

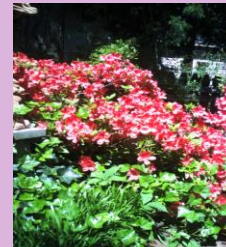
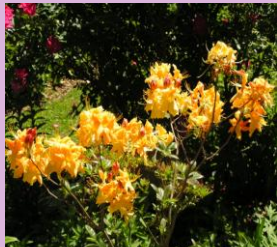
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Robertson County Master Gardeners Celebrate Springfield Garden Walk 2010

By Lynn Stenglein

The Springfield Garden Walk 2010 was a disappointment in some respects given the week: rain delay, the small number of visitors, cancellation by musicians, and difficulty with our schedules on consecutive Saturdays. However, our Master Gardener Association has a lot to celebrate about the walk: the gardens were even more beautiful with the extra week of warm weather, garden visitors of all ages were delighted with the garden plants, art, and landscaping, the seven garden owners worked incredibly hard to get their gardens ready to show and, I believe, appreciated our commitment to the tour.



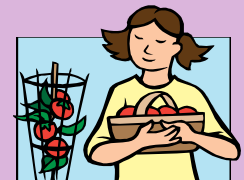
We plan a two-part Garden Walk program at our May meeting. We have pictures of all the gardens and will have an informal slide show with Master Gardener docents highlighting some of their favorite features of the gardens they hosted. The other part of the program will be a “brain storming” session about our Garden Walk such as timing, disaster recovery, workers, etc.

Many, many thanks to our Master Gardeners who worked so hard on the Walk. Special thanks to the 2009 team (especially Ursula) for sharing their expertise and to Michelle and Jo Ann who worked tirelessly on all facets of the 2010 Walk.

QUICK CLEAN YOUR PRUNING SHEARS:

Use the little square alcohol wipes that come individually packaged in foil to clean your pruning shears and you will prevent the transfer of diseases. They come in boxes of 100 and are cheap and handy!

CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Orr on winning the door prize at the April Master Gardener meeting!



Thanks to all the businesses and organizations who helped make our Plant Sale and Garden Walk 2010 a success with their generous contributions. Thanks to *Allegra Print & Imaging, Bargain Browser, Burdett's Tea Shop & Trading Company, Hullabaloos, Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, Robertson County Times, The Potting Shed, Tractor Supply Company, Tricia's On The Square, WDBL Radio*, and many others.

GRO WILD TRIP: A Stormy Success

By Doug Buck

Master Gardeners braved the wet weekend of April 26th and were rewarded with an abbreviated but nonetheless rewarding tour of portions of the Gro Wild farm near Fairview. Gro Wild sits on a ridge and comprises over 120 acres. They maintain about 900 species of native flora including flowering perennial trees and various shrubs. They also sell cultivars of protected species including the Tennessee Purple Coneflower.

Although the wet weather curtailed our tour, we were able to see the propagation and other greenhouses and the living roof project. Gro Wild maintains a number of living roofs at urban office and condominium projects and was contracted by the Clinton Library for landscaping.

Master Gardeners certainly took advantage of the opportunity to purchase natives at the end of the tour. Gro Wild will be open to the public in October and it would be well worth your time to pay them a visit.

Gro Wild is high on my list for future field trips.

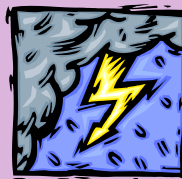


Master Gardener Meeting
May 27th, 7:00 pm at Ext. Office
Program:
GARDEN WALK 2010 SLIDE SHOW

MASTER GARDENERS PRESENT CLASS @ CHAIRS ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL

Learning about worm composting, attendees of our Master Gardener public education class spanned ages from 6 to 60. Given the weather outside, we were pleased that about a dozen people came to the class. Thanks to Janice Thompson for another informative presentation.

For **FLOOD INFORMATION** containing a factsheet for Landscaping and Garden go to <http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu/>



The Month of MAY

Is a great time to..

Keep a sharp eye out for fungal problems from the rainy season, prune flowering trees and shrubs as they finish blooming, repot houseplants, turn the compost, treat yourself to at least 1 great new plant before the best selection is gone, deadhead and begin replacing pansies and primroses as the blossoms fade, direct seed warm season vegetables, keep cool season crops harvested so they will keep producing as long as possible, plant or transplant trees and shrubs before the heat of summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

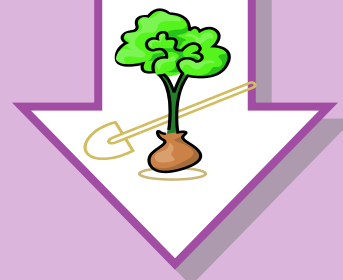
**Saturdays from May to October -
Robertson Co. Farmers Market
at the Fair Grounds**

May 25 - Robertson Co. Beekeepers Meeting at
7:00 pm at the Extension Office

May 27 - May 30 - Herb Society of America
National Meeting at Lowes Vanderbilt Plaza

June 26 - "Gardening A to Z" at the Davidson Co.
Master Gardener Meeting at Ellington Ag. Center

July 8 - Summer Celebration at West Tn. Research
& Education Center





PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

By Doug Buck & Lynn Stenglein
We would like to thank all members who helped by volunteering their time and expertise and who donated items to our organization's third plant sale associated with the Chairs on the Square Festival. The fundraiser was very successful despite the thunder, lightening, and record rainfall. In less than three hours of sales, profits exceeded \$600.

In addition to selling plants to the public (and to one another) we gave each of the Garden Walk 2010 garden owners a basket containing a few of our plants and allocated plants to Master Gardener projects. Judy Bryant sold plants at the Extension Office most of the week. We donated all remaining plants to the 4-H Yard Sale, who helped us with the May 8th Garden Walk ticket sales.

TENNESSEE NATIVE PLANTS

Are you interested in maintaining, learning about, or establishing plants native to our great state? Check out these nurseries located closest to our area providing the highest percentage of native plants.

***GRO WILD, INC.**

100%, Fairview, TN.

***NASHVILLE NATIVES, LLC.**

100%, Fairview, TN.

***GREENMAN TREE CARE & LANDSCAPING**

75%, Dickson, TN.

***WARREN COUNTY NURSERY, INC.**

75%, McMinnville, TN.

For more info see:

www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=TN

FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

by Paul Hart

The Market is averaging over 400 people the first 3 Saturdays. Strawberries, turnip & mustard greens, green onions, leaf lettuce, herbs, honey, eggs, pasture raised beef (grass fed), hanging baskets & bedding plants, vegetable transplants, milk, and prawns (freshwater shrimp), are available. All products are grown or produced in Rob. Co. By early June more vegetables will be available. The Market is open from 9:00am to 1:00pm each Saturday at the Robertson County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 41. Farmers Market info is also on facebook under "Robertson County Farmers Market".



Presenting a gift to Garden Walk 2010 Winner, Lucy Ellis, is Lynn Stenglein.

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