

# Sevier County Area Master Gardeners Association

**Master Gardeners Meeting  
Attendance at MG Day will serve  
in lieu of a meeting for October.  
See You There!**

# MG Day 10-13-07

## Events & CEU's

### Friends of the UT Gardens 525-4555

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – Dig & Divide in the Gardens

UT PPD Course #281620

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – Secret Garden Party – The Mad Hatter's  
Tea Party

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** – In The Gardens – Lunchtime Walk 12  
Twilight Walk 6pm

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** – Plants Alive! Keeping Gardens &  
Containers Awake in Winter

UT PPD Course #281605

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Beyond Dogwoods & Azaleas: Less  
Common Trees & Shrubs for the Home Garden

UT PPD Course #281606

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Wreaths with Greenery From The  
Gardens – UT PPD Course #281600

### IJAMS 577-4717

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – Ryan Gainey – Wine & Cheese Social

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ryan Gainey – Brunch, Lecture & Book  
Signing at the Native Plant Sale

**Call for more information & fees for these  
events! Todd at ext. 30**

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – Native Plant Sale!!

Last Day to sign up for this great event is  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>! Remember, we will have our mini  
Master Gardeners store, a silent auction and  
a live broadcast of the Garden Girls all taking  
place through out the day as well as  
educational programs (CEU's) and tours.  
Get in touch with the Extension Office and  
get registered!

## 2007 Plant & Seed Swap

**Saturday, Oct 6th from 9-11 AM**

This will just be an informal swap for our  
Master Gardener group.

Dub and Glenna Julian have graciously  
agreed to let us meet at their home in Kodak.

Also, we may see all kinds of butterfly  
adventures out there! This should be GREAT.

So, gather all your seeds, and get ready to  
divide! Please label your seed baggies and  
containers with plant ID!

Glenna and Dub Julian

766 Pollard Rd, Kodak, TN 37764

933-0747

To get to their house coming from Sevierville.

Turn left off Hwy66 onto Dumplin Valley Rd  
west. We are only 2 miles from Hwy 66. Go  
straight 2 miles, past the Flea Market, do not  
make any turns just go straight. It is a two  
story old grey house on the right. Come into  
the second drive and park in the field.



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## Open House

at  
East Fork Nursery  
for East Tennessee Master Gardeners

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007

2:00 PM - 5:00

There will be an Attendance Gift for  
all Attendees and a Door Prize  
Directions to follow in a subsequent  
e-mail.

## Get Your 2008 Calendar Now!

The 2008 MG Calendar is hot off  
the presses... still only \$10 for  
great gardening tips, wonderful  
seasonal pictures and room for  
your personal notes.... What a  
wonderful resource to share with  
your friends and family !  
Available at the Extension office!

The Newsletter needs your  
contribution! Events, pictures  
and articles are welcome!  
Email to [jssutton@mindspring.com](mailto:jssutton@mindspring.com)

## Links and Sites

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

<http://www.treehelp.com/>

<http://plantsciences.utk.edu/>

[www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)

[www.pestfacts.org](http://www.pestfacts.org)

<http://www.gardensalive.com>

[Starting Plants from Seeds](#)

[friendsoftheutgardens.org](#)

[Mulch Calculator](#)

[SevierCountyNews.com](#)

<http://soilplantandpest.utk.edu/>

## 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  
Carlene Maples...Laura Martin  
Juneil Mathis...Ruth Miller  
Sheila Pennycuff ...Pat Powell...Reatha Reil  
Wes Shepherd...Jerry Shonk  
Nellie Smith...Jan Sutton...Randell Tate  
John Thomas...Margaret Thompson  
Richard Wasman...Les Williams

Please write your check to Sevier Co.  
Extension, and give or mail to:  
Margaret Thompson, Treasurer  
3014 Sugarwood Drive  
Kodak TN 37764

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## REPORT YOUR HOURS!

It's Fiscal Year End for 2007

Certification Officer Leo Lubke needs your hours...by telephone, fax, email or paper ...

email: [lhlubke@aol.com](mailto:lhlubke@aol.com), or phone the Extension office at 453-3695

**Remember!**

The Master Gardener Program depends on us!

## *Greetings from the Weather Rock*

Since our apple season had been slightly altered by the chill of an April freeze....we did some other things this summer, getting ready for a bigger and better apple season next year. We used the time off to plan some expansions of the orchard and the things we do related to our operation.

I had a nice hiatus from the "weather rock." ....but what a boring summer!....drought and heat ....drought and heat.....and with the exception of the temps we are expecting more of the same for October. Moderate temps ....slightly above normal (dry ground heats up faster)....and very little rain, except at the hands of a passing hurricane's leftovers ....sorry no good news for the present.

On Winter....there will probably be some talk, soon, of a strong winter....because the el nino of the last season was very weak....it is very much looking like the la nina will be fierce ....and very strong....leading to a cold winter. Some very fascinating information has been coming out over the summer concerning the changing climate and I will get into that in the next "Weather Rock" .

Until then I remain....under a dry and dusty 'weather rock' (.....would irrigation help??),

*Jack Bailey*

## *Growing Degree Days*

By Leo Lubke

The Accumulated Growing Degree Days as of October 1, 2007 was 4,073.3. The typical number of GDD's in this area for the growing season will probably be around 4,500. You can see that we've got about another 500 GDD's to go this season. While it has been unseasonably warm, the lower nighttime temperatures have had an impact on each day's GDD. We typically are recording around 16 GDD every day rather than the mid- to upper-twenties during the August/September heat wave.

We often hear about using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a sensible way to have successful gardens and landscape. An important principle of IPM is to identify the pest before treating AND selecting the pest control method that has least impact on us and our environment. Being aware of the concept of Growing Degree Days (GDD) helps us implement an effective IPM program. We basically "know" when pests arrive and leave our area by the Accumulated Growing Degree Days. It doesn't make sense to "treat" for the pest before it arrives, or after it has left. Knowing about IPM and GDD will make you a better gardener and be good for the environment.