

Master Gardener Newsletter March 2018

Greetings Master Gardeners. Spring is here and you know what that means. Time to start thinking about what to plant, vegetables, flowers, bushes, trees, or all the above. For me it is all the above.

Recently the Tennessee Environmental Council had their annual "Tennessee Tree Project". This year their goal was to plant 250K trees in one day. There were 5 varieties: red oak, poplar, black cherry, red bud and pine. They were only asking for a \$1 donation for each tree. We picked up the trees in Chattanooga on Thursday 2/22. People in this area who ordered trees picked them up at the MG Bldg on Fri. and Sat. 2/23 & 24. There were 34 people who placed orders for a total of 735 trees.

Sadly to say we did not have enough people to sign up for our MG Intern Class this year. Personally I miss attending the classes. I need a refresher every year to help me remember. We all need to start thinking about recruiting new members. If we can attract enough people we could possibly start a new class on or around May 3rd.

This year we are offering a Small Scale Orchard Short Course. The price of the course is \$100, due by 3-21-18.

The course includes the following:

April 7, Cultivars and Soil.

April 14, Grafting and Orchard Tour.

April 21, Financial Considerations.

We will be having a work day at the MG Bldg on Monday, March 19th starting at 9:30am. May need to bring your rake because there are lots of pine needles on the ground and the inside needs a good cleaning also.

Our MG Association Meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30pm at the MG Bldg. We will be having BBQ and planning for the year ahead. And it just so happens that the first day of Spring is March 20th. The Vernal (Spring) Equinox occurs on March 20th at 12:15 pm EDT.

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