

# UT Gardens, Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens 2018 Classes And Special Events

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**REGISTRATION:** Registration is requested for all classes in order for the instructor to 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:** All of these 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](http://ccmga.org) or [ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens](http://ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens) as classes are added throughout the year, or, request to be placed on the Garden listserve by emailing [ccmgnews@gmail.com](mailto:ccmgnews@gmail.com).

## New This Year!

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

**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	<b><i>Animals of the Cumberland Plateau (Don Hazel)</i></b> 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	<b><i>Garden Goddess (Mikal Ullius)</i></b> (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
Sat., Jan. 20	<b><i>Creative Rock Painting (Julia Wood)</i></b> 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

<b>The Tennessee Vegetable Garden: Through the Seasons</b>		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 <b><i>Climate and Site Selection</i></b>		
	Feb. 24 <b><i>Soils and Nutrition</i></b>		
	Mar. 24 <b><i>Plants and Planting</i></b>		
	Apr. 21 <b><i>Raised Beds and Composting</i></b>		
	May 26 <b><i>Garden Management</i></b>		
	June 23 <b><i>Pest and Disease</i></b>		
	July 28 <b><i>Cover Crops, Storage, and Season Extension</i></b>		

Sat., Feb. 3 10-Noon	<b><i>Rock Rain Chains (Mikal Ullius)</i></b> (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
Sat., Feb. 10 9-11:30 am	<b><i>Fruit and Tree Pruning (Fred Mullen and Gregg Upchurch)</i></b> 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	<b><i>Gardening 101 (Dick Kaleba)</i></b> 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
Fri., Feb 23 Hours TBD	<b><i>250 K Tree Giveaway (Dean Towers)</i></b> 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 <a href="http://tecten.org">tecten.org</a> .		

Sat., Mar. 3 9-Noon	<b><i>The Art and Practice of Bonsai (Jim Gumnick)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 40
	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.		
Sat., Mar. 10 9-11:30 am	<b><i>Summer Vegetable Gardening and Raised Beds (Fred Mullen, Sid Morgan)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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.		
Sat., Mar. 17 9-11:30 am	<b><i>Growing in a Greenhouse (Fred Mullen)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Greenhouse growing can be twice as successful with half the trouble if you incorporate proper techniques.		
Sat., Mar. 17 1-3:00 p.m.	<b><i>REAP: Seasons 1 &amp; 2 (Ron Drechnik)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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.		
Sat., Mar. 24 2-3:30 pm	<b><i>Hugelkultur, Nature's Raised Garden Beds (Dean Towers)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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.		
Tues., Mar. 27 4-5:30 p.m.	<b><i>Children's Easter Egg Hunt (By Invitation Only)</i></b> (Rain date: Thursday, Mar. 29)		
Sat., Apr. 7 9-11:30 am	<b><i>Small Fruits and Berries (Fred Mullen)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Straw, blue, black, rasp, or grapes...which grow best on the Plateau? And what steps are needed for a successful harvest?		
Wed., Apr. 11 TBD	<b><i>Plant This, Not That (Lisa Huff)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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.		
Wed., Apr. 18 9-11 am	<b><i>Using Native Plants in the Home Landscape (Bill Morgan)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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.		
Fri., Apr. 27 10 am-6 pm	<b><i>Creative Containers: Thinking Outside the Box</i></b>		Admission: \$3 day
Sat., Apr. 28 9 am-5 pm	<b><i>EDUCATION, EXHIBITS, MARKETPLACE</i></b>		
	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	<b><i>UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale: PRE-SALE FOR MEMBERS ONLY</i></b>		
	10% discount for members of the UT Gardens showing their membership card. A complete list of plants with prices will be available on <a href="http://ccmga.org">ccmga.org</a> or <a href="http://ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens">ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens</a> no later than April 22nd.		
Sat., May 5 9 am-3 pm	<b><i>UT Gardens-Crossville Plant Sale</i></b>		
	A complete list of plants and prices will be available on <a href="http://ccmga.org">ccmga.org</a> or <a href="http://ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens">ag.tennessee.edu/plateaugardens</a> no later than April 22nd. Members showing card will receive 10% discount.		
Thurs., May 10 10-Noon	<b><i>Plant Propagation (Jewell Wilhoite)</i></b>	Fee: TBD	Limit: 20
	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.		
Sat., May 12 9-11:30 am	<b><i>Tomatoes (Fred Mullen)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	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!		
Sat., May 12 1-3 pm	<b><i>The Not-So-Usual Plants for the Landscape (Lucas Holman)</i></b>	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	<b><i>Water Features (Rhoda Hiller)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	Adding interest and sound to your yard.		
Sat., May 19 9-Noon	<b><i>Producing a Bonsai Workshop (Jim Gumnick)</i></b>	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.		
Sat., June 2 9-Noon	<b><i>Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden (Ernie Wood)</i></b>	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	<b><i>Succulent Wreaths (Rhoda Hiller and Bev Beers)</i></b>	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	<b><i>Backyard Birding for Beginners (Pam Barrett)</i></b>	Fee: None	Limit: 60
	How to identify and encourage birds into your backyard.		

Sat., June 16 9-11 a.m.	<b>Welcome To My Shady Side (Nancy Christopherson)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Sat., July 7 10-Noon	<b>REAP: Season 3 (Ron Drechnik)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Sat., July 14 9-11:30 am	<b>Fall Vegetable Gardening (Fred Mullen)</b> 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
TBD	<b>Installing a Rain Barrel (David Armbrust)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Tues., July 17 9-11 am	<b>Riparian Plants (Bill Morgan)</b> Appropriate landscaping for homeowners who have property at water edges-lakes, ponds, streams, rivers or wetlands-will be discussed.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
TBD	<b>Nature Explores Training</b> 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 <a href="http://natureexplore.org">natureexplore.org</a> .	Fee: TBD	Limit: TBD
Thurs., Aug 9 10-Noon	<b>Saving Seeds (Jewell Wilhoite)</b> There is no single right reason to get started saving your own seeds. Learn best practices for harvesting and storing seeds.	Fee: None	Limit: 40
Tues., Aug. 28 9 am-3 pm	<b>10TH ANNUAL FALL GARDENERS' FESTIVAL</b> 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! No Admission Fee.		
Tues., Sept. 11 10-11:30 am	<b>Turf: Now's the Time to Plant! (Gregg Upchurch)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Tues., Sept. 25 10-11:30 am	<b>Soils and Mulch (Gregg Upchurch)</b> Many materials are used as mulches, which are used to retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature, suppress weed growth, and for aesthetics.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Sept. TBD 9-11:30 am	<b>Tree Identification (Sid Morgan)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 24
Sat., Oct. 6 9-10:30 am	<b>Composting (Bev Beers)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
Tues., Oct. 9 10-11:30 am	<b>Fall Landscape Maintenance-Dos and Don'ts (Gregg Upchurch)</b> A fall maintenance plan is critical to success and will help you hit the ground running in the spring.	Fee: None	Limit: 60
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Tues., Oct. 30 10-11:30 am	<b>Cool Season Turf Weed Control (Gregg Upchurch)</b> 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.	Fee: None	Limit: 24