



Maury County Master Gardener's January Newsletter 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY HAS ARRIVED

and

THERE IS A MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING

Our speaker will be our very own president, Deena Trimble.

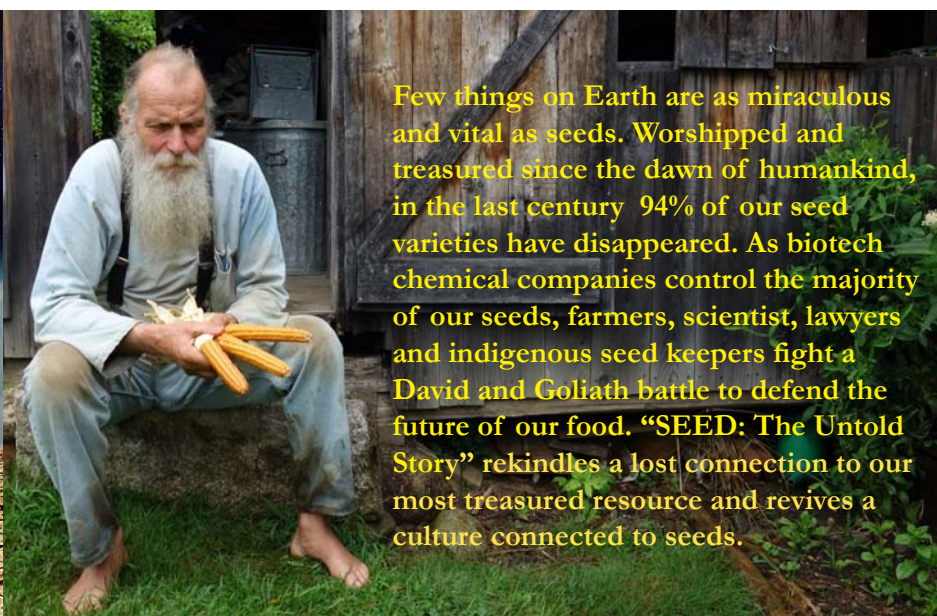
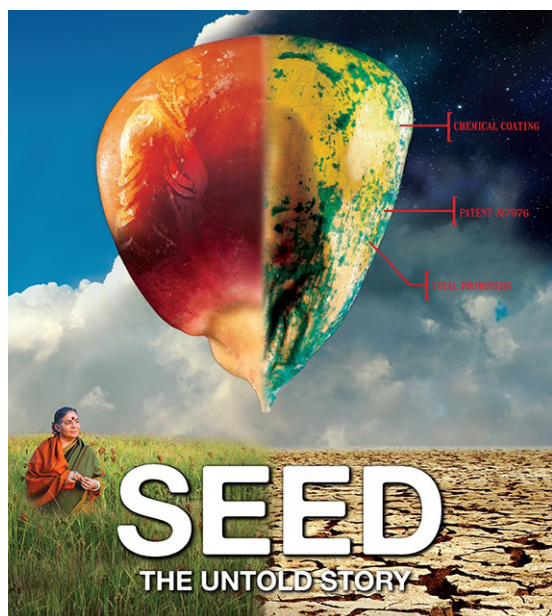
"Seeds: Collecting, Storing & Sharing."

Potluck begins at 6:00 pm.

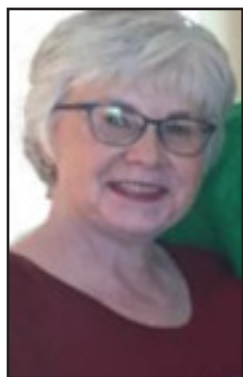
Tuesday, January 9th

Come catch Deena's enthusiasm for SEEDS!

She will also be sharing excerpts from the 2016 documentary film entitled "SEED: The Untold Story."



Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds. Worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind, in the last century 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientist, lawyers and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. "SEED: The Untold Story" rekindles a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revives a culture connected to seeds.



Deena Trimble has been a Maury County Master Gardener since 2013 and an officer the past two years. She is a life-long, avid, vegetable and flower gardener. She has spoken at various garden clubs and shows and is a retired school teacher. Presently, her interests include seed sharing across the U.S., propagating succulents and learning to use grow lights for starting seeds. Deena loves to collect and trade seeds of all kinds and is enjoying the

challenge of starting plants from seed. You might see her in her own yard, her neighbor's yard, on the roadside or maybe even in Home Depot collecting seeds from different plants. Then she spends endless hours drying, sorting, bagging and labeling her seeds to trade.



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MCMG Planning Underway for 2018



Maury County Master Gardener Leadership

Officers

President- Deena Trimble
Vice President- Susan Nagel
Vice President- Alice Minyard
Secretary- April Ray
Treasurer- Donna Richards
Past President (consultant)- Cynthia Killets

Committee Chairpersons

April Rippavilla BoothDeena Trimble
August Fair BoothPERSONNEL NEEDED
Building Lock-upNEED HELP
BudgetDonna Richards
Field Trips Cynthia Killets
Home & Garden Booth..... INTERESTED?
Meeting Coordinators Kelly Raimondo, ???
MentoringKathie Wilson, Kelly Raimondo
Newsletter Gail Patton
Nominating.....Alice Minyard
Plant Sale.....Cynthia Killets, Annette Wakefield
ProgramsSue Nagel, Alice Minyard
Publicity..... Larry Heidcamp
Service Projects..... ???
Sunshine Cay & Bruce McSurley
WebsiteGeorge Patton

There will be opportunities for every member to serve on one of our committees in 2018. Be prepared for the sign up sheets at the meeting!



Dues
\$10.00

Payable in January

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

Please give cash or check* Donna Richards at meeting or mail check to: 4009 LaRose Dr.
Spring Hill, TN 37174

HELP NEEDED - The officers decided to have a large foldable poster professionally constructed to use at garden show booths, the county fair, and other garden related events to advertise our club. If any of you have ideas for this project, please speak up and let us know.

You can earn volunteer hours by sharing about some garden you visited, some technique you tried which worked (or did not), or share your enthusiasm for some special plant or condensing a gardening article you read for the newsletter. Pictures are welcome too. Submit your contribution to:

newsletter@maurycountymastergardeners.org

MCMG reserves the right to edit for publication pending your approval.

Share Your Thoughts

What garden topic would you like to explore?

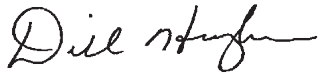
What do you like to do or see?

The MCMG VP's will distribute a survey at the meeting to help gather information for planning. Throughout the year suggestions for additional topics, field trips, activities, etc. are welcome. Talk to President Deena or the appropriate Committee Chairperson or send to:

suggestions@maurycountymastergardeners.org

Maury County Master Gardeners 2017 Impact Report

40 Master Gardeners participated in 3,173.9 hours of community service and continuing education an averaging of 79.35 hrs. per member. Twenty seven Master Gardener's contributed 50 or more hours of service with 11 contributing more than 100 and one exceeded 200 hrs for the year. At the rate of \$24.14 per hour, based on the average hourly value of volunteer time according to the Independent Sector, Maury County Master Gardeners contributed \$76,617.94 worth of time, labor and training into county projects. This is a major contribution to Maury County and to the marketing of the University of Tennessee Master Gardener program. The 40 members that recorded travel miles averaged 238.21 miles per person for a total of 18,683 miles saving a total of \$9,528.00 (.51 per mile). This assumes that the Master gardeners turning in hours are complete with their records. I know from conversations that hours and miles are completed that are not recorded or turned in, thus the actual contributions and savings are more than recorded.



Dill D. Hughes

Ext Agent III & UT Extension Co-Director, Maury County



Thank You Annette,

The MCMG Christmas Party you hosted at "The Wakefiled Cabin" was wonderful. The setting, hospitality and opportunity to share together was a beautiful gift and The Tennessee Children's Home' blessed. We appreciate you so much.

The MCMG Gang

