2021 TN EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER TRAINING PACKET

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Introduction & Program Overview

The TN Extension Master Gardener program in Madison County is a volunteer service organization offered by The University of Tennessee Extension. The purpose of the TN Extension Master Gardener program is to train citizens as horticulture educators for their communities.

The title **TN Extension Master Gardener** is conditional upon complying with the following:
- Successfully completing the Master Gardener training program
- Performing and reporting 40 volunteer service hours within 12 months of training program completion
- Certification is renewable annually, upon completion of 25 hours of volunteer service in horticulture and 8 hours of continued education, and $20 annual membership fee.

As a Certified **TN Extension Master Gardener**, you are expected to:
- Provide only unbiased research-based information for recommendations to the public
- Not use the title of TEMG for commercial gain or to promote commercial products or businesses
- Represent the University of TN Extension with dignity and pride in a courteous and respectful manner

To complete the training, you must attend 11 of the 13 online Zoom training classes listed on the schedule. Please ensure you are available to do so before applying for the program. To participate, you will need to access Zoom using a computer or other device. If you do not have the ability to access the online classes on your own device, please contact Celeste Scott at cscott52@utk.edu We may also utilize some other learning and social apps to supplement our training and enhance student engagement.

In addition to the Zoom lecture training, optional in person Hands-on Lab exercises may be offered to build upon the skills learned in lecture. This depends on students willingness to meet, and the University's guidelines for group meetings concerning public health in relation to COVID-19. Potential dates and times will be discussed with those who register.

Training fee of $150 includes all educational materials. Scholarships are available for this program. If you have a financial need that would otherwise prevent you from taking part in this program, please attach a one page letter explaining your need and how this program will enable you to benefit others.

Registration Deadline: December 11, 2020
Send completed packets and training fee to:

UT-TSU Extension Madison County
ATTN: Celeste Scott
309 North Parkway Jackson, TN 38305

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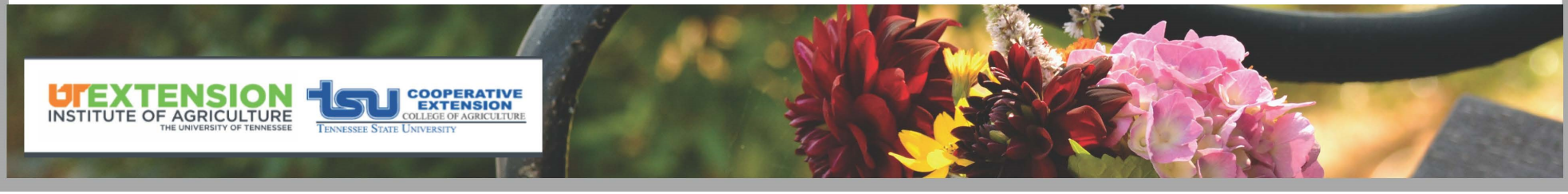
Master Gardeners

2021 VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES WILL BE ON TUESDAYS FROM 9AM - 11AM CENTRAL TIME

Date	Class Topic	Instructor (s)
February 2	Orientation/TEMG Program	Dr. Natalie Bumgarner & Workgroup
February 9	Environmental Stewardship	Dr. Andrea Ludwig
February 16	Botany	Dr. Natalie Bumgarner
February 23	Soils 101	Gregg Upchurch
March 2	Landscape Design & Herbaceous Plants	Carol Reese
March 9	Woody Ornamentals/Urban Forestry	Lucas Holman & Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe
March 16	Backyard Fruits	Dr. David Lockwood
March 23	Insect Pest & IPM	Dr. Frank Hale & Dr. Chris Cooper
March 30	Plant Disease	Dr. Alan Windham
April 6	Turf & Weed Management	Dr. Tom Samples & Mitchell Mote
April 13	Vegetable Gardening	Dr. Natalie Bumgarner & Workgroup
April 20	Pollinators/Wildlife	Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda & Dr. Craig Harper
April 27	Database Training/Research	Master Gardener Workgroup & Gregg Upchurch



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2021 MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION
HORTICULTURE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please type or print)

Name _____ Date _____

Preferred Name; (for badge)_____

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener volunteer? What do you expect from the program?

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Do you have the ability to access the online training classes via a computer or device? ____ Yes ____ No

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Years of Gardening Experience (Personal or Work related) _____

Please share any special skills / training/volunteer experience that you feel would be helpful to you as a master gardener (e.g. horticultural classes, training, etc.)

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Which of the following do you consider to be your areas of knowledge ? Check **all** that apply.

_____ Vegetable Gardening	_____ Lawns & Turfgrass	_____ Flower Gardening
_____ Community Gardens	_____ Herb Gardening	_____ Landscape Design
_____ Trees/ Shrubs	_____Water Conservation	_____ Native Plants
_____ Diseases/ Insects	_____ Wildlife Gardens	_____ Houseplants
_____ Ornamental Ponds	Other _____	

Training And Education completed:

_____High School	_____ Graduate Degree Program(s)
_____ 2 Yr. Community College	_____Technical / Trade School
_____ 4 Yr. College	_____ Horticultural Degrees, Certification, or Training

Do you have a health, medical, or dietary condition that needs accommodation for training? Please explain:

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Are you able to speak or write a language other than English? (Including American Sign Language)

Please list: _____

I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information on any application materials may disqualify my application to volunteer for the University of Tennessee Extension. I understand that I serve at the satisfaction of the University of Tennessee Extension and agree to abide by the policies of UT extension and the Tennessee Master Gardener program to the best of my abilities.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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