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On the cover: *Aronia melanocarpa* 'Viking' chokeberries are harvested. Photo credit: University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

## letter [about] the president

This article is not written by Tammie (since she is waist deep in the Fair during the due date) but instead it is **about** her. I wanted to send accolades to her. She stepped into the president position at the end of COVID and helped us transition back into normalcy. She encouraged, cajoled, and even bribed us to return to monthly meetings in person. COVID was difficult for a lot of people for a lot of reasons but I believe it hit our group really hard. I hope you will join me in recognizing her dedication to our group. While we don't see Tammie very often in the gardens I would like to give her this month's Gold Star Gardener Award for helping keep our little group together and bringing us out on the other side of the pandemic. Thank You Tammie!

*Diane McCullen*

CHAIR: Demo Garden & Fair MG Exhibit



save the date

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

2023

MASTER GARDENER CLASS

January 31 - May 2

Tuesdays, 10am - 1pm

Hands-on sessions TBA. Have interested prospective Master Gardeners contact Matt Anderson to get on the interest list.



# opportunities



## volunteer

**Senior Center Garden Workdays** First Saturday and Third Wednesday of each month 9:00 am. Sept 21st at Glenna Julian's home. Covered dish lunch after washing pots 9-11am. Everyone is welcome to come out and help. Just come bring a dish and wear work clothes.



## meetings & events

**Monthly Meeting**, Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building. Board Meeting at 5:30.

**UT Gardens, Knoxville Fall Plant Sale**, Saturday, October 1 (Members Preview Sale on Friday, September 30).

**Demonstration Garden Committee Meeting**, Monday, October 17, 5:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. We need new people to take responsibility for garden plots in 2023.

**Monthly Meeting**, Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm. Sevier County Extension Building.

## educational

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

**Keep Sevier Beautiful Fall Series**, Thursdays, September 1, 8, 22, and 29 (no class on September 15). King Library. See classes on page 6.

**Forestry Field Day**, Friday, September 16, 9am to 1pm, Grundy County Extension, Coalmont, TN. More info on page 7.

**2022 Sassafras Moon Herbal Festival & Forest Farming Conference**, September 24-25, Erwin, TN. [Register here.](#)

**First Friday Office Hours Session - UTK Horticultural Team**, November 4, 10-11am. Fun, interactive and informative session where your questions on summer in the garden are answered. [REGISTER HERE.](#) Use [THIS FORM](#) to ask questions ahead of time. Click [HERE](#) to join 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 are (past) due | \$25 per MG

Second person from the same household is \$15

### THESE FOLKS HAVE PAID 2022 DUES AS OF SEP 2nd\*:

Pam Barron	April Laue
Tammie Browning	Karen Less
Andy Bush	Leo Lubke
Pat Butler	Audrey MacClellan
Lois Cooper	Colette Mancke
Joan Falsone	Diane McCullen
Patsy Farmer	Donald Norstrand
Bonnie Gathergood	Linda Oakberg
Sarah Gibson	John Oakberg
Steve Greenwell	Sandra Palmer
Karen Hall	Carl Parsons
Kathleen Hammer	Melinda Paxson
Melanie Hill	Teresa Rae
Glenna Julian	Dixie Seaton
Guane Julian	Jerry Shonk
Brad Knight	Donna Stinnett

Renee Thrap  
Steve Wilson  
Ellen Yatteau

Please send by check to:  
**Attn: Debbie Hurst**  
**UT Extension Sevier County**  
**752 Old Knoxville Highway**  
**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.



## SEVIER COUNTY FAIR MG WINNERS

### RECYCLE CONTAINER

- 1st: Ciarra Crawford < BEST OF SHOW  
2nd: Haley Apley

### THRILLER, FILLER, SPILLER

- 1st: Melanie Hill • 1st Karen Hall

### CREATIVE DESIGN

- 1st: Ellen Yatteau < BEST OF SHOW  
2nd: Ciarra Crawford

### PATIO PLANT

- 1st: Diane McCullen  
2nd: Dixie Seaton

**THANK YOU**  
to everyone who  
volunteered at the  
County Fair. We  
could not do it  
without you!

*Diane  
McCullen*



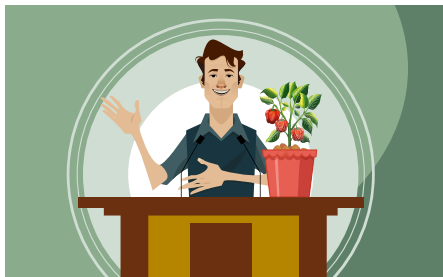
2022

## 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).



## landscape expert returns for september meeting

Those of us in attendance at the June meeting were treated to the practical expertise of Eric Fortenberry, with Little River Landscape Management. This horticultural guru now returns – by popular request -- for Part II of his presentation on landscape best practices and practical tips on the enhancement of our property. Eric will share his insight and knowledge, but will devote most of his time to answering our questions. Give some thought now to those burning questions you have regarding turf, plants, or trees.



**September 19, 2022**  
**Board meeting, 5:30 pm**  
**Monthly meeting, 6:30pm**  
**No Zoom option.**  
**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  
statewide Extension Hort Team

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

#### LIVE TEMG EVENTS

**Oct. 20th:** Leadership Day



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.



## ***Keep Sevier Beautiful Presents*** **Fall Gardening Workshop Series**

**FREE Every Thursday In September (Except September 15)**  
**King Family Library - 408 High Street, Sevierville**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**September 1 - Burchfield Room**

***"Scrap Gardening"***

**Connor Fad, Keep Sevier Beautiful/AmeriCorp**

**September 8 - Burchfield Room**

***"Gardening for Pollinators, Providing for Monarch Butterflies"***

**Lois Worthington & Glenna Julian**

**Sevier County Master Gardener/Wild Ones**

**September 22 - Burchfield Room**

***"Fall Clean-Up and Preparing the Garden for Next Season"***

**Matt Anderson, UT Horticulture Sevier County Extension**

**Sept. 29 - Bridgemont Room**

***"Fall Vegetable Gardening"***

**Carl Parsons, Sevier County Master Gardener/Wild Ones**

You're invited to



# Forestry Field Day



September 16, 2022

9 am to 1 pm

**24970 SR 108 Coalmont, TN**

**(turn at the Sports Plex and keep left)**

Topics include: Timber Sales, Forest /Wildlife Pests, Forest Management, Controlled Burn Demonstration, and Cost Share Programs available to landowners.

**No charge for program and lunch is free if you RSVP!**

**Call to reserve your spot today!**

**Grundy County Extension 931- 592-3971**

**Grundy Soil Conservation 931- 592-5220**





SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

# meeting minutes

AUGUST 15, 2022

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance: 19 (plus 1 dog)  
(Zoom attendance has now been stopped.)

## PRESENTATION

The meeting was principally an ice cream social held at the Sevier County Fairgrounds Pavilion. There was no presentation.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Call To Order: 6:35 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tammie Browning announced that she is retiring from leadership of JMG and that Melanie Hill will succeed her.

Karen Less conveyed Linda Hyder's message of gratitude for all the assistance she had received from MGs during her career in the Extension Office.

Dixie Seaton announced the Keep Sevier County Beautiful presentations that will be held at the King Family Library during September on Thursdays at 11:00 AM.

Karen Hall announced that volunteers are needed at Ivey House in Seymour to assist with the damage caused by a beaver dam.

## JULY MEETING MINUTES

The July minutes were not discussed, so must be approved at the September meeting together with the August minutes.

## TREASURER'S JUNE REPORT:

The July Treasurer's report was not discussed, so must be approved at the September meeting together with the August report.

## OLD BUSINESS

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Matt Anderson reported that the Sevier County government has prevailed on the Sevierville Country Club to provide a free meeting room for the SCAMGA Christmas party.

## NEW BUSINESS

Diane McCullen announced the need for volunteers to serve in the Demo Garden and at the MG Booth during the County Fair.

She also announced Demo Garden workdays for Wednesday (8/17), Thursday (8/18), and Saturday (8/20) to prepare the garden for the Fair. In particular we need to work again at removing the Bermuda grass invading the garden.

She also announced that for next year's Plant Sale we will attempt a Master Gardener store in which we will sell donated garden-related items. So members should be identifying now items they can donate next spring.

Matt Anderson stated that the next MG training program will begin on Tuesday January 31st and will run until May 2nd. Sessions will be from 10 AM to 1 PM. About 1.5 hours will be devoted to a topic specialist presented on Zoom. Also the training sessions will include more hands-on training than in the past.

He also announced that the Fall MG Conference will be held in Crossville. Group travel signups and registrations are available online at the Extension Office website.

## NEXT SCAMGA MEETING

The next SCAMGA meeting will be on Monday, September 19th.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carl Parsons*  
Secretary





## demo garden news

What a difference a few weeks can make! We went from covered in weeds and vines to very pristine. THANK YOU to everyone who came out and helped in the transformation. It took a lot of folks giving their time and energy to get the gardens ready for the fair this year.

I would like to have a Demo Garden Committee Meeting on October 17th at 5:30 pm. This will be right before the monthly meeting. ANYONE who would like to help in the gardens please come to this meeting. We have lost several members and we need to rejuvenate the committee and the gardens. I have a few ideas I would like to run by the committee. One of the main things we are going to have to discuss and come to some conclusion about is the bermuda grass situation. It is out of control and we need a more permanent solution. Please come with any ideas on how to handle this invasive grass. My goal for the gardens is to make them truly an educational experience for our community and easier to maintain for our group.

See you in the garden,  
*Diane McCullen*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# FALL GARDEN CLASS

Pay and Register Here

**\$15**

**SEPTEMBER 15 @ 4 PM**

FRUITS | VEGETABLES | SOILS

752 OLD KNOXVILLE HWY  
SEVIERVILLE, TN  
865-453-3695



Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

# treasury report

Sevier Co. Area Master Gardener Assoc. | July 2022

Combined MG & JMG Total from June, 2022:

\$ 2,474.49

## MASTER GARDENERS

MG Carryover from May, 2022, (YTD)

\$ 2,004.92

Transactions	Inflows	Outflows	Year to Date
Adjustments <sup>^</sup>			-\$2,793.83
Christmas Dinner			
Demo Garden			-\$612.02
Fair Beautification			
Greenhouse			-\$3,417.51
Ice Cream Social			
Master Gardener#	\$75.00		\$ 75.00
Membership Dues		-\$25.00	\$750.00
Miscellaneous**	\$25.00	-\$125.56	-\$100.56
MG Craft Fair			
MG Flower Show	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$226.00
Plant Sale			\$2,114.97
Sevier County Fair			-\$460.00
Storage Building			-\$50.80
Zoom Fees			
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>-\$200.56</b>	<b>-\$4,293.75 (YTD)</b>
<b>Net Change for June 2022</b>			<b>- \$50.56</b>
<b>MG ending balance in local account on June 30, 2022, (YTD):</b>			<b>\$1,954.36</b>
<b>(MG ending balance including \$2,793.83 sequestered by UT is \$4,748.19)</b>			
<b>MG Net Change for 2022 (YTD)*</b>			<b>-\$4,293.75</b>

## JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS:

JMG Carryover from June, 2022, (YTD)

+\$469.98

Transactions	Inflows	Outflows	Year to Date
4 - H Scholarships			-\$600.00
Adjustments <sup>^</sup>			-\$2,914.35
Demo Garden			-\$36.32
Donations			
Greenhouse			-\$13.44
JMG Camp			-\$530.02
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>0</b>	<b>-\$3,921.13 (YTD)</b>
<b>Net Change for June 2022</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>JMG Ending Balance in local account on June 30, 2022 (YTD)</b>			<b>\$ 469.98</b>
<b>(JMG ending balance including \$2,914.35 sequestered by UT is \$3,384.33)</b>			
<b>JMG Net Change for 2022*</b>			<b>-\$3,921.13</b>

Combined Total for MG and JMG on June 30, 2022

\$2,424.34

MG + JMG including \$5,708.18 sequestered by UT (YTD)

\$8,132.52

Combined MG and JMG Net Change for 2022, (YTD):\*

-\$8,164.32

<sup>\*</sup>Defined as the credits vs debits over each calendar year.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Herbal salve class

# "Master Gardener" now as a general item now reported by the Sevier County Extension Office in the monthly register report.

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



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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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**I was going to do some  
housecleaning today.**

**But then a bumblebee  
buzzed, a bird sang, and a  
flower bloomed.**

**So instead, I gardened.**