**Volunteer Development Series**

**MCMG 2019**

**We want YOU!!** These classes are open only to Master Gardeners. This is an opportunity for Master Gardeners to dig deeper than their initial certification training and learn intensively in several different subject areas. My hope is that after training, you will feel equipped with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to share this information with others. It is encouraged that you lend your newly attained skills to the Speakers Bureau.

**March 12th 1:00-3:00pm Powerful Presentations**

*Madison County Extension Office Power Point & Presentation Skills Review*

**March 26th 1:00-3:00pm Compost Short Course**

*Madison County Extension Office* *Composting in the Home Garden*

Bring an inexpensive plastic Trash Can with you and you will go home with your very own Kitchen Composter!!

**April 16th 1:00-3:00pm Fair Judge Training**

*Madison County Extension Office We will review major areas that you may be asked to judge, and criteria to look for in order to award consistent quality blue ribbons. Attendees will receive a reference packet with all guidelines.*

**May 14th 1:00-3:00pm Native Plants in the Landscape**

***West TN Research & Education Center Incorporating regional native plants into your current landscape: the benefits and beauty that they may provide.***

**May 30th 9:00-11:00am Kaleidoscope Containers**

***West TN Research & Education Center Liven up your tired old containers! We will be experimenting with paints and how to bring a second life to old containers. Wear OLD clothes. Lead by Carol Reese!!***

**June 11th 1:00-4:00pm Rooftop Runoff and Rain Barrel Workshop**

***West TN Research & Education Center Registration & a Fee will be required for this class. Attendees will learn how to assess a landscape and calculate potential runoff from residential areas, and ways to manage that excess water on their own properties. Attendees will receive a training manual with instructional material.***

**July 16th 10:00-12:00pm Underused plants for difficult sites**

***West TN Research & Education Center We all have difficult sites in the landscape. Nothing is ever ideal. We will discuss how work with those areas instead of against them!***

**August 13th 10:00-12:00pm Plant CSI Part I**

***West TN Research & Education Center Learn to be a Plant Detective!! Hands on Disease and Insect Identification Workshop: Focusing on Vegetable & Fruit Plantings***

**September 10th 10:00-12:00pm Plant CSI Part II**

**West TN Research & Education Center Learn to be a Plant Detective!! Hands on Disease and Insect Identification Workshop: Focusing on Ornamental Plantings**

**October 22nd 1:00-3:00pm How fertile is your soil?**

***Madison County Extension Office Assessing lawn, planting beds, vegetable garden, and fruit plantings. Please bring a soil sample from your own gardens with you.***

**November 12th 1:00-3:00 Landscape Options for Fall & Winter**

***Madison County Extension Office The cold days of winter don’t have to be dull and gray. We will talk about how to spice things up in your fall and winter landscapes with plant material and other design elements!***