Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

- Do you want to learn more about gardening and protecting the environment?
- Do you have an interest in volunteering to benefit your community?
- Do you want to share the joy of gardening with others?
- Do you want to teach others about nature and their environment?

...If you answered YES to any of these questions, then the Tennessee Master Gardeners Program is for you!

WHO ARE THE TENNESSEE MASTER GARDENERS?

Tennessee Master Gardener's (TMG’s) are horticulturally trained volunteers that help the Extension Service share the latest and greatest gardening information with their local community to improve quality of life.

All volunteers are trained with 40 hours horticultural classes and return 40 hours of volunteer community service thru their Extension Office.

State wide there are approximately 2,000 active Master Gardeners in 46 counties.

Our Mission is to:
- Promote environmental stewardship
- Provide researched-based information
- Cultivate volunteers
- Improve life through gardening

The Master Gardener program is offered by the University of Tennessee. The goal is to increase the availability of horticultural information to improve the quality of life with community garden / landscape programs. This could only be possible thru the training and work done by local volunteers

WHAT DOES A MASTER GARDENER DO?

RCMG’s assist the Extension Service by running plant clinics, establishing and maintaining demonstration gardens, working with special groups in the community, coordinating Master Gardener programs and speakers bureau.

The purpose of the RCMG program is to train others as horticultural volunteers of the University of Tennessee Extension and the Tennessee State Cooperative Extension program to work in partnership, expanding the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with research based information.

Master Gardeners develop educational programs and activities related to gardening and nature:
- Educational Seminars
- Plant Clinics
- News Articles
- Ask the Master Gardener
- Demonstration Gardens
- Vineyard ~ Butterfly ~ Vegetable
- Herb~ Raised Beds ~ Lasagna
- Speakers Bureau
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

ASK A MASTER GARDENER!
Master Gardeners will be at the Rutherford County Farmers Market Opening Day May 9, 2014 Tuesdays and Fridays 7 AM—12 PM

FREE Workshops
A different topic each week 9:00 am

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Murfreesboro Main Street Market
Saturdays 8 am—noon
June thru October
Bring your gardening questions to either market and “Ask a Master Gardener”

GARDEN BASICS
Each year in January, we host a 6-7 week class for the beginner to intermediate gardener. Taught by Certified Master Gardeners you will learn a variety of topics for the home garden and landscape.

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING
Classes begin in January for this 14 week training to become a certified Master Gardener. Whether you are an experienced gardener or a beginner, these classes will educate and entertain anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. Classes are taught by Horticultural Professionals, Educators and Senior Master Gardeners.

WORKSHOPS
Join our email list or watch our website for upcoming workshops and events to be scheduled.

CHECK OUT OUR MEETINGS!
RCMG’S meet 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 PM at the Lane Agri-Park Community Center (Farmers Mkt Bldg) Meetings are open to anyone with an interest in horticulture. Please check our website for any time / location changes.

SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION
We will be happy to make a presentation to your group or organization on a variety of garden related topics. Just contact us and let us know your needs. If one of our speakers is available, we will be happy to assist.

2015 Master Gardener Class will be held at the Lane Agri-Park Community Center Tuesdays Jan 13 thru April 21 6pm—9pm Registration will start in November

How to become a Master Gardener
1. Contact your Extension Agent
2. Complete an application
3. Attend training classes
4. Complete your volunteer service hours

To be put on the mailing list for the 2015 Master Gardener Class, call 615-898-7710 or send an email to mastergardeners.rc@gmail.com