

# 2017 UT Gardens-Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens Classes And Events

Unless otherwise noted, classes and events will be held on the grounds of the  
UT Gardens-Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens.  
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## 2017 UPDATES!

- Construction is underway to provide handicap accessibility and when completed, the office building will be ADA compliant. Restrooms will then be available to those visiting the UT Gardens-Crossville during non-office hours.
- Upon completion of the structure formerly identified as the pavilion, presenters will determine whether their class will be held in the "Office Classroom" or the "Garden Classroom". Dress appropriately!

**Field Trips to the KinderGarden:** Cumberland County Master Gardeners can provide an educational experience for groups of preschool and early elementary children. Typically offered in the fall before a hard frost to capitalize on the peak garden experience, other dates can be coordinated. Field trips must be coordinated by contacting Jennifer at the contacts listed below.

**REGISTRATION:** In order for Cumberland County Master Gardeners to be properly prepared for each class, registration is required. Registration fees (if any) will be collected at the door the day of class. You may register in person at the UT PREC office, or, by phone/email to Jennifer Burns at 931-484-0034, [jburns35@utk.edu](mailto:jburns35@utk.edu).

**GARDEN TO TABLE:** Some classes require a minimum of 8 registrations to avoid cancellation. These classes are identified in the following list.

**WAITING LIST/CANCELLATION:** A waiting list will be taken for all classes after the limit has been reached. If and when a cancellation is received, the first person on the waiting list will be given the opportunity to attend.

**ADDITIONAL CLASSES:** Please visit [ccmga.org](http://ccmga.org) or [plateau.tennessee.edu](http://plateau.tennessee.edu) regularly as classes will be added throughout the year, or, contact Bev at [ccmgnews@gmail.com](mailto:ccmgnews@gmail.com) and request to be added to the Plateau Discovery Gardens email announcements and reminders.

**TIMES:** For those of you traveling to attend our classes, Crossville is in the Central Time Zone.

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| Sat., Feb. 25<br>9-11:30 am | <b><i>Pruning Fruit Trees (Gregg Upchurch and Fred Mullen)</i></b><br>To get a new fruit tree off to the right start, virtually nothing is as important as pruning. Join Gregg and Fred as they share the basics of when and how to prune fruit trees.   | Fee: None | Limit: 60 |
| Sat., Mar. 11<br>9-11:30 am | <b><i>Summer Vegetable Gardening and Raised Beds (Fred Mullen, Sid Morgan)</i></b><br>Advice on how to plant, grow and harvest those summer vegetables. And because we live on the Plateau where soil depth is limited, an overview of raised bed gardening will also be provided. Fred and Sid will remain until all questions have been answered.  | Fee: None | Limit: 60 |
| Sat., Mar. 18<br>9-11:30 am | <b><i>Growing in a Greenhouse (Fred Mullen)</i></b><br>Greenhouse growing can be twice as successful with half the trouble if you incorporate proper techniques.   | Fee: None | Limit: 60 |
| TBA:                        | <b><i>Cooking with Herbs (Dean Towers)</i></b><br>Master Gardener and Chef Dean will discuss growing herbs, making fresh herb blends such as pesto and gremolata, talk food and herb pairings and we will sample what we make. Plenty of Q&A time. Each attendee will receive an herb plant to take home along with recipes.   | Fee: TBA  | Limit: 40 |
| Sat., Mar. 25<br>8-11 am    | <b><i>Evergreens for your Garden (Carol Burdett)</i></b><br>Evergreens provide year round structure to the home landscape. Are all evergreens conifers? Are all conifers evergreens? Carol will provide a tour of the evergreen and conifer varieties in the Gardens beginning at 8:30, followed by a powerpoint presentation and additional questions/answers at 10. Join Carol for the tour, the powerpoint presentation, or both. | Fee: None | Limit: 60 |
| Sat., Apr. 1<br>10-11:30 am | <b><i>New to Flower Gardening? (Janet Dowlen)</i></b><br>A flower garden enhances the outdoor surroundings. But before you sink that spade into the soil, hear the basics!   | Fee: None | Limit: 60 |

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| Sat., Apr. 8<br>9-11:30 am                                | <b>Small Fruits and Berries (Fred Mullen)</b><br>Straw, blue, black, rasp, or grapes...which grow best on the Plateau? And what steps are needed for a successful harvest?   | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| TBA   | <b>Children's Easter Egg Hunt</b>  |   |           |
| TBA   | <b>Favorite Plants of the Plateau (Master Gardener Panel)</b><br>Unsure of plant varieties that survive this area of the Plateau? This panel of Cumberland County Master Gardeners will answer questions and plants they've found successful as well as plants to avoid. CCMGA resources will be available for purchase ('Favorite Plants for the Plateau' and 'Gardening Almanac for the Plateau'). | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| Fri., Apr. 21<br>10 am-6 pm<br>Sat., Apr. 22<br>9 am-5 pm | <b>BEES, BUDS, AND BUTTERFLIES:<br/>EDUCATION, EXHIBITS, MARKETPLACE</b><br>The 2017 Flower and Garden Show will be held at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds. This fundraiser provides the financial support for the Master Gardener outreach in this county, including the monies to support our Gardens and college internships. Please support us with your attendance!                          | Fee: \$3 covers admission for both days |           |
| Fri., May 5<br>3-6 pm                                     | <b>PRESALE: UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale</b><br>10% discount for members of the UT Gardens Friends Program.  |   |           |
| Sat., May 6<br>9 am-3 pm                                  | <b>UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale</b><br>A complete list of plants and prices will be available on <a href="http://ccmga.org">ccmga.org</a> or <a href="http://plateau.tennessee.edu">plateau.tennessee.edu</a> no later than April 22nd.  |   |           |
| Sat., May 6<br>10-11:00 am                                | <b>Deer Resistant Plants for the Plateau-<br/>Don't Let Your Yard Be Bambi's Buffet (Janet Dowlen)</b><br>Trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals that are supposed to be "deer resistant" along with possible potential deterrents and repellents to use in home landscapes.   | Fee: None                               | Limit 60  |
| Wed., May 10<br>1-3 pm                                    | <b>Straw Bale Gardening (Bev Beers and Rhoda Hiller)</b><br>A unique type of container gardening where the container is actually the straw bale itself. Once the straw inside the bale begins to decompose, the straw becomes "conditioned" and ready to plant.  | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| Sat., May 13<br>9-11:30 am                                | <b>Tomatoes (Fred Mullen)</b><br>Heirloom versus hybrid, seeds and seedlings, planting and fertilizing, watering and mulching, pinching suckers, common problems and solutions...everything you need to know about growing tomatoes!   | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| Tues., May 16<br>9:30-11:00 am                            | <b>Big Birds, Backyard Birds, and BlueBirds (Don Hazel)</b><br>Information and photos of birds observed locally, as well as the bluebird monitoring program in place for approximately 50 nesting boxes.   | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| Fri., May 19<br>1-2:30 pm                                 | <b>Saving Seeds (Jewell Wilhoite)</b><br>There is no single right reason to get started saving your own seeds. Learn best practices for harvesting and storing seeds.  | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |
| Sat., May 20<br>10 am-2 pm                                | <b>Canning Basics: Waterbath and Pressure<br/>(Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</b><br>Be ready for those garden harvests! Learn the basics of pressure and water bath canning! (Free pressure gauge testing.)   | Fee: \$25                               | Minimum 8 |
| Tues., May 23<br>9-11 am                                  | <b>Ugh! Weeds! (Gregg Upchurch)</b><br>What are these and what is the recommended treatment?   | Fee: None                               | Limit: 60 |

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| Sat., May 27<br>9-10:30 am    | <b>Groundcovers (Carol Burdett)</b><br>Groundcovers add beauty to the landscape, and also solve many planting problems found in difficult sites.  | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| Thurs., June 1<br>10-11:30 am | <b>Plant Disease Identification and Common Sense Disease Management (Alan Windham)</b><br>Learn the basics of plant disease management and logical ways to prevent or minimize damage. This class will combine classroom and garden instruction.  | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| Sat., June 17<br>9- 11 am     | <b>Becoming Your Own Garden Detective (Gregg Upchurch)</b><br>Right about now, many of us have grand aspirations for our summer gardens. Inevitably, however, as the season progresses, one or more of our precious plants will start to fade. Learn steps to identify its cause.   | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| Thurs., June 22<br>9-11 am    | <b>AgResearch Providing Real. Life. Solutions. (Brent England)</b><br>The UT Plateau AgResearch & Education Center is noted for its studies in beef, fruits and vegetables, field crops, and ornamentals. Enjoy a 1-hour presentation highlighting the latest research trials conducted at the Center and then hop on the wagon for a tour of the center.   | Fee: None                            | Limit: 45   |
| Sat., June 24<br>9-10:30 am   | <b>New Ways to Build Gardens using Nature's Principles (Carol Burdett)</b><br>Gardening with a shallow (or non-existent) soil depth is challenging, yet so many have gorgeous gardens! Using nature's principles can give you the landscape you desire.   | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| Sat., July 8<br>9-11:30 am    | <b>Fall Vegetable Gardening (Fred Mullen)</b><br>Now is the time to prepare for a cool season vegetable garden with discussion on the best varieties and tips for successful growing.   | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| July 10-14                    | <b>International Master Gardener Conference<br/>Search for Excellence Award Presentation</b><br>Cumberland County Master Gardeners will be presented the International Master Gardener Award on behalf of the UT Gardens-Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens. In addition to this prestigious award presentation, the IMGC provides an opportunity for Master Gardeners from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and South Korea to learn through seminars and tours. Our goal is to bring home ideas to share with you!<br>For additional information, visit <a href="http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/schedule/">http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/schedule/</a> | Fee: refer to conference information |             |
| Tues., July 18<br>9-11 am     | <b>Benefits of using Native Plants in the Home Landscape (Bill Morgan)</b><br>Gardening with plants native to our region protects biodiversity and creates an authentic sense of place. Hear from Gardener Bill Morgan as he shares his knowledge of the many plants that thrive here on the Plateau.   | Fee: None                            | Limit: 60   |
| TBA                           | <b>Succulent Wreaths (Rhoda Hiller and Bev Beers)</b><br>A living wreath displays a fascinating array of subtle colors and bold shapes of succulents, thriving in a brightly lit indoor or partially shaded outdoor spot, and requires only minimal care. Materials provided.   | Fee: TBA                             | Minimum 10  |
| Thurs., July 27<br>10-Noon    | <b>Freezing and Drying (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</b><br>Learn the steps needed to safely preserve foods by freezing and drying.   | Fee: \$15                            | Minimum 8   |
| Tues., Aug. 29<br>9 am-3 pm   | <b>9TH ANNUAL FALL GARDENERS' FESTIVAL</b><br>12 topics chosen for the home gardener will be presented under tents throughout the gardens, along with wagon tours of the facility, opportunities to shop from garden vendors, educational exhibits, and so much more. Bring a friend or two and join us for a day in the gardens! Visit <a href="http://ccmga.org">ccmga.org</a> or <a href="http://plateau.tennessee.edu">plateau.tennessee.edu</a> after August 1st to plan your visit!   | Fee: None                            | Limit: None |
|                               | <b>Early Childhood Field Trips to the KinderGarden</b>  | Fee: None                            | Limit: None |
| Thurs., Sept. 28<br>10-Noon   | <b>Freezer Meals (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</b><br>Learn how to prepare meals in advance-saving you time and money!  | Fee: \$15                            | Minimum 8   |

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| Sept. TBD   | <b><i>Landscaping Series (Gregg Upchurch)</i></b>                            | Fee: TBD                    | Limit: 60                |
| This series of classes will provide homeowners the basics needed for planning (or replanting) a home landscape.   |  |                             |                          |
| Sept. TBD<br>9-11:30 am   | <b><i>Tree Identification (Sid Morgan)</i></b>                               | Fee: None                   | Limit: 24                |
| Guided walk through the woody area near the Gardens will identify and discuss native trees common in this area. The date is dependent upon Mother Nature, so watch for emails from Bev as plans develop. Dress appropriately. |  |                             |                          |
| Sat., Oct. 7<br>9-10:30 am  | <b><i>Composting (Bev Beers)</i></b>   | Fee: None                   | Limit: 60                |
| Compost is one of nature's best mulches and soil amendments. Using compost improves soil structure, texture, and aeration and increases the soil's water-holding capacity. Best of all, compost is cheap.                     |  |                             |                          |
| Oct. TBD<br>9-11:30 am  | <b><i>Tree Identification (Sid Morgan)</i></b>                               | Repeat of September's class | Fee: None      Limit: 24 |
| Guided walk through the woody area near the Gardens will identify and discuss native trees common in this area. The date is dependent upon Mother Nature, so watch for emails from Bev as plans develop. Dress appropriately. |  |                             |                          |
| Thurs., Nov. 30<br>10-Noon  | <b><i>Basics of Bread Making (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i></b> | Fee: \$15                   | Minimum 8                |
| Freshly baked bread is one of life's greatest simple pleasures, and one that's much easier than you might think.  |  |                             |                          |