

# The Leaflet



June 2014

## Garden Tour 2014

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By Ursula Otto, Garden Tour Chairperson

After a year hiatus, we organized a June 7, 2014 Garden tour. The tour is not intended to be a money maker for the RCMGA; rather it is a gift to the citizens of Robertson County and surrounding counties. I consider the 2014 Garden Tour a success since we sold over 80 tickets, covered our expenses, and have a small profit. I think I speak for all of us who worked as docents and/or worked on organizing the event, "It is truly a labor of love."

### Ridgetop Station Park

Perennial garden, historic buildings, museum, and a plant sale are featured at the tour. Proceeds from plant sale are earmarked for garden and arboretum.

*Ridgetop Garden Club Members readying for tour and sale.  
Left to right: Judy Belloli, Lynn Stenglein, Elizabeth Webb,  
Lynn Cantrell, Dorothy Briggs*



**NEXT  
MEETING  
June 26**

**Program:  
Picnic and  
Arboretum Tour  
at Ridgetop  
Station Park**

**MEETING  
INFORMATION**

The Robertson County  
Master Gardener  
Association meets on  
the fourth Thursday of  
every month.

**MEETING THIS  
MONTH AT 6:00 PM  
AT RIDGETOP  
STATION PARK**

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### Springfield Johnson & Butcher Garden

Gardens surrounding the Victorian residence hold numerous delights for visitors. Plantings include numerous shrubs, trees, and flower species abound while statues and a courtyard fountain add interest.



### Greenbrier Haley Garden

An array of blossoming beds includes daylilies, hydrangeas, and hostas. Winding walkways allow visitors to ramble about the garden to fully appreciate foliage and seasonal blooms.



### Springfield Wills Garden

Irises, some from the owner's great-grandmother as well as newer re-blooming varieties, and over 100 daylily varieties brighten the colorful, well-tended yard.



### Springfield Wilson Garden

Surrounded by an original iron fence, the 1902 Queen Ann residence's grounds feature roses, herbs, and a backyard pool.



Garden docents Gwen Day & Vickie Nixon



# Celebrate Summer at Jackson UT Gardens

**T**hursday, July 10th is Summer Celebration at the UT Gardens at the West Tennessee UT Extension Farm. The Madison County Master Gardener plant sale begins at 9am and the garden lectures begin at 10am. Special features this year include Felder Rushing's history of bottle trees and southern gardens and UT Entomologies Frank Hale's presentation on a new and very damaging pest to small fruits, the Winged Fruit Fly. Other sessions include Cutting Back: Reshape and Rejuvenate your Plants; A Melee of Plant and Garden Art; Super Veggies, and "Got Grapes?". You can get more information on garden lectures, features, and the plant sale list on the web at [west.tennessee.edu/events/SummerCeleb](http://west.tennessee.edu/events/SummerCeleb).



Although there is not a van pool from Springfield this year, there may be one or more car pools going from Robertson County. If you are interested in participating in a car pool to Summer Celebration, email Lynn Stenglein, Project Coordinator (Email [lcsjts@hughes.net](mailto:lcsjts@hughes.net)).



## SCG Trip Rescheduled

Mark your calendars for our trip to the South Central Growers test gardens which has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 12th at 10am. We will send a reminder/email message from [robertsoncountmastergardeners@yahoo.com](mailto:robertsoncountmastergardeners@yahoo.com) about a week before the trip.

## REMINDER: RCMGA June Meeting Picnic in the Park at Ridgetop Station Park

Don't forget our June meeting will be a picnic at Ridgetop Station Park (1954 Woodruff Ave., Ridgetop). Barbeque, buns, and utensils will be provided by our Association. If you did not sign up for a side dish at the May meeting or need a reminder what to bring, email or call Ann Rausch ([alrausch@charter.net](mailto:alrausch@charter.net), 305-2598). We will meet at 6pm for a short business meeting and tour of the arboretum. You are encouraged to invite visitors, particularly future Master Gardeners, to the meeting.



*A water feature from the Garden Tour in the Haley garden in Greenbrier*

## Cross Plains Garden Awarded First 2014 Master Gardener Beautification Award



**T**he Robertson County Master Gardeners Association presented the first 2014 beautification award to Joann and Jerry Vandercook at 7823 Hwy 25 E in Cross Plains. Surrounding their house, the Vandercook garden includes perennials for sun and shade, shrubs, water features, and artistic enhancements. Pictured is Joann in one of her garden areas. You can see the Vandercook yard at the Cross Plains Trash and Treasure on June 27th and 28th.

Bring your nomination(s) to our June RCMGA meeting! Thanks to Gwen Day for the nomination and to Paul Putman for coordinating the award(s).

## Profiles in Gardening:

### Paul Hart

As an Agricultural Extension Agent, I work with all Agricultural commodities in Robertson County—Crops, Livestock Commercial and Consumer Horticulture.

In my role as an Advisor, I helped organize the Master Gardener Association in 2006 following our first “training class”. My main role has been to facilitate the Master Gardener Training each year and also teach classes including: Botany, Turfgrasses, Weed Management and Fruits & Vegetables. I also have taught Master Gardener classes in Sumner, Davidson and Cheatham counties.

I am most interested in vegetable gardening. This probably goes back to childhood and my grandparent’s garden (that was large enough they plowed it with a mule). They also had a large grape arbor so we always had homemade grape jelly. Several times during the summer my aunts would meet at the farm for a family food preservation event. Adults and kids all took part; snapping beans, shucking corn and washing tubs full of grapes.

My first solo vegetable garden was in Cookeville, TN while I was in school at TN Tech. An elderly lady that lived next to our Fraternity House allowed me to use the back of her lot for a garden. We rented a tiller and broke the thick fescue sod. I only ran the tiller for about 15 minutes, then there was a line of guys that finished the job (about 5 hours later). We traded vegetables for meals at Mrs. Wright’s café during that summer.

I used raised beds for several years after college. At that time I was working as an Extension Agent in Cullman AL. I used this method mainly because I was limited for space. It was very productive but the hand digging was challenging the first year.

My hobbies/interests include: fishing and music. I like creek fishing for smallmouth bass and black perch (rock bass). I enjoy playing banjo and guitar. As far as things you might not know: I am a regular (year-round) walker on the Springfield Greenway. My dog never seems to care how cold it gets. Another little known fact is I coached girl’s fast pitch softball for several years and I’m an Atlanta Braves & St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

My wife, Beverly, just retired from teaching English at Springfield High School. My daughter, Sarah, is a UT Martin graduate and has been teaching Art for two years in the Nashville school system.

Thanks to all the Master Gardeners for your efforts to enhance our community and extend the reach of UT Extension’s horticultural program. You make a difference!



## Upcoming Garden Events

|               |                                     |                              |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Jul 10</b> | Summer Celebration                  | Jackson, TN                  |
| <b>Jul 12</b> | South Central Growers Test Garden   | Springfield                  |
| <b>Aug 26</b> | 6th Annual Fall Gardener’s Festival | UT Research Ctr., Crossville |



### May Contest Entries:

“You’re sooo much a RCMGA member if . . .

. . . ., you bring a truckload of plants to your second plant sale of the year and leave with two truckloads.—Dorothy Briggs

. . . ., you hide the greenhouse receipts from your spouse and sneak plants into the house in Belk’s bags.—Michelle Adcock

. . . ., your spouse proposed going on an Alaskan cruise because “surely there won’t be any botanical gardens...”—Michelle Adcock

. . . . ., you find a botanical garden to visit during the Alaskan cruise.”—Michelle Adcock

. . . . ., whiskey barrels generate lots of interest and discussion.—Ann Rausch

Still lots of time to submit your entry to our 2014 (You’re sooo much a RCMGA member) contest. Quality and quantity count. Email your entries to a Leaflet staff member or bring it to any RCMGA meeting.

*Happy Birthday!*

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