

The Leaflet



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2018 Master Gardener Classes: Are A "Go"

We are happy to report that the joint Robertson/Cheatham County Master Gardener classes will be held at the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday nights starting September 5th. RCMGA member Rene Kriek has volunteered to teach the class on Vegetable Gardening. We will join with the Cheatham County Association in having a "Meet, Greet, & Eat" for the new class later this year, proba-

bly November 14th at the Lawn and Garden Equipment class which tends to be short.

Master Gardeners are encouraged to attend any of the classes which they missed or want to review. Registration is not necessary for them but check in with the class instructor. You can access the schedule of the classes on the RCMGA web site: www.rcmga.org. All classes will begin at 6:00 pm; the address is 2425 Highway 49 East, Pleasant View, TN 37146.

Reminders:

Take time to admire and water the planters in front of the Extension Office. Thanks to Judy Bryant and Lynn Stenglein for renewing the plantings and to Paul Putman for killing the weeds in time for the downtown Eclipse party and Taste of Country.

September begins the 2018 RCMGA officer nomination/election season. Please consider volunteering to serve on the nominating committee and/or as an RCMGA officer. If you have questions about duties or commitment, contact one of the officers listed on the list on page 4 of this *Leaflet*. AND send your suggestions/recommendations to the nominating committee members, who will be listed in the September *Leaflet*.



NEXT MEETING

Sept. 28, 2017
7 pm

Speaker:

Kim Hendley

Program:

**Farming in
Robertson County**

The Robertson Co. Master Gardener Assoc. meets the fourth Thurs. of every month.

Meetings are at 7pm at the UT Extension Office, 408 Main Street, Springfield, TN

Robertson County Fair 2017

"150 Years of Family and Fair Traditions"

Thanks to all Master Gardeners who worked on our Fair Booth and entered plants, canned goods, bee products, vegetables in the fair. Thanks to RCMGA Lynn

Cantrell (and others) for our photographic essay of the 2017 Fair on the following pages.



One of Our Fair Winners!



Fair Booth Lettering by Jeanne Protsman



Dorothy and Lauren Briggs and flowers



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Doug Buck forks Fair Booth



Julee Orr at Flower exhibit



One of Our Fair Winners!



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Some of Our Fair Winners!



Fair Booth pictures by Leanne Hazelwood



Doug Buck mans Fair Booth



Seed team: Gwen Day, Dorothy Briggs, Julee Orr, Leann Shepard, Judy Bryant



Paul Putman put finishing touches on booth



Fair Booth coordination by Rene Kriek



Leann Shepard & Dorothy Briggs bagging seeds



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Profiles In Gardening:

Jeff Smith, UT Extension Agent

I was born and raised in Montgomery county, TN. When I was in fifth grade, I entered the county 4-H Gardening Contest. It was a great experience, and the rabbits and groundhogs really enjoyed it too.

About a year later, the Smith Family moved to another farm in the county. All four Smith children were active in 4-H Club, including showing steers.

As an adult, I have grown a vegetable garden every year. There is nothing better than the first tomato out of the home garden. My wife, Marie, loves to grow flowers. Last year, our vegetable garden had a border of flowers on two of the four sides. Our house was landscaped with flower beds.

I have BS and MS degrees from the University of Tennessee—Martin. I was an Extension Agent in Dickson County for 15 years before moving to Kentucky to work in Extension for the past 10 years.

We are blessed with a growing family. Our son, his wife, and daughter live in Spring Hill, TN. Our daughter, her husband, and four children live in Joplin, MO. My parents still live near Clarksville, TN, while my siblings live in West TN. Most of Marie's family live near our son in Maury County, near Columbia and Springhill.

I am grateful for this opportunity to move back closer to family. No matter where we have been, my mission has always been to try "to help people".



Fall Gardening

by René Kriek

Even though we're not quite saying goodbye to summer yet, now is the time to start working on our fall garden.

Cool season vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, kale and spinach can be planted now and even fast growers like turnips and peas can be grown from seed.

Certain root vegetables such as carrots and potatoes can actually overwinter in the ground and next spring will make new growth. Each year I have a surprise volunteer potato come up that I had somehow missed the previous year. That is if the nematodes and squirrels don't get to them before I do!

Thanks to my heirloom seeds, I have baby lettuces coming up now that self-seeded over the summer. My leafy greens such as kale and Swiss chard will also appreciate the cooler weather and my broccoli should make a healthy comeback after the war on worms this summer season.

But first to prepare the beds! Clean up all dead and dying crops leftover from summer. Collect the seeds and pull those bush beans out! Oh look! There's a baby tomato plant that volunteered, isn't it cute? Pull that sucker out! It will only take up space and nutrients and will not produce anything! Add some good compost and mulch and you're good to go.

For more detailed information about fall planting, visit <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/documents/SP291-G.pdf>



Upcoming Events

Aug 29	Fall Gardener's Festival	Crossville, TN
Sep 2	Fall Gardening	Bellevue Library
Sep 5- Nov 14	M.G. Classes	Pleasant View
Sep 9	Foodscaping	Mansker Station Park
Sep 12	Preserving Seeds; Kids' Classes	Springfield Library
Oct 10	Bugs; Kids' Classes	Springfield Library
Oct 21	GroWild Fall Sale	Fairview, TN
Nov 14	Trees; Kids' Classes	Springfield Library

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