

THE LEAFLET



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A PUBLICATION BY THE ROBERTSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

September Master Gardener Meeting!
Thursday, September 22, 7 P.M.
@ the Robertson Co, Extension Office
The program will be a Q & A so bring your best!
See You There!

"A FAIR TIME AT THE FAIR!"

The RCMG booth this year was again a BLUE RIBBON WINNER! We would like to thank ALL of those who contributed and helped to make this year's entry a HUGE success!



We would also like to congratulate our fair entry winners! The Master Gardeners take the prizes again! **JOB WELL DONE!**



Robertson Co. Master Gardener Classes

- Sept. 13** – Introduction to Master Gardener Program
- Sept. 20** – Basic Botany
- Sept. 27** – Soil Management
- Oct. 4** – Applied Entomology – Insect Identification and Control
- Oct. 11** – Backyard Wildlife
- Oct. 18** – Plant Pathology & Disease Control
- Oct. 25** – Weed Management for Lawns & Ornamentals
- Nov. 1** – Lawn & Garden Equipment Maintenance
- Nov. 8** – Vegetable Gardening
- Nov. 15** – Turfgrass Management
- Nov. 22** – Herbaceous Ornamentals
- Nov. 29** – Landscape Design
- Dec. 6** – Small Fruits & Tree Fruits for the Home Orchard

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Location: Robertson Co. Fairgrounds,
Exhibit Bldg. 4635 Hwy 41 North,
Springfield, TN
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BY THE WAY.....

Have you logged your Master Gardener hours this month?



“The CoCoRaHS ‘Climate Resources Guide for Master Gardeners’ is here!”

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

**Fall Garden Extravaganza
Rutherford Co. Master Gardeners
September 24 – 8 AM – 4:30 PM
Farmers Market Bldg.
Lane Agri Park
315 John Rice Road**

**Herb Day @ Cheekwood
September 24**

www.herbsocietynashville.org

This day long event features speakers and garden wares for sale. Also a chance to join the Nashville Herb Society!

**Cheekwood Rose Show
October 1st & 2nd**

Nashville’s Rose Society annual Fall Rose Show

West Tennessee Research & Education Center, Jackson, TN

**Pumpkin Field Day, September 29th
And**

Fall Plant Sale, October 5th & 6th

**2011 Southern Book Festival
October 14, 15, & 16**

@ National War Memorial Plaza

www.humanitiestennessee.org/festival

Books on many subjects including gardening, lectures, book sales, etc.

Over the past year, the folks at CoCoRaHS (Community Cooperative Rain Hail and Snow) headquarters have developed an on-line guide for our master gardeners. The guide can be accessed by going to the CoCoRaHS web site (www.cocorahs.com) and selecting Master Gardener from the menu. The guide introduces elements of large scale and local climate important to gardeners. An overview of climate patterns and differences are shown. Links to local climate information are provided. Topics include: Climate & Gardening, Sunshine, Temperature, Humidity and Dew Point, Precipitation, Wind, Evapotranspiration, Climate Resources, and Climate Change. CoCoRaHS staff hope you’ll take a look at it and pass along the URL link to other gardeners you know who may be interested in gaining a better understanding of climate and how climate might effect their local gardening efforts.



Happy Fall Y'all!

Labor Day has passed but that does not mean the gardening season is by any means over. There is still plenty to do in the gardens. Here are three things you can do:

- **Plant a hedge** – In fall, as the dense summer growth of perennials and annuals fades away, the structure of the garden becomes apparent again. Could your space use some more definition? A deciduous hedge might do the trick, and in many areas fall is a great time to plant the shrubs that will form it.
- **Prune your berry vines** – Fall is the time to prune your summer-bearing berries. Pruned at the right time and in the right way, your plants will bear more fruit next year.

- **Take root cuttings** – Many popular perennials can be propagated by root cuttings, and early fall to early winter is the time to do it. By next spring you'll have plenty more perennials for your garden without spending a dime!

So, don't put away those gloves and tools yet! Start work on some new projects now. And who doesn't love working in this beautiful, cool sun-filled days!



Good book to have on the shelf:

“New Country Garden, a plant lover's paradise”
By Elspeth Thompson & Melanie Eclare

Deadlines for the RCMG Leaflet will be the 15th. Submit your articles of interest, questions, photos, announce an upcoming event or tell us what you would like to see! Email to Catey at mtnrider55@yahoo.com.

Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!

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