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NEWSLETTER

December 2018

It's the MCMG Christmas Party

December 8 at 12 Noon

*Our Hosts Barry and DeeDee Blackburn
1113 Iron Bridge Road, Columbia*

Potluck Luncheon

Gardening Gift Exchange

An Opportunity to Help the Homeless

Bring Your Spouse or Friend Along

*RSVP by 4 December to DeeDee 931-982-9097 or blackburn1113@yahoo.com
(see last page for map and directions)*



An Opportunity to Help the Homeless

Maury County Master Gardeners is joining others in our community to help transition seven homeless

families in Columbia. These families were discovered recently living under a bridge and are being helped into better living conditions and having their basic needs met. All of them are veterans over 70 years old or families with young children. We are purchasing gift cards to Kroger, Walgreens, and gas stations to help with this! If you would like to contribute, you can bring cash, check or gift cards to April Ray at the Christmas party on December 8 or send by mail to her at 3873 Taylors Store Road; Hampshire, TN 38461 to arrive by Dec. 10. Thank you for being a part of bettering our community!

Party Notes:



About the Potluck

*PLEASE BRING:
A SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT TO SHARE*

About the Gift Exchange

*BRING A WRAPPED
GARDENING RELATED
GIFT TO SWAP
(Participation Optional)*

\$15 LIMIT





An Important Letter from Our President

My dear gardening friends,

It is with regret that I offer my resignation as president of the Maury County Master Gardeners. I have served as your president for 3 years and will be unable to complete the last year of my current term. My husband and I have made the decision to move to Knoxville, TN to live closer to our oldest son and his family. In April, our second grand baby will be born and we are looking forward to spending more time with them. This club helped to fill a big hole in my life after I retired from teaching school. But now it is time for the next chapter and I am truly looking forward to it.

Thanks to each of you for your friendship over the past few years. We have shared many happy times together. I have truly enjoyed our meetings, plant sales and so many other activities. Each of you are special to me and I will not forget you.


I will be available to help with the transition to an interim president. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

*Blessings!
Deena Trimble*

GARDEN RAKE

I found the garden rake today;
It wasn't in its place.
I wish I'd found it with my eyes,
Instead of with my face.




**Thanks Deena
for all
you have given!**

**Calling for nominations to
fill the remaining 2019 year of
Deena's presidential term. We
have one nominee.**

*Additional nominations and the vote
will be taken at the January meeting.*



ATTENTION Master Gardeners

**Hours/Additional Hours
Due To Jarrod By Dec 20**

2019 MCMG Volunteers ARE NEEDED For New Committees



Things go better when working together

Two Volunteers needed for each committee:

Club Photographer and Reporter (Co-Chairpersons)

- Take pictures at meeting and events post to MCMG Facebook Page.
- Ensure the name of individuals and groups are provided for all pictures.
- Ensure club has pictures for all sponsored events and activates to promote awareness.
- Take pictures at the monthly meeting of the speakers and post to MGMC Face Book Page.
- Take the annual MCMG Club Picture and post on Facebook and provide to the local newspaper.
- Write any articles that are news worthy.
- Send photos and articles to the newsletter coordinator, Gail Patton, and to the publicity chairman, Larry Heidkamp.

Field Trip Coordinators (Co-Chairpersons)

- Responsible to plan and coordinate at least three field trips annually, based on interest.
- Brief the Club on other events of interests in the local area; Workshops, Seed Swaps, Plant Sales, any upcoming events of interest.

Service Project Coordinators (Co-Chairpersons)

- Coordinates the Senior Citizen workgroup cleanup project and Seed Packaging for events twice a year before monthly MCMG Meeting.
- Coordinates with publicity committee to provide servic projects dates in advance for the MCMG Annual Calendar. (Previously projects swere scheduled in April and October ,4:00 to 5:45 pm.)
- Bring suggestions to the MCMG Club on any gardening projects that might benefit the community.

MCMG Class

Begins February 18, 2019

Graduation April 4, 2019

Contact Jarrod Reeson

931-375-5301 or jreeson@utk.edu

2019 MCMG Dues Due



All are welcome to come to Maury County Master Gardeners Meetings; however, to be an active member you must pay dues and turn in service hours.

Interns are in training for their first year and do not pay dues.

- For 2019 dues are \$10.00
- Payable in January
- Cash and check accepted (Checks payable to: Maury County Master Gardeners)

Please present Donna Richards (Treasurer) with your dues at the January Meeting or send your check to:

Donna Richards
4009 LaRose Dr.
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Whispering Hope Garden & Gifts Christmas Open House

3924 Ostella Road
Cornersville, Tn. 37047
Cell: 931-993-2228



Vickie Wilburn, Nancy Dawson, and Kennedy Sanders of Whispering Hope Garden & Gifts would like to invite you to stop by and visit us for Christmas Open House. It is our way of saying **Thank You** for your continued support each year. We greatly appreciate your business and always look forward to seeing you again.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Nov. 29, 30, & Dec 1, 2018**



**9:00 am
to
4:00 pm**

Refreshments will be served!

Exciting MCMG Meeting Jan. 8, 2019 at Rippavilla



5700 Main Street, Spring Hill, TN 37174

*House Tour at 6:00 pm
Potluck/Fellowship
Business Meeting*



Presentation of the Rippavilla Families, Plantation, Garden and its history by Mr. Scott Smith, new Director of Development at Rippavilla Plantation

**JAN
26**



2019 SEED SWAP

No greenhouse? No problem! Hands-on "wintersowing"
Demo and free instructional flyers!

No seeds? No Problem! Come for the knowledge, the fellowship, and the auction. There will be some free seeds!

WINCHESTER CENTER

563 Maury Hill St, Spring Hill Tn 37174

**Special Speaker - Ms. Marti DeHart from
Volunteer Gardener, NPT Network
Seed Starting Methods for TN**

Swap begins at 9:00 am, doors open by 8:00 for setup
Potluck lunch at 11:00 followed by info by Marty DeHart
Auction at 12:10 (ish). Auction items welcome! 931-674-1055

Our Star Speakers from the November Meeting!



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

*Larry Heidkamp
"Growing Our Farm"*

*Richard Harris
"Oak Trees"*

*With Grateful Thanks
to Our Guys!!!*



*Appreciation to Cynthia Killets
and Annette Wakefield for chairing
the wonderful 2018 Field Trips!*



*November Field Trip
to White House
Arboretum*

Our host Randy Allen with club members from the tour.



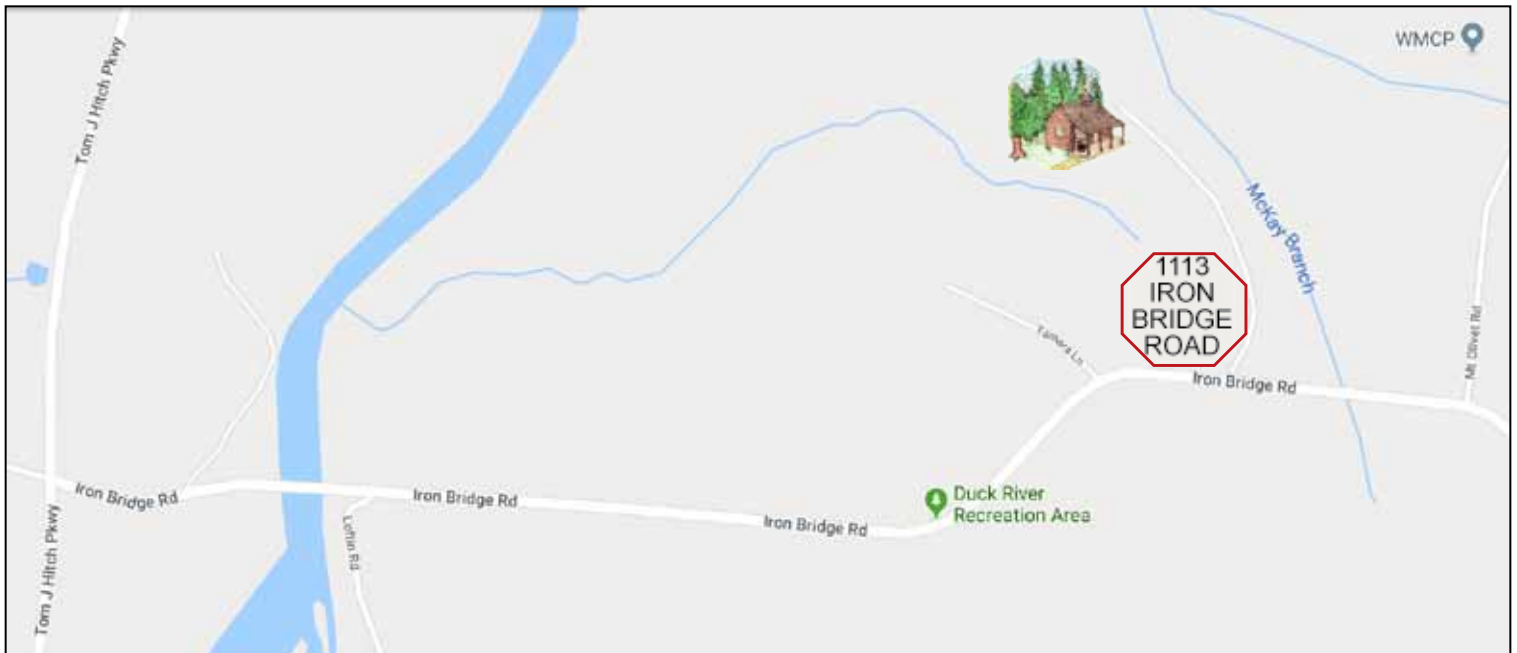
Randy demonstrates making walkingsticks from bamboo.

Merry Christmas from



<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>

**Here's How to Get to the MCMG Christmas Party
COME JOIN THE FUN!**



Directions :

From Bear Creek Pike turn on to Tom J Hitch Parkway. Go until you see flashing caution light - turn left on to Iron Bridge Rd - go one mile, crossing Duck River Bridge and up the hill - look for 2 black mailboxes - has a Hydrant on top. I plan on having balloons to mark the mailbox. Our driveway is 3/4 mile long - first house is not us - keep going - go all the way to the end and you will see the log cabin.

See you there!
The Blackburns