

BRADLEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



November 2018 Newsletter

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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.

2018 Officers

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Treasurer, Linda Merritt

Membership Administrator,
Johnnie Arnett

Project Coordinators,
Kay Cox & Jackie Westfield

Historian, Armen Epperson



Joyce and Jim Brinkmeyer treated Master Gardeners in attendance for the November meeting to a virtual tour of the gardens of Ireland. Equipped with maps, books and breathtaking photos, Joyce shared some of the best parts of their trip with the group. The Brinkmeyers covered quite a bit of ground in Ireland, from Donegal to Wexford and many stops in between. Highlights of the presentation were the oldest continually cultivated gardens of Lismore—once owned by Sir Walter Raleigh, and the 620 acres of trees and shrubs in the John F. Kennedy Arboretum.



**Next meeting: December 6, 2018
6:00PM**

This will be our annual Christmas Party hosted by Beverly & Mark Johnson



Jerry's Garden

My growing season is over and I'm never sure if I am happy or sad about that. I am happy to have more free time but sad not to have anything growing. The nasturtiums are still blooming, marigolds and borage too, plus something that I have no idea what it is! After this week it will all sadly, be gone, but we get to look forward to our annual holiday party at the Johnson's on December 6! I hope you will all be there.

This time of year is a great time for planning. We are hard at work planning our Spring Garden Festival 2019 that will be Saturday, March 30. I hope everyone will volunteer. You can teach a class or give a demonstration, help to sell gourds, crafts and birdhouses, or Yard Sale items. You can help with event set up and take down, work in the Ask A Master Gardener booth or help in the Kinder Garden room. There is something for everyone. I am very excited about 2019. I think it is going to be a great year for us! We are involved in so many projects and there will be new ones to come. I hope to see every member volunteering in the coming year!

Jerry

Jerry Eppinga— President BCMG, Master Gardener



Our Newly Elected Officers

Our Nominating Committee, comprised of Arlene McAree, Ernie Eppinga and Celia Shaneyfelt did a great job choosing our new officers for the coming year. They are: Secretary—Joyce Brinkmeyer, Treasurer—Arlene McAree, Project Coordinators—Stacy Campbell-Eckhoff and Paul Burke, Historian—Anita Bailey, Publicity—Tiffany Pendergrass. Special thanks to our outgoing officers who have done an outstanding job for the last two years! Julie Halsey, Linda Merritt, Kay Cox, Jackie Westfield and Armen Epperson. What a great group of volunteers! Please take time to thank them for the great job they have done.



Pictured L-R: Tiffany Pendergrass, Stacy Campbell-Eckhoff, Joyce Brinkmeyer, Paul Burke



The Apple Festival was once again a very successful event, despite the rain and wind. We spoke to a lot of folks, had fun cleaning gourds and had several individuals sign up for the next MG class. Thank you to all the volunteers that made it a great two days!



The next meeting is our annual Christmas Party at the home of Beverly and Mark Johnson. It will be December 6 at 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around for what category of food everyone will bring for the pot-luck dinner. Their address is: 1110 Steed Ave. NW, Cleveland. You and your spouse or Plus One are invited. Please RSVP to Beverly at beveywevey@aol.com or 423-284-3779.



Volunteer and CEU Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Open House at Museum Center at 5points November 25, 1:00 to 6:00

Setup will be Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00. We'll have an "Ask a Master Gardener" booth. contact Kay Cox for volunteer information. kcox@netzero.com

Gourd Day with Celia November 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Celia and her crew are already starting to prepare gourds for BCMG's 2019 Spring Garden Festival. They will be doing bird house prep work. Bring a lunch and join them at Celia's house. Contact: shaneyfelt@gmail.com

Ongoing gourd growing and cultivation

Gourd growers may earn up to 10 hours a year as per the following guidelines:

- 1 hour - Starting seeds indoors
- 1 hour - Planting seeds or plants out in garden
- 1 hour each month May through September - cultivation of gourd plants (up to 5 hours)
- 1 hour - participation in pure seed project with hand pollination of at least one variety and supplying pure seeds back to the program

Time awarded when gourds are donated back to the project:

- 1 hour per giant gourd (too big for the bucket)
- 1 hour per each 5-gallon bucket of mature gourds donated back to the project (medium gourds)
- 1 hour per 1-gallon bucket of miniature gourds
- *Up to but not to exceed 10 hours for the year

Ocoee Whitewater restoration project

In the planning stages. Volunteers will be needed to help clean out and replant beds and other restoration activities. Contact Celia for more information.

Museum Center at 5points renovation project

Volunteers are needed for the ongoing cleanup and restoration project at the museum. Contact Johnnie Arnett, jarnette68@charter.net

Continuing Education Opportunities

Native plant Certification program, Wild Ones

You don't need to be working toward certification to take classes. The Certificate in Native Plants program is designed to expand student's knowledge of Botany, ecology, conservation, and uses of native flora in the SE United States. Registration is limited and is now open. For more information, Tennesseevalley.wildones.org

Volunteer Gardener on PBS

Produced by Nashville Public Television, Volunteer Gardener features local experts who share gardening advice, landscape design tips, and environmentally conscious farming practices. We visit with growers, plant collectors, and hobbyists alike who share insight and experience. Airs Thursday nights at 7:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30 on NPT, channel 8. Episodes available to stream on the PBS website, pbs.org

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