

BRADLEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



December 2015 Newsletter

BRADLEY COUNTY
UTEXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Our Mission

The Bradley County Master Gardeners promote environmental stewardship through a network of volunteers who provide research-based information and education to Tennessee communities in home gardening and related areas. As part of our mission, the program supports continued education and development for committed volunteers.

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**Next meeting: January 7, 2016
Officer election + By-Laws**



Good cheer abounds at BCMG holiday party

Master Gardeners, Interns and family members gathered at the home of Master Gardener Beverly Johnson, December 3rd, to usher in the holiday season with great food and fun.

Bradley County Extension Agent, Kim Frady, recognized several interns for achieving their Master Gardener status. Congratulations to Jerry Epinga, Stacy Taylor, Terry Merritt, Melody Savio and Nancy Hoffman.

Four Master Gardeners were also recognized for giving over 100 hours of volunteer service to the organization during 2015. Thanks to Johnnie Arnett, Dave Hopper, Linda Merritt and Phyllis Tilden.

President Faith Sharp thanked everyone for helping make BCMG a better and better organization and reminded them to attend the next meeting, January 7, to elect officers and approve up-dated By-laws.



Patrick Says

Happy September!

Even though most gardens have been put to bed or have gone under plastic, there is still one plant that makes a distinct appearance in most homes during the holiday season- the poinsettia! It's likely that you already know that the colorful red 'blooms' aren't flowers at all, but rather specialized leaves called 'bracts'. But did you know that the poinsettia can be brought through the summer and made to turn red again?

If you've already purchased one this year, then take this challenge: Try to keep it alive through the Spring, Summer and Fall, and then get it to re-color for the next holiday season! When the colorful red bracts fall off in March, prune the plant back to 8 inches. In June, transplant the poinsettia and fertilize with 10-10-10 fertilizer and pinch off the shoot tips until September 1. The tricky part comes the first week of October, when you will need to give the plant 6-8 hours of bright sunlight and 14 hours of total darkness every day- this will cause the leaf bracts to change to red, giving you a beautiful poinsettia you can proudly display!

*Patrick Sweatt
Agricultural Extension Agent*

Volunteer and CEU Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities

◆ *Upcoming Master Gardener Class*

Welcome, mentor and feed budding garden geeks.
Class schedule to be announced soon.
Contact: Johnnie Arnett, jarnett68@charter.net

◆ *February/March Education Classes at Library*

We're exploring the possibility of holding some short courses at the Cleveland Public Library. If you are interested in teaching a topic or helping out in some way, please contact Linda Merritt, clanofmany@aol.com

Continuing Education Opportunities

◆ *January 6-7 Green Express Horticulture Short Course*

A two day short course featuring sessions on everything from heirloom perennials to landscape lighting to landscape business planning to turf management. It would be a great way to clock up some hours as well as acquire some 'pesticide points' if that is something you need.
Contact: Patrick Sweatt, psweatt@utk.edu (More info on attached flyer)

◆ *January 8 Native Plants & Fungal Partners with Trad Cotter*

Learn how native plant communities reach out to other organisms to help repair the ecosystems that perpetuate life on this planet. Held at University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Register at:
www.tennesseevalley.wildones.org

◆ *January 9 Mushroom Cultivation Workshop with Trad Cotter*

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Crabtree Farms. Register at:
www.tennesseevalley.wildones.org

◆ *February 15 A Day of Gardening*

RFGC District III Garden Clubs, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, East Ridge TN. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$20.
423-618-4244.

◆ *March 5 Wild Ones Annual Native Plant Symposium*

University of Tennessee Chattanooga, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Fees dependent upon Wild Ones membership.
www.tennesseevalley.wildones.org

◆ *March 17-19 Tennessee MG State Conference* (formerly "Winter School.")

A two-day conference filled with horticultural and educational sessions and workshops and a focus on the UT Gardens. <https://extension.tennessee.edu>



Log your hours before year end!

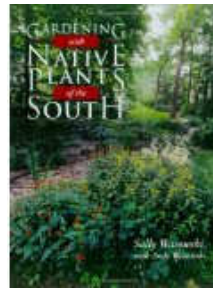
Hello everyone,

Just a reminder to be sure to log those volunteer hours before the end of December — you don't want to lose these. In case you don't remember, the first year you need 40 volunteer hours and 8 CEU (continuing education units) hours, and the following years you need 25 volunteer hours and 8 CEU hours to keep your Master Gardener certification.

Also, to continue being an active member of the Bradley County Master Gardeners Organization, you must pay your annual dues of \$15.00 by February 1, 2016. What a great time to start the year off right by attending our January 7 meeting and paying your dues then. We will be electing officers for the 2016 year that night also, so hope to see you all there!

We will be starting our 2016 Master Gardener Class in February. If you know someone who is interested in the class, you can call or email me, or the UT Extension office, 728-7001. Also, for the new class we will be doing a mentoring program, more info will follow, but this is a great opportunity to get to know new interns and get them off to a good start.

Johnnie Arnett, Master Gardener
Membership Administrative Officer
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Interested in gardening with native plants?

Here's a suggested reading:

Gardening with Native Plants of the South
Sally Wasowski with Andy Wasowski

A "vision of the many possibilities and advantages of going native. Lavishly illustrated with more than 250 color photographs, the book is both an introduction to more than 200 of the most familiar and easiest to find native plants of the South and a basic primer on how to use them effectively."

Stay connected!

Master Gardener Julie Halsey maintains our website and Facebook page. Check them out frequently to stay connected with our organization and each other.

www.bradleycountymastergardeners.org
www.facebook.com/bradleycomastergardeners

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www.chattanoogalandscapers.com
For registration forms

CALP Members \$ 40 by December 28th
or \$45.00 at the door.

Or \$25 for one day. (or any two half days)

Non-CALP - Pre-registration by December
28th is \$55.00 or \$60.00 at the door.

Or \$35 for one day or any two half days

Join CALP today!

**The Chattanooga Association
of Landscape Professionals
Code of Ethics**

As reputable landscape
professionals, We pledge to:

1. Provide courteous, professional services to our customers.
2. Use accredited horticultural standards when ordering nursery stock.
3. Use only healthy well grown nursery stock.
4. Use only nursery propagated plant materials.
5. Provide a written warranty for all work performed.
6. Use standard, accepted practices for construction, installation, or maintenance services.
7. Clearly communicate established policies regarding services and fees to customers.
8. Follow "Fair Labor Laws" stated by the Federal Government.

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Chattanooga Association of Landscape Professionals
Creating A Higher Quality Environment

**Directions to Chattanooga State
4501 Amnicola Hwy-Campus Address.**

From: Knoxville

South on I-75 to Hwy 153N., Exit 4
Go North about 7 miles to Amnicola
Hwy Exit 6
Go Left (West) about 1.5 miles to
Campus on right

From Nashville

I-24 through Chattanooga to I-75 N.
Go North 5 miles to Hwy. 153N Exit 4.
Go North about 7 miles to Amnicola
Hwy. Exit 6
Go Left (West) about 1.5 miles to
Chattanooga Campus on right.

Parking

Drive into the Wacker Entrance which
is just West of the main campus
entrance. The Health Science Center is
the first building on the right.

or

Drive into the campus main entrance.
The Health Science Center is the
modern building on the left. Go around
the pond to get to the parking lot.
There will be some directional signs
and student helpers to help with
directions.

The Short Course will be held at the
Health Science Center.

The
Chattanooga
Association of
Landscape
Professionals
&
The University
of Tennessee
Extension

Presents

Green Express Horticulture Short Course



18th year

January 6&7
2016

Hosted by
Chattanooga
State
Community
College

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7:30 **Registration** (Health Science Center)

Seminars in Small Auditorium

- 8:15 **Welcome & Announcements**
Tom Carroll, President C.A.L.P.
- 8:30 **Rain Gardens and Water Conservation.**
Andrea Ludwig
University of Tennessee
- 9:30 **Soil testing and other Tests to Consider in the Landscape.**
Debbie Joines
University of Tennessee
- 10:30 **Break (15 min)**
- 10:45 **Disease Management**
Alan Windham
University of Tennessee
- 11:45 **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 **Insect Management**
Frank Hale
University of Tennessee
- 2:00 **Break**
- 2:15 **Heirloom Perennials**
Ruth Baumgarner
Landscape Designer
- 3:15 **How we Manage Problems on our Golf Course**
Paul Carter
Bear Trace Golf Course
- 4:15 **Adjourn until tomorrow –sign rosters**

Organizational and Pesticide Points

Please be sure to sign the appropriate roster, on both days, in order to receive points as assigned.

Tennessee Certified Nursery Professionals
Wednesday 1 point for Full Day
Thursday 1 point for Full Day

| International Society of Arboriculture | | |
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| | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Arborist | CEU | CEU |
| Municipal Specialist | CEU | CEU |
| BCMA Science | CEU | CEU |
| BCMA Practice | | CEU |
| BCMA Management | CEU | |
| Municipal Specialist | CEU | CEU |
| Tree Worker | | CEU |

Tennessee Pesticide Recertification Points
Wed. 5 Points for Full Day in Cat: 3,10,12
Thurs. 5 Points for Full Day in Cat: 3,10,12

Registration form at:

www.chattanooga-landscapers.com
UT Extension (423) 855-6113 or

*Pick up more registration forms at the
UT Extension - Hamilton County office
At 6183 Adamson Circle off Bonny Oaks
Drive.*

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Seminars in Classroom

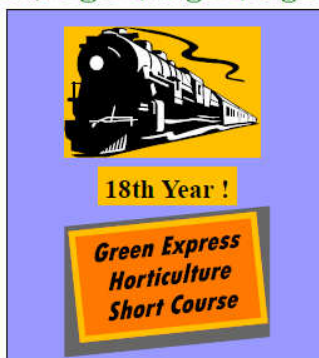
- 10:45 **Business Decisions for Landscapers**
David Bilderback
University of Tennessee
- 1:00 **Partnering with a Qualified Lighting Professional**
Joe Bozich
Outdoor Lighting Perspectives
of Greater Chattanooga
Matt Hamilton
Outdoor Inc.
- 2:15 **SCORE– Business Planning from A to Z.**
Bob Nelson
SCORE business group.

Thursday, January 7, 2016

8:00 **Registration**

Seminars in Small Auditorium

- 8:30 **Tree selection and Management in the city of Cleveland, TN**
Dan Harman
Cleveland City Forester
- 9:30 **Turf Management for Landscapers**
Tom Samples
University of Tennessee
- 10:30 **Break (15min)**
- 10:45 **2016 Gardening Trends and New Plants**
Sue Hamilton
University of Tennessee
- 11:45 **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 **Purchasing and Selecting High Quality Pest Resistant Plants for the Landscape. A Buyer's Guide**
Amy Fulcher
University of Tennessee
- 2:00 **Break (15min)**
- 2:15 **Designing with Native Plants**
Scott Drucker
Dream Gardens Landscaping
- 3:15 **How to Recognize a Heritage Tree and How to Preserve Them.**
Gene Hyde
City of Chattanooga
- 4:15 **Adjourn—Join CALP today!**
Sign rosters for pesticide and other



Thursday, January 7, 2016

Seminars in Classroom

- 9:30 **Getting Sales leads and Crew Management Ideas.**
John Thomason –Emeritus Arborist
- 10:45 **Managing Cash Flow in the Landscape Business**
Tripp Thurston
FSG Bank
- 11:45 **Lunch on your own**
- 2:15 **Insect Control Options for Edible Landscape Plants.**
Bill Klingeman
University of Tennessee
- 3:15 **Pesticide Regulations for Landscapers.**
Buddy Henry
TN Department of Agriculture