



November 2019

# NEWSLETTER

## *MCMG Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

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

*6:00 pm Pot Luck – 6:30 pm Business  
Meeting & Elections of Officers – 7:00  
pm Speaker*



## *Voting for 2020-2022 Officers at November Meeting*

MCMG will be electing new officers at the November meeting. Please come out and show your support for our new 2020-2022 officers!

President: George Patton  
Vice-Presidents: Mickey DeHaven  
Ann Wright  
Secretary: April Ray  
Treasurer: Bruce and Cay McShurley



## *New Extension Agent Welcome Roger Clark!*

Roger has joined the Maury County UT Extension Staff and will be overseeing Master Gardeners!

Roger Wayne Clark  
Extension Agent I  
(931) 375-5301  
[rogwclar@tennessee.edu](mailto:rogwclar@tennessee.edu)

## *“The Forgotten World of Plants” by Randall Connor*

“The main focus of my studies is Foraging for useful plants, (edible, medicinal, textiles, aromatics, ceremonial etc) I also teach about how plants have been perceived and used throughout history. This is the study of Ethnobotany. Every plant has a story, and I know lots of stories about plants. I have examples of how plants that grow here in Tennessee have been used by people here for thousands of years, or in some cases for only a few years. “



## *Meet Randall Conner Our November Speaker*



Mr. Connor has been gardening for 52 years and has worked on several farms learning what grows and how it grows. He studies several types of gardening including permaculture, organic, biodynamic and various types of high yield. He was recently a greenhouse manager at a local landscaping company for 6 years.

Randall has been studying Foraging and Herbology in earnest for the past 30 years and teaching Foraging Classes here in Nashville for the past 2 years. His classes are called “Wild Weed Walks.” So far over 300 students have enrolled. He also does lectures and presentations at various events, shows and festivals about the usefulness of plants. He is writing several new books. “How To Forage for Wild Plants” is almost done and he is working a four book series, “Diary of a Forager.” This work will contain one book for each season. Each book will cover around 200 plants that are found here in Tennessee and the Mid-South.

*This will be a fun presentation with lots of “hands on” plants to play with. Randall will even bring some herbal teas that he has harvested locally.*

## ATTENTION Members of the Master Gardener Class of 2018...

If you reached 40 hours of service and 8 hours of continuing education be sure to submit your hours by November 15, 2019. You will be certified December 10<sup>th</sup> at our last 2019 Maury County Master Gardeners meeting,



**ALL MASTER GARDENERS  
REMEMBER TO TURN IN  
or ENTER YOUR HOURS  
ON LINE**

**BY NOVEMBER 15th...**

Hours are counted for calendar year, but the UT Extension Office needs them early to file their reports.

Enter your hours on line at <https://temg.tennessee.edu/>

OR

Turn in paper copy at the Extension Office

OR

e-mail to Dill Hughes [dhughes2@utk.edu](mailto:dhughes2@utk.edu)

??? Contact George Patton [gpatton703@gmail.com](mailto:gpatton703@gmail.com)

(Reporting forms attached, and available at <https://maurycountymastergardeners.org/>)

(Continue to enter your hours through the end of 2019.  
**They count for your yearly total.**)

## Announcing: 2019 Achievements

At our upcoming Holiday Party on Dec 10, we will be recognizing the achievements our club has made this year both collectively and individually. Please let us know what you (or another master gardener) have accomplished by emailing April Ray at [socaldiva@hotmail.com](mailto:socaldiva@hotmail.com). Don't be shy - we are all encouraged to know what everyone has been involved in throughout our communities.

## Committees forming for 2020.

Committee Heads have been chosen. Consider how you can be an active partner with MCMG in 2020.

1. Plant Sale
2. Mentoring and Retention
3. Meeting Coordinators
4. Programs
5. Publicity
6. Service Projects
7. Maury County Home and Garden
8. Maury County Fair
9. Sunshine
10. Field Trips
11. Club Photographer & Reporter
12. Budget
13. Volunteer & Education hours

Save Your Seeds!  
Share them with us.

Leave your seeds at the  
SEEDS TABLE

We will store them to  
be bagged in the  
new year.

Thanks!

Photo by Mariana Medvedeva on Unsplash

Donated seeds need to be dried, cleaned and separated from chaff.....bring in bulk.....include seed name.....your name....



Happy  
Thanksgiving



## *Attention all Master Gardeners and Interns: Put December 10 on your calendar!*

Plan now to attend the 2019 Christmas Party and Certification for the 2018 Interns on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Maury County Senior Citizens Center. Yes, it's an interesting combination, and, yes, it's going to be fun!

Every year in December, the Master Gardeners give a holiday party, exchange gifts among themselves and contribute to a charity. This year's charity is the Onesimus House. (Details below. <sup>\*</sup>)

In December 2019, we will add a Certification Ceremony for those interns who graduated in 2018 and completed their required hours by November 15, 2019. This should be the last time we have two groups of interns in the same year. Check the list at the end of this article for eligible interns. If your name is on the list, be sure to turn in your hours so you can be certified as a Master Gardener on December 10!

### *Evening Agenda*

That Tuesday, December 10, at the Maury County Senior Citizens Center we will gather for a holiday potluck at 6:00 p.m. The association will provide a spiral-sliced ham, so please bring sides or desserts for the festivities. Feel free to bring family and friends to celebrate the season as well as the certification of our newest Master Gardeners. Just remember to bring extra food for your guests.

When we arrive, we will arrange our gifts for the Onesimus House on a decorated table. One of our members, Dr. Sam Richardson, is very active with this program and suggests that we each bring a food item. Since Sam will deliver the food right after the party, please bring fresh fruits, such as apples and oranges; fresh dairy, such as milk and cheese; or canned goods. Sam also says DO NOT donate cash or anything that can be redeemed as cash.

Immediately after dinner, Dill Hughes, UT Extension County Director and/or Roger Clark, the new Extension Agent responsible for MCMG, will certify our new Master Gardeners. The Mentoring and Retention Committee will present each with a gift from the MCMG Association.

Then, we'll briefly recognize outstanding achievements during 2019. April Ray is gathering the achievements now. Please send her an email or text message to recognize individuals or groups who helped the club accomplish significant goals during the year.

To close the evening, we'll host a "Garden Gift Exchange" for anyone who wishes to participate, and participating is easy. Simply bring a wrapped "garden" gift valued at \$15. Hang on to the gift until we play a friendly game of pass the present.

### **See you there!**

<sup>\*</sup>As a reminder, the Onesimus House is named for a man in the Bible who had to go to prison. While there, he met the Apostle Paul, who led him to Christ. When Onesimus was ready to get out of prison, he didn't have a place to go. Paul wrote a letter to Philemon (the book of Philemon in the Bible), asking Philemon to take him in and get him started in his Christian life outside of prison. The program tries to do the same thing for former prisoners, many of whom are recovering addicts. They accept men who are sincere in their walk with God and want to never again go back to jail.

### **Interns from Class of 2018**

Allen, George  
Berglund, Christine  
Berglund, Gary  
Blackburn, Crystal  
Checchia, James  
Connell, Joe  
Daniels, Patsy  
Harney, Shannon  
Jackson, Danielle  
Marler, Beth

McCullough, Jane Ann  
Roberson, Lyn  
Sherp, Brad  
Trainor, Jake  
Trainor, Kathryn  
Traugot, Michael  
Webster, Nancy  
Wilburn, Vickie  
Wright, Ann  
Ziegenhagen, Jessie



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<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org/>

## Maury County Master Gardeners Volunteer and Education Hours Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Master Gardener Interns* are required to complete **40 Volunteer hours** to become certified. *Certified Master Gardeners* must complete **25 Volunteer hours** to maintain certification status. All Master Gardeners must complete 8 Education hours annually. Hours must be reported to the Extension Office to complete certification requirements.

Round hours to the nearest quarter hour. Give a complete description of the activity . Use a second line if necessary. Do not list hours previously reported. Use as many pages necessary to report all your hours.

Volunteer Hours	Education Hours	Date MM/DD/YY	Hours 0.00	Mileage	Complete Description of the Activity Speaker, Topic and Activity	Location Where the Activity Took Place

*Master Gardeners have been at work.*



*Saving and packing seeds to promote gardening at our booths in the spring.*



*Getting the Sr. Citizens Center grounds ready for winter.*

*Thank you for all  
who volunteered  
at the Sr Citizens  
Workday and  
MCMG Seed  
Packaging Event!*



*Dustan Whinnery  
Making beautiful creations  
at our October Meeting.*



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*Dustan  
You  
Rock!*



*Awesome  
Art!*

*So Excited!  
I won a  
Blume  
Studio  
original!*

