



Newsletter, March 2021

MCMG Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021

*Maury County Sr Citizens Center
1020 Maury County Park Dr, Columbia, TN*

***Doors open at 6 pm
with conversation
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm
Speaker TBD***

Join us to officially reboot the Maury County Master Gardener's Membership Meetings! Catch up with old friends and make new ones. We will be finalizing plans for the plant sale, learning about the possibilities that are coming and making some major decisions about how our club will move forward. It is also an opportunity to pay your dues.

The Sr. Center requests that we wear masks and practice social distancing.

No food can be served but we will have bottled water.

Change MCMG meeting week???

Changing the week of the monthly Maury County Master Gardeners meeting is being considered. Our Master Gardener Coordinator from the County Extension Agency cannot attend the current 2nd Tuesday due to pre-existing 4-H commitments. The Senior Citizen's Center is available on the 1st or 4th Tuesdays. We will be voting.



Maury County Master Gardeners "Plant Sale 2021"

***May 8th, 2021
8 am to 12 pm***

Baker Building, Maury County Park



We need PLANTS, LOTS of PLANTS to fill the Baker building!

This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours for members and interns! You can count your prep time at home and service hours for working Friday and Saturday with the set up and sale.

This plant sale will be here before you know it - in less than two months!

Now is the time to get going:

- Start seeds and attend the ones you have already planted
- Transplant seedlings and label them.
- Separate plants
- Dig Iris and PLEASE INCLUDE COLOR on label (If you dig just before sale you can place in boxes or in bags)
- Be sure to transplant plants in time for the roots to be established
- Clean out your garden shed
 - Find any garden related items you would like to donate to sale
 - Clean vases will also be needed
- Plan to bring cut flowers and greenery from your garden to be used in live arrangements early the morning of the sale.

Since it has been two years since our last sale and some are new to the plant sale, timelines and what to expect follow on the next page.

MCMG Plant Sale

What to Expect and When

Tuesday, April 13th, 6 pm - Our next MG meeting

- Bring and pick up any pots you would like to donate for plants to be potted in
- There will be a sign-up sheet for Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8.

Friday May 7th, eve of the sale

- Set up begins at 3 pm (tables will arrive at 2:30 pm)
- Set up tables
- Cover tables
- Set up holding area
- Set up cashiers
- Place ENTRANCE, EXIT, SPACING REMINDERS as per covid requirements
- Set up and label SANITATION STATIONS
- Receive and set up plants as they arrive
- Label and price plants (This takes a while!)

Saturday May 8th, Day of the Sale

- Be at the Baker building by 7:15 am
- Bring your fresh cut flowers and clean vases
- Job assignments will be given
- Guidelines for how we are conducting the sale will be reviewed
- Sale starts at 8am

In order to comply with UT requirements for this sale: workers will need to wear masks, doors will need to remain open, there will be no food for sale on premises. MCMG will have some water bottles for the workers.

Maury County Senior Citizens Center Landscaping & Grounds Care



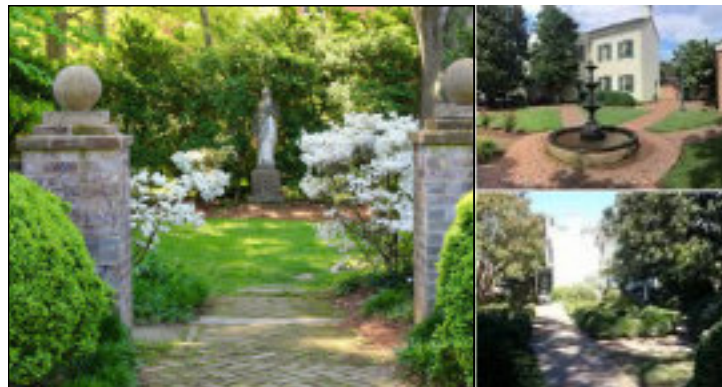
A work date of Saturday morning March 27 at 9:00 has been chosen to do Spring time weeding, pruning and mulching at the Maury County Senior Center. **BRING YOUR TOOLS AND WATER TO DRINK.** A "Rain Date" is tentatively planned for Tuesday afternoon, March 30 from 3:00-5:00.

There is always some part of the gardens at the Sr. Citizen's Center that need attention, such as watering and weeding. It is an ongoing project and opportunity for members and interns to earn some volunteer hours at any time that fits their schedule.

Contact: Judi Heyning, jheyning@aol.com (931)-489-6029 for further information.

Historic James K. Polk Home (JKP)

JKP Home 2021 Gardens of Columbia Committee requested our participation in this year's Gardens of Columbia 2021 Garden Tour, events and future events. We welcome the opportunity for the community involvement.



Exciting opportunities to provide community garden support range from playing in the dirt to educational demonstrations to showcasing our gardens.

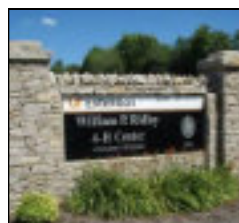
This spring help is needed with planting the JKP Home Perennial Garden.

One or two volunteers are needed for Demonstration and Education Talks over the summer. Talks will focus on planting and raised bed gardening. The dates are to be determined.

Be a ticket stamper at one of the gardens on the tour. The hours are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can sign up for a 4 hour slot; all you need is your MCMG Name-tag, a lawn chair and a smile! Note: Volunteers get a reduced cost Garden Tour ticket.

To volunteer to stamp tickets please reach out to Sue Nagel, Shelby6866@yahoo.com (307)640-0004, as soon as possible. Her list is due to JKP April 1.

For more information: <https://jameskpolk.com/upcoming-events/gardensofcolumbia2021/>



Maury Co 4-H Center Bioswale Planting

*A new service project
coming soon!*

MCMG would be working with the 4-H Center Manager, Terri Quillin, to plant a 240 foot long Bioswale/Rain Garden being designed by Dr. Andrea Ludwig of UT.

Multiple workdays are being considered to help with planting. Plants will be provided. **It is a good opportunity for Master Gardeners and Interns to earn service hours.** More details to follow.



2021 Area Master Gardener Classes

Classes are from 6-8 pm CDT on Monday and Thursday nights

Still time for Master Gardeners and Interns to view the videos!!!



Master Gardener Training classes offered by the Lower Middle Tennessee Counties **are open to Certified or Intern Master Gardeners!** A link has been sent by MCMG President, George Patton, for accessing the remaining four classes. Additional gardening educational videos can be viewed on the University of Tennessee Residential Horticulture You Tube page. Click on the "Videos" tab to find subjects to explore to earn more hours.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjS3d1IkIH1OZ1Z2qPvhgfQ>

GARDENING CALENDAR

April



Finish any digging, Start Sowing outdoors. Sow hardy Annuals and herb seeds. Watch out for late frosts.

May



Sow and plant out bedding. Earth up potatoes. Plant out Summer bedding. Mow Lawns weekly.



MCMG Dues ONLY \$10

They're important 4 you!

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 in training do not pay dues.

Both cash and check are accepted.
Checks are payable to: Maury County Master Gardeners.

Please bring your dues in April or mail a check to:

Bruce and Cay McShirley
148 Shapiro Trail
Columbia, TN 38401



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Mark Your Calendar

March

- March 22 Master Gardener Training Wendel Smith, 6-8 pm online, Topic: *Soils*
- March 25 Master Gardener Training Dill Hughes 6-8 pm online, Topic: *Backyard Wildlife*
- March 27 **MCMG Service Project/Work Day** Maury Co Sr Citizen's Center, 9 am-12 Noon
- March 29 Master Gardener Training, Mitchell Mote, 6-8 pm online, Topic: *Turfgrass and Weeds*
- March 30 **RAIN DATE MCMG Service Project/Work Day** Maury Co Sr Citizen's Center, 3-5 pm
- March 31 **LAST DAY** to volunteer for working with the Polk House Service Project

April

- April 1 Master Gardener Training, Carol Reese, 6-8 pm online, Topic: *Landscape Design*
- April 13 **Maury County MG Meeting**, 6 pm Speaker TBA

May

- May 7 Set up for MCMG Plant Sale
- May 8 **Maury MG plant sale, Baker Bldg, Maury Co Park, 8:00 am-12:00 noon**
- May 11 **NO MCMG MEETING**

June

- June 4-5 **Polk House Garden Tours** 10 am-4pm

PLANT SALE

Saturday
May 8, 2021
8 am - Noon

The Baker Building at The Fair Grounds

1018 Maury County Park Drive in Columbia, TN

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