



NEWSLETTER - February 2020

Coming February 11, 2020

"Growing Tomatoes - Info and Tips"

Mark Murphy, owner of Bottle Hollow Farm near Shelbyville will be our speaker at the February 11th meeting. Bottle Hollow Farm is a "market garden" offering mixed fruits and vegetables at area farmer's markets. The family farm is a Certified Organic Farm and the only one in Bedford County. Mark is a ten year member of the Rutherford County Master Gardeners. You may find out more about Mark from his web page (bottlehollowfarm.com) and his Facebook page. (Bottle Hollow Farm, LLC)

Where:

Maury County Park, Senior Citizens Center ;
1020 Maury County Park Dr, Columbia, TN 38401

Times:

6:00 pm Potluck-6:30 pm Business-7:00 pm Speaker



Saturday
May 9, 2020
8 am - Noon

The Baker Building at The Fair Grounds
1018 Maury County Park Drive in Columbia, TN

It is time to make your plans for the upcoming plant sale. More information will be forthcoming at our monthly meetings, through the [Newsletter](#) (click on month), on [Facebook](#) and on the [Website](#).



A LITTLE SUNSHINE

I can't believe we are one month into the new year. I have been hearing about Buttercups blooming and I see the birds heading north. It reminds me that warmer brighter days are ahead. I am patiently waiting to play in the dirt again.

I just wanted to let everyone know: Dee Dee Blackburn had shoulder surgery on January 30th. Per Facebook, the surgery went well. Praying for a speedy recovery. I also just learned that her mother-in-law passed away in November.

Sue Nagel's husband contracted the flu while on their cruise. The flu turned in to Bronchial Pneumonia. He was hospitalized in Florida. He was released from the hospital January 30th and cleared to fly home. I know they have to be exhausted. Continuing to pray for rest and good health.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February. Let us encourage each other in our successes and our struggles.

Cay McShurley

Please contact the Sunshine Chairperson, Cay McShurley at bcmcshurley@yahoo.com or call or text 931-446-1027, to inform her when you or another club member could use a ray of sunshine..



The Ole Farmer Says...

It's time to prune shrubs, climbers and dormant fruit trees. Improve your soil. Loosen soil by adding organic matter, such as chopped leaves or composted manure to improve fertility and drainage.



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EARN CEU's & SERVICE HOURS

Earn CEU's (Continuing Education Hours)

If you heard speaker Jason Reeves present "**A Year in the Garden**" at MCMG January Meeting you earned 1.75 CEU hours. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Mark Murphy speaking on "*Growing Tomatoes*" at MCMG Meeting February 11, 2020

If you are already a certified Master Gardener or intern ou may attend a Master Gardener Class with the trainees. Your choice. - SEE page 3.



Sign-up at our February meeting to help in March. See Melanie Edwards.

Maury Co Sr Citizens Center Workday & Seed Packaging-coming in April.

Maintenance Rippavilla Gardens-date TBA



A new bank account has been opened to handle MCMG funds. The end of the year balance was transferred.

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE HEADS: Submit your budget requests as soon as possible.

Bruce and Cay McShurley
bcmcshurley@yahoo.com or call or text 931-446-1027



Class Space Available.

Tell your friends/ACT NOW. Deadline for enrollment February 6, 2020

Contact Roger Clark (931) 375-5301
rogwclar@tennessee.edu

These dates are correct for 2020.

The class description and speaker are subject to change.

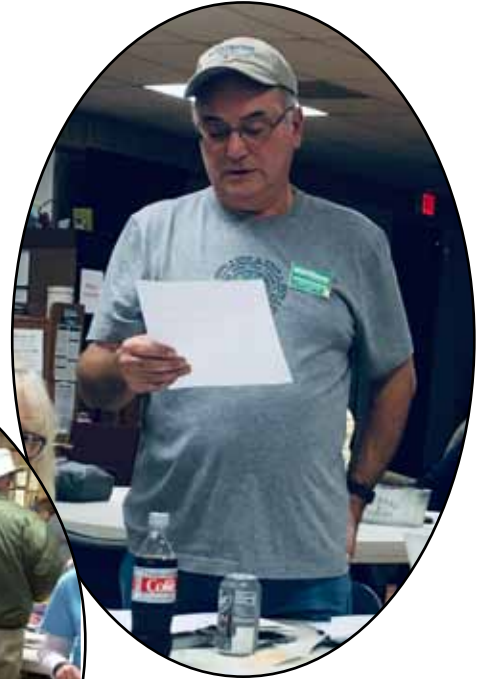
2020 Maury County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Num	Date/Day	Class Description	Speaker
1	February 20 (Th)	Introduction Soils	Roger Clark, UT Extension – Maury County Matt Webb, UT Extension – Marshall County
2	February 24 (M)	Landscape Design	Ms. Carol Reese, UT Horticultural Specialist, Jackson, TN
3	February 27 (Th)	Backyard Wildlife	Roger Clark, UT Extension- Maury County
4	March 2 (M)	Woody Ornamentals	Ms. Carol Reese, UT Horticultural Specialist, Jackson, TN
5	March 5 (Th)	Fruits and Nuts	Dr. David Lockwood, UT Professor, Plant Sciences
6	March 9 (M)	Turfgrass/Home Lawns	Mitchell Mote, UT Extension – Rutherford County
7	March 12 (Th)	Basic Botany	Wendel Smith, UT Extension – Lawrence County
8	March 16 (M)	Bees/Insects	David Cook, UT Extension – Davidson County
9	March 19 (Th)	Herbaceous Ornamentals	Dr. Alan Windham, UTIA, Nashville, TN
10	March 23 (M)	Plant Diseases/Pesticides	Dr. Natalie Bumgarner – TN Master Gardener Coordinator, University of Tennessee
11	March 26 (Th)	Vegetable Gardens	Calvin Bryant, UT Extension – Lawrence County
12	March 30 (M)	Special Program/Graduation	Roger Clark, UT Extension, Maury County

- All Classes (1 thru 11) will be held in the Bethel Room at the Maury Co. Extension Office, 10 Public Sq., Columbia, TN
- Meeting 12 will be at the Middle TN Research and Education Center in Spring Hill.
- Meeting times are from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm each night.

Outstanding Beginning for New Year

**New Officers
Fantastic Speaker
New Encounters
So much more...**



**Thank you,
Jason Reeves, for such a
useful presentation
and handout!**

**Be sure to follow
UT Gardens Jackson
Jason Reeves - in the garden
& keep on learning.**

