

State Extension Master Gardener Conference (Montgomery Bell State Park- Burns, TN)

Thursday, April 5th, Tour and Pre-conference workshop

12:30-5:30 Tour of Carter House, Orchard, and Grounds and heritage grafting workshop (Larry Stephenson, Southern Fruit Fellowship and Carol Reese- Amy Dismukes and Williamson Co. as hosts)

Grafting workshop will provide each participant with scions and rootstocks for 2 apple, 1 pear, and 1 persimmon tree and grafting and potting supplies. Fee for the day will include the ticket to Carter House and Plantation and all supplies.

Evening activities at Montgomery Bell State Park- campfire hosted by Big Springs Master Gardeners

Friday, April 6th, Conference Schedule

Time	Session/Topic	Speaker/Facilitator (Room)
7:45-8:30	Registration	
8:30-8:45	Opening and welcome	Melody Rose, Brock Hill, Dep. Comm. Bureau of Parks and Cons.
8:45-9:30	General session- Search for Excellence Awards	Natalie, SFE Committee
9:30-10:20	General session- Lighting up the Night- fireflies of TN	Lynn Faust
10:20-10:30	Short break	
10:30-12:15	Workshop 1- How do trees benefit homeowners and citizens and how do we diagnose issues?	Wes Hopper and Eric Bridges
	Workshop 2- Tennessee turf tour	Tom Samples
	Workshop 3- Landscape trouble shooting walkabout	Carol Reese
	Workshop 4- A year of keeping bees in TN	John Gunter
	Workshop 5- Identifying trees and current threats	Joellen Dimond, Shawn Posey, Karla Kean
	Workshop 6- Wildflower and outdoor photography hike	Justin Stefanski, Melody Rose, Natalie Bumgarner, Linda Robertson
12:15-1:45	Lunch	
1:45-3:30	Workshop 1- How do trees benefit homeowners and citizens and how do we diagnose issues?	Wes Hopper and Eric Bridges
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4:00-4:45	General session- MGs serving and learning in central America	Pam Bennett- Ohio Extension Master Gardener Volunteer State Coordinator
5:00-6:00	Closing comments and announcements	Natalie and TEMG Workgroup
7:00-9:00	Insect pinning Herbal scrub workshop	Amy Dismukes and David Cook Roxi Phillips- Tipton County MG.

Saturday, April 7th, Conference Schedule

Time	Session/Topic	Speaker/Facilitator (Room)
8:30-8:45	Welcome and Opening	Melody Rose
8:45-9:30	General session- The not so usual plants for the landscape	Lucas Holman
9:40-9:50	Statewide TEMG updates	Natalie
9:50-10:40	Regional planning meeting breakouts	TEMG Workgroup
10:40-11:00	Morning break	
11:00-12:00	Service session 1- Using surveys and data to enhance your local TEMG group	Davidson County (David, Debb, and Natalie)
	Service session 2- Community gardens	Sullivan County (Jerry)
	Service session 3- Junior Master Gardener and Learn, Grow, Eat, Go	Sevier County (Alan, Dixie, Tammie)
	Service session 4- Arboretums and MGs	Wilson County (Carol, Flo)
	Service session 5- Novel ideas for educational outreach	Cumberland County (Gregg and team)
12:00-1:30	Lunch	
1:45-2:30	Hort session 1- TN garden vegetable variety trials	Natalie Bumgarner
	Hort session 2- Tomato- diseases and disorders	Amy Dismukes
	Hort session 3 – Insect pests; The usual suspects	Chris Cooper
	Hort session 4- Attracting wildlife in the home landscape	Carol Reese
2:45-3:15	General session- Grounded in Knowledge, Reaching Out in Service	Natalie and TEMG Workgroup
	Evaluations and closing comments	