August 12.** If any of the material is not original, please share the source so we can recognize the origin. Shout out to Hamilton County Master Gardeners (Tennessee) for their assistance with our next steps. More information will be forthcoming - but baby steps. Keep growing! *Belinda*

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE SENT THROUGH MAIL CHIMP.**



A BIG WELCOME TO LARRY HEIDKAMP, THE NEW MCMG WEBMASTER!!!



Larry moved to Franklin in 1998 to save a company from the terror of Y2K and then moved to Columbia in 2006 to a 22-acre farm. Over the years he took many Extension courses including the Master Gardener Class in 2015 and the Beginning Farmer course in 2017. For 5 years he sold his naturally grown greens and vegetables at the Columbia Farmers Market and to local restaurants.

Larry has experience with Mailchimp. Initially, Mailchip will be used to create and distribute the newsletter. Larry is currently working with Belinda Moss to put into place what is needed to make that happen. With an eye to the future, he will work to expand its use to the website and to other MCMG communications. Thanks Larry!

Contact Larry at: larryheidkamp@gmail.com

MCMG Events Corner

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR '22-'23 BEGIN

AUGUST 2 Welcome Back to MCMG Meetings!!!

Speakers: Jill Zurlene on our help at the Maury County Family Center and Starla Hardin on our help at the Fair
“Service Projects” happening

**AUGUST 12 - Deadline to submit
Newsletter Articles**

AUGUST 31 “Maury County Fair Intake”

SEPTEMBER 6 “Member Plant Swap”



ONGOING Service Projects



Maury County Senior Citizen's Center Landscape Maintenance



Polk Home Kitchen Gardens Planting & Maintenance



Mount Pleasant Public Library Landscape Maintenance

NEW Service Project Possibilities



Maury County Family Center
Helping provide, plant, repair & maintain landscape
[SEE DETAILS HERE](#)



Maury County Public Library
Design, Plant and Maintain Landscape
[SEE DETAILS HERE](#)

A Little Sunshine

August Already?

I found this poem about August that I would like to share.
I hope your garden harvest this year is plentiful.

Gay



What August Did

August looked across the land.

"I must be careful," she said.

"I must touch the leaves a little bit...

But I must not turn them red."

She went to the flowers in the summer garden

"Time for you to sleep!

Go to the land of summer dreams,

And there sleep long and deep."

Last of all she went to the orchard.

She touched the fruit that was near.

It blushed and reddened and August cried,

"I announce that harvest is here!"

"My greatest task is done," said August.

"The harvest has begun,

And now I shall go to my winter rest

Beyond the setting sun."



TENNESSEE SMART YARDS

MCMG'S WERE THERE!

Learning to keep Tennessee's land and water healthy, one yard at a time. We call it a Smart Yard — *a yard that is in balance with the local environment for the benefit of both people and our ecosystem.*

Tennessee Smart Yards is an Extension-led program that guides Tennesseans on practices they can apply in their outdoor spaces to create healthier, more ecologically-sound landscapes and communities. Nine principles of stewardship serve as the foundation for the program and are explored in online modules and practical workshops taught by UT-TSU Extension and water resource professionals.

You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper to create a Tennessee Smart Yard. All it takes is a willingness to learn and a desire to take actions described in our TNSY Workbook. Maintaining a Tennessee Smart Yard provides natural functionality for homeowners through working with nature for the benefit of both.

Roger's Corner

AN INVITATION FROM RUTHERFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



Grape Harvest Day

7:00AM to 11:00AM

SEPTEMBER 10

Come learn from the Master Gardeners how to harvest grapes at the Lane Agri-Park Vineyard! We will have the MTSU destemmer and crusher on site. Please park at the Livestock Barn building parking lot.

You need to Bring:

- Pruners
- Gloves
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water
- Clean gallon jugs to take grape juice home with you after harvest is complete

Open to the Public

Lane Agri-Park
315 John R. Rice Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN
37129

Visit, take part in the harvest, and go home with a gallon of grape juice - it's great to turn into jelly, or just drink on its own. We harvest the grapes, and MTSU provides and staffs the de-stemmer and crusher that gives us the juice. It's a fun day. Join us.

Jennifer Salter, Rutherford County Master Gardener 513-349-6379

GETTING TO KNOW MCMG

EVERYONE IS INVITED AND
WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS!

Where to Find Information About Our Organization

<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>

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August Days

by Candice Gourley

Master Gardener Intern



August Birth Flowers:
Gladiolus and the Poppy

Nat'l Catfish Month

Nat'l Goat Cheese Month

Nat'l Peach Month

Nat'l Sandwich Month

Nat'l Water Quality Month

August 7-13 Nat'l Farmers Market
Week

August 25-30 World Water Week

August 27-28 International Bat Night

1--Nat'l Raspberry Cream Pie Day

2--Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day

3--Nat'l Grab Some Nuts Day

3--Nat'l Watermelon Day

5--Braham Pie Day

5--Int'l Beer Day

6--Nat'l Mustard Day

7--Nat'l Raspberries and Cream Day

8--Nat'l Frozen Custard Day

8--Nat'l Zucchini Day

15--Nat'l Lemon Meringue Pie Day

18--Nat'l Ice Cream pie Day

18--Nat'l Fajita Day

19--Nat'l Potato Day

19--Nat'l Soft Ice Cream Day

20--Nat'l Chocolate Pecan Pie Day

20--Nat'l Lemonade Day

20--World Honey Bee Day

20--World Mosquito Day

22--Nat'l Bao Day

22--World Plant Milk Day

23--Nat'l Cuban Sandwich Day

24--Nat'l Peach Pie Day

25--Nat'l Banana Split Day

25--Nat'l Park Service Founders Day

28--Daffodil Day

28--Nat'l Cherry Turnover Day

28--Nat'l Red Wine Day

29--More Herbs Less Salt Day

29--Nat'l Choop Suey Day

29--Nat'l Lemon Juice Day

31--Nat'l Diatomaceous Earth Day

31--Nat'l Trail Mix Day

Maury County Master Gardeners
August 2, 2022
Meeting Agenda



*Meetings are first Tuesday of
January, February, March, April,
August, September,
October, November*

Welcome

- 6:00 pm Potluck and socialize
- 6:20 pm Door prizes; then, business meeting

Welcome back to Master Gardener meetings!

Speakers Tonight:

- Jill ~~Zudane~~ on our help at the Maury County Family Center
- Starla Hardin on our help at the Fair

Gail Patton

- Sign up for working at the Fair
- Vote on new name for newsletter

Treasurer Bruce McShurley: Budget Report

VPs Sue Nagel and Kelly Raimondo

- Proposed service projects (Family Center/MC Library): budget request and vote
- Proposal to buy 100 ~~hostas~~ for 2023 plant sale to nurture: budget request and vote
- Proposed Plant Swap plans

Field Trip Chair Shannon Reece: Plans for field trips

Very important "jobs" filled and unfilled:

- Webmaster Larry ~~Heidkamp~~
- Newsletter Editor Belinda Moss
- Maury County Fair Chair Dawn ~~Bocuff~~
- Social Events Chair (Christmas Party, Graduation, Summer Meet and Greet) **OPEN**

Updates from Roger Clark, Extension Master Gardener Coordinator

Other business

Adjournment

REMEMBER

***Send SEP Newsletter information by AUG 12
to Belinda Moss at bb.m@charter.net***

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SERVICE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Maury County Family Center, 921 Beckett St, Columbia, TN

Garden Contact: Jill.c.zurlene@gmail.com

The COOP Made a large donation of plants and they have been planted in raised beds.

PHASE 1 - 2022

Provide: Garden supports: tomato cages, t-poles and wire and plant stake poles, hose sprayer (heavy duty), seeds

Amend the soil

Plant flowers and elephant ears for raised beds

PHASE 2, Beautification - 2023

Establish beds along 3 sides of building

Plant sun tolerant perennials along building

Assist with repair of Wooden Raised Beds – Wood is on site Hardware; screws and corner steel braces needed. Tools; saws, drill and hammers will be needed to complete the project.

On going weeding and watering for service hours after major Service Event.

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Maury County Public Library, 211 W 8th St, Columbia, TN

MCPL Director, Zachary Fox, (931)375-6500, zfox@maurycounty-tn.gov

Create and plant a “Plant Design” for front of library.

Amend soil and mulch

Spray for weeds in the rocks on the side

Possible items to donate:

Full Sun: Cone flowers, day lilies, Salvia, Canna Lilies

Shade: Hostas and Hellebores (Lenten Roses)

Annuals

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Questions? Contact Kelly Raimondo, (985) 320-0941, kraimondo@att.net or Sue Nagel (307)640-0004, shelby6866@yahoo.com



2022 MAURY COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibits must be entered on the correct day to be judged!

Monday August 29
Noon until 6:00 p.m.

Take In day for:

Home Centered Activities including
Clothing, Crafts, Needlecrafts, Fine Arts,
and Canning

Youth Individual Exhibits including
Domestic Art, Handicrafts, Photography
& Art

Wednesday, August 31
2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Take In day for:

Agriculture Exhibits including Farm
Crops, Horticulture and Garden Products,
Flowers, and Youth Garden Products

Youth Baking
Adult Pies

*Note: Bring all entries to the **Baker Building** at Maury County Park. Categories entered on Monday will be judged Monday evening.*

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SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!



Tennessee Smart Yards July 2022

