



Master Gardeners of Wilson County

# Leaves of Wisdom

## A Daylily Deep Dive

By Tonya Gardner, Class of 2022



Faulkner Genetics  
Photo by Lucas Holman

*As gardeners, we are always looking for a plant that is consistently productive and pleasant to look at, but doesn't need a lot of pampering. For flower gardens, daylilies seem to fit that bill. In this issue, we chat with Lucas Holman about his love for daylilies and learn some interesting facts about these garden beauties along the way.*

### How did you get started with daylilies?

My high school biology teacher and his father-in-law had a daylily business. I grew up in the greenhouse industry, so we would swap things back and forth. I went to his house one time when I was 16 or 17-years-old, and I bought daylilies from him. Then his father-in-law got into hostas too, so they were really plant collectors. It's my high school biology teacher, and I can't believe he is still teaching today.

### So he sparked a little interest in you? I guess since they are not real finicky, I feel like daylilies are a good plant to start with.

Well they were selling them at flea markets and farmer's markets, and from their farm there. That was their farm gig, daylilies.

### So what made them your favorite?

I don't know. I got hooked into them when I was 16, buying and flipping some, and I would sell them at a garden center that my aunt and uncle owned. They would let me sell daylilies at their garden center, so it worked out well. Then I got into collecting them, and I've started attending these garden tours in the summertime. There is a really good group of people in the daylily world. I didn't realize there were auctions, and all kinds of things. Who knew? It's crazy.

### Is there like a black market, seedy underbelly, to the daylily world?

Yeah, the auctions online. I can show you. There are some auctions right now where for single plants, some of the newer ones, go for \$3,000-4,000. It's insane.

### I had no idea there was such a big daylily game out there.

It's crazy actually.

### What do you think is the best one to start with? If someone wants to get into day lilies?

I would find the ones that are called the Stout Medal winners. So the American Daylily Society gives one daylily a silver medal each year as THE daylily that year. So the last couple of years, Mayor Munchkin Land and Primal Scream have been winners. Just Google Stout Medal List. Those are usually the ones that we encourage people to start off with. They are just fantastic colors or tall or something like that.

# A Daylily Deep Dive (cont.)

**Ok that's interesting. I always wonder what people who are really into specialized things think about "knock-offs," you know, so what are your feelings about ditch lilies?**

I'm not a huge ditch lily or Stella d' Oro fan. Well, there have been better ones produced. Really, if it wasn't for ditch lilies, we wouldn't have some of the hybrids today because those are some of the ones they use to breed with for hardiness. I'm not anti. I have some ditch lilies around some places.

**Well they say they're invasive.**

Well they can be, and that's the only one that has a root that runs. The other ones form a crown, and they don't run. That ditch lily runs and makes a carpet, and they can do that quickly.

**I have a couple myself, and the hummingbirds love them so that's why I like them there.**

I have some too. I have some around some trees. The old farmer that had my property before me would plant them around trees.

**So some people call them tiger lilies, but that's different, right?**

Liliums are true bulbs, and they have seeds on the stem. Daylilies have seeds on the seed pod, and they don't actually form a bulb.

**They look kind of similar I guess because of how the head points. Well, there are several differences right?**

Yes, leaves, and such.

**What are some common mistakes people make when growing daylilies?**

Putting them in too much shade. They've got to have full sun to bloom right. I think that's the biggest hiccup. People put them right by their house, and they will get at the most 5 hours of sun in that spot. Daylilies have to have sun all day.

**Are there any secret tricks you have with them?**

Not really that I can think of. They do need to be divided about every five years. So if you've got some, the flowering will start to diminish after five years. You need to just dig them up and cut them in half and give half of them to someone else.

**Is there anything beneficial about daylilies that most people don't know?**

They are edible. So colonists would actually take the flower buds and cook them in a buttery sauce like green beans. Just the flower buds. If you ever get hard up, you can eat some daylily buds.

**That was not where I thought you were going to go with the benefits of daylilies! Are there any enemies of the daylily?**

Yeah, rust. It's a fungus, and it comes up from Florida about every year. If we get some really strong tropical storms, it will blow in quicker. I buy plants from all across the country, and every now and then I will get some from Florida that already have rust on them. But it doesn't over winter in Tennessee so it doesn't kill them.

**Do you do anything to treat them?**

No.



Foolish Flirt  
Photo by Lucas Holman

**This newsletter supports the Tennessee Extension Master Garden Program in providing research-based, innovative and usable horticulture information to all Tennessee residents through a dedicated and skilled volunteer network.**

# A Daylily Deep Dive (cont.)

## **How soon do they bloom after planting?**

If you plant them in the spring, they will bloom that year. If you plant them in late fall, they are not going to bloom that year. Ideally, they need to be planted in the spring.

## **What do you do about dividing them? Do you do yours in the spring or the fall?**

I prefer to divide them in the spring when they first break foliage. Sometimes, if we don't get them divided enough or quickly enough in the fall and we get a hard freeze, they will suffer. They need to be rooted in before we get a hard freeze.

## **Maybe they will be ok. Do you deadhead yours or just let them be?**

No. I let them go.

**What about the canes? Some people say leave them for insects to make homes and such, but I always break mine off.** I break the canes off just because they are ugly to me. I have a lot of daylilies and some of the canes are 6 feet tall, so I have to get rid of them. Put them in the burn pile.

## **What do you think are some good companion plants?**

Iris, because iris bloom in the springtime, and daylilies bloom more in the summertime, so I have few iris in those beds. One of my favorite plants that I have really got hooked on in some of my beds is salvia. Some of the new salvias – one called “Rockin Blues,” “White Profusion,” “Red Hot Sally”. I like them, and they bring in the hummingbirds.

## **Is there a book about daylilies that you would recommend?**

Yeah. The Daylily Encyclopedia, and there is another one that is just called Daylilies. The American Daylily Society puts out books every couple of years. They've got one just on spider daylilies, one on doubles. But there are a couple of books. Good books, but expensive books.

## **Are there any times of the year, other than the dividing of them, that you would recommend any type of special work on them?**

Fertilize them with a general fertilizer in the springtime, 6-12-12 or 10-10-10. A couple of tablespoons is really all they need.

In Middle Tennessee, we have a very active Middle Tennessee Daylily Society, and we are hosting the national meeting in Nashville. So you get to tour all the private gardens next June. They are only taking 500 entries. It will fill up in a month. It is a killer tour. You basically stay at the hotel, and buses drive you to all these gardens each day, and then you have catered meals each night. It is nice. I enjoy it. It's fun.

**A friend of mine was asking me about this and I'm not qualified to answer it, but there seems to be some confusion between some Asiatic lilies and daylilies and I think a lot of it comes from the Hemerocallis name, some of them have the same name. Can you clarify this? The lily and daylily naming can be a little confusing.**

Yes, so there is a Hymenocallis, which is spider lily, and Hemerocallis is Greek for “beauty in day”. so Liliaceae, Asiatic lily or oriental lilies or these oriental lilies, they are all bulbs, and daylilies are just not a bulb. They are a foliage plant. So there are different species. So Hemerocallis fulva is ditch lily, Hemerocallis citrine is a lemon scented daylily, so there are a bunch of different species of those. I have it in one of the books over here, but there are a lot of those. Google it. You've got easy questions.



# A Daylily Deep Dive (cont.)

**I'll have to Google it. I'm a newbie to daylilies so I'm not smart enough to ask the really hard questions. Every year I'm trying to get a couple of new ones, so this year, I ended up getting... I love the look of the "Mildred Mitchell." She is just really pretty, so what are some of the ones that you love?**

Quasar Cutie is my favorite newer one. And one called Adina Babs, bred by a guy in Virginia. I got it directly from him a few years ago, and it blooms all summer, and it was still blooming last week in mid-October. It is one killer daylily.

**So you're going to get a lot of bang for your buck.**

I think I'm going to. I like those that bloom a long time. One that I really like is called "Eos at Dawn,, and it is 6 1/2 feet tall. I have pictures of my friend, and he is 6 feet tall, standing next to it, and the flowers are just over the top of his head. It's unreal some of the new ones that are coming out. I bought it at an auction from these weird daylily people.

**You're going to have to increase the daylily portion of your budget, it sounds like.**

Yeah I guess so. I do sell a few in the spring to buy new ones.

**Hey, you've got to keep up with your habit somehow.**

Yes I do. I've got to keep up with it somehow.

**How do you choose your selections?**

I'm not a fan of doubles or spiders. I think they are ugly. I like the ones that are flat open face, and I like colorful ones that have several colors, not just a solid color.

**That's what I've really been noticing. There are some neat combinations of colors.**

Yes, I really like the diversity in them.

**There are some that I would never even imagine that are such deep rich colors, almost so dark they are black.**

Yeah, there are some dark ones. There is one called "Back in Black," and it is pretty, but it is not really for me. I mean it's a really deep purple, but I'm not really into that.

**I only pick the ones that I think are pretty. Why would I pick an ugly flower?**

I'm the same way. We've actually got a meeting, The Middle Tennessee Daylily Society is meeting at Maple Hill Church of Christ off Highway 70, and they are flying a speaker down from Ohio, and they are having an auction on the last Saturday of the month.

**Interesting. I'm going to have to check in to the daylily societies.**

They are a neat group of people, and it's a pretty large gathering.

*Our conversation veered at this point to peonies and daffodils, and all of the subculture societies within the flower world. We appreciate Lucas for indulging us and answering our questions. Hopefully this information piques some interest in the lovely daylily, and maybe you will find a spot in your garden to enjoy their beauty.*



Lucas Holman in his happy place — Blue Ridge Day Lilies in Alexander, NC. Photo by Bonnie Holman

# President's Note

Happy Spring, Master Gardeners! Today I was thinking about all of our gardens and what treasures they are. I realized I didn't know much about the history of our arboretum, so I did some research and thought I would share what I learned.

The Baddour Parkway Arboretum, which covers the area in and around Fiddlers Grove, is one of 85 certified arboretums across the state of Tennessee. We were first certified as a level one arboretum by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC) in 2014. The requirements for level one are:

- \*have 30-59 distinct, noninvasive tree species labeled with scientific and common names
- \*have a map of tree locations available to the public
- \*submit a tree list
- \*have an inspection and pay required fee
- \*if approved, the council will send a "Certified Arboretum" sign for installation

To learn more about the early days of the arboretum, I interviewed our favorite "Crazy Tree Lady," Carol Walenga! I learned that there was quite a bit of preparation for several years before that first certification. Carol, Marianne Pelletier, and other master gardeners under the direction of Extension Agent Justin Stefanski realized it would be essential for master gardeners to be extremely knowledgeable about Tennessee tree species. They went through extensive training (including roaming the Pelletier's wooded property identifying

different species). They were awarded grants from the Tennessee Forestry Association and Modern Woodsmen to purchase trees, and the Wilson County Blacksmiths created the stakes which hold the identification labels.

At one time we achieved level two certification, which includes having 60-89 tree species, but the tornado, other wind storms, freezing temperatures, and building projects reduced that number. With the work of many dedicated tree stewards, we managed to maintain our level one certification despite many obstacles.

Throughout the years, we have had several master gardener "bed heads" in charge of the arboretum. Carol Walenga was the first, followed by Jason Ellis, and currently by Donnie and Rose Skaggs. We have 30 tree stewards who care for the trees throughout the year.

We are scheduled to be recertified this year. If you would like to be a part of our certified arboretum, please contact Donnie or Rose Skaggs.

*I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.*  
~ *The Lorax*

Maryann Hicks  
President



Freshly mulched Roughleaf Dogwood. Photo by Rose Skaggs



Suzanne Dunn and her furry friend tending to the Contorted Filbert. Photo by Rose Skaggs



Some of the BPA Tree Stewards (L to R: Guy Walenga, Mark Holysz, Judy Burgess, Sue Abernathy, Chad Burgess, Gina Staystich). Photo by Rose Skaggs



# Book Review: Miraculous Abundance: One Quarter Acre, Two French Farmers and Enough Food to Feed the World by Perrine and Charles Herve'-Gruyer

By Tonya Gardner, Class of 2022



When Charles and Perrine Herve'-Gruyer met and subsequently fell in love, they dreamed about creating a farm in a beautiful, historic Normandy village. Though neither one had farmed before, they were determined to bring their dream to fruition. At the time, Charles traveled the world educating stu-

dents about ecology and indigenous cultures. Perrine had been living in Japan working as an international lawyer. With a simple dream to start a farm, their journey evolved into one of the world's most innovative and profound experiments in small-scale farming. They dedicated themselves to food production, carbon sequestration, job creation, and improving biodiversity, all without the use of fossil fuels.

During their farm journey, which started out as a large family kitchen garden, they learned various farming methods from around the world. Taking all of that knowledge and exposure, they developed a technique that became known as the Bec Hellouin model, named for their farm *Ferme du Bec Hellouin*. They studied permaculture, four-season farm-

ing, no-dig farming, centuries-old French potager (kitchen) gardening and French market gardening, and Korean natural farming. Focusing on soil health and soil fertility principles, they dedicated themselves to producing a stable, resilient agroecosystem. Their desire to create an agrarian system that completely supports its community, including restaurants, agritourism, energy, crafts, jobs and partnered work spaces, *Ferme du Bec Hellouin* has become an international model of creativity and innovation in responsible ecological agriculture. The well-known organic gardener, Elliot Coleman, who has studied permaculture and French market gardening for years, mentored them. Their farm is visited yearly by aspiring gardeners and respected organic farmers from around the world and has established itself as the premier permaculture farm in France.

Miraculous Abundance is more philosophical than how-to. It is the eloquent tale of a "little-farm-that-could" that became the setting for multiple experiments driven by the same goal – producing more in less space with complete respect for nature while moving the world into a post-carbon future where ecological farming is the center of every community.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Fiddlers Grove Historic Village  
& The Wilson County Master Gardeners  
Presents  
**13TH ANNUAL  
SPRING FEST IN THE  
GROVE**  
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023  
10AM-4PM  
Free Admission  
Wilson County Master Gardener Plant Sale  
Handcrafted Items  
Home Decor  
Food Vendors  
Fiddlers Grove Historic Village  
945 E. Baddour Parkway  
Lebanon, TN 37087  
@springfestinthegrove

Master Gardeners of Wilson County TN presents

# Native Plant Sale

**Over 130 species of Tennessee native  
perennials, trees and shrubs!**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**10 am – 3 pm**

**Cedars of Lebanon State Park  
@ Assembly Hall**

**Rain or Shine!**

Friends of Cedars of Lebanon and Master Gardeners of Wilson County offer affordable, locally sourced and grown native plants at this annual sale.

Our mission is to promote the use of native species in gardens and public spaces to help local pollinators, and keep them from disappearing from our local landscapes.



**All proceeds benefit Master Gardeners of Wilson  
County and Friends of Cedars of Lebanon**



Native plant seeds winter sowed for the Native Plant sale. Photo by Rosemary Marshall

**Cash/Check Preferred; Credit Card and Venmo  
Accepted**

**Something fun to do ...**



A division of Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation

Outdoor Murfreesboro is offering several hikes with naturalists for their Conservation Days event during the week of May 15. Destinations and topics are: North Murfreesboro Greenway, Central Valley Loop: Nature Walk; Stones River National Battlefield: Wildflower Walk and Resource Management Talk; Siegel Natural Area: Birding Walk; and Overbridge State Natural Area: Wildflower Habitat Restoration Walk. More information is at [murfreesborotn.gov/1687/Conservation-Days#WeekdayAdventures](https://murfreesborotn.gov/1687/Conservation-Days#WeekdayAdventures) Space is limited and registration is required.

# Gardening gardens the mind

By Tina Benson, Class of 2018



Scientists have now documented what every gardener knows: Gardening calms our anxious spirit ... connects us to the earth and to other people ... lifts us out of sadness ... and, even in the midst of winter, offers hope

that spring will surely come.

Gardening reminds us that we are a part of a greater world — a world which we can nurture but cannot control. It takes us outside ourselves and humbles us while giving meaning to our lives.

**We process thoughts and emotions as we garden.** A British psychiatrist and author of *The Well-Gardened Mind* writes that there is a link between the way plants thrive in nature and the way humans thrive. “When we work with nature outside us, we work with nature inside us.” She says, “...the jangle of competing thoughts inside my head clears and settles as the weed bucket fills up. At times like these, it feels as if alongside all the physical activity, I am also gardening my mind.”

**Gardening expands the way we see the world.** A gardening project at San Quentin, California’s oldest prison, teaches prisoners permaculture and sustainable gardening practices. Beth Waitkus, founder of the Insight Garden Program there, documented a dramatic drop in the prison’s recidivism rate. “The higher the level of eco-literacy a prisoner acquired, the greater shift in his personal values. As they worked in the garden, the prisoners learned to live with the environment, not against it, and that it is the same for living with people.”

**Gardening relieves stress, depression, and anxiety.**

- An experiment published in the *Journal of Health Psychology* compared gardening to reading. Test subjects who gardened experienced a far greater decrease in stress than those assigned to read.
- Between 2001 and 2016, 21 English language studies in peer-reviewed journals found that gardening reduces stress, depression, and anxiety, enhances overall quality of life, and improves concentration. Eleven of these studies focused on patients with serious mental health issues, including major depressive disorder and Alzheimer’s disease.
- Similar results were documented in 77 studies conducted in the United States, the United Kingdom, Brazil, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and the Netherlands and published in the *British Medical Journal* in 2020
- Gardening requires movement, which, itself, comes with crucial mental health benefits.
- And gardening has been found to increase community engagement and social ties.

**In addition to these widely distributed studies of the mental health benefits of gardening and exposure to nature, the Horticultural Research Institute published these findings in 2019.**

- Women seem to experience more stress than men when away from nature.
- A growing body of literature documents the positive psychological benefits to people of incorporating plants on a wide scale in architecture.
- One study using MRI data concluded that non-beautiful, non-pleasant environments barren of nature demand more mental and emotional processing than beautiful, pleasant environments.



# Gardening gardens the mind (cont.)

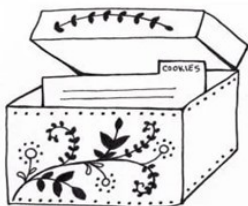
- In the course of providing horticultural therapeutic interventions to a group of people with major depressive disorder, scientists found that residents with only 10 percent green space within half a mile had a 25 percent greater risk of depression and a 30 percent greater risk of anxiety disorders versus those with the highest degree of green space near the home.
- A 2012 experiment in Michigan found that people were better able to perform on a test of working memory after walking through an arboretum compared to those walking through heavily trafficked urban street.
- Another analysis in 2012 determined that greater plant species diversity positively affects personal well being.
- Additional studies show exposure to nature or gardening to increase hopefulness in veterans with PTSD.

Scientists are measuring and documenting what gardeners have learned intuitively: As we nurture the earth, the earth nurtures us.



# What's Cooking ...

## The Recipe Box



### Lemon Ricotta Cookies

*Soft Italian cookies with the perfect amount of lemony sweetness – an instant favorite!*

#### Ingredients for cookie:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour (or bread flour)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup whole milk ricotta (drain liquid)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 large egg

#### Ingredients for lemon glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

#### Directions:

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a medium sized bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, and salt and set aside.

Using a stand mixer, mix together sugar, butter, and 1 teaspoon lemon zest until the mixture is light and fluffy, usually about 2 minutes using a hand or stand mixer. Beat in the ricotta, egg and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Mix until combined. Add in the flour mixture and mix until just combined. Don't over mix this.

Cover the cookie dough and allow to chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours. You can do a quick chill in the freezer for 30-45 minutes, but don't leave it too long or it will ruin the dough. Chilling the dough is an important step; otherwise the cookies will spread out too much.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Take cookie dough from refrigerator and roll into 1 ½-2 inch balls. Place on baking sheet with parchment and leave about 2 inches between cookies. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until the bottom of the cookie starts to brown slightly. The color of the cookie will not change much.) Cool on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes and then move to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the glaze, in a small bowl whisk together powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, and 1 teaspoon of lemon zest. Hold the cooled cookie upside to dip the top of the cookie in the glaze mixture. Return to the wire rack to dry completely.

*Submitted by Tonya Gardner*

*Prep Time: 10 min \* Chill Time: 2 hrs \* Makes 36 Cookies*



## Southern Blossoms

By Rebecca Yancey

Late sun filtering through magnolia  
lights up the hydrangeas' blue fringe.  
In the damp earth nearby, dogs doze  
to the buzz of bees.

They only bloom off the old stalks,  
leaves breaking through, and then the buds.  
Even under a glaze of ice, bare stalks  
warm buds for the coming year.

The old ones are strongest, outlasting us all  
in beds framing wrap-around porches,  
blossoms shaking from summer rain or  
brightening the kitchen in a jar by the window.

My grandmother in her high-collared dress  
held these flowers against her face.  
With her far-away look, she was like her cameo,  
her skin ivory with finely-etched lines.

As I stretch out over the front porch steps,  
my legs tan against the blue,  
the scent of honeysuckle and clean sweat  
settles around me with summer dust.



"Pinky Winky" panicle hydrangea  
Photo by Jason Reeves



Joni Wohnrade, Tina Benson and Debbie Williams at the  
MGWC booth at Nashville Lawn and Garden Show. Photo  
by Rosemary Marshall



Judy Burgess, winner of chili cook off with Spicy  
Buffalo White Chicken Chili. For recipe, go to:  
<https://www.halfbakedharvest.com/buffalo-white-chicken-chili/>. Photo by Deb Williams





Intern learning how to graft apple trees.  
Photo by Rosemary Marshall

## 2023 Interns



Interns on Taylor Hollow Hike. Photo by Debbie Williams

## Spotlight: Extension Publications

### Hummingbird Gardening in Tennessee

Researched by Lauren May, Class of 2012

Hummingbirds are a beautiful member of the wild-life of Tennessee and are a favorite of many wildlife and garden enthusiasts. This publication details important elements of the hummingbird in terms of activity throughout the season and flower and methods of attracting these species to the garden through flowers, feeders, and other aspects of habitat.

*Emily Gonzalez, UT/TSU Extension*

*Marcia L. Davis, UT/TSU Extension Master Gardener*

**Published by:** University of Tennessee Extension

**Date Published:** February 2014

**[Link to Resource](#)**



Cover photo by Vickie Henderson.  
Immature male ruby-throated hummingbird (red-speckled throat) feeding from cardinal flowers (*Lobelia cardinalis*)



# Spring is here and Master Gardeners are hard at work



Susie Butler and Patti Stein ... just a hundred more wheel barrels of soil to be moved! Photo by Deb Williams



Roz Howell and Deb Shields putting up fencing to deter the deer ... maybe? Photo by Rosemary Marshall



Demonstration Vegetable Garden all ready to be planted. (L to R: Mike Svelto, Carol Walenga, Barbara Nissel, Tonya Gardner, Maryann Hicks, Rose Skaggs). Photo by Rose Skaggs



David Bates getting the veggie beds ready for planting. Photo by Deb Williams

# Who Do I Contact?

## 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT

Maryann Hicks  
[mwhicks2011@yahoo.com](mailto:mwhicks2011@yahoo.com)

### VICE PRESIDENT

Joni Wohnrade  
[joni.wohnrade@hotmail.com](mailto:joni.wohnrade@hotmail.com)

### CERTIFICATION OFFICER

Deanna Jackson  
[dmjackson1@dtccom.net](mailto:dmjackson1@dtccom.net)

### SECRETARY

Dean Jones  
[eventzman@comcast.net](mailto:eventzman@comcast.net)

### TREASURER

Ed Jacobs  
[ejacobs153@aol.com](mailto:ejacobs153@aol.com)

Lucas Holman  
County Director  
925 East Baddour Parkway Suite 100  
Lebanon, TN 37087  
Office: 615-444-9584  
Email: [lholtman1@utk.edu](mailto:lholtman1@utk.edu)

MASTER GARDENER  
**UT EXTENSION**  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

## 2023 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Debbie Williams, Chair [littledebbiewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:littledebbiewilliams@gmail.com)

Tina Benson [nichols.benson@gmail.com](mailto:nichols.benson@gmail.com)

Lori Bornholtz [lamborney@gmail.com](mailto:lamborney@gmail.com)

Lauren May [lauren@andymay.com](mailto:lauren@andymay.com)

Tonya Gardner [thetonyagardner@gmail.com](mailto:thetonyagardner@gmail.com)

Rosemary Marshall [marshall2171@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marshall2171@sbcglobal.net)

Lauren May [lauren@andymay.com](mailto:lauren@andymay.com)

Rose Skaggs [rosemarielskaggs@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarielskaggs@gmail.com)

Deb Williams [debwilliams1950@gmail.com](mailto:debwilliams1950@gmail.com)

## 2023 INTERN MENTORING COMMITTEE

Suzanne Dunn [slw46123@gmail.com](mailto:slw46123@gmail.com)

Maryann Hicks [mwhicks2011@yahoo.com](mailto:mwhicks2011@yahoo.com)

Marilyn Holysz [mholysz2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mholysz2@sbcglobal.net)

Rosemary Marshall [marshall2171@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marshall2171@sbcglobal.net)

Barbara Nissel [niss1040@gmail.com](mailto:niss1040@gmail.com)

Gina Stayshich [cherry4elvis@gmail.com](mailto:cherry4elvis@gmail.com)

Mary Tom Van Vickie [mtomvv01@gmail.com](mailto:mtomvv01@gmail.com)

Joni Wohnrade [joni.wohnrade@hotmail.com](mailto:joni.wohnrade@hotmail.com)



If you need to contact one of the bed heads or any other Wilson County Master Gardener, you can go to UT Extension website where you register your hours. Click on **Home**. A dropdown box will appear. Click on **County Roster**, and you will find a list of contact info for all WCMG members



2023 Major Demonstration Gardens Projects			
PROJECT	LOCATION	THEME	CHAIRS
Baddour Parkway Arboretum	All through Fiddlers Grove	A certified arboretum with 71 trees from 46 unique genus	Rose and Donnie Skaggs <a href="mailto:BPATrees@protonmail.com">BPATrees@protonmail.com</a>
Cedars of Lebanon Native Plant and Butterfly Garden	Cedars of Lebanon State Park, behind Nature Center	Native plants, trees and shrubs to attract and support butterflies	<a href="mailto:Rosemary.Marshall2171@sbcglobal.net">Rosemary Marshall</a> <a href="mailto:marshall2171@sbcglobal.net">marshall2171@sbcglobal.net</a> Deb Shields <a href="mailto:debshields@comcast.net">debshields@comcast.net</a>
Extension Office Demonstration Garden	Extension Office	Demonstration garden	<a href="mailto:Barbara.Nissel1040@gmail.com">Barbara Nissel</a> <a href="mailto:niss1040@gmail.com">niss1040@gmail.com</a>
Fiddlers Grove Demonstration Flower Beds	All through Fiddlers Grove, Wilson County Fairgrounds	13 individual garden beds, different themes	<a href="mailto:Marianne.Pelletierbreezin1usa@yahoo.com">Marianne Pelletier</a> <a href="mailto:breezin1usa@yahoo.com">breezin1usa@yahoo.com</a>
Fiddlers Grove Demonstration Vegetable Garden	Fiddlers Grove, next to Master Gardeners' Building	Showcase garden, experimental, plants change each year	<a href="mailto:Barbara.Nissel1040@gmail.com">Barbara Nissel</a> <a href="mailto:niss1040@gmail.com">niss1040@gmail.com</a>
H.E.A.T. Community Gardens	Various grade schools in Lebanon and Lebanon Senior Center	Educational gardens	<a href="mailto:Shene.Scottshenescott@gmail.com">Shene' Scott</a> <a href="mailto:shenescott@gmail.com">shenescott@gmail.com</a>
Mt. Juliet Community Labor of Love Garden	Charlie Daniels Park, Mt Juliet	A working raised bed vegetable garden	Jan Littrell <a href="mailto:jlittrell51@gmail.com">jlittrell51@gmail.com</a>
Mt. Juliet Library Gardens	2765 N Mt Juliet Road	Several gardens to attract butterflies and birds	Ronnie Gammons <a href="mailto:gidley41@bellsouth.net">gidley41@bellsouth.net</a> Patti Stein <a href="mailto:mommabear329@yahoo.com">mommabear329@yahoo.com</a>

2023 Fiddlers Grove Demonstration Flower Beds		
BED NAME	THEME	LEADERS
Grandmother's Garden	Old-fashioned flowers that our grandmothers grew	Suzanne Dunn <a href="mailto:slw46123@gmail.com">slw46123@gmail.com</a> Deanna Jackson <a href="mailto:dmjackson1@dtccom.net">dmjackson1@dtccom.net</a> Joni Wohnrade <a href="mailto:jonihohnrade@hotmail.com">jonihohnrade@hotmail.com</a>
Jordan House Patio Garden	Pollinator-friendly perennials and annuals	Maryann Hicks <a href="mailto:mwhicks2011@yahoo.com">mwhicks2011@yahoo.com</a> JoAnne Davis <a href="mailto:davisjoanne88@ymail.com">davisjoanne88@ymail.com</a>
Medicinal Herb Garden	Herbs pioneers may have used for health and healing	Stephanie Powers <a href="mailto:stephpowers06@gmail.com">stephpowers06@gmail.com</a>
Mobile Containers	Flower displays to beautify spaces and direct visitors through fairgrounds	Marianne Pelletier <a href="mailto:breezin1usa@yahoo.com">breezin1usa@yahoo.com</a>
Fiddlers Grove Monarch Way Station	Plants to support monarch butterflies on their journeys north and south	No leader
Mr. Luther's Shade Garden	Plants that thrive in the shade	No leader
Rice Cabin	Annuals and perennials suitable for an historic cabin	Fran Strausburg <a href="mailto:frans37807@hotmail.com">frans37807@hotmail.com</a> David Bates <a href="mailto:david.bates00@yahoo.com">david.bates00@yahoo.com</a>
Fiddlers Grove Town Hall Entrance	A sidewalk boxwood garden	Gina Stayshich <a href="mailto:cherry4elvis@gmail.com">cherry4elvis@gmail.com</a>

## 2023 Fiddlers Grove Demonstration Flower Beds (CONT.)

BED NAME	THEME	LEADERS
<b>Sedum Bed</b>	A collection of sun-loving succulents	Carol Walenga <a href="mailto:carolwalenga@tds.net">carolwalenga@tds.net</a>
<b>Veterans Porch Garden</b>	Perennials that thrive in sun and heat	Sue Abernathy <a href="mailto:glorypal@yahoo.com">glorypal@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Master Gardener Building Entrance and Memory Garden</b>	A showcase of small trees, shrubs and flowers	Ed Jacobs <a href="mailto:ejacobs153@aol.com">ejacobs153@aol.com</a> Linda Kovacs <a href="mailto:linda.kovacs9@icloud.com">linda.kovacs9@icloud.com</a>
<b>Melrose Church Garden</b>	A collection of shrubs and flowers	Rosemary Marshall <a href="mailto:marshall2171@sbcglobal.net">marshall2171@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Rowland Barn Rain Garden</b>	Plants that thrive in a small catch basin for rain	Gina Stayshich <a href="mailto:cherry4elvis@gmail.com">cherry4elvis@gmail.com</a>

## April 2023 EVENTS of INTEREST

<b>MGWC Membership Meeting Speaker: Don Hazel "Attracting Bluebirds"</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 4 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Education Building</b>
<b>Perennial Plant Society Annual Plant Sale</b>	<b>Saturday, April 8 9:00 am to Noon</b>	<b>Fairgrounds Nashville Expo 3 No Pets - \$5 Parking <a href="http://www.ppsmtn.org">www.ppsmtn.org</a></b>
<b>The Herb Society Nashville Plant Sale &amp; Seminars</b>	<b>Saturday, April 15 8:30 am to 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Fairgrounds Nashville Expo 3 <a href="http://www.herbsocietynashville.org">www.herbsocietynashville.org</a></b>
<b>Meet &amp; Greet Project Leaders Fiddlers Grove and Labors of Love</b>	<b>Saturday, April 22 Time TBD</b>	<b>Fiddlers Grove Demo Garden Labors of Love Garden</b>
<b>MGWC Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 25 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Master Gardener Building</b>
<b>Homeschool Garden Class</b>	<b>Friday, April 28 Time: TBD</b>	

## May 2023 EVENTS of INTEREST

<b>MGWC Membership Meeting 2023 Intern Class Graduation</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 2 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Education Building</b>
<b>Spring Fest in the Grove Plant Sale + Other Vendors</b>	<b>Saturday, May 6 10:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Fiddlers Grove Village</b>
<b>Farm Days</b>	<b>DATES &amp; TIMES TBD</b>	
<b>MGWC Native Plant Sale Over 130 Species</b>	<b>Saturday, May 20 10:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Cedars of Lebanon State Park Assembly Hall</b>
<b>MGWC Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 30 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Master Gardener Building</b>

## June 2023 EVENTS of INTEREST

4-H Camp	DATES & TIMES TBD	Details?
MGWC Membership Meeting Speaker: Matt Vehr "Colorburst"	Tuesday, June 6 6:30 pm	Veterans Building
Regional Master Gardeners Conference	Friday & Saturday, June 9-10 Time: TBD	Murfreesboro, TN
International Master Gardeners Conference	Friday - Sunday, June 18-20 Time: TBD	Overlook, KS
MGWC Executive Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 27 6:30 pm	Master Gardener Building

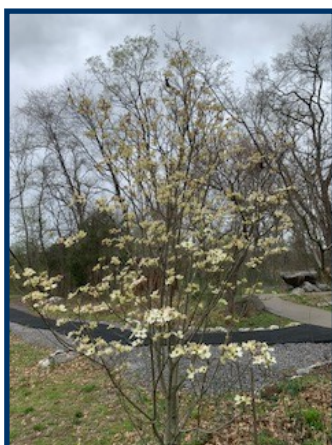
**Don't forget to help raise money for our organization.**



Click on picture to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards. Select Wilson County Master Gardeners for organization name.



Dwarf Crested Iris. Photo by  
Rosemary Marshall



Cherokee Princess Dogwood  
Photo by Rosemary Marshall



Celandine Poppy Photo by  
Rosemary Marshall



# Tennessee Home Fruit and Vegetable Garden

2023 CALENDAR

Real. Life. Solutions.™

**UTEXTENSION**  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

[Click here to download calendar](#)

