



September MCMG Meeting Featuring Special Speaker

The Fair is Coming! You can be a part and earn service hours by helping!



Carol Reese
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➔ The Extension Office needs our help with fair entries take in on Monday August 30th from 12-6 pm. There will be two shifts to volunteer from 12-3pm and then 3-6pm. There is also a need for 6 volunteers to judge the entries at 6pm on Monday August 30th.

Contact: Roger Clark rogwclar@utk.edu to sign up for a shift on August 30 or if you have questions about intake or judging.

➔ MCMG needs teams to help with our booth Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 4-8 pm and Saturday 12-4 pm To sign up for 2 hr shifts: **Contact:** Melanie Edwards medwards@ADSSecurity.com by Friday, August 27.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

6 pm CT

Sr. Citizen's Center

**1020 Maury County Park Dr.
Columbia, TN**

*Safe Dessert Provided • Door Prizes
Short Business Meeting • Speaker*

**JOIN US & BRING A FRIEND!
ADVERTISE!**

(Flier Included on p 5)

Baker Building

1018 Maury County Park Dr, Columbia



Partnering with the Polk Gardens and Sr. Citizens Community Center

Please consider any of the Service Projects coming up, we need you and you need service hours.

Please bring your gloves and small garden shovels or other tools for weeding. Thank you.

September and October Service Projects 2021

Historic James K. Polk Home (JKP) Service Projects

Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 25, 8:00 – 10:00 am

We were invited to partner with the JKP Home and welcome the opportunity for the community involvement. Weeding the Polk Gardens.

Senior Citizen Center Weeding Project

Workday: Tuesday, October 5, 4:30 to 6:00 pm
(before our 6:00 pm meeting.)

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either one of us with your service project ideas.

Sue Nagel, Shelby6866@yahoo.com (307)-640-0004
Judi Heyning, jheyning@aol.com (931)-489-6029

Service hours for 2021

Master Gardeners are welcome to access the recorded content and supplemental materials from our intern training from Spring of 2021 until the first of September. After then the site will be taken offline temporarily to allow content and resources for next year's area added.
<https://sites.google.com/vols.utk.edu/temg-2021-intern-training/home?authuser=0>

Master Gardeners can continue to use the Friday Focus statewide zooms for service hours or education hours. There will be 8-10 hours for folks to use.

Natlie R. Bumgarner, Ph.D.

TEMG Intern Training Update - 2022

The UT Extension MG work-group is planning to continue a collaborative training in spring 2022. The focus will be to combine distance lectures, hands-on teaching, and building local relationships.

- Intern training online live on Tuesdays – 9-11 am CT, UT Extension hopes you will consider hosting live, but individual viewing is also fine.
- Online sessions begin February 1st, continue until April 26th (13 online sessions)
- Each individual county is encouraged to host a visit on Tues, January 25th to teach the database, get to know each other, and provide an “orientation” to the county and program.
- Each county handles another 14 hours of in-person training on their own. (with January 25th counting towards the 14 other hours).
- The main additional element that we would like to add this year is more hands-on interactive elements. We will further develop this content through the fall.



Maury County Master Gardener Class 2022

interest form

Scan QR Code



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on August 1, 2021- \$6,796.48
Deposits of- \$20.00
Expenses of- \$92.08
Balance on August 21, 2021- \$6,724.40

Beware!!!

Did you buy a boxwood this spring? Please check it for the destructive box tree moth—doing this now can prevent the moth from infesting America's boxwoods! Learn how: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/box-tree-moth>



Report signs of infestation to:

Your USDA local office
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd>
9313755301 Office

Prevent defoliation and destruction of Boxwoods!!!



Thanks!!!



A Little Sunshine

Bruce and I have been making many trips to Indiana recently. On arriving home a while back we returned to a yard of white. The clover had taken over and it was difficult to see the grass.

We had fallen behind on many things around the house and the yard was one of them. I don't know about you, but for me, sometimes being behind can seem overwhelming.

The next day, I was walking to the barn to get some things I needed to work in my flowers. I spotted a rabbit feasting on the clover. He was in no hurry to run away and seemed to be enjoying his feast. I continued to watch him and think about what this field of white meant to him.


Upon continuing my chores, I heard buzzing at my feet. I looked down and saw many honey bees gathering pollen off the clover. I was reminded of what the clover means to them and how important the bees are to us. I continued finishing my work for the day.

As I sat in the evening, I thought of the countless clover and Dandelion bouquets I had received from students. I will always remember their excitement and the love on their faces when they presented me with the flowers. I never thought of them as weeds. I was reminded of the love behind them.

As I lay in bed that night, I was reminded about what is really important. It's not the beautiful perfect lawn. It's seeing the beauty in the imperfect, a lesson I need to be reminded of often.

If you are feeling overwhelmed or striving for the perfect yard, garden or whatever it might be I hope that you may find beauty in this beautiful imperfect world.



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Plan Your Calendar

August

August 30 Maury County Fair Check-in, Registration and Judging, 11 until ca. 6 pm, Baker Building, 1018 Maury County Park Dr., Columbia

August 31 Fall Gardeners' Festival 9 am-5 pm Plateau Ag Research and Education Center; 320 Experiment Station road; Crossville Register at <https://forms.gle/LadYfEitanSNppTF6>

August 31-September 1 Maury County Fair; Maury County Park Fairgrounds

September

September 2 Steak and Potatoes Field Day 7 am CT Plateau Ag Researcher and Education Center; 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville Contact: Jennifer Burns jburns35@tennessee.edu 931-484-0034

September 3 **Fall Gardener's Festival** Plateau Ag Researcher and Education Center; 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville. Registration begins 8 am Presentations 9 am - 3 pm Free Preregister at ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens

September 7 **Maury County Master Gardeners Meeting**, 6 pm Senior Citizen's Center; 1020 Maury County Park Dr.; Columbia. Speaker: Carol Reese

September 14 **Historic James K. Polk Home Service Project**, 6-8 pm, 301 W 7th St, Columbia

September 17-18 The Western Region Conference in Clarksville. Information & Registration <https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Documents/Registration%20form%20-%20Western%20region%20conference%20202S>

September 25 **Historic James K. Polk Home Service Project**, 8-10 am, 301 W 7th St, Columbia

September 30 The Eastern Region Conference, Fentress County. More information to come.

October

October 5 **Senior Citizen Center Weeding Project Workday** 4:30-6 pm (before MCMG meeting), 1020 Maury County Park Dr.; Columbia.

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November

November 2 **Maury County Master Gardeners Meeting**

November 2, 9, 16 **Visual Smart Yards Training**. Virtual Workshop 9 am CT

GARDENING CALENDAR

August



Prune summer flowering bushes. Collect seeds Continue picking warm season crops and correctly preserving produce for later use. Don't let weeds get ahead of you and produce seeds. Late plantings of summer squash can be done. Watch soil moisture levels, irrigate and side dress fruiting crops. Prepare soil for fall cool-season crops. Transplant fall cool-season crops that take the most days to mature.

September



Harvest fruits and vegetables. Canning, freezing and drying are all good options for preservation. Put up herbs. Sow broad beans and hardy peas. Transplant broccoli and cauliflower by mid-September. Seed cover crops. Plant spring flowering bulbs. Keep track of how much and how often watering is needed., estimate 1-2 inches per week. Don't let late season weeds get ahead of you.

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Evening begins 6:00 pm

The Senior Citizen's Center

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FREE TO THE PUBLIC