



February 2019

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NEWSLETTER

Welcome MCMG's New President Dee Dee Blackburn



I would like to thank everyone for their patience and willingness to work with me this year. My term is an interim position so I am only serving through November. I would encourage every member to consider stepping up for the fall nomination.

It is such a pleasure to know each of you. I look forward to working with everyone on all of our upcoming projects!

Thanks so much!
Dee Dee

President's Corner...

It is time to start planning for the upcoming plant sale. More information will be forthcoming in our monthly meetings, through the Newsletter, on Facebook and on the website. <https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>



Want to know more about Vegetable Gardening?



Learn From Edie Schoeberl

Our speaker for February 12th Maury County Master Gardener Meeting will be Edie Schoeberl. Edie is a mother of three and has lived her whole life here in Maury County. She and her husband Jerry were the owners of Columbia Garden Center in Columbia for several years. Jerry had a degree in plant science from UT Martin and Edie gained much of her knowledge about gardening from running the business with him. Edie has been the Garden Center Manager at the Maury County Co-op for nine years. In her spare time, she loves to kayak and grows her own vegetable garden.

Mark Your Calendar For This MCMG Meeting Tuesday, February 12

- 6:00 pm Pot Luck
- 6:30 pm Business Meeting
- 7:00 pm Speaker Edie Schoeberl

Maury County Sr Citizens Center
1020 Maury County Park Dr.
Columbia, TN 38401

*The meeting will be an open forum.
Bring questions, concerns & suggestions.
Please wear your namebadge.*

New Committee Chairpersons

Club Photographer & Reporter: Sam Richardson
(need Assistant)
Field Trip Coordinator: Jessie Ziegenhagen
(need Assistant)
Service Project Coordinator: Sue Nagel
Judi Heyning
Tracking Hours: George Patton
DeeDee Blackburn
Rebecca Hartman

*We would love to see
your garden.*

Be featured on the June Garden Tour.
Talk to Sue Nagel

Annual Budget for 2019

Presentation and vote of approval at the February Meeting

Why Pay Dues?

- ★ MCMG has awesome speakers! (Quality has a cost.)
- ★ You get a voice in MCMG planning.
- ★ You have the privilege of voting on decisions.



Need Hours! Cynthia Killets and Annette Wakefield need your help and will gladly provide you with hours! We need 2 people to co-chair the “**Happy Smiles** Table Procurement Committee”. Duties:

1. Contact the 4-H director to request needed tables for our plant sale. Happy Smiles come because the director of Maury County Park, Al Ray, has purchased about 10 new tables already for the Baker Building. He also considering purchasing additional tables. Many **Happy Smiles**!
2. After deducting all the tables in the Baker Building from what we need for the sale and obtaining the remainder from 4H, gather together a couple of volunteers to help you pick up the borrowed tables from 4H on May 10th and return them on May 11th after the sale. **Happy Smiles** will be in abundance because we don't need as many tables as in previous years. Additionally, very little math is required in figuring the tables needed. 😊
3. Give yourself a pat on the back because you have saved the plant sale chairs from many headaches, indigestion, and PST Phobia. (Plant Sale Table Phobia.... fear of not enough tables) **Happy Smiles** will be numerous because everyone in the MCMG will adore you and our MCMG piggy bank will reflect your efforts.

Contact Cynthia for details at 931-486-0980 (landline.)

Blueberry Trial

UT has been granted funding for blueberry trials. They plan to put some trials at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, perhaps planting this spring. Anyone interested? Think HOURS. Think BLUBERRIES.

Contact Jarrod at jreeson@tennessee.edu

Partnering with Rippavilla Gardens

Rippavilla has a long range plan of historic gardens including herbs and educational gardens. Their goal is to preserve their 200 acres as rural, despite the total development of the Spring Hill area.

Rippavilla is now owned by the city, financed in part by the city hotel tax, and run by a Board of Directors. Lynn Von Smith, from Riverbend Nurseries: Lynn is now on the board of Rippavilla.

Lynn asked for the club's help. She suggested starting with the home courtyard, previous rose garden, and helping plant bulbs (end of February). There are many other plans for future garden areas on the property as well.



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COMING MARCH 30th

*The Rusty Rake Lawn & Garden Show
at "The Barn" Rippavilla Plantation*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO ORGANIZE
(fun way to earn hours)

*Contact Susan Nagel for more information
susan.nagel2@va.gov*



Maury County Master Gardeners January Meeting was hosted at Rippavilla Plantation. Special thanks to our guides Scott Smith, Lynn Von Smith, and Tyler.



Tasks for February

- Seed cool-season crops for transplanting if needed. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and similar crops will need approximately 8 weeks from seeding to transplanting. A late March or early April planting will require an early February seeding. extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W346-B.pdf
- Order remainder of garden seeds for the 2019 garden. Direct seeded crops can be ordered later, but early is best for selection.
- Seed the earliest of warm-season transplants. Peppers often need 10-12 weeks to produce a nice transplant, so an early May transplant date will require a February seeding.
- If conditions allow, you may prepare soil for early seeded cool-season crops. Make sure to allow plenty of time for cover crops to decompose as this process is slower under cooler conditions. extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W346-G.pdf

Dates for Middle Tennessee

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| Feb 19 | Prepare garden soil if dry enough |
| Feb 20 | 8 weeks from frost-free date |
| | Seed warm-season transplants |
| Feb 22 | Make sure that young transplants are not stretching (This would indicate low light or high Nitrogen) |
| Feb 25 | Could direct seed peas, mustard, kale and collards if soil can be prepared |

Last Frost April 21

Mark Your Calendar

February

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| February 12 | Maury County MG Meeting , 6:00 pm
Sr. Citizens Center; Maury County Park; Columbia, TN |
| February 14 | HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY |
| February 18 | Master Gardener Class Begins |

March

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| March 12 | Maury County MG Meeting , 6:00 pm
Sr. Citizens Center; Maury County Park; Columbia, TN
Speakers: MCMG Specialists: Sue Nagel "Hypertufa Workshop" |
| March 15, 16 | Maury County Home & Garden Show |
| March 30 | "The Rusty Rake"
Rippavilla Plantation, Spring Hill TN |

April

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| April 4 | Master Gardener Class Graduation
Conference Center
UT AG Farm; Spring Hill |
| April 9 | Special Maury County MG Meeting , 6:00 pm
Sr. Citizens Center; Maury County Park; Columbia, TN |
| April 13 | Herb Society of Nashville Plant Sale
Tennessee State Fairgrounds |

May

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| May 3 | Set up for St. Catherine's Plant Sale, 3-5 pm |
| May 4, 5 | St Catherine's Plant Sale
3019 Cayce Ln, Columbia
Sat, May 4 - begins at 9 am
Sun. May 5 - 9 am-12 noon. |
| May 10 | Set up for MCMG Plant Sale |
| May 11 | Maury MG plant sale, Baker Bldg, Maury Co Park, 8:00 am-12:00 noon |
| May 18 | Middle Tennessee Plant Swap, 7 am-4 pm |

Maury County Master Gardeners are required to complete the "Volunteer Application Form" included on the next two pages. If you have not already done so please answer A-E, sign and get it ASAP to Jarrod at the office or e-mail jreeson@tennessee.edu

SECTION 1 - TENNESSEE EXTENSION VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Level 1 volunteers should only complete Sections A - E. Level 2 and Level 3 volunteers should complete the entire form.

Tennessee Extension aims to provide a safe environment for all persons involved in Extension activities and events. This application is designed to be an information-gathering aid in order to successfully match the applicant's skills and interest with the appropriate service and needs of the organization. Answers given by the applicant may be verified. All applications will be filed in a secure location.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Must present your Driver's License or a government issued photo ID with your application

Name _____

Home Address _____
Last First Middle Name
Street, Route, Apt # Length of time at this address? _____
City, State Zip code County

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Email address: _____ How long have you resided in this county? _____

Telephone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Best time to call: Morning Afternoon Evening

Have you previously volunteered with TN Extension? Yes No

If yes, county and last year volunteered? _____

B. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: Female Male Ethnicity: (check one) Not Hispanic/Latino Hispanic/Latino

Race: (check one) White Black /African American Native American Indian/ Alaskan Native
 Asian Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

Are you able to speak or write in a language other than English? Yes No

(Please list, including American Sign Language.) _____

C. AVAILABILITY

What length of time are you willing to volunteer? Over what time period? (Check all that apply)

_____ Hrs. /week _____ Hrs. /month 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months Ongoing

When are you available to volunteer? (Check all that apply)

Day Evening Weekends I'm flexible Specific times: _____

D. AUDIENCE INTERESTS

I prefer to work directly with: (Check all that apply)

Youth Adults Senior Citizens Clientele with disabilities Other _____

If you work directly with youth, what age level(s) do you prefer? (Check all that apply)

Pre-school K-3 Explorer (4th grade) Junior (5th - 6th) Jr. High (7th- 8th)
Senior: Level I (9th-10th) Level II (11th - 12th)

E. ACTIVITY INTERESTS - What are your volunteer activity interests? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/ demonstrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/publishing/proofreading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Web development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Artworks, graphics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displays/exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing programs/events | <input type="checkbox"/> Research/data collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Typing/ Computer entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/office work at county Extension office | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |

*If you are interested in a specific program or topic area such as 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Economic Development, Master Gardener, or Family and Consumer Sciences, please see Section 3 - Program Area Information Forms.

The following two sections should be completed by Level 2 and Level 3 volunteers only

F. REFERENCES - List three people, not related to you, who have knowledge of your qualifications and have known you for at least two years. Provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

1.	_____		
	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip

	Day Phone Number	Evening Phone Number	Email Address Relationship

2.	_____		
	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip

	Day Phone Number	Evening Phone Number	Email Address Relationship

3.	_____		
	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip

	Day Phone Number	Evening Phone Number	Email Address Relationship

G. BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE - A “yes” answer does not automatically exclude an applicant from becoming a registered Extension Volunteer. If there are any changes in answers to the following questions, the volunteer should immediately contact the local Extension office and notify the change.

1. Have you ever had any criminal conviction related to:
 - a. A crime of violence? Yes No
 - b. Child abuse or neglect? Yes No
 - c. Sexual related offenses? Yes No
2. If yes, to any of the above questions, provide date(s), location(s), and complete name at the time(s).

I authorize contacting the references listed on this application. I understand the omission or misrepresentation of information requested may result in non-appointment or dismissal as an Extension volunteer. If appointed as a volunteer, I agree to abide by the policies of UT Extension, and the University of Tennessee, and Tennessee State University and to fulfill my volunteer responsibilities to the best of my abilities. I also understand that UT Extension, the University of Tennessee and/or Tennessee State University may contact other individuals as needed to verify my skills, background, and experience in working with Extension clientele.

I acknowledge that I have received and read the Tennessee Extension Volunteer Statement of Principles (all volunteers). I acknowledge that I have received and read the University of Tennessee Programs for Minors Safety Policy and Standards of Conduct for Covered Adults (Levels 2 & 3 volunteers).

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith.

_____ Applicant’s Signature	_____ Date
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date application was received: _____

This applicant: (Pick one) Met qualifications for an Extension volunteer position. Volunteer Level: 1 2 3

Did not meet qualifications for an Extension volunteer position.