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On the cover: Pollinators are loving the bird-planted sunflowers. Photo credit: Teresa Rae

august meeting info

Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:00 pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!!!

Bring your favorite ice cream and toppings and meet us at the extension office on Monday, August 21st at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy our ice cream at the office and then walk back to the gardens for a brief tour.



MGs: If you received a weird email from Dixie about payment with online companies and something about John – IGNORE it! Report it as a hack if it gives you that option but otherwise delete it.

**Sorry for any inconvenience!
All passwords have been changed!**

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opportunities



educational

volunteer

Demo Garden Workday, Tuesday, August 22, 9 am.

Sevier County Fair, August 29-September 4. Volunteer opportunities also available for fair setup and intake. Detailed information at August meeting.

SAVE the DATE!

2024 TEMG Intern Training, January 30-April 23.

meetings & events

Monthly Meeting, Monday, August 21st, 6:00 pm, ice cream social at the extension office. 6:00pm

Sevier County Fair, August 30-September-September 4.

Monthly Meeting, Monday, September 18th, 6:00 pm (board meeting TBA).

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

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

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

Eastern Regional Tennessee Master Gardener Conference, September 8-9, 2023, Hamilton County. See schedule on back cover of newsletter. [Register HERE.](#)

Hypertufa Workshop, Saturday, September 23, 10am, Demo Garden.

SAVE the DATE!

Tennessee Fall Garden Series, Mondays October 2-30.

Camping in the Old Style, October 14. Cradle of Forestry, 11250 Pisgah Hwy. Pisgah Forest, NC. 10 am to 5 pm Free entry with paid admission to Cradle. Let Matt know if interested.

2024 TEMG Intern Training, January 30-April 23.

From Matthew: volunteer hours seem to be behind this year. If you have not input all your volunteer hours that you have done, please input them. If you need help, please reach out to Matt. Here is the website: <https://temg.tennessee.edu/>.

Northview reached out to see if any of our MGs would be interested in doing a little fall gardening class in the garden for the kids. Some of you helped out in years past. The want to do a rotation and let the kids learn and plant. Let Matthew know if you are interested.

Save the date!

hypertufa workshop

September 18, 2023, SCAMGA meeting

Our program in September will be about making Hypertufa pots. You will have an opportunity on September 23rd to create a hypertufa pot of your own. This workshop will be for Master Gardeners only. We have limited space for this activity, so the first 10 to sign up and pay will get to participate. You will make two pots. One pot will be sold at the MG plant

sale, the other is yours to keep. You will need to bring two small molds (I'll have examples of those at the August meeting) gloves, and a cork. The cost is \$10.00. We will meet at 10 AM in the Demo Gardens on the 23rd. A sign up sheet and payment envelope will be out at the August Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at ldmccullen@sbcglobal.net



The hypertufa pictured was taken at the International Master Gardener Conference.

letter from the president



summer program on Monarch butterflies. We will check out your seeds for program attendees, so that they may plant them this fall.

*Thank you so much!
William Guim,
Seed Catalog Coordinator*

Late summer... Where are we physically? Where are we mentally?

There is something about August that, at least for us “older folk” (that didn’t start school ‘til Labor Day...) that gives us time and permission to just, well, sit. Avoiding the heat. Not so much fighting the weeds. Still watering, watering, watering – but also allowing a spritz or two to come overhead our way.

Did you know that school started here Aug 9th? The Sevier County Fair starts Aug 29? And our Eastern Region Master Gardener Conference is in Chattanooga September 8-9?

Why do we publish all these events, encourage classes, ask for volunteers? We did the classes, got the books and info, and dog-gone it, we are really busy at home! Well! As Extension Master Gardeners we all have tied into a fantastic organization where we can keep learning about gardening techniques, plant problems and meet experts to help us. All that is at our beck-and-call, and all they ask is that we volunteer some hours in some fashion in the garden, or giving a program, or

sharing knowledge just visiting one-on-one.

Going to our regular meetings gives us some education hours and information, but regional meetings and events will give you even more! We’re enjoying that lifelong learning that mental health experts say we need to do. If you are interested in attending the Eastern Region Conference, let us know. We’d be glad to arrange carpooling and some of us like to share hotel rooms. Email me at the club address – SevierCoTNMasterGardeners@gmail.com.

Community classes, booths at local events, speaking at clubs - Is it worth it? We get feedback that tells us so. And it can be just a small thing, a gesture or conversation sharing our passion – our MG friend Glenna shared this “thank you” card she recently received:

“Dear Ms. Julian,

Recently Ms. Nancy Snowden passed along your milkweed seeds to compliment our seed collection at Oak Ridge Public Library. Your seed donation was the inspiration for the library to offer a

Was this a huge project? Hours and hours of work? No, just a thoughtful sharing of seeds and knowledge.

Diane will be publishing her needs for “all hands-on deck” volunteers in the Demo Garden to de-weed and top dress mulch so it’s ready for our fall events. Except for our unmanned table inside the Exhibit Hall, this year EVERYTHING else we do for the Sevier Co Fair will be in our glorious Teaching Patch. Watch for information from Karen Hall on working the Ask a MG table and giving tours out there. We’ll need lots of help from the 29th-Sept 4th.

It’s early August. Take a breath, sit in the shade, and be glad – summer is winding down and we’re looking Fall in the eye!

See you at the August 21st celebration of the Teaching Patch 10th Anniversary. Bring your fav ice cream and toppings!

Dixie Seaton
SCAMGA President



Our favorite week to promote our club and demo garden is here - the Sevier County Fair! Sign up to hang in the demo garden one of the evenings from Aug 29-Sept 4. Easy work, just talking with visitors about the plants and the club. Invite them in and show off our Teaching Patch!

BUT don't forget to enter your plants and other items in the Exhibit Hall - help us fill the Floral Dept this year. It's hot and will be in there two weeks, but actual gardeners do their best with fans and watering. You might not take your very best rare plants, but we all have hardy good-looking plants that can have a shot at a prize! Just need to be healthy and in a clean pot. **Last day to enter potted plants is Aug 24. CUT FLOWERS and designs come in Aug 27 & 28.** Pick up your fair book or look online to see the 3 pages of entry options in floral - then you can register online.

THEN how about entering the Tennessee Valley Fair the next week? Did you know even though its in Knoxville its actually a state fair? Did you know they have 3 flower shows? There are different plants/designs on different days. Check out their entry information: **General Exhibitors (tnvalleyfair.org)**

AND THEN how about the Blue Ribbon Fair at the Heritage Center in Townsend on Sept 30th? Talk about fun! Blue Ribbon Country Fair - Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center (**gsmheritagecenter.org**)

Lots of opportunities to show off all your gorgeous plants, flowers and produce this next several weeks. Have fun and go for it!

Dixie Seaton
SCAMGA President



demo garden news

The fair is almost here! We are hoping to have lots of visitors in our gardens! Along with the MG gardens we will have exhibitions from our JMG group displayed this year!

We will have two scheduled workdays before the fair. The dates are August 10th and 22nd at 9:00 am. I DESPERATELY need any and everyone who can to show up for these dates, to do so. The 22nd will be a mulching day! Be sure and bring your wheelbarrows, wagons, shovels and rakes. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

See you in the gardens,
Diane McCullen

SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

meeting minutes

JULY 17, 2023

PROGRAM

Picnic meeting held at Sam Ellis Way Pavilion in Pitman Center, hosted by Member Patsy Farmer in recognition of the Tomato Seed Project volunteers.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 19 Meeting were accepted without revisions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Fair: Karen Hall reported that her committee will be painting flowers on the floor of the County Fair Exhibit Hall. She also asked for donations of large flowerpots to be used for decoration in the Demo Garden and Exhibit Hall. SCAMGA will have the usual information booth, but it will be unmanned. Instead, volunteers will be stationed in the Demo Garden. Also, members need to consider entering exhibits in the various Fair competitions categories. The next committee workday is Wednesday, July 19, at 9:00 AM.

Demo Garden: Diane McCullen reported that the next garden workday is also Wednesday, July 19, at 9:00 AM.

Senior Center: Lois Worthington, reporting for Glenna Julian, stated that the next workday at the Senior Center will be Wednesday, July 19, at 9:00 AM.

JMG: Dixie Seaton, reporting for Melanie Hill, stated that the JMG July programs are in progress.

Member-at-Large: No report.

Program: Diane McCullen stated that during the August Ice Cream Social the food will be served inside the Extension Office rather than in the Demo Garden.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party: Diane reported that the Christmas Party is set for December 4 at the Sevierville Country Club, but pricing will not be known until November.

NEW BUSINESS

SCAMGA Board Meetings: Dixie announced that the Board will now be meeting on the Mondays at 1:00 PM the week BEFORE the Membership Meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TN Master Gardener Eastern Regional Conference: Dixie announced that this year's

conference will be held in Chattanooga at the Aquarium on September 8 and 9.

Newsletter: The deadline for the August newsletter is August 1.

Next Membership Meeting: The Ice Cream Social at the Extension Office/Demo Garden on August 21 at 6:00 PM.

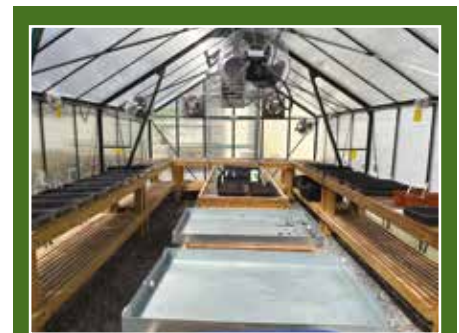
ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Parsons

Secretary



look!

The greenhouse is all planted up for the fair!

photo credit: Dixie Seaton

scamga speakers bureau

We all have our areas of gardening expertise that we hope 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).



jmg mornings in the garden



The Junior Master Gardener Mornings in the Garden program is a youth gardening program that promotes a love of gardening, while promoting good gardening practices. Every Wednesday in July, kids ages 6-13 came together at the Master Gardeners Demo garden to conduct experiments and engage in hands-on activities to learn about gardening.

Participants conducted experiments to discover the best types of soil for planting by using the soil shaker method to separate the layers of soil. They measured soil compaction by testing soil samples with instruments

they created. Other lessons focused on water in the garden, planting seeds and plants and the different things that can be collected in a garden.

With each lesson, they also created a garden craft based on that day's lesson. While learning about the water cycle, they created rain chains to use in their own gardens. After learning different ways to use recycled plastics in the garden, participants fashioned animal planters from recycled water jugs. Other projects included pebble art and dried flower arrangements made from dried garden materials.

Melanie Hill
JMG Chair



treasury report

Sevier County Area Master Gardener Association June 2023 Financial Report							
Item	Month Account Summary			Budget Summary to Date			
	Income	Expense	Balance	Budget	Income	Expense	Balance
MG account balance	as of 05/31/23 5835.23						
Added approved items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.76	964.60	(602.84)
County Fair decoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Fair MG	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Demo garden	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	535.30	(535.30)
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	0.00
Plant sale	1.67	65.00	(63.33)	1200.00	3458.67	1218.41	2240.26
Scrapbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Senior Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storage unit	0.00	114.00	(114.00)	540.00	0.00	375.00	(375.00)
Tomato seed project	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	266.44	(266.44)
Virtual meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wilderness Wildlife Week	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals as of 06/30/23	1.67	179.00	5657.90	4080.00	4675.43	3359.75	1315.68

MG Financial Report submitted by John Oakberg.

Junior Master Gardeners June Financial Report

	Totals Remaining 5/31	June Expense/Income	Totals Remaining 6/30
Knoxville Funds	1562.54		1562.54
Sevierville Funds	521.67		521.67
Total	2084.21		2084.21
EDUCATION:	Totals		Totals
Education -beyond the classroom	104.75	0	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	-11.84	0	-11.84
Garden	118.54	0	118.54
OTHER:			
Fair Sponsorship	0	0	0
Fair Ad	0	0	0
Storage	-38.00		-38.00
JMG Leader Training	0	0	0
Budget TOTAL:	812.42		812.42
Funds Not Budgeted	1271.79	0	1271.79
Knoxville Funds Credit		0	
Knoxville Funds Expense		0	
Income		0	
Total Income		0	
TOTAL FUNDS	2084.21		2084.21

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

JMG Financial Report submitted by Melanie Hill.



WELCOME HOME *To your Tennessee Garden*

JOIN YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE FOR A NEW FALL GARDEN SERIES- MONDAYS IN OCTOBER



Great horticulture teaching from our best educators

- Oct. 2- Welcome to TN climate and soils
- Oct. 9- Sustainable landscapes
- Oct. 16- Small scale veggies and fruits
- Oct. 23- Lawns and flowers
- Oct. 30- Shrubs and trees



Local labs and activities in your county each week

- Soil testing and amendments
- Landscape assessment and planning
- Garden planning and cover crops
- Identifying and controlling weeds
- Selecting the best trees and shrubs for your needs



New Resources!

New Extension publication written just for new Tennessee residents and beginner homeowners and gardeners!



CHECK OUT UTHORT.COM FOR GREAT RESOURCES

Contact your local Extension Office for more information and registration details



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Newsletter content is due on the 1st of each month, and should be emailed to peatree@peatreedesigns.com
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.



2023 Exhibit Registration Times & Hours of Operation

Pre-Register your exhibit items online at www.seviercountyfair.org – Save time by not waiting in line.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2023						August 18	August 19
Sevier County Fair Presented by Farm Bureau Sevier County Pre-register exhibits online at www.seviercountyfair.org						10:00 - 4:00	10:00 - 4:00
August 20 10:00 - 4:00	August 21 10:00 - 4:00	August 22 10:00 - 4:00	August 23 10:00 - 4:00	August 24 10:00 - 7:00	August 25 Judging & Set-up	August 26 Set-up	
August 27 9:00 - 3:00	August 28 9:00 - 12:00 Judging (1-5)	August 29 Fair Open 5:00 - 10:00	August 30 Fair Open 5:00 - 10:00	August 31 Fair Open 4:00 - 10:00	September 1 Fair Open 3:00 - 11:00	September 2 Fair Open 3:00 - 11:00	
September 3 Fair Open 3:00 - 11:00	September 4 Fair Open 3:00 - 10:00	September 5 Exhibit Take Down Days	September 6 Exhibit Take Down Days	September 7 Exhibit Pick-Up Dates 10:00 - 4:00	September 8 Exhibit Pick-Up Dates 10:00 - 7:00	September 9 Exhibit Pick-Up Dates 10:00 - 4:00	

*Drop off all items EXCEPT Baked Goods, Candy, Cut Flowers, & Farm Crops
 *Drop off for Baked Goods, Candy, Cut Flowers, & Farm Crops ONLY
 *FAIR OPEN *Exhibit Pick Up (all exhibits) *NOT open to the Public

Dont miss the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Eastern Region Conference!

September 8-9 • Chattanooga



Contact Matthew in the extension office if you're interested. SCAMGA is arranging carpooling and room sharing

Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Eastern Region Conference- 2023 Celebrating and Sustaining our Tennessee Natural Resources

Chattanooga, Tennessee – September 8th and 9th

Hosted by Master Gardeners of Hamilton County

Friday, September 8th			
3:00- 6:00 pm	Self-guided tour of Hamilton County EMG projects- At your own pace with local EMG hosts at each service project site		
6:00-6:30 pm	Registration at Tennessee Aquarium		
6:30-6:45 pm	Welcome		
6:45-8:45 pm	Hors d'oeuvres and tour of Tennessee Freshwater Aquarium		
Saturday, September 9th			
8:30-9:00 am	Registration and light breakfast		
9:00-9:30 am	Opening and Welcome		
9:30-10:20 am	Opening Keynote- Mike Ross- Sustainable Landscapes in Real Life		
10:20-10:35 am	Morning break		
10:35-11:30 am	Riparian Ecosystem walk- Mike Ross (greenway)	Landscaping for wildlife and pollinators- Justin Stefanski (lecture)	Diagnostics in lawns and beyond- Dr. Becky Bowling (workshop)
11:35-12:55	Lunch and Turfgrass for Skeptics with Dr. Becky Bowling		
1:00-1:50 pm	TN SmartYards- Dr. Andrea Ludwig and friends (workshop)	Backyard birds- TN River Gorge Trust (lecture)	Plant Health Care for trees and shrubs- Lee Rumble (greenway)
2:00-2:50 pm	TN SmartCommunities- Dr. Andrea Ludwig and friends (workshop)	Magical Monarchs- Kym Martin (workshop)	Diagnostics in fruits and vegetables – Dr. Natalie Bumgarner and friends (workshop)
3:00-3:30 pm	Closing and departure		