



2019

January NEWSLETTER



Exciting Year Ahead !!!

So, i close
my eyes to
old ends

And open
my heart to
new beginnings

frm. Deena's FB

From Rippavilla in January to a Holiday Celebration in December this year holds much promise for Maury County Master Gardeners. We elect a new president, welcome new interns, establish new committees and learn from new special guest presentations. Service projects and garden tours return. The plant sale and other events like “Rusty Rake,” regional conferences, the county fair, and seed swaps add opportunities to serve, learn and earn hours. Watch the newsletter and mark your calendar. We are off and growing....always welcoming new members and ideas.

MCMG January Meeting at Rippavilla

January 8, 2019

5600 Main Street, Spring Hill, TN

House Tour begins at 6:00 pm

Pot Luck/Fellowship

Business Meeting

Speaker: Mr.Scott Smith,

new Director of Development Rippavilla Plantation

“Rippavilla Families, Plantation, Garden and History”

Meet Our Speaker

Mr. Scott Smith, Director of Development Rippavilla Plantation

Scott Smith (or Jimmy The Cricket in Natchez) is the new (and first ever) Director of Development at Rippavilla Plantation. He also owns a tour company that hosts groups to locations all over the world. Scott grew up in Franklin but graduated from Belmont University and moved to Spring Hill 20 years ago. He resides at the oldest residence in town call "The Doctor's Shoppe" but spends a great deal of time in Natchez, Mississippi where he is an honorary lifetime member of two of the largest garden clubs in America (that have almost nothing to do with gardening!). Although he says he barely knows a weed from a phalaenopsis, Scott is happy to welcome us to Rippavilla and talk about all the past history, present excitement and great future of this historic landmark...including its gardens. We will enjoy a behind-the-scenes "curator's tour" of the home as well as the usual pot luck and program.



Things go better when working together



Volunteers Needed

Two Volunteers needed for each committee

Contact Susan Nagel: susan.nagel2@va.gov

Club Photographer/Reporter (Co-Chair)

- 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 activities to promote awareness.
- Take pictures at the monthly meeting of the speakers and post to MCMG 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, publicity chairman, Larry Heidkamp. and George Patton, Web master.

Service Project Coordinators (Co-Chair)

- 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 service projects dates in advance for the MCMG Annual Calendar. Previously projects were 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.

Field Trip Coordinators (Co-Chair)

- 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.

COMING MARCH 30th

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

MCMG LEADER NEEDED

(fun way to earn hours)

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



MCMG Dues are Due

January 8, 2019
\$10 Please

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.

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 ASAP to:

Donna Richards
4009 LaRose Dr.,
Spring Hill, TN 37174

IMPORTANT VOTE:

**NEW MCMG PRESIDENT
TO BE ELECTED AT THE
JANUARY MEETING**

Intern Mentors

Remember to offer encouragement
to your intern. Help them get
involved and earn hours.

2019 SEED SWAP

JAN
26

**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

Master Gardener Class

February 18-April 4, 2019

Contact Jarrod Reeson

931-375-5301 or jreeson@utk.edu



<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>

Tennessee Extension Master Gardener 2019 Regional Conferences

May 21st in Townsend

Eastern region- hosted by Blount County at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center

Enjoy spring in the Smokies with morning sessions on TN plants and wildlife and the unique aspects of the region. Afternoon tours will offer attendees guided tours of Cades Cove or a local heritage vegetable production site.



June 27th in Gallatin

Central region- hosted by Sumner County at Vol State Comm. College

Two morning tours will feature historical sites managed by our hosts along with options for visiting a local community garden and fruit and tree nursery. Afternoon sessions will focus on ornamentals, vegetables, herbs and marketing your local TEMG group.



October 11,12th in Middleton

Western region- hosted by Hardeman County and held at Lone Oaks Farm

Tours of Lone Oaks, UTs newest 4-H camp and education facility will be held on Friday afternoon the 11th. Saturday the 12th will feature educational sessions in the morning on youth horticulture, herbs, pollinators, cover crops, and more. Afternoon tours will follow at nearby Ames Plantation.



Workshops are not limited to TEMGs in the region- feel free to attend any meeting of interest! Fees will include lunch, snacks, and entrance to tour sites.

Details at: <https://extension.tennessee.edu/Master-Gardener/>

Mark Your Calendar

January

- January 8 **Maury County MG Meeting, 6:00 pm**
Rippavilla Plantation
600 Main Street; Spring Hill, TN
House and Garden Tour
Potluck
Special Election of MCMG President
Guest Speaker: Mr. Scott Smith,
Rippavilla Director of Development
- January 26
Seed Swap
Winchester Center
583 Maury Hill St., Spring Hill, TN
Doors open at 8:00 am

February

- February 12 **Maury County MG Meeting, 6:00 pm**
Sr. Citizens Center; Maury County Park;
Columbia, TN
- February 18
Master Gardener Class Begins

March

- March 12 **Maury County MG Meeting, 6:00 pm**
Sr. Citizens Center; Maury County Park;
Columbia, TN
Speakers: MCMG Specialists
"The Rusty Rake"
- March 30
Rippavilla Plantation, Spring Hill TN

*It was a
wonderful
Christmas
Party!*



*Thanks
Barry
and
DeeDee*



AND...Thanks to the wonderful generosity of this club and its members, we were able to give over \$300 in gift cards to the Maury Regional mobile clinic to help with their efforts this winter in assisting the homeless and underserved here in Columbia. Thank you for being a part!