

**1/4/2024 Cumberland County Master Gardeners  
2024 Classes in the Garden  
(Events included)  
2/6/2024**

**All classes are held at the UT Plateau Research and Education Center's Plateau Discovery Garden indoor classroom, except as otherwise indicated. Please register early. If fewer than five people are registered one week prior, the class will be canceled.**

Thursday, Feb. 8  
10 am-noon

**Plant Your Plateau Garden**

*Gregg Upchurch, UT Extension Agent*

Your **\$10 fee** will cover the cost of a new CCMG Garden Almanac. Learn how to use this tool for month-by-month gardening success specific to the Cumberland Plateau. You will be guided by an expert who is ready to answer your questions. Learn about extensive resources offered by the UT Extension Service. Pick up a vegetable calendar. (If you already own a CCMG Almanac and would like tips on how to use it, please register and bring your copy to class.)

Monday, Feb. 19  
1-3 pm

**Turfs Up - Weeds Down**

*Gregg Upchurch, UT Extension Agent*

Join us for a discussion of selection, planting, and maintenance of your lawn. Learn best practices to control weeds in your turf. Receive a "Turf Calendar" for planning your best lawn ever!

Saturday, Feb. 17  
1-3 pm

**Kids PB Pinecone Feeders: Birdie Treats**

*Vicki May, Master Gardener*

Limit 15 Children (Must be accompanied by an adult.) Learn about feeding birds and make a peanut butter pinecone feeder out of all natural materials. Celebrate bird feeding and breeding season.

Wed., Feb. 28  
10 am-noon

**Blueberries on the Plateau**

*Gregg Upchurch, UT Extension Agent*

Don't sing the blueberry blues! Get the latest guidance on growing blueberries—including soil condition, pruning, and harvesting.

Saturday, March 30  
9-11am

**Vegetable Gardening 101**

*Fred Mullen & Sid Morgan, Master Gardeners*

For the vegetable garden of your dreams, get Master Gardener advice on how to plant, grow and harvest.

Saturday, April 6  
10–11 am

### **Snakes: Eeks or Meeks**

*Don Hazel, Nature Columnist*

Yes, we live with snakes. Are they dangerous? Where are they and how do they behave? See lots of beautiful photographs to name and identify Plateau varieties. No Live Specimens.

Monday, April 15  
9–11 am

### **Grow Native, Go Wild**

*Bill Morgan, Obed Watershed Community Association & Master Gardener*

From aesthetic beauty, low-maintenance, biodiversity, pollinator support and erosion control, learn why you should add native plants to your gardening and landscaping plans. Bill Morgan shares photos and deep knowledge of the many advantages of native plants.

Saturday, April 20  
9–11 am

### **Now THAT'S a TOMATO!**

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

Get juicy suggestions for the best varieties--heirloom or hybrid. From seeds or seedlings, learn how to grow the best. Mulch, pinch, water and fertilize on time. Solve those tomato woes!

Fri-Sat, April 26-27  
**Community  
Complex**

Fri. 9 am–4 pm  
Sat. 9 am–3 pm

### **Flower, Lawn, and Garden Show**

*Entry fee: \$5.00 good for both days*

Join the Cumberland County Master Gardeners for a fun day, celebrating spring with vendors, classes, demonstrations. Get your gardening season off to a great start.

Saturday, May 4  
9 am–3 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Spring Plant Sale – By Popular Demand!**

Purchase plant varieties of annuals, herbs, perennials, vegetables, and shrubs at great prices. Discover new varieties and award winners to increase your Plateau garden's success. Pre-order! Don't miss out on the plants you want. Proceeds benefit the Plateau Discovery Garden.

Saturday, May 11  
9 am–noon

### **Straw Bale Gardening and Composting**

*Vicki May, Master Gardener*

Straw bales make a great growing medium when properly prepared. Create an instant raised bed to grow herbs, vegetables, and ornamental plants. You'll have control over where you grow your garden—sun, shade, hillside, or on top of hard surfaces. Also, learn the basics of composting to repurpose plant/organic materials to create awesome soil.

Friday, May 17  
9:30–11 am

## **Plateau Discovery Garden Tour – Magnificent May**

*Shalena Durkot, Garden Coordinator*

Limit 20

Join us for a guided tour of the spring-blooming Gardens. Learn about the history of its creation, how it has evolved, and, of course, all about the beautiful plants within it.

Saturday, June 1  
10 am–noon

## **Thyme for Herbs**

*Robin Piacine, Master Gardener*

Enjoy discussion and demonstration as we explore origins, culture, types, and uses of herbs. See herb examples and take home informative handouts. Learn how to grow, harvest and use various herbs. Try drying, preserving, and making herbal vinegars and oils–sachets and wreaths. Door prizes too! Dress appropriately for a walk through the PDG herb garden.

Saturday, June 8  
2-4 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

## **Tea in the Gardens – Roses in June**

Limit: 36 with Pre-Paid Reservations: "Tea for Two" \$35, \$20 per person.

Enjoy a selection of teas and delectable edibles. Tour the rose garden along with a short presentation on success with roses on the Plateau. Hats encouraged! Call (931) 879-8980 for questions.

Saturday, June 15  
9–11 am

## **Backyard Birding for Beginners**

*Pam Barrett, Master Gardener*

Learn the basics of how to attract birds as well as how to feed and identify some of our feathered friends. Many photos included to familiarize you with some of the more common species. Intended for beginners.

Saturday, July 13  
10 am–noon

## **Lavender Wand Making**

*Linda Klingerman,*

Limit 15

Learn to make a "Lavender Wand". In this project, we will weave ribbon with lavender stems to create a "wand" that is both decorative and useful. Perfect as a gift!

Friday, July 19,  
9:30–11 am  
**Held in the PDG**

## **Plateau Discovery Garden Tour – Jewels of July**

*Shalena Durkot, Garden Coordinator*

Limit 20

Join us for a guided summer tour of the Gardens. Learn about the history of its creation, how it has evolved, and of course, all about the beautiful plants within it.

Monday, July 29,  
9–11 am

### **Invasive Plants on the Plateau**

*Bill Morgan, Obed Watershed Community Assoc. & Master Gardener*

The Plateau is under attack! Which non-native plants sold in garden centers should NEVER be in your garden? There are better alternatives. Learn to identify, avoid, and help eradicate extremely aggressive invasive plants that threaten our native species and our environment. You won't want to miss this one!

Saturday, August 3  
9–11 am

### **Butterflies and Caterpillars**

*Kris Light, Science Outreach Educator*

Learn about butterflies and caterpillars commonly found on the Plateau. Get tips on how to ensure these creatures thrive. We will take a stroll through the butterfly garden to look for caterpillars and butterflies. Dress appropriately for the garden.

Tuesday, August 6  
1 pm –2 pm

### **Landscape Trends for Today's World**

*Haley Treadway, UT Extension Agent, Hamilton Co.*

Learn the latest trends in landscape architecture and design. Focus will be on residential issues, including right plant/right place, low maintenance, sustainability, and considerations for aging gardeners.

Saturday, August 10  
9–11 am

### **Fall Veggies - Cool!**

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

Now is the time to prepare for a cool season vegetable garden with discussion on the best varieties and tips for successful growing.

Saturday, August 17  
9 am–11 pm

### **Growing Carnivorous Curiosities**

*David Clark, Nature Photographer & TN Cert. Naturalist*

*Kristi DuBois, Master Gardener and TN Cert. Naturalist*

Learn about the intriguing dietary habits of carnivorous plants and how to grow them on a sunny deck or patio.

Tuesday, Aug 27  
9 am–3 pm

**Held Outdoors at  
the PDG**

### **Fall Gardeners' Festival**

*Pre-Registration required*

This fun and educational day is packed with information for the gardener. Enjoy workshops, exhibits, Ask-the-Experts, wagon tours and garden vendors.

Saturday, Sept. 14  
2–4 pm

**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Tea in the Gardens – Apples in September**

Limit: 36 with Pre-Paid Reservations: "Tea for Two" \$35 or \$20 per person.

Enjoy a selection of teas and delectable edibles. Visit the fall gardens and celebrate the apple season. Learn about the best uses for different varieties of apples. Finery encouraged! Call (931) 879-8980 for questions.

Friday, Sept. 20  
9:30–11 am

## **Plateau Discovery Garden Tour – September Splendor**

*Shalena Durkot, Garden Coordinator*

Limit 20

Join us for a fall tour of the Gardens. Learn about the history of its creation, how it has evolved, and of course, all about the beautiful plants within it.

Thursday, Oct 3  
9–11:30 am

## **Stumped? Name that Tree!**

*Sid Morgan, Master Gardener*

Limit 24

Take a guided walk through the woody area near Plateau Discovery Gardens to identify and discuss the native trees common on the Plateau. Dates depend on Mother Nature. Check websites or call for updates. Dress appropriately for weather and hiking.

Saturday, Oct 19  
9–11 am

## **So, You Want a Greenhouse?**

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

If you've been thinking about building a greenhouse, join us to learn about foundations, ventilation, water needs, and electrical and water systems. We will cover both kits and do-it-yourself, four-season greenhouses. Costs? Get your project off to a good start with early planning!