

Presentation descriptions:

Appalachian Natives and Folklore – Explore some of the elusive native species known to our region that both allure and excite the senses with a twist on how the knowledge came to be and shared throughout the area. (Melody Rose, Extension Agent Greene County)

Bearded Iris and Pineapple Lilies – These hardy perennials are great companion plants for the sunny garden and available in a wide range of varieties and sizes. Learn about planting, culture, and propagation, as well as the latest breeding work. (Dr. Bob Lauf, Iris and Pineapple Lily Hybridizer)

Best Management Practices for Woody Ornamentals – Learn how to select healthy plant material, how to properly plant, and best management practices to ensure long-lived plants in the landscape. (Lee Rumble, Extension Agent and Certified Arborist Knox County)

Bountiful Backyard Berries – There are many great options for small scale fruit production and relatively new cultivars of blueberries and blackberries. Learn how to get started and results of UT trials to make the best cultivar choices. (Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist)

Conifers: More Than Just Christmas Trees – Explore the different textures, colors, and sizes of conifers. (Jeff Harvey, President of the American Conifer Society)

Edible Landscaping – Learn how to apply principles of design to vegetable and fruit production for a garden that is both beautiful and bountiful. (Holly Jones, Staff Horticulturist at UT Gardens, Knoxville)

Fall Lawncare Tasks – Learn about lawncare tasks homeowners should consider performing in the fall on both warm and cool season turfs including fertilization, overseeding/renovation, and weed control. (Mitchell Mote, Extension Agent Rutherford County)

Fruit and Vegetable Disease – Fruits and vegetables can be fun and rewarding to grow, but they can also be challenging. Learn about some of the most common fruit and vegetable diseases in Tennessee along with how to identify and manage them. (Dr. Zach Hansen, Assistant Professor and Extension specialist)

Groundcovers: How low can you grow?! –Groundcovers can be a great solution for many problem areas in the garden. Get tips on selecting the most appropriate groundcovers and how to care for them. (Celeste Scott, Extension Agent Madison County)

Pollinators in the Garden –Explore the value of insect pollinators on our day-to-day lives, the diversity of pollinators in our landscapes, and how to establish and manage habitats to support these valuable insects. (Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Assistant Professor and Apiculture Specialist)

Rain Gardening for Tennessee Smart Yards –Learn about design, construction, and maintenance of a rain garden. (Dr. Andrea Ludwig, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist)

Top 10 Landscape Mistakes – Learn about common mistakes made in the landscape and how to address them. (Amy Dismukes, Extension Specialist Central Region)

Tricky Tree Fruits – Discover the misnomer low-maintenance when it comes to fruit trees. Learn about disease, cultivars, and insect issues that will arise. (Lucas Holman, Extension Director Wilson County)