

# 2023 Master Gardener PDG Community Class Descriptions

**(All Classes are held at the UT Plateau Research and Education Center's PDG indoor classroom except as otherwise indicated. \* Indicates class may require some physical activity such as walking)**

Saturday, February 18,  
1:00-3:00 pm

## **Pinecone Feeders for Kids** **(Must be accompanied by an adult)**

*Vicki May, Master Gardener*

Limit 15 Children

Learn about feeding birds and make a peanut butter pinecone feeder out of all natural materials. Celebrate bird feeding and breeding season.

<https://forms.gle/dRoGTL1w3Tbhb5FD8>

Wednesday, February 22,  
10:00 am-12:00 pm

## **Turf Grass Maintenance & Weed Control\***

*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.

<https://forms.gle/SB5etBU3AuEKm3fF9>

Tuesday, March 7,  
10:00 - 11:00 am

## **Bluebirds**

*Don Hazel, President Tennessee Bluebird Society*

Learn the bluebird story from nest, eggs to one of our most beautiful songbirds. Learn how one simple idea has helped them thrive again, and how you can be a part of this truly American success story.

<https://forms.gle/2tbKJjY5VLnSTfzx5>

Saturday, March 18,  
10:00 - 11:00 am

## **Basic Garden Hand Tools & Their Care**

*Dick Kaleba, Master Gardener*

Are you new to gardening? Learn which hand tools are basic for the home gardener and how to care for them. Good tools should last a lifetime.

<https://forms.gle/7X5htMpPvfPTPzPs7>

Saturday, March 25,  
9:00 - 11:00 am

## **Vegetable Gardening 101**

*Fred Mullen & Sid Morgan, Master Gardeners*

Get advice on how to plant, grow and harvest vegetables. An overview of raised bed gardening will be provided for folks dealing with shallow soils on the plateau.

<https://forms.gle/QgBiTtKJie15Nctw5>

Saturday, April 15,  
10:00 – 11:30 am  
**Held at the Obed River  
Park**

### **Walk: Spring Native Plants \***

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

Limit 20

Join leader Bill in an activity to identify spring native flowers and ferns at the Obed River Park. We will meet at the parking area just beyond the entrance to the park off 70N. Dress appropriately for this easy walk.

<https://forms.gle/oS5cFbF8AL326aPu5>

Monday, April 17,  
9:00 – 10:30 am

### **Native Plants & Biodiversity**

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

Photos will show that native flowers provide a rich and aesthetic variety of colors in a garden throughout the growing season. Native plants are highly adapted to the Cumberland Plateau and are virtually maintenance free. They provide an irreplaceable food source for many important insect pollinators and enhance biodiversity.

<https://forms.gle/mxAztw5GQAVyaQ88A>

Saturday, April 29,  
9:00 – 11:00

### **Tomatoes**

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

Learn the best varieties, heirloom versus hybrid, seeds and seedlings, planting, and ways to grow them. He will discuss mulching, pinching suckers, watering, and fertilizing. Learn about common problems and solutions...everything you need to know about growing tomatoes!

<https://forms.gle/AQCWhNxEvQydTEF48>

Thursday, May 4,  
10:00-11:00 am

### **Snakes**

*Don Hazel, Nature Columnist*

We will talk about the snakes that live in our state and how to identify them: where they live, what they eat, and which ones are dangerous. There will be lots of beautiful colorful photos, but no live animals.

<https://forms.gle/xi3NVUdZNgCCzJj36>

Saturday, May 6,  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Spring Plant Sale**

Purchase from our selection of annuals, herbs, perennials, vegetables, and shrubs. Come and see what new varieties are available. Proceeds benefit the Plateau Discovery Garden.

Monday, May 8,  
1:00 – 2:00 pm

## **Herbs**

*Robin Piacine, Master Gardener*

Come join us as we explore origins, cultivation requirements, types, and uses of herbs. Handouts as well as examples of herbs will be provided. Also included will be samples of the various ways to grow and utilize these amazing plants.

<https://forms.gle/sd4RZQ28oc14TbZx5>

Friday, May 19,  
9:30 – 11:00 am

## **Plateau Discovery Garden Tour \***

*Shalena Durkot, Garden Coordinator*

Limit 20

Join us for a guided spring 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.

<https://forms.gle/wdCMiJq3ubnqhaZv6>

Saturday, May 13,  
2:00 – 4:00 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

## **Mother's Day Tea \***

Limit 40 -- Reservations required.

Price: "Tea for Two" \$35 or \$20 per person

A selection of teas and delicate edibles will be served. Enjoy a tour of the spring gardens and a short presentation on the meaning of favorite flowers. Finery encouraged. Mothers & Daughters especially welcome! Call (931) 879-8980 for questions. Requires advance payment by check payable to CCMG and mailed to CCMG P.O. Box 483, Crossville, TN 38557.

Saturday, May 20, am  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## **Strawbale 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 and 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 materials to create awesome soil. <https://forms.gle/7CkMQDkbG233gPce9>

Saturday, June 10,  
9:30 - 11:00 am

## **Tennessee Smart Yards**

*Mike Barron, Master Gardener*

Keep Tennessee's land and water healthy one yard at a time. This is a "smart yard" in balance with the local environment benefiting people and our ecosystem. You'll be introduced to this program and its stewardship principles. Learn why a Smart Yard is right for you!

<https://forms.gle/rMzaNqydqhtfte29>

Saturday, June 10  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Rock Painting for Kids (Must be accompanied by an adult)**

*Rhoda Hiller, Master Gardener*

Learn how to paint inspired art on a rock. Paint a rock to give as a gift or to decorate your garden. Wear something you don't mind getting paint on. We will be painting with acrylic.

<https://forms.gle/umBZwseGvyDg6TP97>

Saturday, June 17,  
9:00 - 11:00 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.

<https://forms.gle/Shnq5Tj8kErNnyLb6>

Saturday, June 24,  
2:00-4:00 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Daylily Tea \***

Limit 40 Reservations required.

Price: "Tea for Two" \$35, \$20 per person

A selection of teas and delicate edibles, some featuring daylilies, will be served. Enjoy a walk through the 450 rows of daylilies and a short presentation on their history.

Finery encouraged. Call (931) 879-8980 for questions.

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Friday, July 14,  
9:30 – 11:00 am  
**Held in the PDG**

### **Plateau Discovery Garden Tour \***

*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.

<https://forms.gle/wWYdYeyCceK7DdFy7>

Saturday, July 15,  
9:00-11:30 am  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Gourd Birdhouse Painting For Kids (Must be accompanied by an adult)**

*Rhoda Hiller, Master Gardener*

Gourd birdhouses are popular with our feathered friends. Paint your own design and hang in a tree. We will be painting with acrylic, so wear something you don't mind getting paint on. <https://forms.gle/zuDKUGFQQ6kpc2xz6>

Monday, July 17,  
9:00 – 11:00 am

### **Native Plants and Erosion Control**

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

Discussion and photos will illustrate the use of both attractive and deep-rooted native plants to create appropriate landscaping for homeowners who have property along water edges of ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands.

<https://forms.gle/wvDnhN4Z2fyVVzfa6>

Saturday, July 29,  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## **Seed Saving and Seed Swap \***

*Jewell Wilhoite, Master Gardener*

Limit 20

Learn reasons to get started harvesting and saving your own seeds and the best practices for packaging and storing your seeds. It's fun-it's economical-it's rewarding! Please bring at least one fresh, unopened package of flower seeds for exchange during class.

Seeds no more than one year old, please.

<https://forms.gle/9xD5UKKNUAZq6wGR6>

Tuesday, August 1,  
9:00 – 11:00 am

## **Butterflies and Caterpillars \***

*Kris Light, Science Outreach Educator*

Learn about butterflies and caterpillars commonly found in Tennessee. Tips on how to ensure these creatures thrive will also be shared. Take a stroll out to the Butterfly Garden to look for caterpillars and butterflies. Dress appropriately.

<https://forms.gle/rTp3pa4Af2t247R3A>

Thursday, August 3,  
10:00 – 11:00 am

## **Sustainable Landscape Design for Pollinators**

*Michael Ross, UT Asst. Professor Architecture*

Learn to design your landscape to provide nectar, forage, and shelter for pollinators throughout their life cycles. Learn about plants that support them while maintaining good design.

<https://forms.gle/jjQcAmAzAr8iW5h56>

Saturday, August 5,  
9:00 – 11:00 am

## **Fall Vegetable Gardening**

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

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

<https://forms.gle/xCKBCTNqNKYpUZA4A>

Monday, August 7,  
2:00 – 3:00 pm

## **Harvesting Herbs & Making Herbal Gifts**

*Robin Piacine, Master Gardener*

If you are looking for interesting and fun ways to use your herbs, then this class is for you! Preserving, drying, herb oils and vinegars, lavender sachets, and wreaths are a few of the items that will be discussed and demonstrated. Please join us for a fun class!

<https://forms.gle/GMiBVh3HFoR4PFb39>

Thursday, August 17,  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## **Chrysanthemum - Queen of Fall Flowers**

*Jewell Wilhoite, Master Gardener*

Limit 25

Learn the history, growing habits, and long-term care of these colorful perennials. See examples of varieties.

<https://forms.gle/V4HoPHrcvshHxkYo9>

Tuesday, Aug 29,  
9:00 am - 3:00 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.

<https://forms.gle/8mMknLBLGHZCS1yi9>

Saturday, September 9,  
2:00 - 4:00  
**Held in the PDG Outdoor Pavilion**

## **Herb Tea**

Limit 40 -- Reservations required.

Price: "Tea for Two" \$35 or \$20 per person

A selection of teas and delicate edibles, most featuring a variety of herbs, will be served. Enjoy a short presentation on herbs at the herb garden. Finery encouraged. Call (931) 879-8980 for questions. Requires advance payment by check payable to CCMG and mailed to CCMG P.O. Box 483, Crossville, TN 38557.

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Monday, September 18,  
9:00 - 11:00 am

## **Invasive Plants on the Plateau**

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

Photos and discussion will be used to identify invasive plants common on the plateau. These plants continue to be introduced here from other parts of the world. They should never be included in home gardens as many are highly aggressive, spread rapidly, and thus threaten our native species and our environment.

<https://forms.gle/CHzyH3dUEjKVZHmz7>

Thursday, September 28,  
9:00 – 11:30 am

### **Tree Identification \***

*Sid Morgan, Master Gardener*

Limit 24

Enjoy a guided walk through the woody area near Plateau Discovery Gardens to identify and discuss the native trees common in this area. Dates are dependent upon Mother Nature. Check the website for updates in the event of inclement weather. Dress appropriately for weather and hiking.

<https://forms.gle/YwDRrxM4u6wXsmVv5>

Saturday, September 30,  
9:00 – 12:00 pm

### **Cloth Pumpkins (a hands-on class)**

*Rhoda Hiller, Master Gardener*

Limit 12

Class fee is \$12 to be paid the day of class.

Learn how to make adorable cloth pumpkins. Materials will be provided. Minimal hand sewing is required. Please bring a glue gun if you have one. You will bring 2-3 of these cuties home just in time for fall decorating.

<https://forms.gle/a7uN2Mw8Ped8SqQW7>

Saturday, October 7,  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **Houseplants**

*Rhoda Hiller, Master Gardener*

Learn about easy-to-grow houseplants. We will discuss soil selection, planting, watering, and prevention of common problems. See examples of houseplants that can bring us joy throughout the year.

<https://forms.gle/PQrpCwncnwwdcirb7>

Saturday, October 14,  
9:00 – 11:00 am

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

*Fred Mullen, Master Gardener*

If you've been thinking about having a greenhouse, join us to learn about small and hobby greenhouses for your home. We will cover both kits and do-it-yourself 4-season greenhouses. Learn about what it takes to build and operate one. We will cover foundations, ventilation, watering systems, electrical and water needs. Costs will be discussed. Get your project off to a good start with early planning!

<https://forms.gle/GsbfUudRxBqYcWt37>

Saturday, October 14,  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
**Held in the PDG  
Outdoor Pavilion**

### **Pumpkin Painting for Kids (Must be accompanied by an adult)**

*Rhoda Hiller, Master Gardener*

Learn about pumpkins and the art of painting them - just in time for *Fall Fun*. Decorate your porch or deck with the pumpkin you paint and take home. Wear something you don't mind getting paint on. We will be painting with acrylic. <https://forms.gle/9HNsy9dfqibc5Top6>

