

# BRADLEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



November 2017 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.

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**Next meeting: Jan. 4, 2018**



Master Gardeners had a very successful time at the Cleveland Apple Festival. Lots of folks stopped by the booth with an array of gardening questions. We also had several people interested in and sign up for our next MG class. Thank you to MG Celia Shaneyfelt for giving us Apple gourds to green clean at the booth. It was a big hit with the public and Master Gardeners really enjoyed it too. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, wouldn't have been successful without you! (Pictured, l - r, Ginger Cloud, Julie Halsey, Anita Bailey, Hal Abegg.)

Linda Merritt, Master Gardener.



## Message from Johnnie

Hello everyone,

Hope your October has been nice. The fall colors have certainly been beautiful the last few days. It seems like we were out hiking and taking wildflower photos just a few days ago, my how the time is passing.

I am hearing good things about the Apple Festival. Thanks to our coordinators Linda Merritt & Dianne Hadorn, as well as all the volunteers who helped make it a success. If you visit Apple Valley Orchard, be sure to thank Chuck McSpadden for donating the apples again this year. The apples they provide are always a big treat to the visitors at our Master Gardeners' booth.

It won't be long until we will be closing out the year, so please enter your hours as soon as possible. Kim needs your hours entered to determine who will receive Master Gardener badges and service pins this year. He must order them in the next few days to have them available to be presented at our Annual Christmas Party on November 30. Beverly Johnson has invited us all to her home again this year. The details will be emailed to everyone in the next few days, so keep an eye out.

Johnnie Arnett  
President BCMG, Master Gardener

## Volunteer and CEU Opportunities

### Volunteer opportunities

- ◆ **Christmas Open House/Artist Showcase Festival , Dec. 3, 1:00 - 6:00 pm, Museum Center at Five Points**  
This is an annual event in which the museum showcases over 30 artists. It is a two-fold opportunity for us to further introduce ourselves to the community, answer questions, display crafts and gourds, and get people signed up for 2018 class. Also a way to get volunteer hours before the end of the year. If you'd would like to volunteer during the festival time or help set up on Saturday, December 2, please contact Kay Cox at, [kaycox@netzero.net](mailto:kaycox@netzero.net).
- ◆ **Craft day/Gourd day, December 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.**  
At Celia Shaneyfelt's house. Contact: [Shaneyfelt@gmail.com](mailto:Shaneyfelt@gmail.com).
- ◆ **250K tree give away day, February 23, 2018, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
3375 Adkisson Dr, Cleveland. We need volunteers to help bundle and distribute trees to public. Contact Linda Merritt, [clanofmany@aol.com](mailto:clanofmany@aol.com).
- ◆ **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](mailto:farmers2aw@yahoo.com) or Arleen McAree at [macintenn@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jerryann66@gmail.com)

### Continuing Education Opportunities

- ◆ **Day of Gardening, February 24, 2018**  
Put on by the TFGC District III Garden club, this day full of learning will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, East Ridge. Times, seminar details and registration form to come.
- ◆ **TEMG State Conference, April 5-7, 2018**  
Pre-day tour and workshop April 5. To be held at Montgomery Bell State Park. More information to come as sessions and events are scheduled.



### Stay connected!

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[www.facebook.com/bradleycomastergardeners](https://www.facebook.com/bradleycomastergardeners)



### Christmas Party Nov. 30

Master Gardener, Beverly Johnson, will host our annual holiday party, starting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30. Everyone is invited to bring a guest and please also bring a dish. Please RSVP by Nov. 28 to [beveywevey@aol.com](mailto:beveywevey@aol.com). Check your email for more detail.

### Testimonials requested for web site

Since becoming acquainted with Bradley County Master Gardeners, have you learned something special? Had a great time doing something new? Just simply enjoyed yourself? Please consider sharing your BCMG experiences on our web site. Send your musings to web-master, Matt Thayer, at [bradleycountymastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:bradleycountymastergardeners@gmail.com).

### Call for yard sale items

Next year's Spring Forward Fest will include a yard sale. So we're asking all BCMGs to look in their basements, barns, sheds and storage areas and pull out any *yard/garden-related* items that you no longer use, and donate them to the sale. Contact Dianne Hadorn with a list of items you plan to donate or for further information. [Dianne@hshomestead.com](mailto:Dianne@hshomestead.com)

### Want some purple sweet potatoes?

Contact Nancy Hoffman. [nancyhoffman28@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhoffman28@gmail.com)

### Have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving!



This tasty cornucopia, created by Marcia Thayer, seemed a fitting symbol for harvest and sharing and all we have to be thankful for this holiday season.

### Entomology, anyone?

#### Here's a recommended reading:

*Garden Insects of North America: The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Bugs,*  
by Whitney Cranshaw



"*Garden Insects of North America* is the most comprehensive and user-friendly guide to the common insects and mites affecting yard and garden plants in North America. Whether managing, studying, or simply observing insects, identification is the first step --and this book is the key.