

Sevier County Area Master Gardeners Association

Master Gardeners Meeting
August 20, 6:30pm
Sevier Co. Courthouse
Then carpooling to Green's
Greens Nursery for a CEU!

Events & CEU's

Volunteers In The Garden – Sevierville Senior Center... 1st Saturday of the month and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00am. Come spend some time helping and earn volunteer hours!

Friends of the UT Gardens 525-4555

August 14th – Lunchtime Walk 12 Noon
Twilight Walk 6pm

Sept. 7th - Secret Garden Party – Hors-d'evores on the Terrace

Sept 15th – Fall Plant Sale!!!

IJAMS 577-4717

August 10th – 8pm Bat Night – Mesquite eating bats are our friends!

August 11th – 1pm Living Clean & Green! Organic gardening – How it benefits the environment.

August 25th – Living Clean & Green! Kilowatt Ours – Acclaimed documentary presents practical energy saving tips.



Plans for MG Day are Growing!

Leo Lubke gave us the latest on October 13th, Master Gardener Day at the Smokies Stadium... He;s been in touch with several Seed Companies who are willing to donate seeds and other products for our Goody Bags,

Speakers are getting lined up, and refreshments (including coffee!) are being planned. This year's entrance fee is \$25 a head, which covers a large selection of Speakers (lots of choices for CEU's!), lunch, door prizes and refreshments. Our 2008 SCAMG Calendar will also be on sale.

Circle the 13th of October in red on your Calendar!



We Got One!

The hard work of Judy Denton has given us something we've all talked about the past several years.... Our own website! Soon to be linked with the UT site, it currently can be found at

<http://mgsc.org/default.aspx>

A round of applause for Judy!

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From Beth Babbit

The Mississippi Gulf Coast is in need of our help. Please consider participating if you have the opportunity. -Beth Babbit

Tennessee Master Gardeners
Here is an opportunity to help Master Gardeners in Mississippi. Let's show them Tennessee is truly a Volunteer State!

Operation Rejuvenation

They have set aside October 24, 25 and 26 as the dates for concentrating people, plants and resources to have the most visible impact. Each of the three coastal counties, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson will use their Extension Service County Director to coordinate the projects in their county. There may be other individual dates that will work better for different groups and selected projects, but they are trying for this "swarm" date to show the impact of master gardeners on the community.

They are asking everyone that will be coming to help, to please plan to bring their favorite garden tool and make their own lodging/meal arrangements and pick up their other expenses while in the area. This would allow them to use as much of the donated monies that we have received for plants and materials that will be brought to the sites. So many of our coast master gardeners are still dealing with home repairs, lost jobs and insurance companies... they really got hit hard, particularly in the western coast area. Local lodging info can be obtained from the Gulf Coast Tourist websites and may be helpful in preplanning.

Anyone who is interested please e-mail me, or call me and let me know so I can get a general idea of the people available to help.

My E-Mail is hovverd@charter.net
931-486-0503 home, 931-626-3890 cell

Donald Hover

Growing Degree Days

By Leo Lubke

** The Growing Degree Day is 2,559.8 as of August 1, 2007. As a comparison, and to see where we are in this growing season, Knoxville in 2006 had a total of 4,492 AGDD for the entire growing season; Bristol received 3,814 AGDD. I would think we could expect our AGDD to be somewhere in between. We are "nearing" 60% of the total anticipated 2007 growing season!

** We have been gaining about 26 GDD each day for the past two weeks.

** If you check your "Using Growing Degree-Days for Insect Pest Management" leaflet, you'll see that many landscape and garden pests "have packed their bags and left." Others of the prolific pests have a second, or possibly third, life cycle and will be returning for a "repeat performance."

** Japanese beetles left us at around 2,154 GDD. While there may be a few lingering (probably hanging out where it's cooler!), I haven't seen any of these iridescent beetles on my raspberries in the past several days.

** Other pests that you may see are: Hemlock scale (adult) (2nd generation!) up to 2,625 GDD, Locust borer (larva/adult) up to 2,805 GDD, Spruce spider mite (egg, larva, nymph, adult) (3rd generation!) up to 2,806 GDD, and the Tulip tree scale (crawler) up to 2,629 GDD. For other pests, please check appropriate GDD websites such as University of California-Davis.

REPORT YOUR HOURS!

Sevier Co. Certification Officer Leo Lubke needs your hours...by telephone, fax, Email or paper ... email: lhlubke@aol.com, or phone the Extension office at 453-3695

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Links and Sites

<http://www.treehelp.com/>
<http://plantsciences.utk.edu/>
www.arborday.org
www.pestfacts.org
<http://www.gardensalive.com>
[Starting Plants from Seeds](#)
friendsoftheutgardens.org
[Mulch Calculator](#)



Greetings from the Weather Rock

The Weather Rock will return to our newsletter with our October issue.....

Meanwhile, enjoy the



The Newsletter needs your contribution! Events, pictures and articles are welcome!
Email to jssutton@mindspring.com

Member Annual Dues

The following Members have paid their \$15 Annual Dues... Have you?

Jack Bailey ... Sandi Bailey... Selena Ball
Liz Ballard...Casey Berg...Gayle Crowe
George Denton...Judy Denton...
Jerry Gilpin...Robert Glenn ...Jo Golden
Dalene Griffith...Jim Grubb...Tommi Jo Harrell
Gayle Holt...Dottie Johnson...Mike Jones
Glenna Julian...W.C. (Dub) Julian...
Barbara King...Donna Little...Leo Lubke
Carol MacKenzie...Colette Mancke
Juneil Mathis...Ruth Miller
Sheila Pennycuff ...Pat Powell...Reatha Reil
Jerry Shonk...Nellie Smith...Jan Sutton
Randell Tate...John Thomas...
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