

UT Gardens, Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens

2018 Classes And Special Events

UT Gardens-Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens.
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REGISTRATION: Registration is requested for all classes so we can be fully prepared for your arrival. Please contact Jennifer at the numbers listed above to reserve your seat.

FEES: Some classes require a small fee to cover the cost of supplies you will be receiving. Payment is due on the day of class (cash or check) unless otherwise stated.

CLASS LOCATION: Presenters will determine whether the class will be held in the Indoor or Outdoor Classrooms. Dress appropriately for the day.

GARDEN TO TABLE CLASSES: Classes will continue to be offered throughout the year based on garden harvests. Watch for email and FaceBook notices as these classes are scheduled 2-3 weeks out. Class size will be limited, so register quickly.

CANCELLATIONS/WAITING LIST: Waiting lists 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.

FIELD TRIPS TO THE KINDERGARDEN: Cumberland County Master Gardeners coordinate field trips for preschools, kindergartens, and cub scout groups. Call the office for information.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Visit ccmga.org or ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens as classes are added throughout the year, or, request to be placed on the Garden list-serve by emailing ccmgnews@gmail.com.

New This Year!

ART IN THE GARDENS: Hands-on art and craft classes taught by area crafters and artists.

TREE PRUNING: The Cumberland County Master Gardeners and UT Plateau Research and Education Center, in coordination with the City of Crossville Tree Board, is sponsoring a class on tree pruning. The class will be taught by Seth Harrison, certified arborist and currently the Urban Forrester for the City of Crossville.

THE TENNESSEE VEGETABLE GARDEN: THROUGH THE SEASONS: This 7-class series is offered throughout the growing season, making each topic timely to the vegetable garden. Attendance will be limited to those registering for the entire series.

Tues., Jan. 9 9:30-11 am	<i>Animals of the Cumberland Plateau (Don Hazel)</i> We will discuss the animals that live here, and which ones don't. You might be surprised about what is out there that we rarely see, especially at night.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Sat., Jan.13 10-Noon	<i>Garden Goddess (Mikal Ullius)</i> (Registration Deadline: January 10) A Garden Goddess is an image that will grace and protect your garden. It is made from sticks, found objects, fabrics, wire, clay, etc. Bring specialty items to personalize yours-perhaps a written blessing you can place inside. Some construction materials will be provided. Fee is cash only and due at the time of registration.	Fee: \$15	Limit: 25
Tues., Jan. 16 9-Noon	<i>Tree Pruning (Seth Harrison)</i> Participants will begin indoors with an overview of basic tree identification, tree selection, tree planting techniques, tree care and an introduction to arborists' tools and equipment. Class will move outdoors to learn and practice proper cuts and safety considerations. Dress accordingly, as this class will be conducted whatever the weather. Bring work gloves. (This class will be repeated on Feb. 6th and Feb. 28th.)	Fee: None	Limit: 16
Sat., Jan. 20 10-Noon	<i>Creative Rock Painting (Julia Wood)</i> All materials will be provided-just wear a (short-sleeved) paint shirt. Feel free to bring your own smooth rocks. You will receive a pallet, brushes, and a rock. Paint provided: outdoor acrylics. Ages 12 and up.	Fee: \$12	Limit: 25
Tues., Jan. 23 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD

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The Tennessee Vegetable Garden: Through the Seasons

Fee: \$20

Limit: 40

Developed by University of Tennessee Extension Agents, this class series includes 14 topics discussing the fundamental components of successful vegetable gardening in the state. Registration for this series includes all 7 classes and attendance is limited to those registering for the series.

Saturday, 9-Noon	Jan. 27	<i>Climate and Site Selection</i>
	Feb. 24	<i>Soils and Nutrition</i>
	Mar. 24	<i>Plants and Planting</i>
	Apr. 21	<i>Raised Beds and Composting</i>
	May 26	<i>Garden Management</i>
	June 23	<i>Pest and Disease</i>
	July 28	<i>Cover Crops, Storage, and Season Extension</i>

Sat., Feb. 3 10-Noon	<i>Rock Rain Chains (Mikal Ullius)</i> (Registration Deadline: Jan. 30) Guiding rain water visibly down chains from the roof to the ground, these chains transform a plain gutter downspout into a pleasing water feature. Fine to bring special stones or river rocks (limit the size to those easily held on one hand). Fee is cash only and due at the time of registration.	Fee: \$15	Limit: 25
Tues., Feb. 6 9-Noon	<i>Tree Pruning (Seth Harrison)</i> (Repeat of January 16th class. See description above.)	Fee: None	Limit: 16
Sat., Feb. 10 9-11:30 am	<i>Fruit Tree Pruning (Fred Mullen and Gregg Upchurch)</i> 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., Feb. 17 10-Noon	<i>Gardening 101 (Dick Kaleba)</i> Have you thought about starting a vegetable garden, put in a flower bed or planting a tree but don't know how to start? Learn the basics to get into a hobby enjoyed by millions.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Thurs., Feb 22 TBD	<i>Pizza (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i> Homemade pizza? You bet!	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Fri., Feb 23 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	<i>250 K Tree Giveaway (Dean Towers)</i> On February 24, 2018, 250,000 native tree seedlings will be planted across Tennessee, the largest community tree planting event in Tennessee history, and the largest tree-planting event in the United States. Our Gardens will be a distribution point for these trees. For more information, visit tecten.org .		
Sat., Feb. 24 9-11 a.m.	<i>How To Properly Plant a Tree, Mini-Course (Sid Morgan)</i> For those new to planting trees, or those needing a refresher training, Sid will be providing 15 minute tree planting mini-courses at the top of each hour on Friday.		
Tues., Feb. 27 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Wed., Feb. 28 9-Noon	<i>Tree Pruning (Seth Harrison)</i> (Repeat of January 16th class. See description above.)	Fee: None	Limit: 16
Sat., Mar. 3 9-Noon	<i>The Art and Practice of Bonsai (Jim Gumnick)</i> A powerpoint presentation of the origin and art of Bonsai will be followed by a demonstration showing how to convert a nursery plant into a Bonsai Tree.	Fee: None	Limit: 40
Sat., Mar. 10 9-11:30 am	<i>Summer Vegetable Gardening and Raised Beds (Fred Mullen, Sid Morgan)</i> 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. 17 9-11:30 am	<i>Growing in a Greenhouse (Fred Mullen)</i> Greenhouse growing can be twice as successful with half the trouble if you incorporate proper techniques.	Fee: None	Limit: 60

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Sat., Mar. 17 1-3:00 p.m.	REAP: Seasons 1 & 2 (Ron Drechnik) Ever dream of a bountiful garden but find you have limited gardening space? Square foot gardening is a simple method of creating small, orderly, and highly productive kitchen gardens. 3-season garden kits will be available for purchase after class for those interested.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Sat., Mar. 24 2-3:30 pm	Hugelkultur, Nature's Raised Garden Beds (Dean Towers) Hugelkultur is a raised bed created by stacking decaying wood, making for a garden area loaded with organic material, nutrients, and air pockets for the roots of what you plant.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Tues., Mar. 27 10-Noonish	TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Tues., Mar. 27 4-5:30 p.m.	Children's Easter Egg Hunt (By Invitation Only) (Rain date: Thursday, Mar. 29)		
Sat., Apr. 7 9-11:30 am	Small Fruits and Berries (Fred Mullen) 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
Wed., Apr. 11 1-2:30 p.m.	Plant This, Not That (Lisa Huff) What are the invasive plants of Tennessee and what could you plant instead of these horrible invaders? Lisa is the Tennessee State Natural Areas Regional Stewardship Ecologist for our area.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Tues., Apr. 17 1-2:30 p.m.	Aquaponics (Hannah Crouch) Aquaponics refers to any system that combines conventional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals such as snails, fish, crayfish or prawns in tanks) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water) in a symbiotic environment.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Wed., Apr. 18 9-11 am	Using Native Plants in the Home Landscape (Bill Morgan) 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
Tues., Apr. 24 10-Noonish	TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Fri., Apr. 27 10 am-6 pm	Creative Containers: Thinking Outside the Box EDUCATION, EXHIBITS, MARKETPLACE		Admission: \$3 day
Sat., Apr. 28 9 am-5 pm	The 2018 Spring 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!		
Fri., May 4 3-6 pm	UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale: PRE-SALE FOR MEMBERS ONLY 10% discount for members of the UT Gardens showing their membership card. A complete list of plants with prices will be available on ccmga.org or ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens no later than April 22nd.		
Sat., May 5 9 am-3 pm	UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale A complete list of plants and prices will be available on ccmga.org or ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens no later than April 22nd. Members showing card will receive 10% discount.		
Thurs., May 10 10-Noon	Plant Propagation (Jewell Wilhoite) Plant propagation refers to producing plants by dividing, grafting, or taking cuttings from existing plants. Unlike seed, cuttings and divisions of plants will result in an identical plant, reproducing the same beautiful flowers. All participants will take home a prop box with cuttings.	Fee: TBD	Limit: 20
Sat., May 12 9-11:30 am	Tomatoes (Fred Mullen) 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

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Sat., May 12 1-3 pm	<i>The Not-So-Usual Plants for the Landscape (Lucas Holman)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Tired of the same ho-hum landscape plantings that everyone on your street uses? Step up your garden experience by adding something unexpected, memorable, and maybe even strange. Join Lucas as he takes you on a weird and wonderful tour of annuals and perennials that will astonish the neighbors!		
Tues., May 15 9-11 am	<i>Water Features (Rhoda Hiller)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Adding interest and sound to your yard.		
Sat., May 19 9-Noon	<i>Producing a Bonsai Workshop (Jim Gunnick)</i>	Fee: \$25	Limit: 8 participants, 10 observers
	Participants will be shown how to create their own Bonsai from an ordinary nursery plant. Starter plants will be provided. Up to 10 non-participating observers may attend.		
Tues., May 22 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Sat., June 2 9-Noon	<i>Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden (Ernie Wood)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Filling a garden with fluttering insects makes the flowerbeds beautiful and supports biodiversity at the same time. Learn simple steps to make your garden, patio or windowsill butterfly friendly.		
Wed., June 6 9-11 am	<i>Succulent Wreaths (Rhoda Hiller and Bev Beers)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: 10
	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.		
Sat., June 9 10-Noon	<i>Backyard Birding for Beginners (Pam Barrett)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	How to identify and encourage birds into your backyard.		
Sat., June 16 9-11 a.m.	<i>Welcome To My Shady Side (Nancy Christopherson)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Shade gardening has been given a bad wrap! Hear why this gardener would trade a sunny location for a shady spot in a heartbeat! The knack is knowing the type of shade you have, the challenges associated with each, and the plants that will be happiest residing in each area.		
Tues., June 26 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Sat., July 7 10-Noon	<i>REAP: Season 3 (Ron Drechnik)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	What happens in a square foot garden when the summer veggies come to an end? We plant fall veggies in those same squares! This is a continuation of the March 17th presentation, but all gardeners are welcome to join.		
Sat., July 14 9-11:30 am	<i>Fall Vegetable Gardening (Fred Mullen)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Now is the time to prepare for a cool season vegetable garden with discussion on the best varieties and tips for successful growing.		
TBD	<i>Installing a Rain Barrel (David Armbrust)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Using a rain barrel can save a significant amount of money in a season. Learn how to make and install a rain barrel -- inexpensively -- in just a couple of hours.		
Tues., July 17 9-11 am	<i>Riparian Plants (Bill Morgan)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Appropriate landscaping for homeowners who have property at water edges-lakes, ponds, streams, rivers or wetlands-will be discussed.		
Thurs., July 26 TBD	<i>Water Bath Canning (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	Boiling water bath canning is the easiest way to make shelf-stable jams and pickles right in your own home. Learn how to do so safely.		
TBD	<i>Nature Explores Training</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	Nature Explore is a national non-profit program made possible through collaboration between Dimensions Educational Research Foundation and Arbor Day Foundation. It's goal is to help nature become an integral, joyful part of children's daily learning. Registration for this training is available at natureexplore.org .		

Thurs., Aug 9 10-Noon	<i>Saving Seeds (Jewell Wilhoite)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 40
	There is no single right reason to get started saving your own seeds. Learn best practices for harvesting and storing seeds.		
Tues., Aug. TBD	<i>Pressure Canning (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	Pressure canning involves sealing food in jars, then putting the jars into a large, pressurized pot that raises the temperature of the food products inside the jar far above boiling for a given period of time.		
Tues., Aug. 28 9 am-3 pm	<i>10TH ANNUAL FALL GARDENERS' FESTIVAL</i>		
	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 ccmga.org or plateau.tennessee.edu after August 1st to plan your visit! No Admission Fee.		
Tues., Sept. 11 10-11:30 am	<i>Turf: Now's the Time to Plant! (Gregg Upchurch)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Whether you grow cool- or warm-season grasses, timing the seeding to natural periods of peak growth is essential. Learn the advantages that make fall the best time to plant cool-season grass.		
Tues., Sept. 25 10-11:30 am	<i>Soils and Mulch (Gregg Upchurch)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Many materials are used as mulches, which are used to retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature, suppress weed growth, and for aesthetics.		
Thurs.,Sept. 27 TBD	<i>Basics of Bread Making (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	Freshly baked bread is one of life's greatest simple pleasures, and one that's much easier than you might think.		
Sept. TBD 9-11:30 am	<i>Tree Identification (Sid Morgan)</i>	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. 6 9-10:30 am	<i>Composting (Bev Beers)</i>	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.		
Tues., Oct. 9 10-11:30 am	<i>Fall Landscape Maintenance-Dos and Don'ts (Gregg Upchurch)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	A fall maintenance plan is critical to success and will help you hit the ground running in the spring.		
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Tues., Oct. 23 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Thurs., Oct. 25 TBD	<i>Food From Around The World (Kelli and Crystal)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	Let's broaden our tastebuds with these classic tastes!		
Tues., Oct. 30 10-11:30 am	<i>Cool Season Turf Weed Control (Gregg Upchurch)</i>	Fee: None	Limit: 24
	When faced with a weed problem, homeowners need to look closely at the entire lawn care picture. Lawn care should be a first priority, keeping in mind that weeds are opportunistic.		
Nov., TBD TBD	<i>Holiday Cooking (Kelli Bottoms and Crystal Blankenship)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
	The holidays are not just about decorating! Join us for holiday cooking tips and treasures.		
Tues., Nov. 27 10-Noonish	<i>TO BE ANNOUNCED (Angela Witzel)</i>	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD