

Presentations include:

- **Friends in the Shade: Keeping Your Hosta Company** (Jason Reeves, Horticulturist UT Gardens, Jackson) – Shopping for a shady spot is no longer limited to hosta. The array of shade plants now found in the nursery industry offer four seasons of excitement. Learn about plants for shady spaces that are new to the market or underutilized proven performers.
- **Sustainable Landscapes in Real Life** (Mike Ross, UT Assistant Professor) – Sustainability and resilience are key concepts in the contemporary landscape and garden. Learning how to think about these concepts and strategies for implementing them is key to achieving ecological performance from our residential landscapes and gardens.
- **‘Duds and Studs’ – Woody Ornamental Plant Selection** (Justin Stefanski, UT Extension Agent, Rutherford County) – An overview of some ‘dud’ woody ornamentals and alternative ‘studs’ that are best suited for Tennessee home Landscapes.
- **Native by Nature: Managing Invasives for Biodiverse Landscapes** (Dr. Andrea Ludwig, UT Professor and Extension Specialist) – There are dozens of plants listed as invasive in Tennessee. Learn about the most common, discuss management strategies, and tips on nurturing native plant dominated landscapes.
- **Wild Wings & Garden Things – Pollinators and Native Plant Companions** (Anne Padgett, Certified Tennessee Naturalist) – Our native pollinators are more than just bees. A look at our garden flying friends and their favorite native companion plants that you can grow to help support them.
- **Creative Culinary Companions – Using Herbs in Your Vegetable Garden and Landscape** (Melody Rose, UT Extension Agent, Greene County) – Learn the valuable attributes of various herbs grown as companion plants for attracting beneficial insects and pollinators, and serving as flavorful options for human consumption. (Sampling available)
- **Making the Most of Your Home Greenhouse** (Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, UT Assoc. Professor & Extension Specialist) Whether you are considering installing a new greenhouse or already growing in your own, we have something for you. Learn about greenhouse structures and how to best manage your environment, as well as selecting and managing crops.
- **Tennessee Vegetable Garden Favorites** (Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, UT Assoc. Professor & Extension Specialist) – From the old favorites to the newest, latest and greatest cultivars, we want Tennessee vegetable gardeners to be equipped with real life applied research that supports the success and enjoyment of their garden.
- **Home Fruit Production** (Dr. David Lockwood, UT Professor and Extension Specialist) – Do you want to include fruit in your home landscape but are not sure what types or varieties best suit your area? Learn about what is out there and what offers the best chance of success. Considerations for cross-pollination, dwarf, semi-dwarf, or trees, pests, & more.
- **Grow, Snip, Repeat! Growing a Cutting Garden that Keeps on Giving** (Celeste Scott, UT Horticulture Specialist, Western Region) – Learn how to grow a home cutting garden that keeps your vases full all season long! Discover how to mix annuals, perennials, and shrubbery for a continuous supply of fresh blooms, and the secrets of succession planting.
- **Raised Beds & Container Gardening** (Haley Treadway, UT Extension Agent, Hamilton County) – This presentation will cover the possibilities and challenges of container gardening, raised beds, and more. From materials to crop selection, we’ll cover a variety of topics within the scope of this unique approach.
- **“Fall”ing into Winter – Tips and Tricks for a Successful Fall Garden** (Lucas Holman, UT Extension Agent and County Director, Wilson County) – We’ll look at ways to put your garden to rest for winter, as well as things you can still plant in the cool season vegetable world that can be successful in early winter.
- **Hedge Your Bets: Smart Plant Choices for Tennessee Screens** (Taylor Reeder, UT Extension Agent, Williamson County) Looking to add a little privacy without putting up a fence? Explore plants that double as living screens. From dense hedges to airy evergreens, learn which plants work best for blocking views, reducing noise, and boosting curb appeal.

- **Home Turf Advantage: Winning at Lawn Care** (Dr. Becky Grubbs Bowling, Assist. Professor and Extension Specialist)
Join us for an interactive session to take the guesswork out of lawn care! This Q&A style talk will cover the key elements of successful lawn management in Tennessee, including grass selection, fertilization, irrigation, and pest control.
- **Soil Health** (Adam Daugherty, TN NRCS State Soil Health Specialist) – Gain an understanding of how the soil is designed to function and how management decisions will have negative or positive impacts on soil function.
- **Garden Defenders: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** (Dr. Chris Cooper, UT Extension Director and Extension Agent, Shelby County) – We are excited to have the host of The Family Plot, a weekly public television gardening program, discuss how to attract and support nature's garden heroes (beneficial insects). You don't want to miss this one!