

The Leaflet



JULY 2013

JULY MASTER GARDENER MEETING

Thursday,
July 25,
7 P.M. @
Extension Office

PROGRAM:

Plight of the Honey Bee in America, presented by Rev. Fred Hembree, First United Methodist Church, Springfield; Certified Master Beekeeper; Welsh Honey Judge; Certified by Young Harris College & the University of Georgia

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Four O'clocks
From the Garden of Lynn Stenglein

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FARMERS MARKET CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY 2013

Master Gardeners distributed information and free iris rhizomes at Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 13.

Thanks Catey, Gwen, Lynn, Michelle, Vickie, and Ursula!



Master Gardeners Vickie Nixon and Gwen Davis award doorprize to "Blueberry Vendor" at Farmers' Market Customer Appreciation

MASTER GARDENER JULY 15 EVENING WORK SOIREE



Before



After

Thanks Judy, Lynn, Rodney, & Tim for all the work at the Welcome Sign and downtown Springfield locations!

My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece. ~ Claude Monet

JULY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER

Garden of Rachel Parker,
3025 Old Greenbrier Road,
Greenbrier



Don't forget Bring pictures of Beautification Award candidates to the meeting Thursday!



SUMMER CELEBRATED AT JACKSON



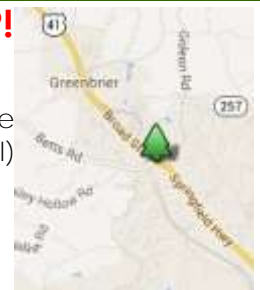
RCMGA members happily endured the West Tennessee weather to attend the Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden Show at the UT Gardens on July 11. Whether veteran Summer Celebrants (Judy, Jeanne, Lynn) or first timers (Betty, Jim, Vickie) everyone explored the trial gardens, enjoyed the classes, and patronized the garden-related product-vendors and Madison County M.G. plant sale.

Vickie, Lynn, Jeanne, & Judy Jeanne & Betty



RIDGETOP ARBORETUM'S ON THE MAP!

Check out Ridgetop's Arboretum at the Urban Forestry Council's website (<http://www.tufc.com/arboreta.html>)



RCMGA NEEDS YOU!

The Robertson County Master Gardeners Training program will be offered again this fall; classes will begin September 12. All classes are held from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each Thursday through November 21. Class size is limited and applications will be accepted through September 6. We will have posters and brochures at the July meeting for distribution at garden centers and other locations. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the Master Gardener program and classes. As well as learning more about gardening, encourage them to participate in the benefits and opportunities of Master Gardener program, i.e. community service, ongoing garden-related training, networking with other gardeners, etc. For additional information, interested persons should call the UT Extension Office (384-7936) and/or visit our web site (rcmga.org).



The fee for Master Gardener training is \$125 and covers all costs of the program and materials. However, our Association may offer one (or more) "scholarships" for the class. Details will be distributed via email to the robertsoncountymastergardeners@yahoo.com distribution list in early August or call the extension office for details.

RCMGA JULY MEETING



Bridgette Wakefield, RCMG, and *Brandy Barnes*, DCMG, presented a very informative program on Heucheras.



Ann Crouch shared her love of daylilies as Plant of the Month.

Upcoming Events

July 25: RCMGA July Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office.

August 22: RCMGA August Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office.

August 27: The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and the Cumberland County Master Gardeners will host the fifth annual Fall Gardeners' Festival at UT's Plateau AgResearch and Education Center. The event will be held at the main unit of the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center on U.S. Hwy. 70N west of Crossville. A map and complete directions are available online at <http://plateau.tennessee.edu/location/>. For more information, call the center at 931-484-0034 or visit the Cumberland County Master Gardeners website: <http://www.ccmga.org>.

COUNTY FAIR PLANNING UNDERWAY



"Where the pulling ends...Fair Fun Begins" is the theme of the 2013 Robertson County Fair (August 26 – 31), and the Master Gardener fair booth committee is working on our display. If you did not attend the meeting on July 16, Jeanne Protsman reports that additional help and ideas for the display are still welcome. Contact Jeanne at 859-2042 (jeanne.protsman@comcast.net). We will distribute seeds to booth visitors; so start drying and saving your seeds as you deadhead your plants. We will have a signup sheet for those who can work at the booth; our August meeting is held at the fairgrounds for display construction and seed packaging.

BATTLE CREEK BLACK OAK, SPRINGFIELD HERITAGE TREE NOMINEE

This large black oak was part of a parcel of land given by James Watts in 1844 for construction of the Battle Creek Baptist Church. The church was named for the 1780 Indian massacre of a group of white settlers on the nearby Battle Creek. The one surviving member of the group, a widow named Betty Jones (grandmother of James Watts), hid in the forest for four days before being rescued by a hunter and taken to safety at Eaton's Station.

The church was organized in 1845 and some of the property was utilized as a community cemetery. In 1872, Timothy and Mary Demonbreun, son of Jacques Timothy Demonbreun, the first white man to live in Nashville and establish a business, donated an additional parcel of land for a school house and extra cemetery space, requesting that the land also be used for a Sabbath worship every month for the Methodist Order, the Cumberland Presbyterian Order, and the Baptist Order in the community.

The property became a meeting place for several churches in the community over the years and many wagons were tied to the large oak during church gatherings and picnics. The oak was recently aged at over 183 years old and has played a significant role in the heritage of the community and the early settlement of Middle Tennessee.

The oak declined from 2006 to 2008 and was evaluated as a hazard in 2009. The tree was removed later that year.

The Battle Creek Black Oak was registered as a Landmark Tree in 2005 and was nominated as a Heritage Tree by Anne Crutcher, church clerk. The Tennessee Heritage Tree List recognizes trees that would qualify for the Landmark and Historic Tree Registry but died before it was created or were on the Registry but have since died. Their contribution to the history and heritage of Tennessee deserves preserving.



Photo by
Tom Simpson

PROFILES IN GARDENING: WANDA COHEA

Wanda has been a Master Gardener since 2002 having attended the training classes in Montgomery County. Wanda's sister, Karen Sweatt (also a Robertson County Master Gardener), wanted to take the course, and Wanda thought it would be helpful to learn more about gardening. Wanda served as Association secretary in 2012; her projects include Garden Superintendent for the Fair and Secure Community Garden. She also serves as a docent in the Garden Tours and is active in the spring plant sale.

For sparking her interest in gardening, Wanda credits Mrs. Melba Tolleson, who brought beautiful peonies to work and had a yard full of wonderful flowers. Wanda lists peonies and irises as two of her favorite plants, and she also likes lythrum, Russian sage, and zinnias. She has 41 varieties of daylilies and says "There aren't many flowers I don't like." She is most interested in flower gardening.

A lifelong Robertson County resident, Wanda lives within three miles of where she grew up. Wanda's other hobbies and interests including geocaching, tennis, and, of course, her family: two children (Ted and Amy) and three grandchildren (John age 8, Alex, age 4, and Isabella age 2). Wanda has been married 41 years, lived in the same house 40 years, and had the same job 40 years. She played basketball with Pat Head Summitt at UT Martin and against her in high school.



GARDEN TASKS

JULY

- ⇒ Water early in the day so that the leaves will be dry by evening.
- ⇒ Spend a few minutes every morning deadheading-pinching off spent flowers of plants.
- ⇒ Keep your eyes open for insects, and disease problems Early detection is important.
- ⇒ Keep mulching to help retain moisture and reduce weeds.
- ⇒ Divide Iris clumps for more plants.
- ⇒ Cut, dry and store everlasting flowers for winter displays.



AUGUST

- ⇒ Stop feeding roses this month so that there won't be tender, new growth for winter kill.
- ⇒ Keep picking or shearing faded flowers off annuals so they won't go to seed and stop blooming.
- ⇒ Gather and save seeds of other annuals that you might want to use again. Don't bother saving seed from hybrids, they won't come true to type.
- ⇒ Put seeds in envelopes and label them by name, date, and color. Store in a cool, dry place - such as airtight jars in the refrigerator.

"I trust your Garden was willing to die .. I do not think that mine was - It perished with beautiful reluctance, like an evening star - "
Emily Dickinson, in a letter to her Aunt Katie Sweetser, 1880

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