

Awards and Recognition of 2023 Volunteers



Improving the lives of Tennesseans through horticulture education delivered by a dedicated and skilled volunteer network.



Roane graduates its first Master Gardener class

The University of Tennessee Roane County Extension had its final Master Gardener class and graduation in October.

Sixteen people graduated from the course and completed the 17 classes with 57 hours of training.

During the final meeting, the group voted to create the Master Gardeners of Roane County organization.

This organization will exist to assist the Roane County Extension Service in delivering educational programs to the citizens of Roane County.

Participants in this years program were from scattered areas around Roane County and will be a vital resource for other home gardeners in their local communities.

The new county organi-

zation will only be made of individuals who have graduated from the program.

This years topics and speakers were:

- Introduction, Beth Babbit; UT Master Gardener coordinator.

- Soils, Tom Swanks, UT Meigs County Extension.

- Botany, Scott Griner; Midway High School agriculture instructor.

- Entomology, Grant Palmer, UT Roane County Extension.

- Plant Pathology, Justin Clark; UT Roane County Extension.

- Pesticides, Kelly Amonett; UT Morgan County Extension.

- Raised Beds, Jim and Marilyn Felton, Rhea County Master Gardeners.

- Roses, Helen Bandy, Putnam County Master



Roane County Master Gardener graduates are, front row from left, Harriet Whiteman, Thalma Hondalus, Iris Shelton, Cynthia Hatton, Evelyn Crass, Linda Peterson, Iro Truxell, Ralph Honeycutt; and back row, Sue Hill, UT extension agent Justin Clark, Kathy Kelly-Hund, Betsy Ellis, Nancy Hughes, Deb Swanson and Tom Jeski. Not pictured are Bill Sides and Sue McCutcheon.

Gardener.

- Vegetables, Jerry Lamb, director, UT Rhea County Extension.

- Turfgrass, Tom Samples, UT turfgrass professor and specialist.

- Weeds, James Griffin, UT Union County Extension.

and specialist.

- Beekeeping, Sam Davis, Morgan/Roane Beekeeping president.

- Perennials/Ornamentation, Beth Babbit, UT Master Gardener coordinator.

- Fruits, David Lockwood, UT fruit professor

- Urban Forestry, Gregg Upchurch, UT Cumberland County Extension.

- Composting and Tour of Natural Resources Recovery in Solway

- Private Applicator Certification.

Our most experienced MG Members



★ **First members MGRC:**
Iris Shelton
Tom Jeskie

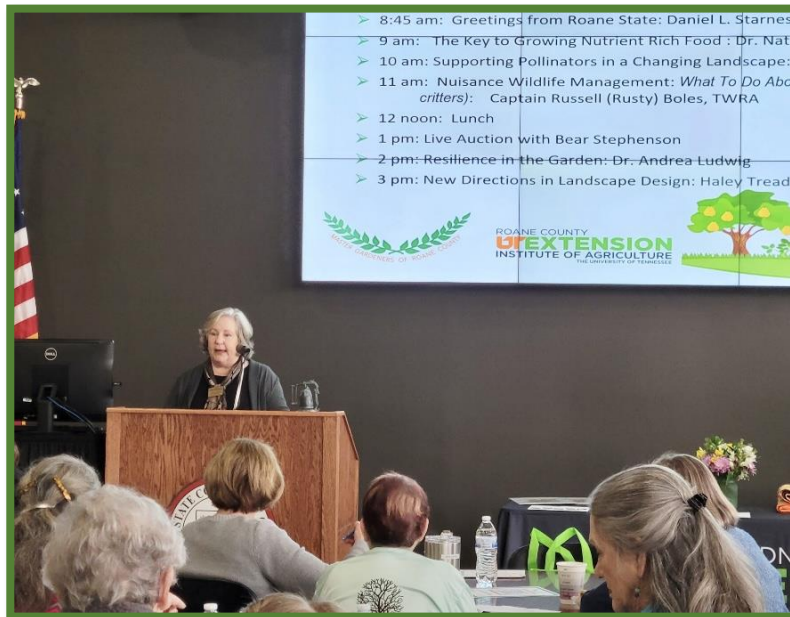


Education: Symposium, Lunch and Learn, Farm Day Seed Trials, HUG, GOM and RHA



Symposium

Chairpersons: Donna Bibee and Kathryn Coogar



The Symposium registration grossed \$4,830
And the auction grossed \$3,315.



Symposium



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Lunch and Learn

Chairperson: Elaine Steele
Donna Bibee, Kathryn Cogar and
Lucy Stephenson



Farm Day

Co-Chairpersons: Debbie Rose and Cyndi Fowler
Donna Bibee, Courtney Gardener, Renee Gurley,
Maura Maloney, Ailene Radcliffe, Nancy Stelzer,
Erica Williams

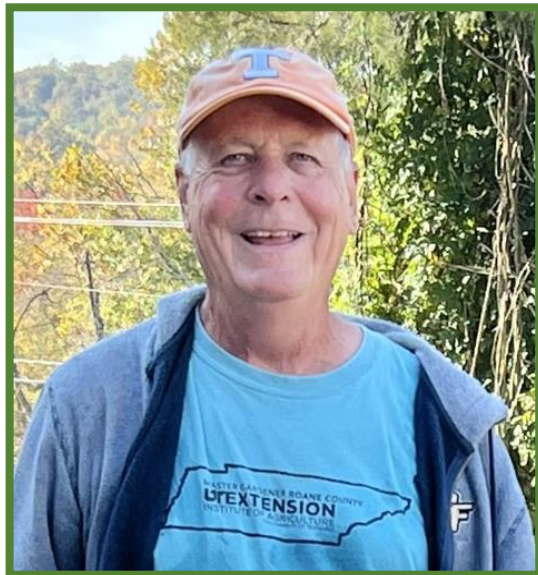


Farm Day



HUG: Habitat Urban Gardens

Project Leader: Steve Bryant



Master Gardener – HUG (Habitat Urban Gardens) Program Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Master Gardeners help new Habitat homeowners learn the basics of home landscaping when they purchase their houses



RHA: Residential Horticultural Assistance Program

Project Leader: Tom Jeskie

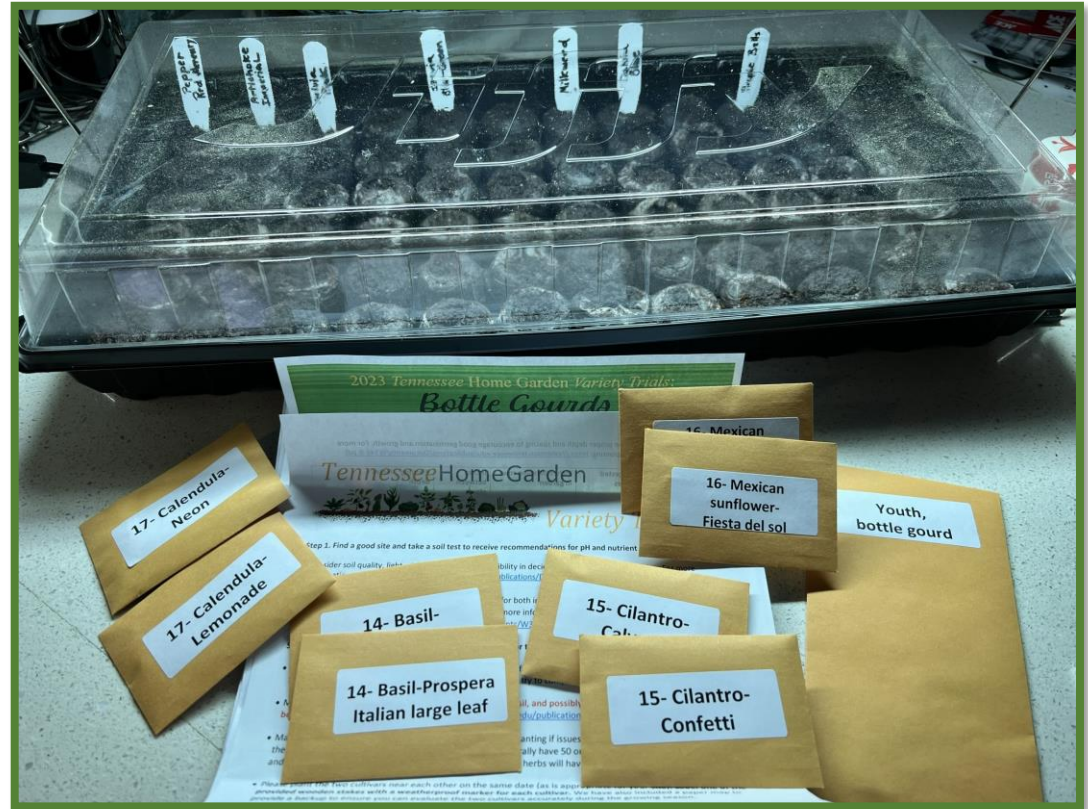


Our Vision

“To provide innovative, research-based, and useful horticulture information and education to all Tennessee Residents and communities.”

Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials

Project Leader: Jean Lofaso



The goal of the Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials program is to help home gardeners answer the question, “which variety will do best in my Tennessee home garden?”

GOM: Garden of the Month

Co-Leaders: Anne Gilmore and Vera Gormley



The program is designed to create fellowship among our members while learning about different gardens.



GOM: Garden of the Month



Outreach



Erica Williams: Booth at Main Street Rockwood



Lisa Deutsch: Facebook Administrator
We have 1,225 followers.

Outreach---Speaking to other Organizations



Donna Bibee



Bobbi Heneisen



Ailene Radcliffe

Partnerships: Family Promise



MGRC Contact: Dean LeBlanc



Ornamental Demonstration Gardens: The Gardens at Roane County Park



Ornamental Demonstration Gardens: The Native American Healing Garden at Fort Southwest Point



Ornamental Demonstration Gardens: The Extension Office Gardens

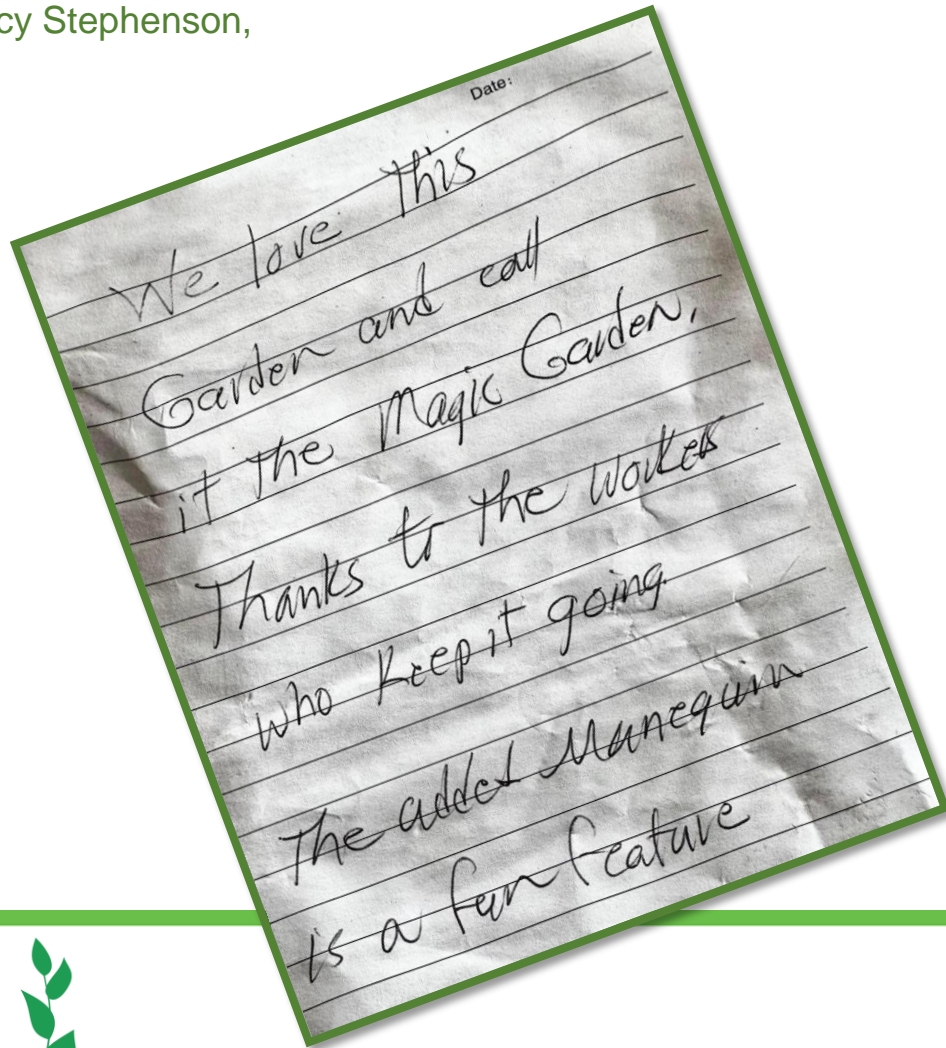


The Gardens at Roane County Park

Co-Leaders: Bobbi Heneisen and Ailene Radcliffe

Team Leaders: Jean Lofaso, Elaine Steele

Water Team: Steacy Lucchesi, Maura Maloney, Carmen Ross, Lucy Stephenson,



The Gardens at Roane County Park

FREE WEEDS
pull
YOUR OWN



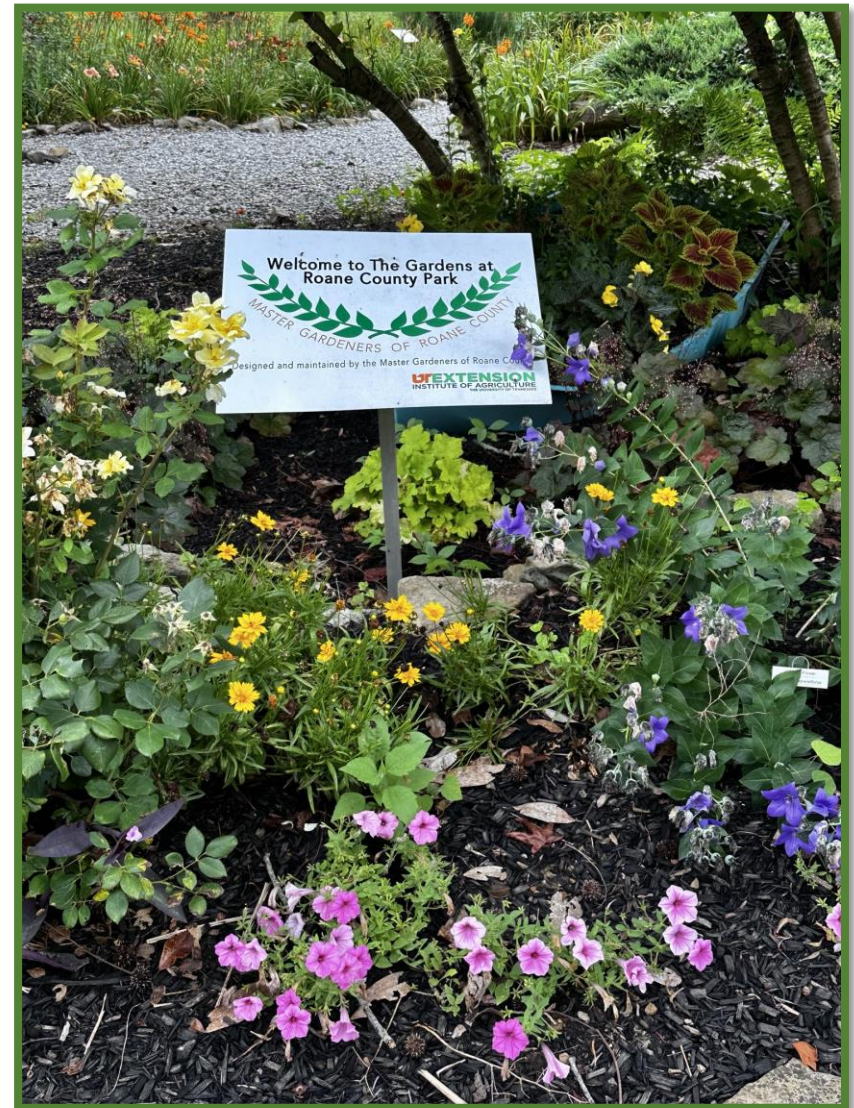
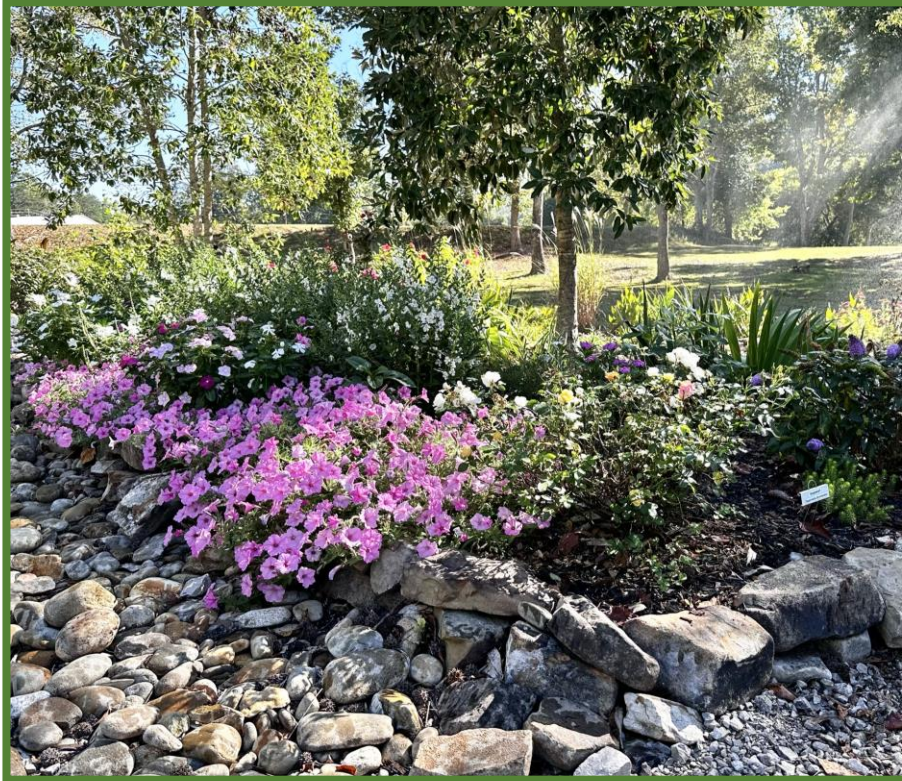
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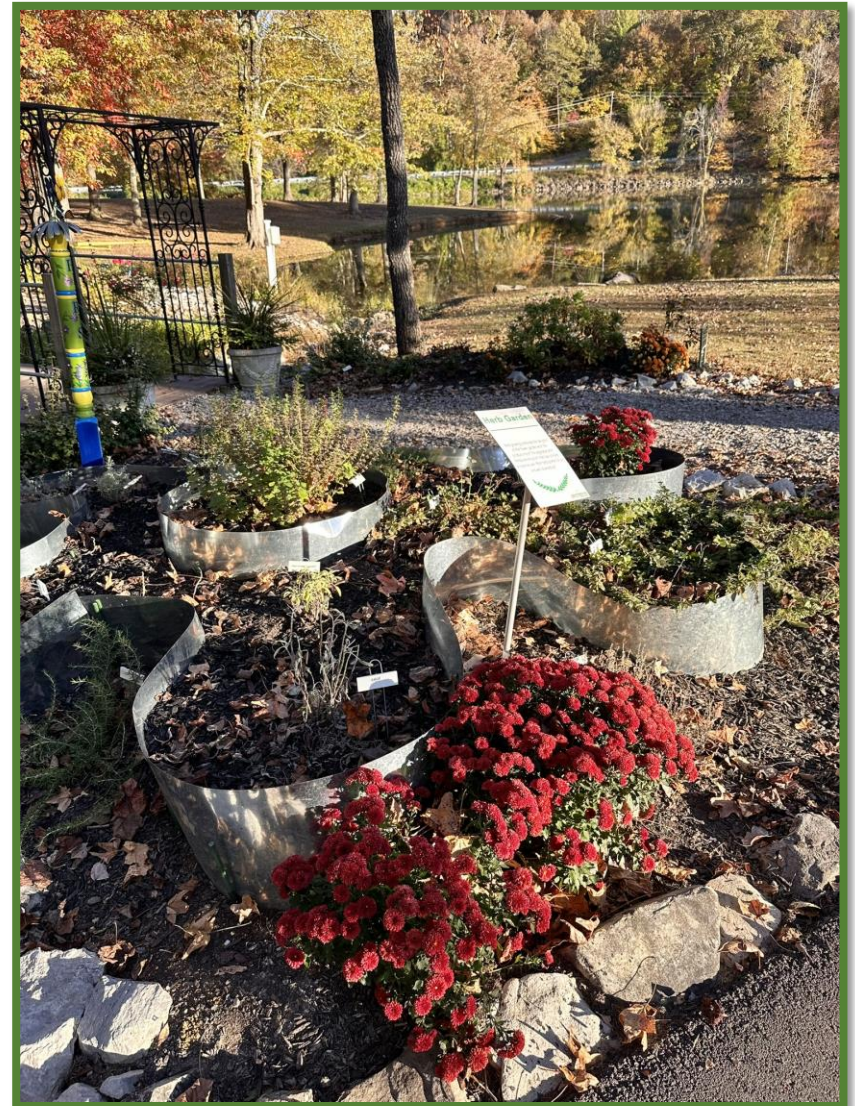
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The Gardens at Roane County Park Intern Project



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Intern Graduation



The Gardens at Roane County Park



The Goddess was moved and had a makeover.



The Native American Healing Garden at Fort Southwest Point

Project Leader: Cyndi Fowler

Patti Brashears, Jeff Campbell, Kate Harris,
Anita Phillips, Jill Walworth



The Native American Healing Garden at Fort Southwest Point



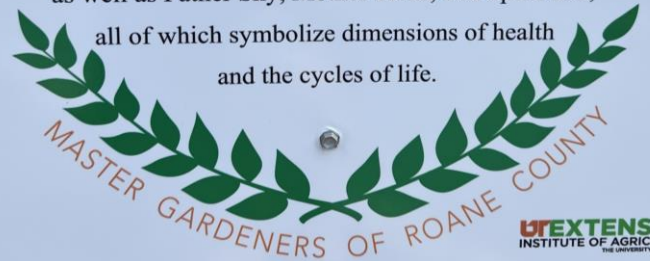
Native American Healing Garden

This garden highlights and honors local Native American healing plants and the role they played in the early history of our region. The medicine wheel design originates with the Native American culture and embodies the Four Directions -

North, South, East, West,

as well as Father Sky, Mother Earth, and Spirit tree;

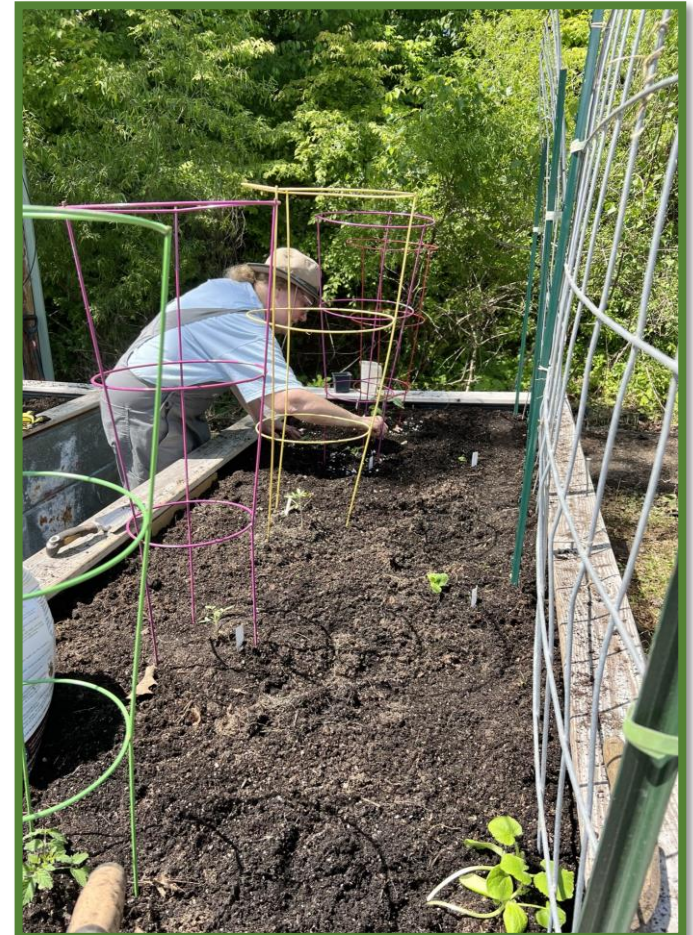
all of which symbolize dimensions of health
and the cycles of life.



The Gardens at the Extension Office

Project Leader: Sharon Stone

Team Leaders: Bobbi Heneisen, Ailene Radcliffe



The Gardens at the Extension Office



The Gardens at the Extension Office and Roane County Giving Back

**Co-Leaders: Bobbi Heneisen and
Ailene Radcliffe**
Sharon Stone, Anne Gilmore



154 Pounds of produce was donated to our local food pantries.

The Memorial Garden at the Extension Office



The Southwest Garden at the Extension Office



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Community Service: Adopt a Highway, Litter Clean-up

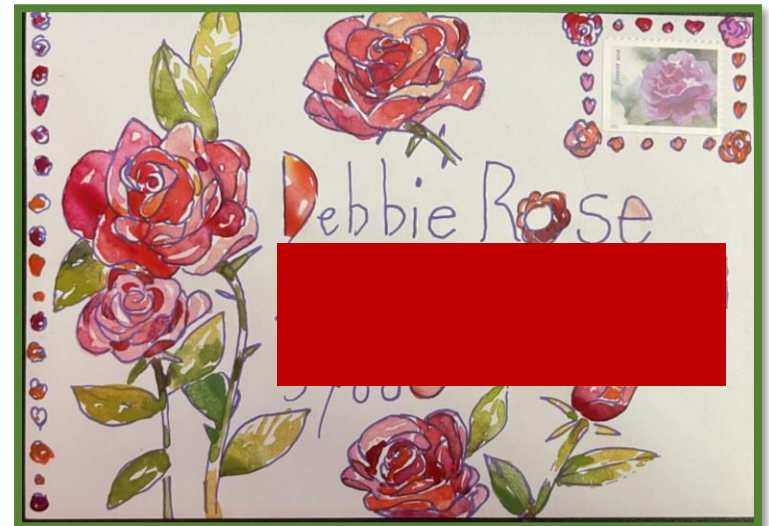
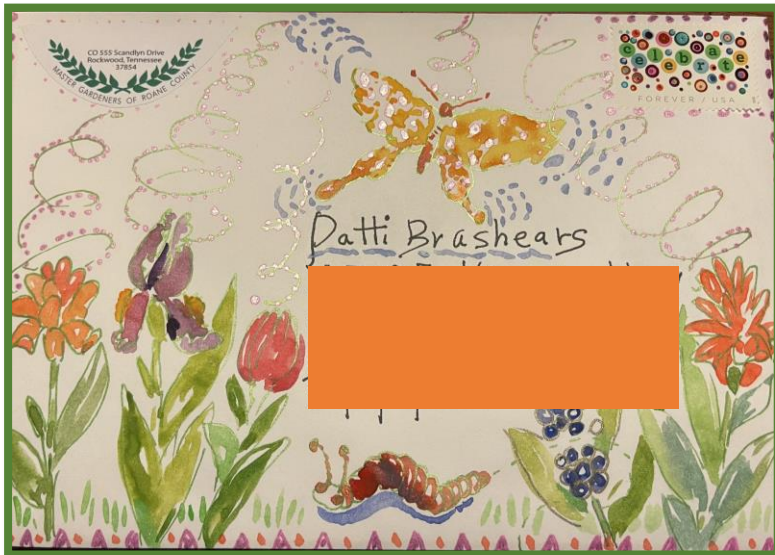
Project Leader: Julie Edwards

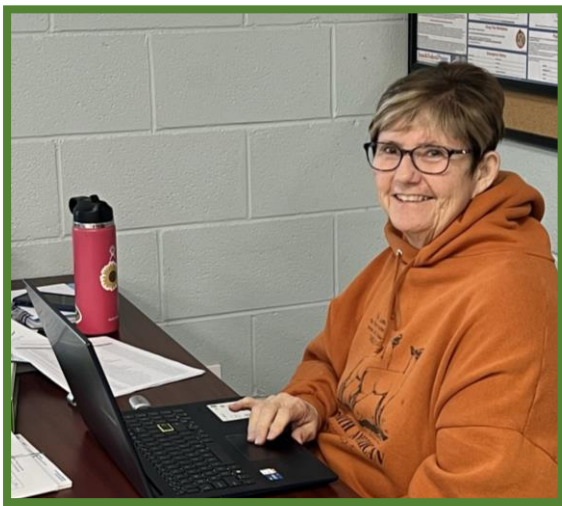


We have adopted a 2-mile stretch of Highway 70 beginning west of the Roane Country Park and ending near the AgCentral Farmers Co-op

Member Care

Project Leader: Anne Powers





Website: Patti Brashears



**Audit Committee
Steve Bryant, Patti Brashears,
Jean Lofaso & Julie Edwards**

**All members who help at the
Extension Office when needed.**



Historian: Jean Lofaso



**Google Drive Chairman
Lucy Stephenson**



**Chairmen Ad Hoc
Bylaw Committee**

Community Outreach

Planting up pots for the Roane State
Community College Campus



Participating in the Rockwood Main Street Event

Bobbi Heneisen designed and painted chairs for a Contest to raise money for Rockwood Main Street Events.



Plant Sale-Fundraiser and Community Outreach

Project Leader: Lucy Stephenson



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Gross Income \$5,024!

Plant Sale-Fundraiser and Community Outreach



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Just for Fun

We had a pot luck dinner and plant swap during our October Business Meeting





Thanks to Donna Bowles and to Jessica Wilkinson Smith for preparing for this special celebration.



2023 Impact Summary



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- **Ornamental Gardens**
 - Demonstration of proper horticultural practices

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- **Community Events**
 - Number of citizens reached: 1000

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- **Educational Presentations**
 - Citizens attending: 3,655

151K

- **Social Media and Web Outreach**
 - Number of community members reached: 76,000

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- **Food Gardens**
 - demonstrate proper vegetable of fruit management practiced and produced 154 pounds of food





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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

2023 Board of Directors

President	Ailene Radcliffe
Vice President	Lucy Stephenson
Secretary	Bobbi Heneisen
Treasurer	Julie Edwards
Member at Large	Ernie Ford
Past President	Kathryn Cogar
Intern Representative	Dean LeBlanc
Intern Liaison	Patti Brashears



2023 Master Gardener Interns

Erica Williams

Nancy Stelzer

Jen Stark

Todd Sherline

Carmen Ross

Melissa McKenzie

Maura Maloney

Stacy Lucchesi

Dean LeBlanc

Donna Deean

Arun Deean



2024 Master Gardener Interns

Laura Simmons

Nancy Pack

Steve Krispin

Amanda Webb

Janice Reese

Lucinda Williams

Mary Chick



Volunteer Awards and Recognition

Milestone Anniversaries

3 Year Anniversary

Ernie Ford
Anne Gilmer
Vera Gormley
Elaine Steele

Volunteer Awards and Recognition

Milestone Anniversaries

5 Year Anniversary

**Julie Edwards
Kathryn Cogar**

Volunteer Awards and Recognition

Milestone Anniversaries

10 Year Anniversary

Anne Powers



Volunteer Awards and Recognition

Milestone Anniversaries

15 Year Anniversary

Sharon Stone

Bobbi Heneisen

100+ Volunteer Hours

Bobbi Heneisen – 585.5 Hours

Ailene Radcliffe – 578 Hours

Kathryn Cogar – 256.5 Hours

Donna Bibee – 201.25 Hours

Jean Lofaso – 180.75 Hours

Sharon Stone – 177.25 Hours

Patti Brashears – 176.25 Hours

Lucy Stephenson – 164.75 Hours

Stacy Lucchesi – 124 Hours

Anne Gilmer – 110.4 Hours



2023 Membership

Donna Bibee	Donna Bowles	Patti Brashears	Steve Bryant
Jeff Campbell	Kathryn Cogar	Lisa Deutsch	Julie Edward
Ernie Ford	Cyndi Fowler	Russ Fuja	Courtney Gardner
Anne Gilmer	Vera Gormley	Renee Gurley	Kate Harris
Bobbi Heneisen	Kelli Hiaumet	Connie Hunter	Tom Jeskie
Jean Lofaso	Anita Phillips	Anne Powers	Ailene Radcliffe
Debbie Rose	Iris Shelton	Elaine Steele	Lucy Stephenson
Sharon Stone	Jessica Vinson	Jill Walworth	Carol Zahm
Arun Deean	Donna Deean	Dean LeBlanc	Steacy Lucchesi
Maura Maloney	Melissa McKenzie	Carmen Ross	Todd Sherline
Jenn Stark	Nancy Stelzer	Erica Williams	



2023

38 Master Gardeners Met or Exceeded Certification Requirements

Honorary Member Rick Heneisen

Ever since Bobbi transferred to MGRC in 2015 Rick has been there to give a helping hand. For example, he helps with the heavy lifting like moving mulch and the installation and taking down of the Totem Poles at The Gardens. He has made birdhouses that Bobbi decorates for fund raisers. He made Christmas Trees out of wood to decorate The Gardens at the park. He helps prepare wood for other projects like porch signs and fixes garden tools to sell at the plant sale. Rick may not be an official member but he certainly volunteers like one of our best. We'd like to call him our Honorary Member. Thank you Rick!

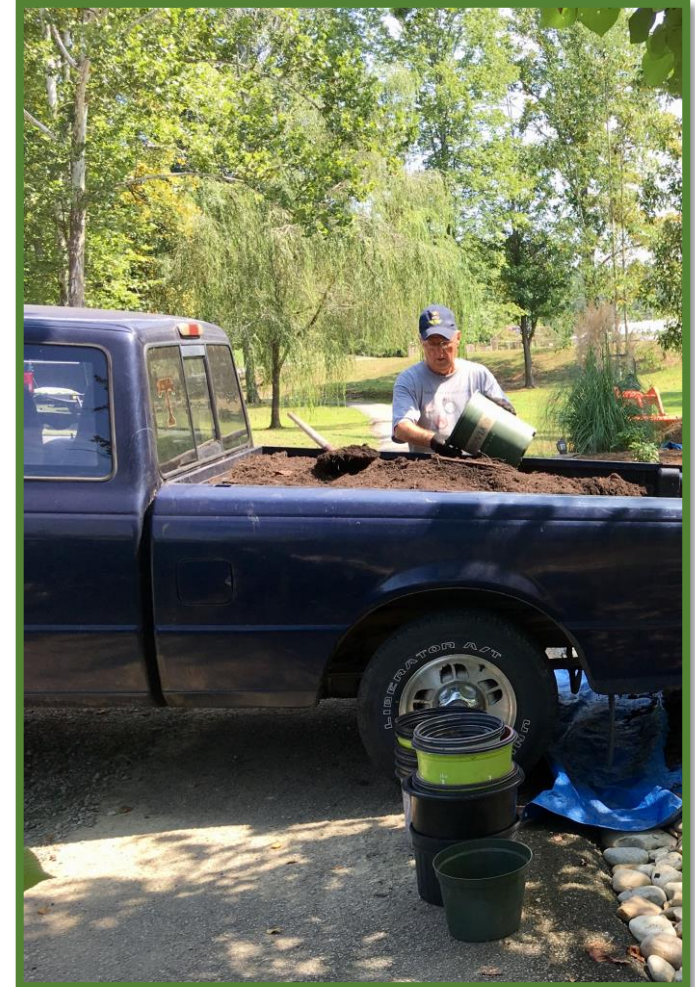


Honorary Member Larry Radcliffe

When Ailene became a MG, Larry was her support. He is always there when she needs help. He has helped move mulch, rock and soil. He has put up and taken down totem poles. He has helped water at the gardens for hours. He helps at the plant sale and wherever else we need him.

Larry has been a great volunteer.

Thank you Larry.



You are Awesome!

Thank **YOU** for your volunteer service.

Your contributions to the Master Gardeners of Roane County are the key to our success!





Where we came from...



Where we have been...

Where are we going??



Thank You

