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Master Gardeners of Wilson County Shine at the 2024 Tennessee State Fair

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew.

The Master Gardeners of Wilson County showed how much heart they have during the 2024 Wilson County Tennessee State Fair! From the Wine Show to the Flower Show to the Vegetable Show - from the Demonstration Garden to the FFA Flower Show Competition - our Master Gardeners pitched in and weighed and measured vegetables and fruit, filled vases and vased flowers, manned computer stations for entry intakes, poured wine and emp-

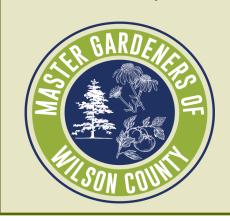
tied wine-tasting spittoons, endured the heat and insects in the demonstration garden, handed out pencil prizes to hopscotch participants, judged FFA flower competitions and graded flower identification tests....and so much more. Master Gardener fingerprints were all over this years fair.

Well done, MGWC. You served the community well and Wilson County is better because of you!



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These fabulous Fair Photos featured on pages 1-3 are courtesy of Rose Skaggs, Barbara Nissel, Tracey Chapman, Linda Lauthern and Tammie Willis

"You can count the seeds in an apple, but you can't count the apples in a seed." It is, perhaps, a worn out quote shared in countless teacher in service days. (And possibly in one I had to attend during my days as a middle school teacher!) I was reminded of it just last week as I was having a conversation with an Extension agent in a neighboring county. We were discussing the fair and recounting all the opportunities it provides for learning and experiencing agriculture in a real tangible and tactile way.



But, it also gave me the opportunity to brag on the Master Gardeners of Wilson County. We volunteered over 1,500 hours during the fair this year and I was quick to share that statistic! 1,500! That's incredible! I witnessed so many of you sharing your love for gardening, be it trees, plants, roses or vegetables (even wine!), with such intention and professionalism. The way you all patiently interacted with the fair visitors as they entered their blossoms in the flower show, or as they hauled in their prized harvests for the vegetable show was a true testament to your commitment as Master Gardeners. The casual conversations that took place in the demo garden as you talked with visitors and so thoughtfully offered gardening tips were conversations that were also laced with encouragement and inspiration.

I'm a firm believer in the hidden potential behind small efforts, and as THE Master Gardeners of Wilson County, our collective efforts are HUGE. When you took the time to volunteer at the fair this year, you just may have encouraged a disappointed gardener to garden another year or motivated a fledgling botanist to pursue a career in agriculture or conservation or forestry. Our small efforts collectively have power. We will probably never be able to count the apples in the seeds that we plant, but I hope that encourages you to continue to inspire and educate our community. It is a worthwhile task and one that makes me proud to be a Master Gardener of Wilson County.

Growing together,

Tonya Gardner

DON'T TELL SECRETS
IN THE GARDEN.
THE POTATOES HAVE
EYES, THE CORN
HAS EARS, AND THE
BEANSTALK





As for the onions, it can be bit tricky. For onions to develop a bulb, they need to be the correct type for Tennessee. Onions come in three different types: short-day, intermediate-day, and long-day. For Tennessee we really only need to grow the short-day or the intermediate-day. Sometimes if we try and grow the long-day onions, then they will develop nice leaves, but not fully make a bulb. One of the best places to get onion sets from is Dixondale Onions and they're online. They have set cultivars that will do well in our state and I have purchased from them the last 7-8 years and have always had success. Here's a picture of my onions from a couple of years ago.

MGWC Member asks the question:

I'm very frustrated with my inability to grow decent onions or garlic. They never seem to grow very large, or even grow at all past the baby stage. I grow other things super well, but I haven't been able to get really good results with onions and garlic. Can you share some tips and tricks that might help?

Lucas Responds:

Garlic in Tennessee needs to be planted in the fall. I generally plant garlic around the end of September and I also fertilize heavy when I plant. It will survive the winter just fine and usually is harvested in June. If you fertilize after April 1, then sometimes it just develops beautiful leaves and never will develop a bulb.



Do you have a question for Lucas? Please email us at WCMGNewsletter37087@gmail.com and we will try to publish in a future issue!

Master Gardeners of Wilson County Traveling Cap

Does everyone remember the popular traveling Gnome? It's a garden gnome lawn ornament brought on a trip and photographed in front of landmarks. WELL! Check out these photos for a fun variation on that theme with the Master Gardeners of Wilson County ball cap! As you look at these photos, consider this a challenge to submit photos to our newsletter of your own Master Gardeners of Wilson County traveling cap!



There are also a couple of links to information about the area where the cap was pictured, if you would like to know a bit more. The first picture (far right) is the University of Cambridge, Girton College. This beautiful college was built in 1869 and still has a producing apple orchard that was originally established in 1890. Check out this link and read more.

The second picture (top left) of the MGWC hat was amid the helmets at Oliver Crowell's home, in Ely, Britain, about ten miles away from Cambridge. Oliver Crowell was a key figure in British politics and known as the Lord Protector of England. Ely also has the ELY Cathedral, which dates from about 650. <a href="https://example.com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes-com/homes

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Thanks to Kate Crawford for sharing her MGWC Traveling Cap photos!

General Membership Meeting Recap

AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



August's monthly meeting was held in the 4H/FFA building at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. Our meal was centered around a salad theme and we had 73 people in attendance in person, as no Zoom option was available for this meeting. It was a fun night and spirits were high in spite of the heat and humidity! Pandall Clemons



the heat and humidity! Randall Clemons and Helen McPeak were kind enough to join us and share great info about the Fair. After our guests speakers and our fair instructions were delivered, we concluded with our business meeting. Deanna Jackson, with the help of Lucas Holman, presented several new green badges to interns who completed their requirements. Mar-

yann Hicks shared about an opportunity to help with the FFA Flower Show. Tonya Gardner expressed her thanks for all the Fair Chairpeople and committees who put in so many hours planning and organizing even before the fair has started. We concluded the meeting by putting our volunteer spirits to work by helping clean and put the room back to its pre-meeting set-up.



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September's monthly meeting was held in the Arnett Education Building. The dinner theme was Italian and a true Italian feast was shared complete with beautiful table decor and Italian background music to add to the ambiance. We had 71 members in person and 14 members via Zoom for a total of 85 members in total attendance. Our guest speaker was Celeste Luckey Scott, the Western Region Horticulture Extension Specialist. She shared a fun and hands -on talk about the Science of Seed Saving.

After our guest speaker concluded, we had our monthly business meeting. Tonya Gardner shared statistics that showed our Master Gardeners volunteered over 1,500 hours at the fair in August. There was also information shared regarding a master gardener led workshop series called "Green Thumb Workshop" to teach the community about different aspects of gardening. The first workshop is September 28, and is open only to the MGWC and friends/family. Workshops after that will be open to the public. Deanna Jackson presented several green badges to interns who have qualified. She also made a plea for the membership to get their hours logged in by Oct 31 to be counted for the service awards in December. A progressive dinner was discussed for October 5. Hosts homes are still being determined. David Bates



and Deb Williams requested that the Labors of Love Garden in Mt. Juliet be renamed "Jan Littrell's Labors of Love Garden" in honor of Jan, the founder of the garden, who will be moving away later this year. It was unanimously agreed upon by the membership. Mary Ellen Lewis provided an update on the arboretum regarding some damage to trees during the fair. BPA is in the process of being recertified and tree stewards were urged to check on their trees. Maryann Hicks spoke on behalf of the nominating committee to ask that nominations for the positions of certification officer, vice president, and secretary be submitted to the nominating committee (David Greer, Maryann Hicks, Vicki Folsom, and Debbie Williams) or to the executive committee.



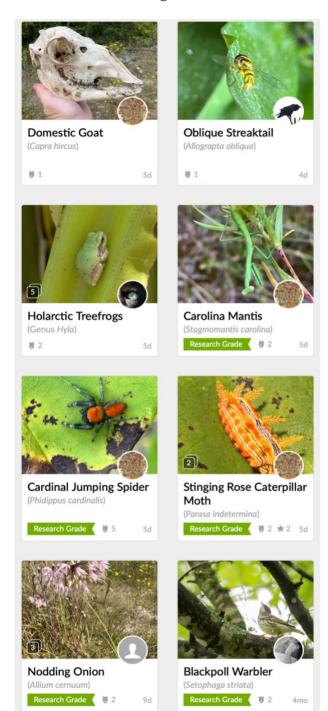
Conservation Conversations

A series featuring land stewardship, sustainability, and related topics.

By Lauren May

iNaturalist

Social Networking for Nature Nerds



Recent Wilson County observations on iNat

Frustrated by not being able to identify a cool plant, fungus, or critter? No one to ask? Take some pictures or record a call and upload the evidence to <u>iNaturalist</u> via the app or the website! iNat's AI will take a stab at instantly identifying the organism, and in time, the global iNat community of nature-lovers and experts (researchers and bona fide naturalists with all sorts of specialties) will chime in. In the process, you'll contribute valuable data to a global database used by those same experts in tracking the distribution and status of wild populations. And each identification of one of your observations adds to your own knowledge base and confidence as a naturalist. Learn More

A word about AI ID. The instant gratification all nature apps provide with a snappy identification is quite satisfying, but it's important not to take it as gospel. AI ID is not infallible and can seem more definite than it is. You can help the AI (and human contributors) get it right by providing clear photos of the organism from several angles. Then do due diligence before accepting the ID.

This is where iNaturalist really shines. On iNaturalist.org, you can double-check IDs by comparing them with other observations and with the species descriptions, photos, distribution maps, and other information that the website provides. You can also visit the profiles of iNat users who suggest IDs to learn more about them: Are they naturalist newbies or are they specialists who conduct research on that very species? You can even message users who are on the leaderboards for any given species and ask for confirmation, correction, or clarification. Plus, unlike many nature apps that focus on only plants or only one class of animals, iNaturalist embraces all lifeforms at all stages.

Pro tip: If you work with your observations on your desktop or laptop, it's much easier to really get into your research. (You can actually <u>see</u> the organisms' features in the photos on a larger screen, for one thing!)

Take the (anonymous) survey! Let's see where WCMGs stand on iNat as a group! From "Disinclined" to "Leaderboard Legend," all responses are valuable!

Take the Survey

NEW MEMBERS/BADGES/PINS







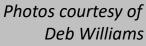


Congratulations to our latest new green badge recipients at the Aug and Sept General Meetings, presented by Deanna Jackson. Photos clockwise from top left: Brittany Theraldson, August Recipients, Doug Davis, Brei Pinzur, Peggy & Pat Fannin, Krystal Bland, Jennifer Johnson, Michael Wright, Kate Crawford.















My Life with "Pinky Winky"

By Frances Strausburg

I have to tell you the story of this particular plant, because I swore to myself that I would never have one. Some years ago, I saw this white paniculata hardy hydrangea at my local nursery in Ohio. For those who are not familiar with the term, this flower grows in a cone shape, rather than the rounded "mop-head" that we all know and love. I went back a few weeks later to get some

things and noticed it was still there and blooming, a pretty white conical flower, but I was not impressed. And I hated the name. I did not like the name of the plant and I would not have it in my garden! Who wants to have a friend stop by and ask, "Oh, what a pretty plant. What's its name?" "That's a "Pinky Winky" hydrangea." I just couldn't see myself saying that. Another couple of weeks went by, and on my next trip to the nursery, I saw a different hydrangea, a pink one, and I wandered over to look at it. It, too, was a panicle hydrangea, and I really loved the color. The base flower petals were off white, but the edges of each petal had a pink rim, and scattered over all the petals were tiny little dark dots. I looked at this plant and

thought to myself: "I have got to have this plant." I looked at the tag and couldn't believe it! "Pinky Winky"!!

How could I buy it? I hated the name! I had sworn I would never own one...it cost \$15 if I remember correctly.





Pinky Winky photos courtesy of Frances Strausburg.

I brought it home and planted it in the sun. Then I waited for the next year to see if it would be as beautiful as I remembered. Spring came and I cut it down to about 18", gave it a good feeding, and waited for it to do its thing. It didn't disappoint. It was beautiful. It bore lovely white blooming conical shaped flowers. After about a month, the flowers did their magic and turned into the softer shade of white and rimmed themselves in dark pink with dark spots all over the petals.

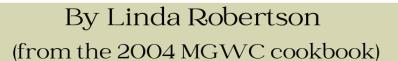
I brought it to Tennessee with me. For almost 10 years, I have looked out my front window and enjoyed my summer "Pinky Winky". I lovingly prune her back to about 18" each spring, feed her, and stand back and watch her grow.

Then two years ago, our area had a growth spurt. You all know the story. A forest area is cut down for each project, and the animals are desperately hunting for new homes and food. And they found us! And they eat our garden plants! They've destroyed my plants two years in a row. Last year, I started putting vinegar soaked rags out by the plants most in danger of destruction. The deer ate around the rags. I tried Irish Spring soap. They kicked it to the curb on the way to the plant. Numerous other failures followed. I promised myself I would outfox them this year. And, by accident, I did.

I planted a couple of clumps of Social Society Garlic near the Pinky Winky last fall, as well as near my tall garden phlox. LO AND BEHOLD!!! I had stumbled upon the answer! Garlic! It was such a simple solution that it was no wonder I hadn't thought of it. I was using all the "tried and true methods" and they just don't always work. For me.

My plant is full of blooms and stronger than ever. I can't wait for her to do her magic.

Wild Rice Harvest Casserole



Ingredients

4-5 cups diced cooked chicken

1 cup chopped celery

2 Tbsp butter

2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup (undiluted)

2 cups chicken broth

1 (4.5 oz jar sliced mushrooms (drained)

1 small chopped onion

1 cup uncooked wild rice (rinsed and drained)

1/4 tsp poultry seasoning

3/4 cup cashew pieces

Chopped fresh parsley

Instructions

In a skillet, brown chicken and celery in butter. In a large bowl, combine soup and broth until smooth. Add the mushrooms, onions, rice, poultry seasoning and chicken mixture. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 for 1 hour. Uncover and bake for 30 minutes. Stir: sprinkle with cashews. Return to oven for 15 minutes or until the rice is tender. Garnish with parsley. Serves 10–12...

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share for our newsletter? We welcome submissions. Be sure to credit the source (cookbook, a family recipe, etc) and pictures are great! Send to: www.welcome.newsletter37087@gmail.com

Jan Littrell's Labor of Love Garden

At our September meeting, the MGWC membership unanimously voted to change the name of the Labors of Love Garden in Mt. Juliet to "Jan Littrell's Labors of Love Garden" to honor the



founder of the garden, Jan Littrell. Jan will be relocating out of Wilson County and though she won't be a regular attender of our meetings or helper in our projects, she will always be a part of our organization. She truly depicts the heart of what it is to be a volunteer.





In our meeting, Deb Williams and David Bates shared photos of Jan in the garden over the years. David shared the following words on the behalf of himself, Deb, and the Labors of Love garden volunteers:



"Jan started The Labors of Love Garden in 2010, which was originally located next to the Mt. Juliet Community Center. She is a long-time resident of Mt. Juliet and an employee of Mt. Juliet Parks and Recreation Department. She started the garden as a way to give back to the community.

Over a period of time, the garden grew and she was given a place at the end of the park to expand her cause. Since it was moved to the current location, there have been a couple of floods that washed it away. I was there during the last flood and it totally wiped away all of the raised beds and actually moved our current shed across the parking lot. Jan, being Jan, pulled all of us together to rebuild the garden from scratch. She is a well known scrounger and was able to talk her way into obtaining many of the materials for free. Jan is one that never wants the recognition, but she well deserves this. She is one to put in many, many hours and not take credit. She has spent a lot of her own money to purchase items for the garden and never asks for reimbursement.



When we ask her about the vegetables we donate, she always tells stories with tears in her eyes of how people react to her when she deliveries the vegetables. SO this is just a few of the reasons her name should be added to our garden."



In addition to the vegetable garden, Labors of Love Garden has also added a Monarch Waystation in recent years that draws the attention of lots of guests at Charlie Daniels Park. If you haven't visited Jan Littrell's Labors of Love Garden, you should stop by and see the beautiful work our master gardeners have done. Hopefully, Jan's vision for this space and her heart for caring for the needs of the Mt. Juliet community will continue for many years to come.















Native Plant Podcast

The Native Plant Podcast is a refreshingly unpolished podcast with a folksy and friendly vibe. The hosts and their guests cover quite a varied list of topics in their interviews. You get the feeling that you are just sitting down with folks who love talking about their passion for native plants. While they obviously know a lot about the subject material, they are humble and inquisitive in receiving new information.

Their interviews truly cover the champions of the "Hall of Fame" of the native plant world. They review lost tapes of William Cullina. They talk with esteemed entomologist/conservationist/ecologist Doug Tallamy, as well as numerous botanists, naturalists, palynologists (scientist who studies pollen and spores), dendrologists (scientists who study trees and other woody plants), landscape architects (including the world renowned Laurie Olin), arborists and even botanists who specialize in colonial gardens. The interviews are packed full of information, but so interesting that the time passes quickly.

They cover the topics of trees, permaculture, bees, medicinal gardening, native grasses and sedges for the landscape, sustainability, stormwater management and watershed, and every angle of native plants that you could hope to hear. Their archive is rich and you are sure to find a topic that is of interest to you, even one you didn't KNOW was of interest to you.



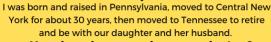
Meet the Master Gardener



Patti Stein Class of 2013



Where are you from?



How long have you been gardening?

I started at a young age, helping my Grandmother in her garden planting bulbs, seeds, plants, and pansies. She even gave me a patch of violets to tend on my own. As I grew larger, so did my plants. She was also a violet aficionado, and I would take care of them when she went on vacation.

What is your favorite plant to grow?

My favorite plant to grow is a plant that attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, songbirds, improves the environment, or feeds the needy.

What is your favorite garden tool?

I have 2 favorite garden tools: 1) a weeding pick ax/hoe. When you swing it, no weed, root, stone, or Bermuda grass has a chance. 2) the Hori Hori Garden Knife. Mine has a eather pouch to hold it in your pocket or on your belt. Sharp enough to saw a root, dig down in clay, etc.



What are your favorites?

TREE - Any tree that can be turned into a Bonsai. My husband, Gary, and I have been involved in bonsai groups for over 25 years. We nurture 40+ trees of various species and sizes and enter 1 or 2 of these trees every year in the Regional Show at Cheekwood. Although difficult, we have won 2 awards: Best Display and People's Choice. VEGETABLE - Any vegetable that I can help grow with

other Master Gardener that will feed people in need. I feel that I was put on this earth for a purpose, to give back. Working in the Labor of Love Garden helps me fulfill that purpose to feed people less fortunate than us.

FLOWER - The sunflower. Although they come in many colors, & sizes, they all do one thing - make you smile. They are so bright and sunny, even on a cloudy day. They can feed animals, birds, and people with their seeds, and are capable of growing more for the next year

Do you have a gardening trick or tip that everyone should know?

- I. We keep squirrels from nibbling on the stems of our plants o bonsai tree trunks by cutting a slit in the side of a red Solo cup, and a hole in the bottom. Position it around the stem or trunk, tape the side, and chopstick it in place. Sprinkle cayenne pepper around the area around the tree or plant. The squirrels hate it and will leave the plant/tree alone
- 2. The second trick I have is, whenever I have an herb that I know will spread, like mint, I first dig a hole and sink a pot down in it (one that has holes on the bottom) level with the ground, and then plant the mint in the pot. This prevents the mint from sending out runners underground and spreading. Any runner





Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities



Projects

- Fiddlers Grove Gardens
 - 16 small gardens
- Fiddlers Grove Demonstration Garden
- Cedars of Lebanon Butterfly Garden
- Native Plant Sale Growing Operation
- Jan Littrell's Labors of Love Community Garden at Charlie Daniels Park
- Charlie Daniels Park Monarch Waystation
- Baddour Parkway Aboretum
- Jr. Master Gardeners
- Mount Juliet Public Library Flower Garden
- Pickett Chapel Prayer Garden
- Compassionate Hands
- Vine Branch Fellowship
 - Multiple School Gardens
 - o Summer Camp
 - HGTV (Fall)
 - Wilson Co. Help Center
- Lebanon Community and Education Garden

Events

- Spring Fest at Fiddlers Grove
- Tennessee Tree Day
- Native Plant Sale
- Garden Tour & Progressive Dinner
- Wilson County/TN State Fair
 - Multiple Teams
- Farm Days
- 4H Day Camp
- Be Healthy Kids Day Camp
- Green Thumb Workshops



Committees

- Technology Committee
 - Website and email
 - Facebook & Instagram
 - o Technology for meetings
- Sound Team
- Scholarship Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Hospitality/Social Committee
- Intern/Mentor Committee
- Executive MGWC Board
- Pickett Chapel Garden Board
- Native Plant Sale Committee
- Garden Tour Committee
- Green Thumb Workshops Committee





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASTER GARDENERS OF WILSON COUNTY



SEP 28

GREEN THUMB WORKSHOP

OCT 1

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCT 9-11

STATE MG CONFERENCE

OCT 29

EXEC BOARD MEETING

NOV 5

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOV 26

EXEC BOARD MEETING

DEC 3

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DEC 30

EXEC BOARD MEETING



Have you ever had a

Floral Faux Paux?
Garden Goof?
Blooming Blunder?
Seeding Setback?
Crop Catastrophe?
Dirt Disaster?

Send Us Your Best Garden Bloopers! wcmgnewsletter37087@gmail.com





A rainy Saturday morning didn't stop some of our Master Gardeners from getting out and attending our first Green Thumb Workshop. This workshop series is the first of

many upcoming workshops that allow the Master Gardeners of Wilson County to engage with the community in an educational and creative way. Sara Chodl started the 2-part workshop today with an informative and fun lesson on how to make a winter sowing jug. Tonya Gardner taught the second part of the workshop with a hands-on look at creating decorative arrangements using natural materials from your outdoor surroundings. Participants were able to take home everything they need to start a winter sowing jug and a nature decor arrangement.

Photos Courtesy of Sara Chodl



Save the Date TEMG State Conference on October 9-11, 2024 hosted by Davidson and Williamson Counties in middle Tennessee!



Registration is planned to open in late April. but here is a sneak peak of some of the great fun coming our way at the fall conference!

Wednesday October 9th- Kick off session with good and fellowship focused on community food and horticulture in middle Tennessee

Thursday October 10th

- Morning tours focused on horticulture in middle Tennessee led by our Williamson and Davidson EMG hosts.
- -Afternoon sessions will be interaction focused on topics such as diagnostics, local food, leadership in local groups, plus key current areas of education such as roles of turfgrass and turf replacements, edible landscapes, and native plants.
- -Evening food and celebration of Tennessee Search for Excellence winners

Friday October 11th

- -Morning hands-on workshops to support your horticulture and plant knowledge and
- -Afternoon nursery and greenhouse tours to support your plant visiting and purchasing





TEMG Intern Training

Jan. 30-Apr. 30



- 12 weeks together Tues. mornings 10-11:30 ET/ 9-10:30 CT
- · Local personality, cohesive content

Horticulture Webinars- 2 great formats

May teaching webinar series on home food crop o every Tuesday at 12:30 ET/ 11:30 CT in May o promo/sign up in late Feb/early March

5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

Office Hours live Q and A June through September
 Fridays at 10 ET/ 9 CT

6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/6

Great Field Days and Events

Fruits of the Backyard Field Day in Spring Hill

June 11th

Summer Celebration is off in 2024 and back in 2025 Fall Gardener's Festival in Crossville

2024 Welcome Home Series

August 27th Updated for 2024-Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22

at 5:30 CT, 6:30 ET



- Lectures and Q and A together for 60 minutes
- · 2024 will be 4 part and landscape focused
- Brief hands-on demos by agent- new for 2024

2024 TEMG State Conf.

Statewide volunteer conference hosted by Williamson and Davidson Counties

Oct. 9-11



2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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