



The SCOOP

What Do You Want?

No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.

Thomas Jefferson

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What do **you**, as a member of the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County, want and expect from our organization?

In February 2006, I wrote an article for *The Scoop* asking what each member of our group expected from the Master Gardeners for the coming year. I am asking that same question again this year. The success of our organization depends on your participation and your input into its activities.

We have been successful in the past few years with the Fall Extravaganza, which has been well received by the community as well as with our Garden Basics classes. But, we need your participation and suggestions in each of these activi-

ties as well as new classes and/or activities.

Phone or e-mail any 2008 Officer with suggestions for additional projects, classes and/or activities in which you would like our organization to participate. I will guarantee each topic will be brought before the Board of Directors for discussion and evaluation and with possible discussion at the next monthly meeting.

Also in 2006, I asked each member to volunteer to write at least one article for *The Scoop*. I, again, am asking you to consider this request. These articles do not have to be long narratives, but should be at least one-half page in length, and no longer than one page in length. Topics should conform to the Tennessee

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Master Gardeners of Rutherford County Web Site: <http://www.mastergardeners-rc.org>

**Directory Pictures
Will be taken at
February Meeting**

**2008 Dues
Delinquent
March 1**

**Garden Basics Classes
Begin
February 11
6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m**

2008 OFFICERS**Master Gardeners of Rutherford County**

President:	Jack Smith
Vice President:	Linda Goetz
Secretary:	Judy Cunningham
Treasurer:	Emily Arnold

2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Speakers Bureau	Don Richardson
Public Relations	Keith Miller
Special Events	Beth Fedorowicz
Historian	Emmet McCrary
Newsletter	Katherine Smith
Telephone	Wanda Richardson
Food Coordinator	Emily Arnold
Vineyard	Warren Anderson
Garden Basics	Jack Smith
Jr. Gardener	—

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Master Gardener program and the University of Tennessee Extension, and should be garden related. Keep track of the time you spend researching and preparing these articles as the hours will be considered **Education time** (not continuing education time) and will count toward your annual volunteer hours.

The more each of us works and contributes, the more successful the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County will be; therefore:

VOLUNTEER, TEACH, & LEAD!

I look forward to seeing each member at the February 18th meeting.

Sincerely,

Jack Smith

President

Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

**TENNESSEE MASTER GARDENER
WINTER SCHOOL—Lebanon, TN
February 28 & 29, & March 1, 2008**

Members of the Tennessee Master Gardener Advocacy Board invite all Master Gardeners to attend the **Tennessee Master Gardener Winter School to be held in Lebanon, Tennessee on February 28, 29, & March 1, 2008**. It is intended for this to be a state-wide annual event, that will be packed full of classes and activities to help volunteers and agents become better leaders and educators. This program will have something of interest for all participating Tennessee Master Gardeners.

MG LEADERSHIP TRACK: \$60 Feb. 28 & 29

This program track has been specifically designed to provide county association officers and leadership solutions to difficult issues. Are IRS rules for non-profit groups trying your Master Gardener Group Treasurers? Are you puzzled when you are organizing Master Gardener projects? Is communicating with your Master Gardeners a challenge? Answers to these questions and other opportunities and challenges for Master Gardener leaders will be answered through interactive games and skits in the Leadership Track at the 2008 Winter School.

MG EDUCATOR TRACK: \$60 Feb 29 & Mar 1



This program track is for individuals who desire to teach Master Gardener topics. This is an active training covering the psychology and processes of learning and putting this knowledge into action. Master Gardeners will hear, see and participate in the following topics: How to give a talk. How to give a demonstration, including teaching and learning principles. On **Saturday, March 1**, Master Gardeners will practice effective teaching techniques including: extended talks, demonstrations and activities on one specific topic. The content aspect for this day will be a specific topic in either *Basic Botany, Landscape Design, or Propagation*.

Registration: Please register prior to February 25. Late registrations will not be guaranteed meals or materials. All interested Master Gardeners should contact their County Extension office to register. Meals and materials will be provided for each track. Make checks payable to The University of Tennessee. Ω

MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2007			
MONTH	DAY	PROGRAM	REFRESHMENTS
Feb	18	Anthony Tuggle	Everyone Bring Finger Food
Mar	17	TBA	Everyone Bring Finger Food
Apr	21	TBA	Everyone Bring Finger Food

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 
3	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10	11 Garden Basics	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Garden Basics	26	27	28 TMG Winter Sch	29 TMG Winter Sch	

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 TMG Winter Sch
2	3 Garden Basics	4	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Sav Time	10 Garden Basics	11	12	13	14	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 Meeting	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21 Good Friday	22
23 EASTER	24	25 Garden Basics	26	27 Brown Bag	28	29
30	31					

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Meeting	22	23	24 Brown Bag	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- **Garden Basics 2008 — Feb 11 & 25; Mar 3, 10, & 25**
- February 11, 13, 14, & 15 — 11:30 am til 1:00 pm. Turfgrass Management for Homeowners — Call Extension Office at 615-898-7710 by Feb. 7 to register
- February 14-17—Antiques & Garden Show of Nashville 615-352-1282 www.antiquesandgardenshow.com
- February 15-18 — 11th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count throughout US & Canada. www.birdcount.org
- **February 18 — MGRC Monthly Meeting**
- **February 28 — Brown Bag—Pesticides & Fertilizer Safety — Lane Agri Park**
- **February 28, 29, March 1 — Tennessee Master Gardener Winter School — Lebanon, TN**
- February 29-March 2 — Nashville Lawn & Garden Show — Tennessee State Fairgrounds <http://www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com/>
- **March 17 — MGRC Monthly Meeting**
- **March 27 — Brown Bag — Controlling Weeds in the Landscape — Lane Agri Park**
- April 11-13—Bloom 'n' Garden Expo—Williamson County Master Gardeners: 615-790-5721, ext. 2
- **April 21 — MGRC Monthly Meeting**

Want to build a Bluebird Box? *Better Homes & Gardens* website has simple to follow directions as well as a detailed schematic drawing. Go to: www.bhg.com and type in Bluebird Box.

Featured Photo of the Month

Beautiful Eagle Over Colorado Rockies



Courtesy: Steve Robinson

GARDEN BASICS 2008

FEB 11, 25; MAR 3, 10, 25 — 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MASTER GARDENERS OF RUTHERFORD



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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, county governments cooperating, UT Extension, and Tennessee State University provide equal opportunities in programs and employment.

"The SCOOP" is the official newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County, Tennessee and is published by email the first week of the month following the monthly meeting. Those members without email and who are not able to attend meetings may receive the newsletter by U.S. postal mail. The deadline for articles, pictures, events, etc. to be included in the newsletter is the third Friday of each month.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Lane Agri-Park at 6:30 p.m., unless specified. Membership is \$25 for a single, or \$35 for a couple residing at the same address. All memberships are valid January through December and are prorated.

Memberships in the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County are open to those interested in learning, teaching, and volunteering for the purpose of educating the community in all phases of gardening.

PLEASE NOTE: MASTER GARDENER CERTIFICATION REQUIRES 40 HOURS OF TRAINING PLUS 40 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE. RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE 25 VOLUNTEER HOURS, PLUS 8 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER YEAR. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS COUNTS AS 1.5 HOURS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND 1.5 HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATION.

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