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President's Message

Hello Gardeners!

I have to say that this is the month that makes me wonder why I garden. Heat is bad enough, but then add in the humidity and it's just miserable. Being Gardeners', we get up early and try to beat the heat. All we seem to do is water, weed, watch for disease, and nap in the afternoon.

I hope you received the letter that I received from John Allen. Now we don't have to worry about moving soon. I am very sorry about the circumstances leading to this situation, but it does take some pressure away.

Be sure to watch the Zoom meeting on Monday night. I believe you will enjoy a virtual tour of two different gardens that belong to our members.

Keep blooming,

Vicky Draper

About the cover picture: This was taken in my yard. These hostas came from one giant plant that was in full sun by my swimming pool and was totally burnt out by August. Two years ago, I divided and conquered and placed them on the north side of this shed. This summer, a "cute" little deer family chewed the leaves to the stubs but, apparently, they don't care for flowers. If you look closely, you can see where the stems are chewed. These hostas are a testament to resiliency and persistence.

--Gale Mentzer

Continuing Education Opportunities

UT Extension Zoom Meetings Continue:

Beginning in August, Friday Focus meetings will occur weekly. These sessions are pre-recorded video versions because there are many Extension events scheduled for August (youth and 4-H events). Live sessions will resume in September.

Mark your calendar for **August 21st at 10 central** as the UT Extension will host Dr. Holly Skoggins for a live zoom presentation session on "How new plants come to market".

If you have not yet registered to attend UT Extension Zoom meetings, click this link: [Friday Focus Registration](#). This will put you on a mailing list.

You can always access recordings of earlier sessions:

May 8th session in Knoxville:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzeWcz0Mnwc&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHDVbLaJxAol1iQcZ63&index=2&t=2474s

May 22nd session in Greeneville:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bPIC37bI2M&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHDVbLaJxAol1iQcZ63&index=3&t=15s

Resources mentioned at May 22 session:

Brand new school garden publication written by Anna and Rachel

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W877.pdf>

Plus, a video of some of the great MGs in Rutherford County sharing about their composting system: <https://youtu.be/89zvDfGWezI>

June 5th session I Murfreesboro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNHk9nlvb80&feature=youtu.be>

June 19th session in Memphis: <https://youtu.be/HK2OuGSSBFU>

July 3rd session in Knox County:

<https://youtu.be/vZazUJFn2YM>

July 17th session in Jackson: <https://youtu.be/OC3EtIiXKyk>

July 31st session in Chattanooga: https://youtu.be/3hC9WxzF_E4

August 7 Sevier County video: <https://youtu.be/14UUpsVlvDA>

Next Virtual PCMG Meeting

Monday, August 17 at 6:00 PM. Remember that your invitation to the meeting will come from Wayne Key and no one else. If you get an invitation like the one that was sent on Wednesday, August 12, please disregard. Notice that it has an unusual subject line:

Invitation: Master Gardener Zoom Meeting 5/18/20 @ Mon Aug 17, 2020 6pm - 8pm

You can count one hour of continuing education credit for each meeting you attend.

Cumberland County Resuming Classes

The Cumberland County Master Gardeners are offering remote classes. Below is the first one.

“Lunch and Learn “

Title: Invasion plants on the plateau

Presenter: Bill Morgan

Date: Wednesday September 2

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Zoom meeting

Register: Please preregister by email to Gregg at gupchurch@utk.eduage.

Meet Wendy Klamm PCMG Intern

Born in Evanston, IL, Wendy lived there until she left for college at the University of Arizona in Tucson. She stayed there for 5 years and really grew to appreciate the desert and its very different vegetation. She returned to Evanston, got married and eventually moved to Houston, TX then moved to Louisiana in 1980. She moved to Cookeville last June after her husband passed away. When asked how she selected Cookeville, here's what she said, "I have had a passion for Arabian horses since I was very young. My daughter shares my passion and in 2018 we purchased a 3-month-old, straight Egyptian Arabian show filly. They're like potato chips in that you can't have just one. We were quickly up to three! Knowing we needed to have a farm and hating the heat and humidity of Louisiana, we decided to move elsewhere. My daughter had been to Tennessee as a teenager and had fallen in love with the state. We took a vacation to check out different areas of the state and fell in love with Cookeville. The right place came on the market last May and we made Cookeville our new home! My daughter, her three kids and her ex all moved here and I'm thrilled!"

She has enjoyed gardening since she was a child and when she was in Louisiana she began an interest in gardening with native plants with the goal of attracting birds. Having gained an interest in the Master Gardener program when in Louisiana, she finally found the opportunity and time to attend classes this past year. She learned about our program while at the Putnam County Fair.

Wendy's gardening focus has been on planting for hummingbirds but has expanded to include bees and butterflies and now, with the PCMG classes under her belt, she's ready to try vegetables to feed her family of six. Her biggest challenge now is adjusting to a new growing zone.

As might be expected, Wendy loves horses and is waiting for her pastures to develop so she can bring them home. In addition to gardening and horses, she also raises and shows cats. "This is something that I've done since 1982. (COVID-19 has put a stop to that for now.) I also judged cats for 24 years." She is also an avid traveler and has traveled all over the US and to Canada, Mexico, England, Australia and several countries in Europe. "I'm also an avid reader and enjoy curling up with a good book when I can't be outside."

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