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Gardening As We Age

By Tina Benson

Several years ago, I descended into what can only be described as a gardener's version of obsessive fandom. My rock star was (and is) Doug Tallamy, the author of *Nature's Best Hope*. His lifetime of research concluded that a small percentage of native plants—the **keystones**—play an outsized role in supporting pollinators and sustaining healthy ecosystems. I decided I would cram as many keystones as humanly possible into our fairly small suburban garden.

The space was already bordered by deep beds of mostly native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Leaving a circular racetrack for our whippet, I converted the remaining lawn to a native plant bed heavy on keystones. I added indigo bush, button bush, cup plants, gray-headed coneflowers, penstemon, purple coneflowers, Jerusalem artichoke, saw-toothed sunflowers, four kinds of goldenrod, passion vine, swamp milkweed, switchgrass, mountain mint, garden phlox, swamp mallow, ironweed, and rudbeckia. I trenched the area, bordered it with stones, and created a mulch path around the garden bed.

By the time I finished, I was 77 years old and insufficiently imaginative to realize that a time might come when I would have a hard time maintaining the old beds, much less the new one. Freezes and droughts arrived just at the time my strength and energy chose to depart.

As reality encroached, my first response was denial. I clearly couldn't work as long or as efficiently as I once worked. I couldn't lift everything I needed to lift. I could get down on my knees, but getting up again was problematic. My balance grew iffy. I told myself again and again that I was just having a bad day or a bad week or

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Walking through my garden began to create anxiety rather than joy. I could see only what I had not done and needed to do. As fritillaries and black swallowtail butterflies floated on the breeze and birds chattered and swirled, I agonized over the blackberry briars and Japanese smart weed making themselves at home among my gray-headed coneflowers. As a prairie dock stretched gloriously toward the sun and a mother rabbit strolled by, I worried with the snake vine moving steadily toward the golden Alexander. When the whippet dug up the switchgrass for the third time, I came close to tears.

Finally, I gave myself a good talking to. It wasn't just my garden that needed work. So did my spirit.

Now, at 80, I'm in the process of reconciling my dreams for my garden with the reality of my aging body. I'm learning.

- ◆ There will be weeds in my garden. It's possible that weeds don't mean I'm a bad person ... a lazy person ... a person who doesn't know a weed from a garden plant.
- ◆ If my garden gives shelter to birds and rabbits and sometimes moles and if it gives food and water to butterflies and bees and wasps and moths, it is doing its job no matter how it looks. (A brush pile is a beautiful thing. Dead twigs and leaves and rotting limbs are beautiful things.)
- ◆ I can plant, water, weed, but the wonder of my garden comes from a force I can neither articulate nor begin to understand. The mysterious interactions among plants and soil and insects and birds and other creatures have developed over tens of thousands of years. My interventions are a blip on that inexorable force. I am learning humility.
- ◆ I learned to trade working all day for working an hour or, at best, two hours at a time. Sometimes after a nap, I can go back again.
- ◆ When I had four scoops of soil delivered to my driveway, I learned to ask for help. Even my strong, 18-year-old grandson tired from wheelbarrowing the heavy loads from the front to the back yard.
- ◆ I learned that tools recommended by friends increased my strength — a root slayer, a Korean weeder, a sled, and my beloved garden cart.
- ◆ I learned that plants don't have to be in *my garden* to benefit the ecosystem. I gave them away to younger gardeners, to friends, to master gardener projects.



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When I look across the room at our master gardener meetings, I am delighted to see so many younger, energetic, committed people who have joined our ranks. They are the future of our organization, and they will be entrusted with the care of the earth we have inherited.

For those of us with gray hair and ebbing physical strength, though, there is much that we can and must continue to contribute.

- ♦ We can encourage novice gardeners by helping them believe in and learn about the worth of working with nature's magnificent creation. We can share what we have learned over decades of trial and error.
- ♦ We can be an untiring advocate for a master gardeners organization that has steadily grown in influence in our community. In our expanding relationships in the community, we can build on that influence.
- ♦ We can show up for our friends who are engaged in projects of enormous worth — the Native Plant Sale, Labors of Love Garden, Cedars of Lebanon butterfly garden, demo garden and so many more.



- ♦ We can dream with our fellow master gardeners of projects that make our goals more visible and encompass valuable segments of our community with which we have had little previous contact — Pickett's Chapel Heritage and Peace Garden.

- ♦ We can support our Executive Board by sharing information, bringing to their attention opportunities, and ensuring a positive organizational culture.

For those of us who become discouraged by declining physical capabilities, we still have gifts to give—gifts of wisdom, of knowledge, of good humor, and gifts of encouragement. And we have a thriving organization worthy of those gifts.



***Flower Beds and Garden Tool Photos
Courtesy of Tina Benson***



President's Note



TONYA GARDNER

It's a running joke in my family that I have, what they've coined, a "talk to me" face. Whenever we are out and about, I inevitably have someone approach me, as if we've known one another for ages, and a conversation ensues, and having the "gift of gab" usually prolongs the chat often to my family's dismay. This happens all the time so I'm not sure why it still surprises me when it occurs.

As I took a walk around our neighborhood the other day, I came across a neighbor whom I had never met working in her yard. To be perfectly honest, my plan was to keep my earbuds in and not make eye contact as I wasn't in a particularly chatty mood that day. However, my neighbor had other plans. She got up from where she was working and made a beeline straight for me. Of course, I stopped and smiled and said "Good morning!" She was weirdly excited to talk to me and I was a little concerned that maybe she was going to try to sell me something! But she brushed her hands off and said "I was hoping someone friendly-looking would walk by so I could ask their opinion on this. I don't know what in the world I'm doing. Do you know anything about gardening?" I wanted to say "You mean you want to talk to me about one of my favorite subjects in the whole world? Yes, please!" But, I tried to play it cool and contain my excitement and casually said, "I know a little bit."

We then proceeded to have the most delightful conversation about what she was hoping to accomplish with this flower bed, how much time and money she wanted to spend, when to plant her favorite flowers (daisies), and then we bonded over our mutual frustrations with the deer, moles, and chipmunks that have laid claim to our subdivision. I offered a few suggestions, and she asked a lot of questions. What I didn't know the answers to, I was able to point her to some resources to study. I walked away with the warm feeling being helpful brings, and I really feel like she felt more confident in her yard work and encouraged to tackle the task at hand. I also think I made a new friend.

Truthfully speaking, I don't think many situations would put the two of us together. On the surface, we don't look like we would be friends or hang in the same circles nor have the same interests. I won't go into all of the ways we are different because I don't think that is what anyone should focus on – I much prefer focusing on how we are alike. However, I was reminded that plants are a great "uniter" of people. I don't know anyone who doesn't have an appreciation for the beauty that plants, trees and flowers provide. I also don't know anyone who doesn't appreciate that plants help us nourish our bodies. But that day, I re-learned that plants also help us meet our neighbors and give us the opportunity to focus on our commonalities instead of our differences. I think the world could use a lot more of that!

P.S. Yes, I did share about the Master Gardener program! I also got a call from our HOA asking me to be the chairperson for our new seasonal lawn and garden contest (her next door neighbor happens to be on the HOA board). I'm sure that's not related to this conversation at all! Hahaha!

Growing together,

Tonya Gardner



TEMG State Conference 2024

Several of our Master Gardeners of Wilson County attended the biennial Master Gardener State Conference. It was hosted by the Davidson and Williamson County Master Gardeners and facilitated by the UT Extension Department, and what a great conference it was. There was a slate of interesting workshops to choose from and excellent agricultural/botanical locations to visit. It was an action packed two and a half days. Our MGWCs attended workshops on food preservation, growing fungi, hydroponic gardening, growing gourmet microgreens, working with HOAs, supporting native pollinators, flower pressing, diagnostics for EMGs...just to name a few. MGs had the opportunity to have a horticulturist-guided tour of the gardens of Cheekwood, Arrington Vineyards, Delvin Farms, Giving Garden, and Ellington Agricultural Center, as well as local garden centers such as Bates Nursery, Riverbend Nursery, and Grow Wild Nursery.

One of the highlights of the conference was the Search for Excellence Winners award ceremony. This is when they award Master Gardener organizations/individuals across the state for the outstanding contributions to their organization and community. We were so delighted because this year our very own Linda Robertson was chosen as Outstanding Master Gardener. Congratulations, Linda! We are so proud of you and thankful for how you invest in all of us! Below is a list of all of the winners:

Teaching Site- Rutherford County Demonstration Rain Garden and Crimson Clover Master Gardeners Pollinator Demonstration Garden

Workshop/Presentation- Knox County Smart Yards and Friends Festival

Innovative Program for Underserved Audiences- Shelby County Horticulture Therapy for Senior Adults

Written or Recorded Education- Knox County Organic Master Gardener and Shelby County Through our Garden Gates Digital/Print Collateral Youth- Sumner County Shalom Zone Youth Gardening Program

Individual and Local Partner Awards

Outstanding Master Gardener – Walter Dykus- Anderson County; Linda Robertson- Wilson County; Carlton Mathes- Hamilton County
Outstanding Partner- Lee Rumble- Knox County Extension; Grow Oak Ridge



Ask Lucas



An MGWC Member asked the question:

What are your best tips for growing potatoes (not sweet potatoes) in Tennessee? I seem to be always disappointed in my crop.

Lucas Responds:

Potatoes are an interesting crop in Tennessee and they prefer the cooler temperatures in early spring. The optimum time for potatoes to grow is around 60 degrees and in Tennessee we regularly hit 90 degrees in May. There used to be a huge crop in Wilson County and we even have a road named 'Tater Peeler Rd'. This

road was named that because when they transported potatoes down that road to Nashville, they would be peeled by the time they would get to town due to the bumpy nature of the road.

The ideal time to plant potatoes in Wilson County is March and that is also the ideal time to plant all of our cool season vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli. I usually see folks planting potatoes in April through May and that's too late. You will still get potatoes, but you may not be reaching the full potato potential! Potatoes are planted from seed pieces. Folks will usually cut the spuds into individual pieces where each piece has a couple of eyes (growing pieces). The next process is to allow those seed pieces to harden and to promote healing of the cuts. This usually takes about 5-6 days.

Plant the pieces with the eyes facing up. After the plants get about a foot tall, you can pull up the soil around the plants (hilling) and this supports more tubers to grow and it prevents the potatoes from reaching the surface. Once they reach the surface and pop out, they will usually turn green and this makes them inedible. New potatoes can be harvested around 65-70 days from planting. If you want the full sized potatoes, wait a couple of weeks after the plants die entirely.

We do have quite a few diseases that occur with potatoes, look up the Irish potato famine in your spare time. That disease was devastating and it's still around today, it was called Late blight. It affects not only potatoes, but tomatoes and peppers. If you are looking for seed potatoes, only buy those that are certified and try not to find them from other local growers. Getting some from local growers is a great way to spread disease and they haven't been inspected for any diseases.

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

The Latest Adventures of the Master Gardeners of Wilson County Traveling Cap

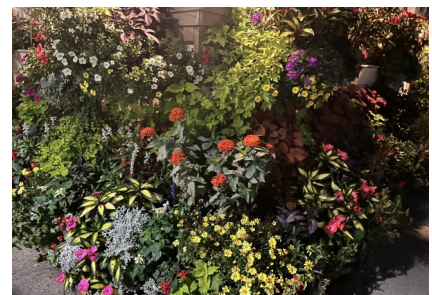
No doubt you've all been waiting with bated breath to find out where our MGWC traveling cap has been. Well, it once again ventured out of the country....this time to Ontario, Canada! First stop, the breathtaking Niagara Falls, and then on to the very charming, historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Our special hat marveled at the beauty of this quaint town, and despite it being well into the fall season for our neighbors to the north, everywhere we turned the shops and restaurants boasted gorgeous landscaped beds that made it feel like the beginning of Spring! Not to mention visiting the over 90 stunning area wineries. For more information on Niagara-on-the-Lake, click here and visit niagaraonthelake.com.

Don't forget to take your MGWC cap along on your next trip and be sure to share your adventures and pictures at WCMGNewsletter37087@gmail.com



This issue's traveling cap story and photos courtesy of Lori Bornholtz



General Membership Meeting Recap

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

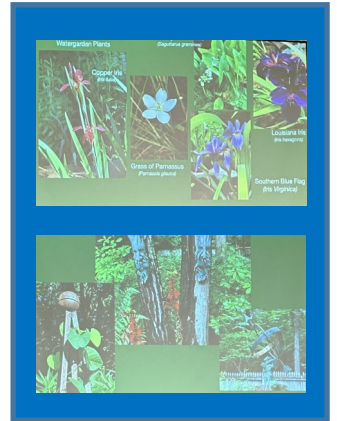
October's general membership meeting was held in the Arnett Education building at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. Oktoberfest was the theme and a tasty buffet of Bavarian specialties was enjoyed by the 56 members in attendance.



Featured Speaker
Donnie Bryant

The guest speaker was Donnie Bryant, the Vice President of Wild Ones of Middle Tennessee and a member of the Tennessee Native Plant Society. His presentation, entitled “Year-Round Gardening with Natives” provided an entertaining and informative overview of the beauty and importance of our Tennessee native plants.

The business meeting followed with a presentation of the new Jan Littrell Labors of Love Garden sign and a letter of thanks from the Mt. Juliet Help Center thanking MGWC and the LOL garden for their donations of food supporting keeping kids fed over the summer. Nominations for Executive Committee positions were presented and voted upon, and the unanimously approved and accepted positions are: Vice President Connie Williams; Secretary Sara Chodl; and Certification Officer—Van Turner.



Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Tonya Gardner and Sara Chodl for a successful Green Thumb Workshop and to the Communications Staff for a great newsletter!

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Deanna Jackson

“Friendsgiving” was the theme behind November's General Meeting, and the 51 members in attendance enjoyed a great potluck dinner and gave thanks for the many wonderful friendships that Master Gardeners provides. The featured speaker for this evening was Aprele Griffin, Certified State Naturalist, who shared a presentation focused on the interaction of plants and animals.

The business meeting that followed included a recap of the State Conference and the announcement that for the first time MGWC has a state winner! Linda Robertson won the award for Outstanding Master Gardener—congratulations Linda! Additionally, the new sign for the Jan Littrell Labors of Love Garden was presented for all to see, and the evening concluded with a reminder that next month's meeting will be the Christmas celebration with an always fun White Elephant Exchange....we hope to see everyone there!



Featured Speaker Aprele Griffin

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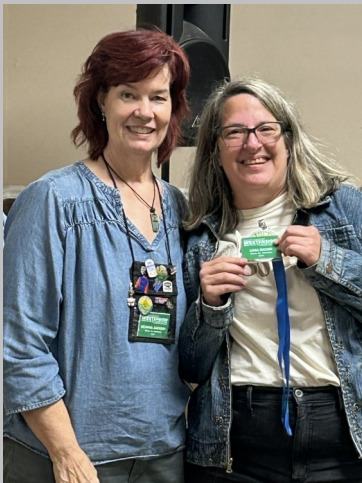
**WE HONOR ALL OF OUR WILSON
COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS WHO
HAVE SERVED IN OUR MILITARY.**

Thank you for your service!

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NEW MEMBERS/BADGES/PINS



Congratulations to our latest new green badge recipients at the October General Meeting presented by Deanna Jackson, and November General Meeting presented by Van Turner. *Photos clockwise from bottom left: Linda McCain, Jamie Howard, Sharon Johnson-Fox, Gary Rabideau and Andy & Debbie Franek.*

Photos courtesy of Lori Bornholtz and Deb Williams



Have you ever had a.....

Floral Faux Paux?

Garden Goof?

Blooming Blunder?

Seeding Setback?

Crop Catastrophe?

Dirt Disaster?

Send Us Your Best Garden Bloopers!

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The Garden Buzz

Time To Think “MULCH”

By Frances Strausburg

Some years ago, my daughter gave me a book on gardening, which included a chapter, of course, on mulching. The book was called “Old Time Gardening Wisdom,” by Jerry Baker. Inexperienced and experienced gardeners may occasionally want a refresher course, and this book includes some great info from experts. Some of the wisdom came from Jerry’s grandmother, who lived in her garden (food

and flowers). He learned so much from her that helped fill the book on many topics including mulch. I’ve also taken excerpts from other sources, such as Garden Gate Magazine, Tennessee Gardener Magazine, and the Gardening for Dummies book by Michael MacCaskey et al.

Starting with Jerry Baker, here are some tips on what mulch can do for you and your plants, not the least is much less garden work when mulching is done.

- It controls weeds by suppressing their germination.
- It conserves moisture in the soil (make sure to mulch before watering, or the mulch will take up the water and the plants may not get as much as they need).
- It helps prevent evaporation and water splash. Disease thrives in damp conditions, so water early in the day, and the plant leaves will have time to dry before night.
- It cools the soil, so that plant roots can thrive.
- Remember, though, to leave at least 2” of space around the crown so that the plant can breathe well.

You can buy mulch at any nursery or garden center. You can get it free from the city when they have cleaned up an area. They will have run the wood through a chipper so it’s already ground up and you just have to mix other ingredients to enrich it before applying to your garden. But if it’s not seasoned, you will want to use it only on pathways or where there are no plants unless you wait until the following year. And it doesn’t add fertility to the soil. Use it around shrubs or trees that are naturally adjusted to your soil and won’t require additional fertilizer.

From my own experience, I learned that you can also make your own mulch (or compost). I did that where I lived before, and I had wonderful gardens. The best sources of mulch/compost material are leaves and leaf mold, straw, grass clippings, pine needles, processed manure, redwood shavings, and sawdust. I learned how to mulch in my MG class and went right to work. I decided to do a “walking compost pile,” cleared a sunlit space at the end of my yard, and started dumping leaves and grass clippings. (Add a slight amount of diatomaceous earth and mothballs if you like.) You can also do this on top of paper or cardboard, but I chose not to. Then each time we moved, I would turn and “walk” the pile rather than pile it up into a mountain. It was awesome, and I could use it as compost as well as mulch. If I were going to use it for mulch, I left out the diatomaceous earth and mothballs.

Then I spread it around my plants (at least 2”-3” away from the plant base and about 2”-3” thick) and it looked wonderful. I also got several truckloads of chopped up wood free from the city when they were working in my neighborhood, and they were glad not to have to haul it back to the processing base. They just dumped it at the end of my yard. Since I couldn’t use this around the plants because it was freshly chipped, I used it on my pathways and tree areas. My gardens looked wonderful.

So there you have it. Start mulching and have a hot bath when you’re done!



Photos courtesy of Frances Strausburg.

Honey-Buttered Dill Carrots

By: Laura Bouch

Everyone who has ever attended a Master Gardener dinner meeting knows about the delicious carrots that are always on our buffet line. If you've ever wondered who makes those scrumptious carrots, now you know! They are made and shared each month by our own Laura Bouch. And now Laura has shared the recipe for all of us!



This recipe serves a large group.

- Ingredients:**
- 2- 2 lb bags of whole carrots - washed, peeled, and cut into 1/4 inch round slices
 - 1 quarter lb stick of butter cut into pats - more less to taste is optional
 - 3-4 Tablespoons of honey to drizzle on cooked buttered carrots - more or less to taste is optional
- Instructions:**
- Dry or fresh dill to garnish carrots before serving. (I use dry dill.) More or less to taste is optional.

1. Place your carrot slices in a 6-8 quart pot filled with water and bring to a boil. Boil for at least 20 minutes and cook until just tender. You will have to test the cooked carrots because you don't want the carrots to be too soft in order to coat with butter and honey.
2. Drain carrots, place in a microwave safe bowl that is large enough to coat carrots with sliced pats of butter until melted. Drizzle honey in a zigzag over the buttered carrots and allow it to melt through the carrots and gently mix everything. Sprinkle with dry dill weed or try fresh dill weed if you have it.
3. There you have it. It is an easy and well-liked side dish for almost any potluck dinner. Enjoy!

NOTE: I recommend the microwave safe serving bowl because sometimes I have to warm the carrots right before I pack them to take to our Master Gardener meetings so they'll be warm when we have our meal.

Bon Appetit!



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 your recipe submissions to:
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MASTER GARDENERS OF WILSON COUNTY

Volunteer Project Special Highlight



Jan Littrell's Labor of Love Garden



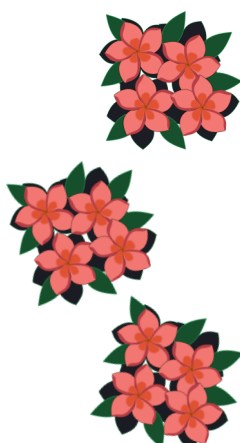
Photos from this event courtesy of Carol Walenga, Linda Lauthern & Tonya Gardner

We had beautiful weather to surprise and honor our beautiful friend, Jan Littrell at the sign dedication at the Jan Littrell Labors of Love Garden at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet. There was a nice turnout of friends and gardeners to surprise Jan. The LOL Garden crew provided wonderful refreshments for all. Deb Williams shared some sweet words about Jan and her heart for serving the community.

Jan started the Labors of Love Garden many years ago as a way to feed her neighbors in need. The garden has endured relocation, 2 devastating floods, and an invasion of gophers that have tried their best to destroy all they can. However, the “little garden that COULD” has developed in to the “Jan Littrell Labors of Love Garden that DOES.” This growing season alone they have donated well over 100 bushels of produce to the underserved of

Mount Juliet, fulfilling Jan’s vision for the garden. It was a privilege to see Jan honored in this way, and it was so heartwarming to see how much her garden crew loves her. It is well deserved.

Jan, the Master Gardeners of Wilson County will miss you! Best wishes on your next chapter in East Tennessee.



Garden Media Review

Media Review by Lori Bornholtz

The Growing Season

How I Built a New Life...
and Saved an American Farm

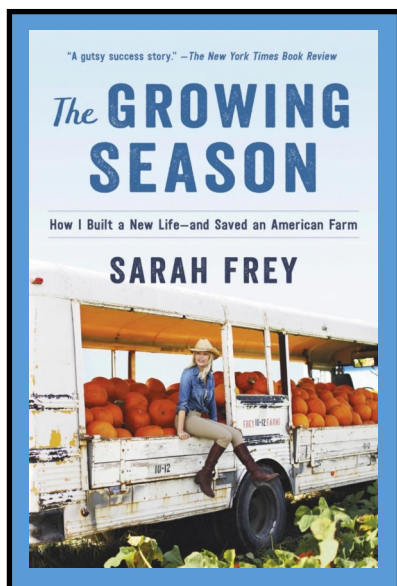
By Sarah Frey

The Growing Season is a fascinating autobiography of the life of Sarah Frey, now known as "America's Pumpkin Queen". Sarah shares her heart-warming journey of growing up on a farm in rural Southern Illinois, the youngest of a total of 21 children, with a dream of someday escaping to big city life.

As a young teenager Sarah discovers she has an entrepreneurial spirit and started her own fresh produce delivery business out of an old pickup truck. In the years to follow she was faced with a choice between her desire to escape poverty and a more compelling calling to save her family's failing farm. She chose the latter and did not look back. Her story is one of never giving up, learning to navigate the trials and tribulations of being a farmer, negotiating with some of the nations biggest businesses and a deter-

mined focus on producing fresh, healthy produce for her customers.

I definitely recommend this book – if you choose the audio book version as I did, you will enjoy hearing her story first-hand as Sarah narrates it herself. Happy Reading!



MEET THE MASTER GARDENER

Laura Bouch

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

My husband Dennis and I moved to Lebanon, Tennessee, in December of 2017 from Pittsburgh, PA. Yes, we are Yankees, but we love Tennessee!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLANT TO GROW?

Crown of Thorns plant is my favorite plant. A good friend gave me a tiny sprig and the original plant is almost 3 feet tall. My friend Rosemary is gone now, but many of her Crown of Thorn plants are thriving in other friends' homes now.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TREE?

American Sycamore is one of my favorite trees; it is a beautiful strong tree.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GARDEN TOOL?

Garden Trowel

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU GIVE NEW GARDENERS?

Always have bug spray and sunscreen with you—in your car or in your gardening bucket. And have a wide brimmed hat also! I can give advice much better than taking it, ha ha!



Laura and her grandson, Dominic in front of a burning bush in Pennsylvania.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN GARDENING, OR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN GARDENING?

I've been digging in gardens ever since I was a toddler. We lived with my Nonno, and he always had a huge backyard garden, and I was his shadow/little buddy 24/7, so I have always loved planting and picking vegetables since I can remember.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VEGETABLE?

Favorite cooked veggie to eat is asparagus, and tomatoes are my favorite fresh veggie to eat!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FLOWER?

Tiger Lilies

DO YOU HAVE A GARDENING TRICK/TIP THAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW?

Have lots of gardening gloves.



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 Arboretum
- Jr. Master Gardeners
- Mount Juliet Public Library Flower Garden
- Pickett Chapel Prayer Garden
- Compassionate Hands
- Vine Branch Fellowship
 - Multiple School Gardens
 - 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
 - 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



Tennessee Home Fruit and Vegetable Garden

2024 CALENDAR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASTER GARDENERS OF WILSON COUNTY



NOV 26

EXEC BOARD MEETING

DEC 3

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(AWARDS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS PARTY)

DEC 30

EXEC BOARD MEETING

JAN 7

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JAN 28

EXEC BOARD MEETING

FEB 4

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEB 7-8

SOUTHERN HOME & GARDEN SHOW



You're Invited

TO AN AWARD CEREMONY

FOR LINDA ROBERTSON

2024 Outstanding Tennessee Master Gardener

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 8, 2024

*REI Distribution Center
1400 Murfreesboro Rd
Lebanon, TN 37090*

Doors will open at 1:30
Award ceremony will begin at 2:15
Light refreshments provided

- Each guest needs to provide a photo ID and be checked in at the REI security desk.
- Guests will park and enter through the double glass doors at the Stumpy Lane entrance.



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