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President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back to PCMG! A special welcome to our new members. Hopefully things are looking up for everyone in 2021. Some of our members have already received the first dose of the vaccine. I am so jealous and can't wait to get started. I so look forward to meeting with you in person again.

Preparations are under way for the 2021 Master Gardener classes which begin on Tuesday, February 2 from 9-11. The speakers are absolutely the best and Wayne will be able to record them so we can watch. We will be watching some of the most knowledgeable plant people in the state.

The UT Master Gardener Code of Conduct has been included in the newsletter and I ask you to read it carefully. If you have any questions regarding it, please direct those to Wayne.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 18 at 6:00 via Zoom. I know it is not a fun meeting, so to liven things up a bit we will be giving a \$25 gift card to Lowe's.

Please mail in your dues of \$10 to Pat O'Mara. Make your check out to PCMG. Once we receive this information, we can make out a roster.

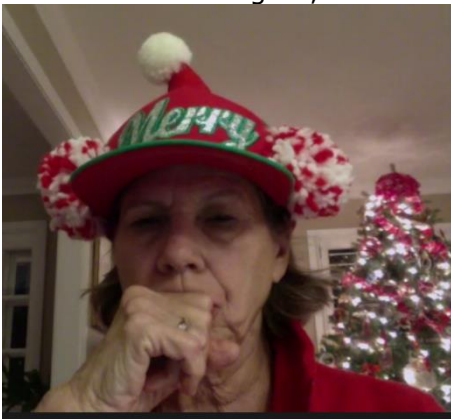
Keep Blooming,
Vicky Draper

Virtual Holiday/Christmas Party

Members went all out to participate in the revelry of last month's meeting. There were contests for the ugliest Christmas sweater, ugliest mask, and the most outrageous holiday headgear.



Co-winner of best headgear, Brant Wheeler



Co-winner of best headgear, Peggy Anderson



Mickie Loyd (we think): Best mask



Definitely the ugliest sweater, Linda Anderson

Evelyn Bryer—Master, master gardener

During the December meeting, Evelyn Bryer received recognition for 20 years of service in the Master Gardeners. She truly is the backbone of our organization.



Seven Interns Qualify as Master Gardeners

The December meeting welcomed seven new members to our fold. Those qualifying as master gardeners include:

Donald Baird
Shauna Samuel
Stacey Clark
Jane Creek
Kellie Garrett
Tamara Cooke
Wendy Klamm

Several awards were also presented at the meeting. They include those volunteering for 100 or more hours:

Evelyn Breyer	114
Vicky Draper	208
Carol Babst	160
Jan Tollett	111

Three-year recognition (for those who joined in 2018):

Karen Smith
Diana Strange
Cathy Lamb
Norma Moore

Five-year recognition (joined in 2016):

Vicky Draper

And fifteen-year recognition (joined in 2003):

Rich Goode

There were also three VIP awards granted to:

Carol Babst
Evelyn Breyer
Mickie Loyd

Congratulations and thanks to all of you who have so selflessly served the Putnam County Master Gardeners!

Continuing Education Opportunities & New Intern Class

Registration is now available for the 2021 virtual intern class. Classes will begin February 2.

Please share registration information with anyone you know who might be interested.

Register at [2021 Master Gardener Intern registration](#) and mail your fee to the Putnam County UT Extension office.

Deadline is January 14th.

Call or email if you have any questions to Wayne Key: jkey3@utk.edu or 931-526-4561.

Existing PCMG members, all classes will be recorded and can count towards your continuing education hours.

[PCMG YouTube Channel:](#)

Videos of past Zoom meetings and garden tours can be found on our YouTube channel. For members who have had trouble logging into the monthly Zoom meetings, a copy of the meeting will be posted on the channel. If you watch it there, it will count as your having attended the meeting. The name of the channel is **Putnamco MG** and here is the direct link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpFlz2go3GeT-UE90jE_a3g

[UT Extension programs:](#)

Get ready for **Friday Focus** sessions from around the state. Plus, NEW for 2021, we are going to connect with Extension and MGs in neighboring states!

January 29th- Live with home fruit in

Murfreesboro AND MGs in Florida

March 26th- Live with botanic gardens in

Nashville and MGs in Alabama

May 7th, 14th, 21st, and May 28th- Hit the Trial with us for a whole month of TN State Park spotlight tours

July 23rd- Turf and Cut flowers

September 24th- Arboretums and MGs in TN and OH

November 19th- Plants of the season tour

Sign up for TEMG Friday Focus sessions:
<https://forms.gle/u7Eube3METEBY249A>

To dive into great horticulture information, **we are doing a Third Thursday series of Zoom sessions through the year.** These will be open to gardeners and plant people across Tennessee! Because we want to serve our gardener AND our Master Gardener audiences, these Thursday series will have a separate sign up from our TEMG Friday Focus!

May 20th- Home fruit and vegetables

June 24th- Ornamentals

July 15th- Home fruit and vegetables

August 19th- Ornamentals

October 21st- Live from the Opryland Conservatory

Sign up for Thursday Horticulture sessions:
<https://forms.gle/AZoRTJGNAYvZ4Hf78>

If you want to catch up on any of our **2020 Friday Focus Zoom sessions**, they are on a YouTube playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzeWcz0Mnwc&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHDVbLaJxAo1iQcZ63

Meet MG Maxine Osburn

Maxine, originally from Auburn, NY, moved to Rickman in 2005. Always interested in gardening, when she learned there was a Master Gardener class in Putnam County in 2019, we readily enrolled. She has been keeping busy in her gardens fighting the moles who have been dining on her lily and Asian iris bulbs. In addition to a love of gardening, Maxine crochets and sews, decorates and makes gourd creations, grows gourds and writes poetry. She cans and freezes the yield from her vegetable garden and makes tomato sauce.

[Take the PCMG survey](#)

**Send a picture of yourself to pcmgnewsletter.com once you complete the survey. Please include your name in the file name.*

Next Virtual PCMG Meeting

Monday, January 18 at 6:00 PM. Remember that your invitation to the meeting will come from Wayne Key and no one else. \$25 gift certificate at Lowes could be yours for attending!

Have something to share through the newsletter? Send pictures, stories, and events to:
pcmgnewsletter@gmail.com

PCMG 2021 Dues are DUE!

Send your \$10 annual dues to Pat O'Mara at 1175 Park Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501.



More December Meeting Pics (bear in mind these are screenshots and my apologies to those pictured below):



Code of Conduct

The Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program is an educational and community service program designed by the University of Tennessee to provide unbiased, research-based information to the gardening public. Community members and families across Tennessee place trust in UT Extension to provide quality leadership and education for both adult and youth participants. This opportunity to interact with and serve the people of Tennessee is a privileged position of trust that should only be held by those who are willing to commit to uphold behavior that fulfills this trust. Therefore, code of conduct guidelines have been developed to convey the expectations for volunteers, specifically those associated with the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener program.

As a Tennessee Extension Master Gardener volunteer, I will:

- Represent University of Tennessee Extension with dignity and pride.
- Respect all persons with whom I interact as a Tennessee Extension Master Gardener (Extension personnel, fellow volunteers and the general public).
- Accept guidance and support from county, regional and state Extension staff while involved in the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Obey the laws of the locality, state and union.
- Respect and follow university, county and program policies and guidelines.
- Participate as a team member within the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Accept responsibility to promote and support other Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners in order to develop an effective county and state program.
- Conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner refraining from profanity, harassment, disruptive behavior or abuse of any kind (physical or verbal).
- Provide a positive role model when working with youth.
- Comply with Tennessee mandatory reporting laws when working with youth.
- Comply with Equal Opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid illegal or inappropriate use of alcohol and other drugs.
- Respect and use chemicals, tools and other equipment according to recommended purposes.

The full code of conduct can be found at the web address below.

extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Documents/TEMG_Volunteer_Agreement_2018.pdf

In addition to these guidelines developed for the TEMG program, it should be understood that TEMG volunteers are responsible to uphold UT policies for conduct (HR0508) and programs for minors (SA0575).