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President's Message

Greetings Gardeners!

What great weather we've been having! That is setting the scene for a chance for us to get out and work together for a change. Just remember to social distance and mask if needed. You have two chances coming up to get some hours and see everyone: Saturday morning at the fair and Tuesday morning at the Ag Building. Come to one or better yet, attend both.

The building and the church are still closed, so we will be having another Zoom meeting on Monday at 6:00pm and will highlight a virtual tour of one member's yard, Serina Wells. I've visited Serina's garden before, but this time was different. Serina has transitioned from a gardener into a flower farmer. She is now a commercial grower of flowers. Serina has learned much along the way and she is good at growing and sharing.

The Granville Girls are busy getting ready for the October opening at Granville. It opens on October 1 with the big grand opening on October 3. They are social distancing and wearing masks when I've been there. There will be many activities and food opportunities on October 3. The garden that PCMG installed looks so good, it is hard to believe it has only been installed a few months.

I am very tired of Covid and I'm guessing that you are too. Our friend, Anthony (who has helped us in two of our Fair projects) is quarantined at home until his birthday on September 25. He has always been so careful and kept himself masked any time he went out and all the time he was at work. He says he just feels like he has a bad cold. Let's hope it stays that way.

Keep Blooming,
Vicky

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=0bPIC37bl2M&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>

August 14th Roane County video:
<https://youtu.be/EVwo0aZGTgg>

August 21st Fayette County video:
https://youtu.be/-WUhrT1I_uE

August 28th Williamson County video:
<https://youtu.be/O5nbboYE7Mg>

Sept. 11 Crossville video:
<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/614381911>

What's Up in Wisconsin? Contributed by Kay Ernst (Aug. 2020)

Hello from Wisconsin. Many of you know we have a summer home in Northern Wisconsin; but we are getting ready to return to beautiful Tennessee in a couple of weeks and ready to help with some fall cleanup projects.



Our summer has been a busy one Up North. We downsized from a large home to a smaller log cabin with lake access and are finishing a new garage. Our goal is to reduce our work load and just play. My grandson built us two raised beds which are amazing! After getting them filled with aged cow manure and other organic stuff, we planted a variety of vegetables which are

producing and exceeding our expectations. No bending and very few weeds. We have a portable fence around them to keep the hungry deer away.



Wish I could find my fruit jars in our storage unit! We are committed to keeping this place low maintenance; mowing takes about 30

minutes. There are only two small perennial flower beds bordering the house; the rest are in pots.

I also want to tell you about our Covid Project.

Tom and I



volunteered to "help" pot containers in the nearest town of Minong (home of Jack Links (beef sticks, etc)). The town Girl Scouts opted out this year and we filled a need. The two of us filled containers and planted flowers for 30 businesses. It was very much appreciated by them and the flowers are beautiful. I have included a few pics from the town too.



And as a bonus we have watched a pair of eagles raise their two eaglets from babies to nearly full grown right put our back door in a huge pine tree. Hope to see y'all soon. Stay Covid safe.

*If you'd like to share your gardening experience through the newsletter, send a short article and pictures to pcmgnewsletter@gmail.com

Next Virtual PCMG Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 6:00 PM. Remember that your invitation to the meeting will come from Wayne Key and no one else.

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. And to those of you who have already completed it, please send a photo as well or else we'll dig something up out of the archives!*

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