

May 2014



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Discovery Center Secret Garden Tour Saturday June 7th

Don't miss out on this years Secret Garden

Tour! Rutherford County Master Gardeners are really stepping up our participation this year by helping out with the planning and development of all the events. The proceeds of the Secret Garden tour benefits the Discover Center at Murfree Springs, but the exposure the Master Gardeners receive from participating helps promote our programs and gives us the opportunity to get out into the community and do what we do best....teach!

How can you get involved?

We need volunteers at the gardens. You'll be selling tickets and giving out information on the garden you are assigned to. Shade tents, water and supplies will be provided. You can volunteer for a half day or full day shift. Half day shifts work great—that way you can go visit the rest of the gardens!

You can do a child-friendly gardening demonstration at the Discovery Center or one of the gardens on the tour (composting planting seeds, friendly insects, worm composting are just a few ideas).

Each volunteer will get a **FREE** ticket to enjoy the rest of the tour (\$10 value).

One of our own gardeners, Reba Hinkle, will have her garden on the tour. Contact Ellen Condon, Reba Hinkle or Peggy Moore for more information on how you can help out on this project.



MASTER GARDENER MEETING MOVES TO NEW LOCATION IN MAY

Don't get confused when you show up Monday night at Lane Agri-Park for the May Master Gardener meeting. **Starting this month, our regular meetings and Board meetings will all take place at the Community Center.**

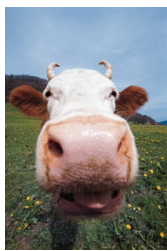
Moving from the main building auditorium to the Community Center (CC) was voted on by the membership last year, but the change doesn't take effect until now because of prior scheduling commitments at the CC. All our supplies and storage are at the CC. It will be much more convenient and less work for our "hospitality" crew to make our home at the Community Center.

Meetings are still the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. We will still have a light "pot-luck" meal followed by a speaker and our business meeting.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in horticulture.



ARTICLES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PHOTOS FOR "THE SCOOP" ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! PLEASE SEND TO MASTERGARDENERS.RC@GMAIL.COM



June Dairy Day

Wednesday, June 11
9am—1pm
Lane Agri Park

Sample FREE dairy products. Milking competitions. Hay rides, learn to make your own butter. Games & prizes. Fun for the whole family!

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PLEASE CALL EXTENSION OFFICE 898-7710
IF YOU CAN HELP OUT DURING JUNE DAIRY
DAY. HOURS WORKED WILL COUNT TOWARD
CERTIFICATION.



A big thank you to everyone that helped out at our Demonstration Garden workday last week. It was a little warm but we

were able to get the squash and beans planted for the three sisters garden in the veggie plot. We also planted okra; installed the barrel for irrigation in veggie garden; spread mulch around crepe myrtles; added annuals to the butterfly garden, replaced plant markers and weeded, enjoyed fellowship with each other and weeded some more.

We got a lot done but there will be more to do on our 3rd Saturday this month. I'll send an update before hand of what fun we can have then.

~ Nancy Nelson, CMG

"The Scoop" is the official newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County, Tennessee and is published by email the second week of the month. Those members without email and who are not able to attend meetings may receive the newsletter by U.S. Postal mail.

The deadline for articles, and other items to be included in the newsletter is the last Friday of the month. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Lane Agri Park at 6:30 p.m., unless specified. Membership is \$30 for a single or \$40 for a couple at the same address. All memberships are valid January thru December and are pro-rated for new members only.

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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, county governments cooperating, UT Extension and Tennessee State University.

Horticultural Therapy Classes to be offered

Several of our members have expressed an interest in horticultural therapy. The Memphis Botanic Gardens is offering training on horticultural therapy and horticultural outreach on July 31st & Aug, 1st.

Call 901-636-4128 for more information or to request a brochure. Be sure to ask about the Master Gardener Discount.



LOWES DONATES TREES TO MASTER GARDENERS

Recently, Lowes of Murfreesboro donated a shipment of shade and fruit trees to the Master Gardeners. The trees were not in sellable condition for the retail, but otherwise fine, so they offered them to the Rutherford County Master Gardeners to use at the Demonstration Garden and on the Agri-Park Grounds.

Ken & Melissa Roberge are giving the trees some much needed TLC at their home until a plan is finalized on how & where the trees will be used.

Thanks to everyone who helped rescue the trees!

~ Nancy Nelson, CMG

