



NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Meet Maury County Master Gardeners October Speakers



*Alice Minyard presenting
"Coleus: Color in the Shade"*

Alice holds a master's degree in early education from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and taught kindergarten and preschool for almost 40 years. However she has loved flowers ever since she can remember. She attributes this love to her mother, whom she watched garden as a child. She gardens today in her mostly shady yard in Columbia. Her yard was on the Maury County Garden tour, sponsored by Columbia Cares, in 2007 and 2009. She became a Master Gardener in 2012 after her retirement from teaching. She was President of Maury County Master Gardeners from Jan. 2013 until Dec. 2015. She currently serves as a Vice President.



*Crystal Blackburn presenting
"Working with Bamboo"*

Crystal Blackburn is a 35 year old resident of Maury County and a 2018 intern of the Master Gardener program. She is a licensed Cosmetologist by day, and a gardener and crafter by night. She loves to work with her hands and she uses her mind as a tool for creativity. Crystal loves rare plants but also loves natives and she feels that if a specimen has dual purposes then that is better all the more. When starting a project, she frequently asks herself two questions...Will it look good, and will it serve a function?

Crystal loves family and is the proud mother of a 14 year old Lewis Co High School football and basketball star.



*April Ray presenting
"Microgreens"*

April Ray and her family run an adventurous homestead — Raydiant Acres — in Hampshire, Tennessee, where you'll find them chasing chickens, digging in the dirt, and wildcrafting herbs. Through organic growing practices and permaculture techniques, they're attempting to learn the art of simple, sustainable living.

They began homesteading in 2015, following a desire to raise and grow their own food. In addition to homesteading, April enjoys homeschooling her three children, singing, reading, and teaching Zumba. April became a Master Gardener in 2017 and currently serves as Secretary for Maury County Master Gardeners.

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Times: 4:30 pm Service Projects – 6:00 pm Pot Luck – 6:30 pm Business Meeting – 7:00 pm Speakers

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



2018 MCMG Interns and Mentors

INTERN

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

MENTOR

Dick Harris
Gail Patton
George Patton
Dee Dee Blackburn
Mary Randalls
Susan Nagel
Melanie Edwards
April Ray
Vickie Wilson
Susie Comstock

INTERN

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

MENTOR

Annette Wakefield
Evelyn Mroczek
Sam Richardson
Doug Turchin
Cynthia Killets
Deena Trimble
Trea Baggett
Barbara Aubin
Mickie DeHaven
Billie Richardson



Field Trips



For those going to Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Sat., Oct 6:

Address: 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. Huntsville, AL. 35805 Ph 256-830-4447

Carpooling? Meet at Bear Creek Cracker Barrel at 7:15 AM.

Guided tours starts at 10:15. (1 ½ hours)

Plant sale starts at 9 AM. (Shuttle available for those who have difficulty walking.)

Questions? Call Cynthia Killets 931-486-0980

Saturday, November 3. FIELD TRIP to White House Arboretum

210 Rolling Acres Dr. White House, TN. 37188; Randy Allen 615-714-4628

We are looking forward to cooler weather and some good fall colors as we plan our trip on November 3 to White House Arboretum in White House, Tn. to see their collection of trees and bamboo. If you are thinking about adding a tree to your landscape, it really helps to see it up close growing in a lawn. Randy is a certified arborist and grows over 350 trees, 165 types, 148 species, and 81 genera. He also grows a giant timber bamboo with canes as big around as 2 liter bottles that are 55 feet tall that have been used to make necklaces, rings, furniture,, fences and also for food. Come join us for a day in nature around his ponds, wildlife, and trees. Call Annette if you have any questions at 931-359-2328 or text me at 931-637-5958. We can also sign you up at our October meeting.

Meet at Bear Creek Cracker Barrel at 8:00. We will leave there at 8:15. Tour starts at 9:30 and lasts about 2 hours. There is a Colorado Grill (similar to Charley's half a mile away) Your car group can decide if they want to have lunch or not following the tour. Questions? Call Annette Wakefield at 931-359-2328.

Service Projects



Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program

“The main purpose of the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program is community education in the area of residential and consumer horticulture. To achieve valuable educational impact, volunteer activities are generally organized into specific projects. In addition to providing the means to have long-term impacts in the community, project work is often one of the most rewarding parts of being a TEMG volunteer because effects can be seen over time as a result of volunteer efforts. Keep in mind that TEMG events and projects are an important public relations tool for Tennessee Extension. The programs and projects should always be visible, well-kept and serve the general public. Make sure that the projects provide enough work for all members to meet their volunteer service requirements. The work will be more rewarding if members feel they are instrumental in the success of a worthwhile project. Be sure there is as much variety as possible in project assignments and enable volunteers to change projects to maintain interest.” Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program, Volunteer Handbook, pg 22-23, 2016.

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Documents/W099-%20Volunteer.%20November.pdf>



Deena Trimble, President

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Maury County Master Gardeners Club

The Maury County Master Gardener Club provides service opportunities throughout the year. To become a certified Master Gardener, interns must provide 40 hours of volunteer service to the community within a year. While this may not have been your primary reason for taking the classes, community service is at the heart of this organization. Also, current members must provide 25 hours of volunteer service each year. We invite all interns and current members to become involved in these rewarding projects



An on-going project of this club is to provide plants, landscaping materials and labor for projects at the Senior Citizen's Building where we have most of our meetings. Since our club is not charged to use the building, this is a small way to show our appreciation. Typically, the club has two clean-up days in the spring and two days in the fall. The next clean-up day will be Tuesday, October 9th at 4:30. This is prior to our monthly meeting and we have had good attendance in the past. We will be creating an iris bed near the fence, trimming the crepe myrtles, planting 5 bushes, pulling weeds, and general clean up. Please bring your own gloves, digging tools, rakes, shovels, clippers, etc. and a change of clothes if you desire.

For those who are unable to work outside, we will also provide a service project inside the building at 4:30 pm.

Please bring any collected seeds - identified (name, color, if any, and your name) dried - cleaned - separated from chaff - bulk is great - to the SEEDS TABLE inside the building.



Photo by Mariana Medvedeva on Unsplash

We will bag and tag them to be given away as promotional items at our garden booths throughout the coming year. If you know what kinds of seeds you are bringing, please contact Gail Patton ahead of time so she can create the tags. (fgapatton@gmail.com)

This project will need to be ongoing.



Did You Know?

Maury County Master Gardeners has a Facebook page!



Maury County Master Gardeners
Public Group - 161 Members



Join



Add Members




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More

Are YOU connected?

The MCMG has a group page on Facebook where we post pictures, gardening tips, upcoming events and notices about our meetings. If you are not a member of this group, please go to:

<https://maurycountymastergardeners.org>. Click on  You may have to sign in to Facebook. Ask to be added to Maury County Master Gardeners. You do not have to be a member of the club to be in this group.

Do YOU have a picture?

If anyone has a photo that was made at the August meeting that included the interns and the current members, please send that to maurycountymg@gmail.com so we can update our picture.

Thanks

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

MEMPHIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
2018 NATIVE PLANT CONFERENCE
Cultivate Wild!
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26-27, 2018
(Pre and Post Conference Field Trips & Tours: October 25 & 28)

CONFERENCE PARTNERS
- Elson Gallery & Gardens - Lichtman Nature Center - Memphis Botanic Garden -
- Overton Park Conservancy - Shelby Farms Park Conservancy -
- Wolf River Conservancy - Norcross Creek Conservancy - Strawberry Plains Audubon Center -
- Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs -

CONFERENCE SPONSORS
    

CONFERENCE DETAILS, BROCHURE & REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT:
www.memphishorticulture.org/native-plant-conference

Leafcasting with Deena at MCMG Sept. Meeting

THANKS DEENA!!!



**Members
Remember to
Pay Your Dues**

**\$10.00
to Donna Richards**

***New MCMG Class
Begins
February 18, 2019***

Contact Jarrod Reeson
931-375-5301 or jreeson@utk.edu

Mark Your Calendar

September

September 30 **Last day to turn in Service Hours to Jarrod**

October

October 6 **FIELD TRIP** Huntsville Botanical Gardens, gather at Cracker Barrel at 7:15 am

October 9 **Landscaping at Sr. Citizen's Building & Assembly of Seed Packets 4:30 pm**
MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER Share Meeting 6 pm

October 26-27 **Native Plant Conference, Memphis**

November

November 3 **FIELD TRIP** White House Arboretum, gather at 8:00 am

November 13 **MAURY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MEETING, 6 pm**

December

December 8 **MCMG Christmas Party**