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*On the cover: garden bed from UT Gardens in Knoxville.  
 Photo credit: Karen Less*

# letter from the president

Do you have a favorite season? Mine has forever been Fall. I love the cool crisp feel that is in the air. The colors make my eyes happy and it just feels good. Though I do have some favorite things about all seasons, as I am sure you do as well. Who doesn't love the beauty and silence of the first good snow in the winter. As gardeners, we all love seeing the first blooms of spring. And summer brings so much green to our area as well as the amazing sounds of nature.

Our lives are also full of different seasons and even organizations go through their own. I have been a Master Gardener since 2012, with some of you being here much longer than that. We have seen agents retire with new ones joining us, members pass away, folks move on to other things, people move away, and our organization change, especially when COVID came about.

When I started I was in a much different season in my life. I had a young teen daughter that I homeschooled and was leading a local homeschool group. Junior Master Gardeners, Master Gardeners, and 4-H were such an amazing fit for our lives and we were all in. There were years I logged 1000 - 1400 service hours and 30 - 50 CEU's per

year, because we were so invested. It was a natural fit with wildlife and nature being key parts of our homeschooling. Now, my daughter is almost 21, I do not homeschool (13 years over), and I do not lead the homeschool group anymore. I am no longer as involved in 4-H, though from time to time I do things. Before my daughter graduated high school, I was offered the Sales & Marketing job I have now at the fair. Olivia, my daughter, is now out on her own so my personal seasons have greatly changed. I know most of you understand that.

In our Master Gardener group, we have seen several seasons over the years. Many of our key volunteers can no longer do the things they used to. It is time to step in and see what you can do. Life has brought moves for some of our members and it is time to step in and see what you can do. New exciting possibilities are coming our way with new agents in our office showing us fresh ideas so it is time to step in and see what you can do. Some of our past "dos" are not the same as the "dos" we can "do" now. But, there are still plenty of "dos" needing done and there are "dos" for everyone no matter your "doing" ability. We are going to need helpers, project leaders, and new board members in our next season. What will your "dos" be going forward to 2023?

*Tammie Browning*

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# opportunities



## meetings & events

**Board meeting, July 18,** 5:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building. Info on page 5.

**Monthly Meeting, Monday, July 18,** 6:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building. Info on page 5.

**Monthly Meeting, Monday, August 15,** 6:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building.

**Sevier County Fair, August 30 - August 5.** Sevier County Fairgrounds.

## volunteer

**Jr. Lunch & Learn Series, Wednesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27,** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. King Family Library (Burchfield Room). Volunteers needed for all dates. Contact Tammie Browning for more information.

**Senior Center Garden Workdays** First Saturday and Third Wednesday of each month 9:00 am.

**Senior Center Garden also needs assistance with watering.** The commitment takes about an hour (plus your travel time to and from). Various days available. Contact Glenna Julian for additional details.

**Farmers Market AMG Table.** contact Matt Anderson if you're interested in manning the table.

## educational

**Melody's Monday Musings** (Greene County), [More info HERE.](#)

**Herbal Salve Making Workshop, Friday, July 15,** 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Office. Cost: \$25. Preregistration required. Space is limited. More info on page 4.

**Wild Herb Weekend,** July 22-24, 2022, Valle Crucis, NC. Further information [HERE.](#)

**First Friday Office Hours Session - UTK Horticultural Team,** August 5, 10am. Fun, interactive and informative session where your questions on summer in the garden are answered. Use [THIS FORM](#) to ask questions ahead of time. Click [HERE](#) to joining the webinar (passcode: UThort).

Online event signups as well as live event registration on the [state website.](#) Plus, connect with your coordinator and local officers for all the details.

Did you know that you can earn CE hours watching popular gardening shows on YouTube? Go to YouTube and search for Growing A Greener World, Brie the Plant Lady, Gardeners World, GardenSmartTV, and other garden related shows. There are also lots of garden tours available from all over the world. You could easily get way more than your minimum 8 CE hours and learn some things to help you be a better gardener.

## 2022 dues | \$25 per MG

Second person from the same household is \$15

THESE FOLKS HAVE PAID 2022 DUES AS OF JUNE 2ND\*:

Pam Barron	Colette Mancke
Tammie Browning	Diane McCullen
Pat Butler	Donald Norstrand
Lois Cooper	Linda Oakberg
Joan Falsone	John Oakberg
Patsy Farmer	Sandra Palmer
Bonnie Gathergood	Carl Parsons
Sarah Gibson	Melinda Paxson
Steve Greenwell	Teresa Rae
Karen Hall	Dixie Seaton
Glenna Julian	Jerry Shonk
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Brad Knight	Renee Thrap
Karen Less	Steve Wilson
Leo Lubke	Ellen Yatteau
Audrey MacClellan	

Please send by check to:

**Attn: Debbie Hurst**  
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**Sevierville, TN 37862**

If you prefer, you may drop off your payment at the office, but call first to make sure they know you're coming. Class of 2022 does not owe dues this year.

*\*We were unable to obtain a current list of all MGs who have paid dues before this July newsletter was distributed. If you paid dues on or after June 2nd, you will be on the updated list in the August newsletter.*



## Make Your Own Herbal Salve

Learn to make customized oil-based medicinal salves to  
**Repair • Soothe • Heal**

Herbal preparations are widely available but can be pricey. In this workshop participants will learn the basics of creating a personalized herbal salve. Highlights will include creation of herb infused oils, creating a basic salve, and enhancing salves for soothing, healing, and repair through the use of essential oils.

Instructor: Karen Less, Certified Fundamentals Herbalist

**Friday, July 15, 2022**  
**1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**UT Extension, Sevier County**  
**752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville**

**Cost: \$25**



**Class size limited so register early!**

Use this QR Code for access to the registration and payment link, or contact the extension office for additional registration and payment options at (865) 453-3695.



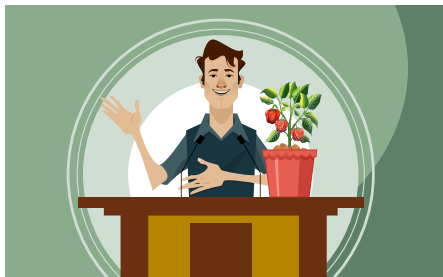


# scamga speakers bureau

We all have our areas of gardening expertise that we hop you would be willing to share with our group or other groups in our community.

John Oakberg is our Member at Large and the primary contact for this project. Please remember that he is your member contact with the board. Contact John Oakberg, Steve Wilson, or Tammie Browning if you have questions.

If you have ideas, projects, etc., to be considered please call John. He is also in charge of the Speakers Bureau, so if you haven't signed up, please do so. As things continue to open up, we could have community groups seeking speakers in the late summer and fall. So please register if you are interested in sharing your expertise with local groups (while earning service hours).



## july meeting info

Ever wonder why certain plants just don't make it in a particular location? Is your home landscape just random and not well thought-out? Does some plant material just seem out of place?

Our July meeting could be just what you've been waiting for! Eric Fortenberry, horticultural guru with Elite Landscapes of Sevierville will be on hand for a two-part presentation. During the first portion of the meeting, SCMGA Vice President Steve Wilson will conduct a Question/Answer session with Eric regarding landscape design and plant selection basics. Then we'll throw the floor open to your questions... after which we're



all certain to go home with new inspiration for our own home landscape. Make plans to be there in person on July 18th at 6:30 pm.

**July 18, 2022**  
**Board meeting, 5:30 pm**  
**Monthly meeting, 6:30pm**  
**No Zoom option for July meeting**  
**See you there!**

### TEMG PLANS FOR 2022

#### DISTANCE CONNECTIONS FOR EMGS

11 AM ET/10 AM CT- Live on Zoom  
Tours, Teaching and Q and A with our state-wide Extension Hort Team

**Aug. 5:** First Friday Hort Session

**Sept. 9:** TEMG Friday Focus

**Nov. 4:** First Friday Hort Session

#### LIVE TEMG EVENTS

**Oct. 20th:** Leadership Day



#### UTIA AND EXTENSION EVENTS

**Jul. 14th:**

Summer Celebration, Jackson

**Aug. 30th:**

Fall Gardener's Festival, Crossville

Online event signups as well as live event registration will be found on the [state website](#). Plus, connect with your coordinator and local officers for all the details.



**SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**  
**meeting minutes**

**JUNE 20, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

In person = 17; Zoom = 2  
Total = 19

Call to Order: 6:38 PM

**PRESENTATION**

The scheduled speaker was unable to appear due to Covid. Instead, Matt Anderson introduced the new MG website, which is now part of the UT Sevier County Extension website accessible at [sevier.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/](http://sevier.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/)

After reviewing the site, Matt encouraged everyone to try it out and provide feedback to him on any needed changes.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Call to Order: 6:50 PM

**MEETING REPORTS**

The May Minutes were approved without change by voice vote.

The May Treasurer's Report was approved without change by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Tammy Browning announced that there was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Karen Less announced that registration is now open for an Herbal Workshop she is presenting

on Friday, July 15th, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the extension office.

Donna Stinnett and Glenna Julian shared their experiences in taking part in the field trip to Asheville.

The members expressed their appreciation for Pam Barron's contributions to the Association. This was her last meeting before moving back to the Steubenville area.

Matt Anderson reported that he will miss the July meeting due to his duties at 4-H camp. He also suggested that the Association might consider the clubhouse at the Sevierville Golf Course for the Christmas party.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ASK-A-MASTER-GARDENER:**

Matt Anderson reported that this function will be transitioning from phone duties to staffing a AMG booth at the local farmers markets. A tablecloth with the MG logo is now available for that purpose, but volunteers are needed.

**DEMO GARDEN:** Diane McCullen reported that the garden is in good condition, but some harvesting may need to be done.

**GREENHOUSE:** Dixie Seaton requested suggestions for fall use of the greenhouse. The only current work that needs to be done is

controlling the invasion of Bermuda grass.

**JMG:** Tammy reported that 21 Junior MGs attended the recent JMG summer camp at Bridgemont. Their next project will be planting pumpkins in the keyhole garden.

**LUNCH-AND-LEARN:** Tammy reported that this series will begin again on Wednesdays in July, from 11:30 to 1:30 at the King Family Library.

**NEWSLETTER:** Karen Less reported for Teresa Rae that the deadline for contributions to the July newsletter must be forwarded by July 1st.

**SENIOR CENTER:** Glenna Julian stated that volunteers are greatly needed as the gardens require watering ever other day. She also reported that no butterfly caterpillars have been observed so far this year at the Senior Center.

**SEVIER COUNTY FAIR:** Tammy reported that the catalogue for the 2022 fair is being sent to the printer and will be available in our July meeting. Opening day for the fair is Tuesday, August 30th.

**TOMATO SEED PROJECT:** No report.

**WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK:** No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carl Parsons*  
Secretary

# new website!



We have a **new website** thanks to Matt. He has been working hard and it is now up. Go over and take a look at it! If you have any ideas about it please contact Matt. It sure looks good. There will be more things added.

*Tammie Browning*



*Carl Parson's Marigolds*

## demo garden news

Wow, the garden is really growing!!!! Please be sure and check your garden for weeds and some of the plants might need some pruning. Keep in mind the County Fair is getting close and we need to bring our best for those who come to tour the garden. The straw bale garden has produced amazing veggies. I'm hoping the zucchini can be entered into the fair as largest vegetable. It would be really awesome if we won.

As I was walking around the garden today, I noticed the most amazing thing. Carl Parsons' Lasagna garden has produced the LARGEST MARIGOLD PLANTS that I have ever seen. They are as big as his tomato plants and his tomato plants are nothing to sneeze at. This month's Gold Star Gardener is Carl!! Way to go Carl. Go by the gardens and take a gander at those beauties!

One of our wonderful demo garden workers has moved. Pam Barron

was such a help in so many ways. She has moved to be closer to her family and she will be greatly missed. Please help tend the gardens she started this year. She was kind enough to adopt the Staircase Garden, Center Circle Garden, and the Shade Pots. If you noticed these gardens need some attention, give it to them. A great way to keep Pam in our hearts is to keep her gardens thriving. Let's all pitch in to make this happen.

I am planning on having a workday on August 25th at 9:00 am in the gardens. This workday is to pull all weeds and get everything tidy for the fair which begins on the 30th. Please plan on attending this workday if you can. We will need lots of help.

See you in the garden,  
*Diane McCullen*





# Department 26

## Master Gardeners - Floral & Design

Entry Dates: August 19 – 24, 10am to 4pm & August 25 10am to 7pm



- 1) You must be an active 2021/22 Sevier County Master Gardener in good standing or a 2022 Intern. You MUST have logged required service hours and CEU's for 2021 and paid your 2022 membership dues by July 2022. Interns do not have to meet these requirements.
- 2) All entries must be grown & produced by the exhibitors. No recently purchased entries.
- 3) Plants entered must have no infestation of insects or diseases.
- 4) Each potted container (if it has drainage holes) entry MUST have a saucer or container with water reservoir.
- 5) No gloss or shine may be added to plant leaves.
- 6) Exhibits will be judged on plant quality, beauty, and presentation.
- 7) Any living plants MUST be labeled for educational purposes for our community outreach. You can label on your own or labels will be provided at the July and August Master Gardener meetings or when you bring in your exhibit to enter.
- 8) Anyone entering an exhibit in at least 3 classes will be awarded a special pin at the 2022 Awards Dinner

<b>Premiums</b>	<b>1st: \$15.00</b>	<b>2nd: \$10.00</b>	<b>3rd: \$5.00</b>	<b>Best of Show: \$20.00</b>
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### 01 Thriller, Filler, Spiller

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#### Requirements For Thriller, Filler, Spiller

- ~ Plants must be in a decorative container
- ~ Must be at least three plants with two or more different species.
- ~ Thriller must be mostly upright, filler covers the soil, and spiller surrounds the base of the thriller.
- ~ At least some part of the spiller must hang below and outside the top lip of container.
  - ~ Must be identified with Latin and variety names.
- ~ Bonsai techniques are allowed with all wires and supports removed prior to entry.
  - ~ If more than 25 pounds it must be mounted on rolling platform.

### 02 Patio Plant

01 Patio Plant

#### Requirements For Patio Plant

- ~ Container can be decorative or utilitarian, but cannot be in a thin nursery pot.
- ~ Can be decorative or productive (bears fruit, is edible, or fragrant).
  - ~ Fruiting plants are not required to be in season.
  - ~ Must be identified with Latin and variety names.
- ~ If more than 25 pounds it must be mounted on a rolling platform.





**04 Creative Design**  
**(Open - No Theme)**  
 01 Creative Design

**Requirements For Creative Design**  
 ~ No larger than 15" x 15" x 15"  
 ~ Must contain dried plants, natural plant material and/or plants that require no watering for 9 days such as cacti or succulents.  
 ~ Judging will be on creativity, health of plants, appearance, display, and design elements

**05 Edible/Medicinal Plants**  
 01 Edible/Medicinal Plants

**Requirements For Edible/Medicinal Plants**  
 ~ Maximum of 10 lbs.  
 ~ Must be in a presentable container (not just a thin nursery pot).  
 ~ MUST have a medical use or be edible.

**06 Individual Potted Plant**  
 01 Tropical

**Requirements For Individual Potted Plant**  
 ~ Maximum of 25 lbs.  
 ~ Tropical plant is any vegetation in tropical latitudes. Examples are, but not limited to cactus, orchids, palms, banana, citrus, etc.

**07 Windowsill Herb Garden**  
 01 Windowsill Herb Garden

**Requirements For Windowsill Herb Garden**  
 ~ Must contain 3 or more different herbs.  
 ~ Container must be suitable for windowsill no larger than 36".

# treasury report

Sevier Co. Area Master Gardener Assoc. | May 2022

**MG & JMG Total from April, 2022:** **\$ 2,025.00**

## MASTER GARDENERS

<b>MG Carryover from April, 2022, (YTD)</b>			<b>\$ 1,025.00</b>
<b>Transactions</b>	<b>Inflows</b>	<b>Outflows</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Adjustments**		-\$352.25	-\$2,793.83
Christmas Dinner			
Demo Garden		-\$116.35	-\$553.22
Fair Beautification			
Greenhouse		-\$22.40	-\$3,417.51
Ice Cream Social			
Membership Dues	\$25.00		\$700.00
Miscellaneous			
MG Craft Fair			
MG Flower Show			\$176.00
Plant Sale	\$1,466.00		\$2,176.25
Sevier County Fair			-\$460.00
Storage Building			-\$50.80
Zoom Fees			
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$1,491.00</b>	<b>-\$491.00</b>	<b>-\$4,223.11 (YTD)</b>
<b>Net Change for May 2022</b>			<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>MG Ending Balance on May 31, 2022 (YTD)</b>			<b>\$2,025.00</b>
<b>MG Net Change for 2022 (YTD)*</b>			<b>-\$4,223.11</b>

## JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS:

<b>JMG Carryover from April, 2022, (YTD)</b>			<b>+\$3,555.67</b>
<b>Transactions</b>	<b>Inflows</b>	<b>Outflows</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
4 – H Scholarships			-\$600.00
Adjustments			-\$2,914.35
Demo Garden			-\$36.32
Donations			
Greenhouse			-\$13.44
JMG Camp^		-\$295.00	-\$295.00
Miscellaneous			-\$102.00
Plant Sale			+\$500.00
Sevier County Fair			-\$120.00
Sevier Co. Mayor Donation			
Storage Building			-\$105.00
Supplies			
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-\$ 295.00</b>	<b>-\$3,391.11 (YTD)</b>
<b>Net Change for May 2022</b>			<b>-\$ 295.00</b>
<b>JMG Ending Balance on May 31, 2022 (YTD)</b>			<b>\$ 705.00</b>
<b>JMG Net Change for 2022*</b>			<b>-\$3,738.16</b>
<b>Combined Total for MG and JMG on May 31, 2022</b>			<b>\$2,730.00</b>
<b>Combined Net Change for MG and JMG for 2022* (YTD)</b>			<b>-\$7,961.27</b>

\*Defined as the credits vs debits over each calendar year.

^Balance transfer to UT centered Master Gardener account(s) from extension office centered accounts. The funds still belong to SCAMGA per Adam Hopkins

^Zoo Knoxville

*May 2022 Treasury Report prepared by Donald Nordstrand*





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*Articles submitted by members are welcome and should be 300-500 words. Photographs should be at least 3Mb in size. Please make sure emails that contain attachments are less than 10Mb (combined). If attachments exceed 10Mb, send in separate emails or use Dropbox.*

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# Did you know?

Sun-loving Lantana can be hardy in Tennessee when conditions are right.



“Vivid Lantana, like [the] yellow ‘Chapel Hill’ cultivar, thrive at the UT Gardens, Knoxville, and Crossville. In each location, some Lantana varieties have proven hardy, surviving winter temperatures to thrive again. That’s not the case at the cooler, and higher elevation UT Gardens, Crossville, where Lantana are true summer annuals.”

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

Newburn, James. “Plant of the Month,” UT Gardens - The State Botanical Garden of Tennessee, July 1, 2022, <https://utgardens.tennessee.edu/sun-loving-lantana-can-be-hardy-in-tennessee-when-conditions-are-right/>.

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