

Calling All Garden Enthusiasts,

Training for the 2018 TN Extension Master Gardener Program in Madison County is just around the corner. I would like to invite you to take part in a program that has grown into an inspiring volunteer organization known as Madison County Master Gardeners. Before you decide to participate, please review the following requirements for completion of certification.

- You must attend a minimum of 80 percent of the classes
- You must give a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service in horticulture back to the community over the next year

If you feel that you can fulfill these requirements, we would love to have you as an addition to this organization. If you do not wish to pursue certification but still want to take the class, please contact me for discussion. This year's classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Ag Complex Auditorium at 309 North Parkway Jackson, TN. The registration fee is \$125.00 which includes a training manual, handout materials, and name tag upon completion of certification. We do have scholarship assistance available for those who meet requirements. Please contact me directly to apply for funds. Registration is now open and space is limited.

Registration and fee is due by Friday, July 20^h. If registering by mail, please include your payment and the enclosed registration form and send to:

Madison County Extension
309 N. Parkway
Jackson, TN 38305.

You can also bring payment into the office at the same address. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at (731) 668-8543 or by e-mail cscott52@utk.edu.

The course consists of 13 sessions, each will be approximately 3 hours in length beginning at 6pm. Class dates are as follows:

August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Topics to be covered include:

Botany, Landscape Design, Woody & Herbaceous Ornamentals, Backyard Fruit Production, Vegetable Gardening, Desirable Wildlife, Weed ID & Management, Insect ID & Management, Disease ID & Management, Turfgrass, Soils & Fertility, and Plant Propagation.

Sincerely,

Celeste Luckey Scott

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