

Presentations include:

- **Soil amendments and Utilizing Compost** (Lee Rumble, UT Extension Agent, Knox County) Learn about the pros and cons of using soil amendments (including compost) when planting new trees and shrubs in the landscape.
- **Lawn Alternatives for Biodiversity** (Mike Ross, UT Assistant Professor) Alternatives to the traditional American lawn that support biodiversity and pollinator health will be discussed.
- **Pollinator Gardening** (Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Assistant Professor and Apiculture Specialist) This presentation will go over common insect pollinators seen in the gardens, as well as resources to help you establish a supportive habitat.
- **Tree Planting and Care** (Dr. Andy Pulte, UT Distinguished Lecturer of Horticulture and Plant Sciences) Get expert advice on how to properly plant and maintain a healthy tree for lasting growth.
- **Big Taste in Small Spaces** (Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, UT Associate Professor & Extension Specialist) More and more gardeners are enjoying container and raised bed vegetable and fruit gardening. Whatever your space, there are options for fun and flavor.
- **Herbs and How to Use Them** (Karen Caspary, Horticulturist, UT Gardens, Knoxville) Learn the basic principles of herbalism, how to identify and approach herbs as healers, planning your herb garden seed-to-harvest, and the various methods of preparing herbal remedies.
- **Native Plants for the Water's Edge** (Dr. Andrea Ludwig, UT Associate Professor and Extension Specialist) Considerations of functional plant recommendations for working at water's edge (streams, creeks, wetlands, and seeps).
- **Learning the Basics of Permaculture** (Amy Dunlap, UT Extension Agent, Davidson County) This presentation will focus on defining the principles of permaculture, including actionable steps homeowners can take to apply them in their own landscape design.
- **How to Grow and Maintain a Healthy Lawn** (Dr. Becky Bowling, UT Assistant Professor and Extensions Specialist) Get information on appropriate selection, mowing, fertilization, and pest management to grow and maintain a healthy and sustainable lawn.
- **Cool Season Vegetable Gardening** (Lucas Holman, UT Extension Agent and Director, Wilson County) Learn about vegetables to grow throughout the winter, and ways to prolong the growing season.
- **Proper Pruning Fundamentals** (Justin Stefanski, UT Extension Agent, Rutherford County) What, when, and how to prune landscape ornamentals. Learn the fundamentals of making a proper pruning cut, a general understanding of plant healing and physiology, along with what plants require certain pruning techniques and when is the best time.
- **Organic Gardening** (Dr. Annette Wszelaki, UT Professor and Commercial Vegetable Extension Specialist) A garden is a wonderful example of interconnectedness. Learn about organic practices that foster these connections from choosing the best site, soil building, pest management, and more.
- **Savvy Seed Saving** (Celeste Scott, UT Western Region Horticulture Specialist) A discussion of timing of harvest, techniques for collection, seed cleaning, and storage. These practices will improve seed viability and increase your success when growing from seed.
- **The Basics of Growing Tree Fruits** (Bob Ary, UT Extension, Robertson County) All you need to know about home grown tree fruit. What to grow, site selection, timeline, management practices, and more.
- **Battling Weeds in the Vegetable Garden** (Mitchell Mote, UT Extension, Rutherford County) Practices, techniques, and tools home vegetable gardeners can use to minimize competition in the garden.