

BRADLEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



August 2017 Newsletter

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: Sept. 7, 2017
Landscapes in Progress - People
and Property, at the Tildens'.**

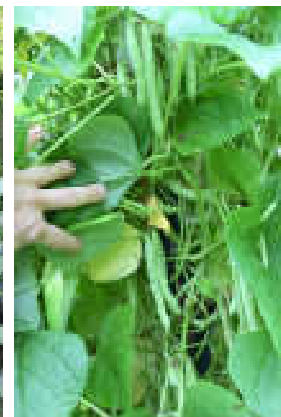


Learning and growing: a member's story

I began vegetable gardening in 2015 and had nothing but a massive failure and 2016 wasn't much better either. Growing up with parents that were avid gardeners and farmers that raised everything we ate, I quickly realized that I needed guidance if I hoped to grow food for canning. After much internet searching and asking questions, I came across the Bradley County Master Gardeners program and it was a no brainer, I needed to take the class.

In the August monthly meeting we had the opportunity to do a small "show and tell" about our successes, problems or prize winning plants and I was very excited to be able to bring pictures and show the class some of my successes with my vegetables and canning as a result of taking the MG class. We were blessed with lots of rain in the 2017 season and using the skills and techniques that I learned, I feel that this year's garden was a success. I've grown and canned more vegetables this year than in the past 2 years combined. Though I still have a long way to go in my learning, I don't think I would have been as successful this year as I was had it not been for the MG classes.

*Dianne Hadorn,
Master Gardener Intern*



*See page 2 for a glimpse of
Dianne's canning success.*



Message from Johnnie

Hello everyone,

I trust you are enjoying the summer and all of those yummy veggies from your gardens.

We had a great meeting on August 3, with something a little different. Many of our members shared photos of their yards and gardens. Everyone seemed to enjoy this very much and I must say we have some very beautiful lawns and successful gardeners in our group! Thank you for sharing your work with us. We will be doing this again soon, so go ahead and get those pictures together.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7 at the home of Bruce and Phyllis Tilden, at 3689 Sourwood Trail NW, Cleveland, TN 37312. This will be a great opportunity to see all their beautiful native plants! In case of rain, we will meet at the UT Extension office.

Hope to see you there,

*Johnnie Arnett, President BCMG
Master Gardener*

Volunteer and CEU Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities

- ◆ **September 9, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Cowpea Festival**
A great opportunity to help festival attendees with their gardening questions and conundrums. The festival is held at Charleston City Park, Charleston, TN. We could use some more volunteers to share in all the fun, so let Johnnie Arnett or Joyce Brinkmeyer know if you want to participate. The hours for the festival are 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The entertainment will be from 6:30 PM until 10:00 PM.
jarnett68@charter.net, jbrinkmeyer2989@charter.net
- ◆ **Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Craft Day with Nancy Hoffman**
Craft making for next April's Spring Forward event. If you're "Crafty" and want to join in a fun day, contact Nancy Hoffman for details and directions.
nancyhoffman28@gmail.com
- ◆ **Sept. 20 Junior Master Gardener program begins.**
This program runs about 13 weeks including the graduation. The class will meet every Wednesday at the Bradley County Juvenile Justice Center beginning at 5:30 pm until 7 pm. We are in need of some volunteers. These volunteers will monitor/mentor the juveniles in the gardens. Our purpose is to teach the young people something about gardening. We would like for them to see our enthusiasm about gardening. Contact Leslie Humberd at lhumberdperson-al@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. I hope to see you in the garden!
- ◆ **Bradley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.**
Work with residents on planting and maintaining flower and vegetable gardens. 2910 Peerless Rd, Cleveland. Contact Anita Walcheski at farmers2aw@yahoo.com or Arleen McAree at macintenn@hotmail.com
- ◆ **Spring Forward Fest , April 21, 2018**
Presented by us, Bradley County Master Gardeners!
Here's the best chance yet to get involved. You can work on classes and displays, make crafts, even grow gourds. Committees have been formed to secure vendors, booths, crafts, advertising, logistics and more. If you haven't signed up and would like to be a part of our first major event, contact Jerry Eppinga, jerryann66@gmail.com



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Continuing Education Opportunities

- ◆ **August 29, Fall Gardener's Festival, Plateau Ag Research & Education Center, Crossville TN. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.**
Workshops, exhibits, wagon tours of the entire facility and garden vendors. 320 Experiment Station Rd, Crossville TN. This is a day-long event and a great event to get your CEUs and attend some wonderful classes, and by the way there is no charge. Check the website for more details or you contact Johnnie. Agenda for the day: http://ccmga.org/2017_fall_gardeners_festival.html
- ◆ **Sept. 14, 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Season Extension & Cover Crops**
Reasons, Benefits, Methods, a Tennessee River Seed Library workshop. E.G. Fisher Library Community Room, Athens. Free.
- ◆ **Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Plant Sale & Workshops, Crabtree Farms**
Check www.crabtreefarms.org for a complete list of workshops and directions to the farm.

A passion for preservation



Master Gardener Intern, Dianne Hadorn, wants to feed her family off the land, just as her mom and dad did when she was growing up.