

Dear Master Gardener,

I would like to invite you to the 2015 Eastern Region Master Gardener Day scheduled for Saturday May 30 at the University of Tennessee Agriculture Campus in Knoxville. The program will be held in the Auditorium of the Ellington Plant Science Building. We will start at 9:00 am and conclude around 4:15 pm.

Please wear your Master Gardener Nametag as we will not be providing them for the day's activities.

The planning committee has worked hard to put together what they believe will be an educational and fun program. You will have several different topics as well as afternoon tours to choose from during the day's activities.

Again this year there will be a plant swap for you to bring plants to participate in, a silent auction and a wonderful meal provided by Anderson Farms.

Cost for this day's activities are \$25.00 Feel free to invite prospective Master Gardeners and spouses. Registration is needed by May 20th so we can arrange for the proper amount of food. Enclosed with this letter you will find a registration form, program schedule and information about the plant swap.

Counties and individuals are encouraged to bring posters and displays promoting Master Gardener activities to be displayed in the auditorium so others can learn about the programs across East Tennessee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this program.

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Master Gardener Day Registration

May 30, 2015 9:00 am -4:15 pm
University of Tennessee Agriculture Campus

Deadline to Register - May20, 2015

Registration Fee \$25.00

Name

Address

Phone

County Affiliation

E-Mail Address

Payment enclosed Amount \$

Make checks payable to University of Tennessee Sevier
County

Please Mail to:

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Sevierville County Extension Office
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Sevierville, Tn 37862
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Eastern Region Master Gardener Day

May 30, 2015

Time	Activities				
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration</i>				
9:30--9:45	Sharing of MG program activities through posters and displays. Silent Auction Starts				
Rooms	<i>Introduction</i>				
10:00-10:45 Class 1	Bio Tech 156 Establishing turf grass for your lawn Dr. Tom Samples UT Turfgrass Specialist	Bio Tech 118 Shrubs for the Tennessee landscape Maureen Thiessen Eastern Region Ornamental Specialist	Bio Tech 157 How new plants come to market UT Garden Staff	Plant Science 125 Basic food preservation Linda Hyder Sevier County Extension Agent	
10:45-11:15	Break (Refreshments and Socialize) Plant Swap Silent Auction Continues				
11:15-12:00 Class 2	Renovating your home lawn Dr. Tom Samples UT Turfgrass Specialist	Care and pruning landscape shrubs Maureen Thiessen Eastern Region Ornamental Specialist	Plants for difficult places UT Garden Staff	Growing tomatoes in the Home Garden Anthony Carver Granger County Extension Agent	
12:15-1:15	Lunch in Auditorium. Lunch Natalie Bumgarner State Master Gardener Coordinator Plant Swap, Silent Auction concludes				
1:30-2:15 Class 3	Rain gardens and managing stormwater Andrea Ludwig UT Stormwater Specialist	Eastern Region Alliance Master Gardener Meeting Carol Burdett	2015 Gardening trends and Hot new plants UT Garden Staff	Grafting tomatoes Dr. Carl Sams UT Crop Physiology	
2:30-2:45	Afternoon Break Auditorium Meet in Auditorium for Afternoon Garden Tours				
Afternoon Workshops In The Gardens					
2:45-4:15	UT Gardens The All-American Selections Test Garden UT Garden Staff	UT Gardens The New Children's Garden and Tree House UT Garden Staff			

Prepare Now for the Master Gardener Day Plant Swap on May 30, 2015

Now is a perfect time to collect seeds, transplant seedlings or dig and divide plants and gather garden related items for the plant swap.

This year's plant swap will have some simple guidelines.

1. Drop off your plants, seeds, etc. before the days activities begin for the morning. The swap area will be right outside our main meeting area.
2. Have your plants and seeds labeled with the plant name.
3. Bring a box, laundry basket, bucket or whatever you want to collect your plants in. Put your name on your collection box.
4. Plants, seeds and garden related items will be swapped on the honor system.

The most important guideline is swapping on the honor system.

If you bring items you can make your selections in the morning before the speakers start and between morning sessions. You can keep swapping items throughout the day.

Make your selections from the tables in the middle of the swap area.

Place your items in your box and place it along the side of the swap area.

If you see plants along the side of the swap area, leave them alone, they belong to someone else.

If you did not bring items for the swap you will be allowed to make selections during the last half of lunch, between and after the afternoon sessions.

By allowing the people that brought items to make selections in the morning, then opening the swap to all gardeners in the afternoon everyone will have a fair and fun opportunity.

Help make this a great event by bringing something to swap. Remember you can bring plants, seeds, and garden related items. Honor the guidelines and have fun.