

State Extension Master Gardener Conference (Montgomery Bell State Park- Burns, TN)

Thursday, April 5th, Tour and Pre-conference workshop

12:30-5:30 Tour of Carter House, Orchard, and Grounds and heritage grafting workshop (Larry Stephenson, Southern Fruit Fellowship and Carol Reese- Amy Dismukes and Williamson Co. as hosts)

Grafting workshop will provide each participant with scions and rootstocks for 2 apple, 1 pear, and 1 persimmon tree and grafting and potting supplies. Fee for the day will include the ticket to Carter House and Plantation and picnic lunch.

Evening activities at Montgomery Bell State Park

Friday, April 6th, Conference Schedule

Time	Session/Topic	Speaker/Facilitator (Room)
7:45-8:30	Registration	
8:30-8:45	Opening and welcome	Melody Rose, Brock Hill, Dep. Comm. Bureau of Parks and Cons.
8:45-9:30	General session- Search for Excellence Awards	Natalie, SFE Committee
9:30-10:20	General session- Lighting up the Night- fireflies of TN	Lynn Faust
10:20-10:30	Short break	
10:30-12:15	Workshop 1- How do trees benefit homeowners and citizens and how do we diagnose issues?	Wes Hopper and Eric Bridges
	Workshop 2- Tennessee turf tour	Tom Samples
	Workshop 3- Landscape trouble shooting walkabout	Carol Reese
	Workshop 4- A year of keeping bees in TN	John Gunter
	Workshop 5- Identifying trees and current threats	Joellen Dimond, Shawn Posey, Karla Kean
	Workshop 6- Wildflower and outdoor photography hike	Justin Stefanski, Melody Rose, Natalie Bumgarner, Linda Robertson
12:15-1:45	Lunch	
1:45-3:30	Workshop 1- How do trees benefit homeowners and citizens and how do we diagnose issues?	Wes Hopper and Eric Bridges
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4:00-4:45	General session- MGs serving and learning in central America	Pam Bennett- Ohio Extension Master Gardener Volunteer State Coordinator
5:00-6:00	Closing comments and announcements	Natalie and TEMG Workgroup
7:00-9:00	Evening activities at the park	

Saturday, April 7th, Conference Schedule

Time	Session/Topic	Speaker/Facilitator (Room)
8:30-8:45	Welcome and Opening	Melody Rose
8:45-9:30	General session- The not so usual plants for the landscape	Lucas Holman
9:40-9:50	Statewide TEMG updates	Natalie
9:50-10:40	Regional planning meeting breakouts	TEMG Workgroup
10:40-11:00	Morning break	
11:00-12:00	Service session 1- Using surveys and data to enhance your local TEMG group	Davidson County (David, Debb, and Natalie)
	Service session 2- Community gardens	Sullivan County (Jerry)
	Service session 3- Junior Master Gardener and Learn, Grow, Eat, Go	Sevier County (Alan, Dixie, Tammie)
	Service session 4- Arboretums and MGs	Wilson County (Carol, Flo)
	Service session 5- Novel ideas for educational outreach	Cumberland County (Gregg and team)
12:00-1:30	Lunch	
1:45-2:30	Hort session 1- TN garden vegetable variety trials	Natalie Bumgarner
	Hort session 2- Tomato- diseases and disorders	Amy Dismukes
	Hort session 3 – Insect pests; The usual suspects	Chris Cooper
	Hort session 4- Attracting wildlife in the home landscape	Carol Reese
2:45-3:15	General session- Grounded in Knowledge, Reaching Out in Service	Natalie and TEMG Workgroup
	Evaluations and closing comments	