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On the cover: Double Scoop Cranberry Coneflower contrasts with Sisal Agave at the UT Gardens in Knoxville. Photo credit: Karen Less

horticulture therapy speaker: melody rose

Meeting date: June 19, 2023, 6:30pm

Melody Teague Rose is the Extension Agent in Greene County. As the Extension Agent she coordinates the local Master Gardener Program, provides resources for agritourism, commercial fruit and vegetable production, and consumer horticulture enterprises.

Along with her other responsibilities Melody works to create sustainability on the homestead, gives support to the areas of viticulture and oenology (wine and wine making), blueberry growers, and commercial fruit and vegetable growers. She also has extensive knowledge on Appalachian natives and woodland habitats.

Melody has created a learning platform, called Melody’s Monday Musings, that encompass many aspects of East Tennessee gardening and horticulture. You can join her on Monday evenings for a live lesson or view her many videos on YouTube.

Melody is coming to the SCAMGA meeting in June to give our group



an introduction and overview of Horticultural Therapy. This is another way that we as gardeners can reach out and positively impact our community. Be sure you don’t miss this informative presentation.



opportunities



volunteer

Demo Garden Workdays, Tuesday, June 20 (regular work day), Monday, July 10, Tuesday, July 18. All begin 9 am.

My People Senior Activity Center Workdays, Wednesday, June 21 and Saturday, July 1, 9 am.

Matthew created a private portal for Master Gardeners to be able to access the Bylaws, contact list, volunteer manual. The link is at the bottom of the Master Gardener web page, and he has included the direct link as well. Let me know if you have any questions. It does require a password - check your email or call Matt to obtain.

meetings & events

Monthly Meeting, Monday, June 19th, 6:30 pm (no scheduled board meeting).

Summer in the Garden, June 26, 4:00 pm. Sevier County Extension office. \$10.

Monthly Meeting, Monday, July 17th, 6:00 pm (board meeting time TBA).



educational

Friday Office Hours in Horticulture, July 7, August 4, September 8. [Register here to receive reminders](#). See the entire 2022 playlist [HERE!](#)

International Master Gardeners Conference, June 18-22, 2023, Overland Park, Kansas. Early Bird registration discount has passed. [MORE INFO HERE.](#)

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

More TEMG events in [THIS CALENDAR!](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Eastern Regional Tennessee Master Gardener Conference, September 8-9, 2023, Hamilton County. Registration will begin in July.

The names below have paid their 2023 dues.

According to the bylaws, the deadline for paying dues is April 30
\$25 per MG; \$15 for additional MG spouse

THANK YOU!

Jennifer Bacon
Henry Barse
Linda Barse
Tammie Browning
Andy Bush
Pat Butler
Natileene Cassel
Lois Cooper
Joan Falsone
Patsy Farmer
Rebecca Felty
Bonnie Gathergood
Sarah Gibson
Steve Greenwell

Kathy Hammer
Andrew Hennigh
Melanie Hill
Glenna Julian
Guane Julian
Kathleen Lear
Paul Lear
Karen Less
Ashley Lowe
Leo Lubke
Audrey Maclellan
Colette Mancke
Diane McCullen
John Oakberg

Linda Oakberg
Pam (Jeannie) Ogle
Sandra Palmer
Carl Parsons
Teresa Rae
Monica Scaccianocce
Dixie Seaton
Jerry Shonk
Donna Stinnett
Renee Thrapp
Steve Wilson
Lois Worthington
Bonnie Young

letter from the president



Therapy in the Garden

It's June already! The running around for the spring planning, planting and sales is past us now. Most of you have gotten most of your own home gardens cleaned up and planted. Now we enjoy watching things grow and maintain the beds. Hopefully our spring vision comes to fruition by midsummer and we can sit back and enjoy the view with our iced tea and a good breeze!

Horticultural therapy - the science of how gardening can make people healthier - is the program for this next meeting. Read the write up on our great speaker, Melody Rose, the UT Agent from Greene County, and come to learn new things in this bona fide field of therapy. I, for one, are truly excited to hear this presentation! (OH, and due to her traveling time, this month's program is still starting at 6:30 p.m.)

Speaking of gardening and growth, our club is doing well in the growth department as we add more new interns to our membership. We are so excited to make these new acquaintances that love gardens as much as we do! VP Diane is planning some excellent programs and opportunities to just fellowship together and get better acquainted. Agent Matt is also working on field trips and open garden classes. Don't miss them! They are all CEUs for your records (are you caught up in recording your hours?!! I am not and know how hard it is to go back to find your calendar notes. Do better than your President and keep up with inputting your hours! Haha!) Use these opportunities to make real friendships. And talk to other gardeners with different skill sets than your own, as that gives us more resources as we tend our own gardens.

Always be sure to read your whole newsletter! There are programs, tours, work days - dates you need in your calendar. Summer volunteers get thin, so please try to do your hour or two and answer some pleas for help. We're also responsible to have read the minutes and treasurer's report if we are to vote to approve without the reading at the meetings...

Mostly this summer, take time to relax and smell the roses - literally. Walk the gardens, do the tours, enjoy the birds and butterflies as you water and weed. Find that great shade tree and sit a while. Commune with nature and feed your soul. Garden therapy. That is, after all, why we are out there, isn't it?

Your Gardening Friend -

Dixie Seaton
SCAMGA President

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.

Andrew Hennigh is our Member at Large and the primary contact for this project. Please remember that he is your member contact with the board. Contact Andrew Hennigh, Diane McCullen, or Dixie Seaton if you have questions.

If you have ideas, projects, etc., to be considered please call Andrew. 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).



SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

Jun 26th @ 4:00pm

- Weeds
- Pests
- Diseases
- Watering
- Harvest

\$10

Register and Pay Here

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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.

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MG interns Terrie, Linda, & Shauna received certificates in the May meeting.

SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

meeting minutes

MAY 15, 2023

ATTENDANCE: 26

PROGRAM

Member Melanie Hill presented “*All About Lavender.*” A short reception for the new Interns followed the presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order: President Dixie Seaton called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Plant Sale: Tammie Browning reported that the Plant Sale was a success despite the small sizes of the plants grown in the SCAMGA greenhouse. With 20 vendors participating and 1200 attendees, we took in \$725 in vendor fees. Melanie Hill reported that the JMG booth made \$650. Diane McCullen reported sales of \$520 from the MG Store. Karen Less reported sales of \$2,146 from the MG plant booth. And Andy Bush stated that the Clearance Sale took in \$544.

Tammie added that the Fairgrounds did not charge us the standard \$700 usage fee. She also circulated a Thank You card for the Fairgrounds maintenance supervisor to express our appreciation for his team’s assistance.

The Fairgrounds has requested that we participate in a beautification project, perhaps plant flowers

around the entrance sign. Patsy Farmer will lead that project but will need some volunteers.

Diane McCullen said that the focus next year for the MG Store will be making decorative plant containers and birdhouses.

Andy Bush asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of our Ask-a-Master-Gardener sign.

Greenhouse: Dixie Seaton stated that the greenhouse is now closed for the summer and thanked all who helped with the planting and watering this year.

Demo Garden: Diane McCullen announced a workday for the garden for Tuesday, May 16, at 9 AM and Firewise training in the garden for June 2, also at 9 AM.

JMG: Melanie Hill reported that the last JMG regular meeting for the school year will be Saturday, May 20. A day camp event is still planned for May 18th at the Smoky Mountains Heritage Center.

Senior Center: Glenna Julian reported that the Senior Center Plant Sale raised \$1200. A follow up is planned to sell the remaining plants at the Senior Center Yard Sale.

Speakers Bureau: Andrew Hennigh reported that there was no new requests for speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

County Fair: Dixie announced that a standing committee needs to be formed to plan our participation in next year’s Sevier County Fair. She asked for 5 volunteers. Those responding were Karen Hall, Diane McCullen, and three of this year’s interns: Shauna Bayless, Linda Douglas, and Terrie O’Lear.

Juneteenth Holiday: Although the Extension Office will be closed on June 19th, our SCAMGA membership meeting will still be held. Subsequent to the meeting, Diane McCullen confirmed that the speaker for that meeting, Melody Rose, will be available.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule Issue: Discussion of changing the Membership Meeting starting time from 6:30 to 6:00 was resumed. Nat Cassel moved that 6:00 PM become the new starting time; the motion was seconded by Patsy Farmer. On a show of hands, the motion carried 15 to 6 with 5 not voting.

By-Laws: John Oakberg stated that he would, within the next few months, have a set of revisions for the by-laws intended to make clarifications.

Christmas Party: The Board presented two options for the next Christmas Party: (1) Continue with a catered meal but members pay

full cost to avoid a group conflict of interest per the UT MG guidelines, or (2) Members pay only for the cost of a venue and bring potluck dishes. After discussion—including a third option of paying for vendor-supplied meat and the venue—the membership asked the Board to make the decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenna Julian announced that Mynatt Park in Gatlinburg is now available for use.

Andy Bush offered coffee plants and sugar apple plants to anyone who is interested.

Karen Hall announced a trip to Oakes Daylilies in Corryton on June 23.

Matt Anderson asked anyone interested in participating in a day trip to the Tennessee Tree Nursery in McMinnville on May 31 notify him ASAP.

NEXT MEETING

June 19 with guest speaker Melody Rose, Extension Agent for Greene County, speaking on the topic “*Horticultural Therapy.*”

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Parsons
Secretary

plant sale 2024

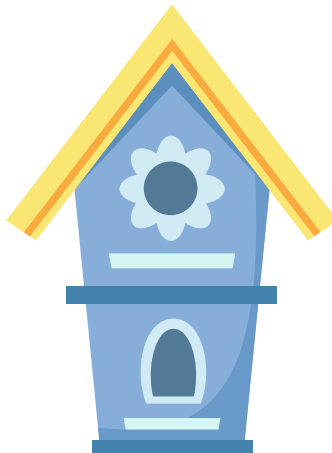
I know this is a bit early but I am hoping to continue to have our Master Gardener Store at the plant sale. Next year we will focus our store on a few items that will enhance the gardening experience.

We will need pots - It you have any that you would be willing to donate put them aside for next April

We will need **birdhouses and bee houses** - I am looking for donations of wood to make the houses. I will have the houses constructed and our group will have the opportunity to turn them into things of beauty.

Tools - New or gently used tools will be greatly appreciated

Books - Any gardening books will be greatly appreciated



demo garden news



Thanks to everyone who has shown up to work in our Demo Garden. I know it is hard to leave your gardens during this busy time but we have had several events in the gardens so far and more to come and we need to have the gardens create a positive outlook on gardening. We are utilizing the demo garden more and more for what it was created to do... educate. Matt is doing a great job offering the community a chance to come and talk about gardening and I really appreciate those of you who have helped shape the gardens into something we are proud of. Please continue to come and help keep our gardens amazing.

We will have our monthly scheduled work day on June 20th at 9:00 am. July will find us in the gardens on the 10th and 18th at 9:00 am. That should carry us over to August and the big push to the fair.

See you in the garden,
Diane McCullen

treasury report

Sevier Co. Area Master Gardener Assoc. | May 2023

Sevier County Area Master Gardener Association May Financial Report							
Item	Month Account Summary			Budget Summary to Date			
	Income	Expense	Balance	Budget	Income	Expense	Balance
MG account balance	as of 04/30/23 5901.49						
Added approved items	46.09	0.00	46.09	0.00	361.76	964.60	(602.84)
County Fair decoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
County Fair MG	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
December dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Demo garden	0.00	237.49	(237.49)	1000.00	0.00	535.30	464.70
Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	855.00	0.00	855.00
Greenhouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Plant sale	749.00	160.03	588.97	1200.00	3458.67	1153.41	3505.26
Scrapbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Senior Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storage unit	0.00	57.00	(57.00)	540.00	0.00	261.00	279.00
Tomato seed project	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	266.44	483.56
Virtual meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	165.00
Wilderness Wildlife Week	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals as of 05/31/23	749.00	454.52	6242.06	4080.00	4675.43	3180.75	5574.68

MG Financial Report submitted by John Oakberg.



MAY 2023 Junior Master Gardeners-May Financial Report

	Totals Remaining 4/30	May Expense/Income	Totals Remaining 5/31
Knoxville Funds	1487.88		1562.54
Sevierville Funds	125.65		521.67
Total	1613.53		2084.21
EDUCATION:	Totals		Totals
Education -beyond the classroom	250.00	-145.25	104.75
Field Trips	250.00	0	250.00
Summer Programs	202.13	0	202.13
SUPPLIES-EDUCATION			
Leaf and Vine Supplies	64.62	0	64.62
Buds Club Supplies	72.22	0	72.22
SUPPLIES-OTHER:			
Fall Kick Off	50	0	50
Plant Sale	34.25	-46.09	-11.84
Garden	118.54	0	118.54
OTHER:			
Fair Sponsorship	0	0	0
Fair Ad	0	0	0
Storage	0	*-38.00	-38.00
JMG Leader Training	0	0	0
Budget TOTAL:	1041.76		812.42
Funds Not Budgeted	557.77	-43.64	
Knoxville Funds Credit		** +399.96	
Knoxville Funds Expense		** -350.00	564.09
Income			
Total Income	14.00	Plant Sale +693.70	707.70
TOTAL FUNDS	1613.53		2084.21

* Storage Unit was paid in April-looking into why it was not stopped in March

**Knoxville Credited back amount spent for picnic tables at Lowes, then \$350.00 deducted for the expense

If you have questions about this report please see me directly. Thank you.

JMG Financial Report submitted by Melanie Hill.

learning about our gardening past

by *Melanie Hill*

A lot of what we know about gardening and plants today comes from our ancestors.

Early life in East Tennessee was not easy, people had to make the most of what they had including the use of the plants around them. This is what our JMgers learned about on our visit to the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center on May 18.

Trevor Lanier, museum curator, led the group through the heirloom garden. He explained what plants were native, those that the pioneers brought with them, and the household and medicinal uses of each plant. JMgers learned how the herbs would be made into tisanes, salves, and poultices as a way to administer the medicines that they could make themselves, since doctors were not readily available to them.

Master Gardener and Heritage Center volunteer, Donna Stinnett, took the kids through a learning experience about pioneer life in the Smoky Mountains.



From the customs of caring for the sick, the foods available, and what was needed for everyday life. One interesting story included the use

of hollyhocks and lamb's ear. You should ask Donna about it!

After lunch, the kids planted a kitchen garden outside the Cardwell house. JMgers planted both cooking and medicinal herbs. Donna also shared a late 1600's solution to keep birds out of

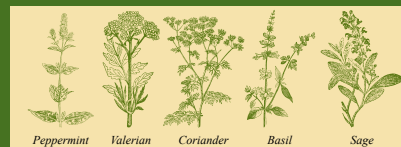


your garden-planting feathers in a circle in the center of your garden bed. Our day concluded with the handing out of awards.



June gardening tip from WT Gardens

The best time to harvest most herbs is just before flowering. This time is when the leaves contain the maximum essential oils.





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“A man may esteem himself happy when
that which is his food is also his medicine.”

- Henry David Thoreau

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