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# THE GREENE THUMB

**Growing Great Gardeners in Greene County** 



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **WELCOME**

Gardening in TN...

Hybrid classes-ADULTS



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Are you a new resident to Tennessee interested in learning more about gardening? Want to learn about the soils and climate? Curious if you can plant an orchard and/or vineyard? Want to learn more about natives and pollinators for your area? Need to know more about how to manage your lawn? Well, this class is for you! Join the fun and register for these classes in October (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th)!

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Monday Musings return FY23-24! A unique offering of four series (15 total sessions) begins on October 23rd! All sessions are on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Series include Power Plants, Appalachian Plants, Herb Garden Plants, and Holiday Plants. Be sure to register soon as classes fill quickly!



Unique class offerings

Zoom classes-ADULTS

### **RESOURCES FOR YOU!**

**CHECK IT OUT...** 



### >>> SMALL FRUIT & BACKYARD ORCHARD SERIES



Transform your backyard into a bountiful and productive landscape complete with small fruit and/or fruit trees. This series gives you all the resources, points-to-ponder, and hands-on instruction you need to get growing! This is a hybrid series with both in-person sessions, as well as zoom sessions on crop profiles. Both pruning basics and grafting (with four trees to take home) fundamentals are components of this class. along with sessions on novel fruits and native edibles. This series costs \$50.00/person and is limited to the first 20 individuals who register and pay. Special guests includes: Chris Ramsey form Sullivan County, Jack Price from Hawkisn Coutny, and Gregg Upchurch from Cumberland County.



Pruning Demo and Grafting Workshop dates FY24 are set!





### **SEND THE EXTENSION UTHORT TEAM YOUR QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED LIVE DURING** "OFFICE HOURS"

REGISTER HERE

We want to address your questions in our Friday Office Hours in Horticulture Sessions! This is our last session FY23, so be sure to join us!

> 10:00 a.m. Eastern September 8

Submit your question here

## **MASTER GARDENER SPOTLIGHT**

CHECK IT OUT...

### >>> 2024 BSMGA INTERN TRAINING DATES RELEASED...

This program trains and certifies volunteers to provide community service through the local Extension office. Master Gardeners are trained, certified volunteers for the University of Tennessee Extension County Office. They help UT Extension share the latest and greatest gardening information! All volunteers are trained with 40 hours of horticultural classes and return 40 hours of volunteer community service their first year (25 hours community service and eight hours CEU's every year thereafter) through the Extension Office. As a Master Gardener, you increase the availability of horticultural information to individuals in YOUR community, assisting them to improve their quality of life with community and garden programs. Check us out at www.bsmga.com!

### **2023 BSMGA LEADERS**

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A Tennessee Extension Master Gardener's journey begins as an Intern enrolled in the certification course.



Certification Course



40 hours of Service



Certified **Extension** Master Gardener

After graduation, Certified TEMGs...



Join the local Association, & connect volunteer in their with other TEMGs.



Continue to communities.



Continue their horticulture education.



Attend regional, state, & national events.

Join us in our mission to improve the lives of Tennesseans through horticulture education delivered by a dedicated and skilled volunteer network.

**Classes Start January 30, 2024!** 

Learn more at tiny.utk.edu/BSMGA24 or call 423-812-2081

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MASTER GARDENER

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The program's main goal is to increase the availability of horticultural information to Greene County citizens by improving their quality of life through educational demonstrations and workshops. Master Gardeners answer horticultural-related questions via the ASK US! portal; maintain demonstration gardens throughout the county (New Hope Cemetery, Boys and Girls Club, and the Northeast TN Research and Education Center); and serve the community in horticultural-related activities including Kids Day on the Farm, Greene County Fair, and Depot Street Farmer's Market.



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UT Extension-Greene County
Northeast TN Research & Education Center
Gardening for Greeneville Newbies

### >>> YOUTUBE

Do you prefer watching videos? Our YouTube channel is the place for you! Feel free to navigate through the many presentations on our channel. We have offerings from fruit and veggie production to herbs and companion plants!



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Never miss out on upcoming horticulture classes and events!

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Our UTHort Team is hard at work writing publications, conducting inservice trainings for agents, and delivering content via social media, webinars, zoom, and in-person. For the most current horticulture content on home gardens, lawns, and landscapes, check out our resources on uthort.com!