

GardenTalk

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President's Thoughts

I have received many favorable comments from Master Gardeners who attended our August meeting at Grassmere. Our attendance was 85 members! Many thanks to Cathie Long and her crew at the gardens and also to Tori Mason and members of the Zoo staff for making us feel at home. It was a great night!

If you have been out in your garden lately, you can tell we are heading toward Fall even though it remains hot, and with its approach comes several events and projects.

Master Gardeners will have several opportunities to participate at the **Tennessee State Fair** held September 05-14. **Our September meeting will be held in our booth at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on September 4th** to kickoff the 10-day event.

Many of you have volunteered to speak at the **Green Stage** next to our booth. Last year, we were asked to present on gardening topics during the run of the fair to help boost attendance in the Agriculture Building, and we were successful! We have been asked to do the same again this year, which is what we do best: Educate others about gardening.

Harvest Days at Grassmere follows the State Fair later this month from September 26-28. Learn more about it and how you can help on page 10.

Our successful **Mentoring Program** continues and Carol Marrero has several opportunities for our interns to finish obtaining their education and volunteer hours for certification. You will find those

opportunities on page 9. As always, if you have questions on how to log your hours, please ask because we are happy to help. Our **Speakers Bureau** is also taking off, thanks to chair Natalie Manor and our growing list of volunteer speakers. Great opportunities are ahead for us!

The **Music & Molasses Festival**, a wonderful event for the whole family at Ellington Agricultural Center, will be held October 18-19. We are in need of a chair or co-chairs to organize for this event. That same weekend, on October 18, the Nashville City Cemetery hosts its annual **Living History Tour** where Master Gardeners serve as tour guides.

It's also time to begin thinking about our **annual election** of officers for 2015. A nominating committee, consisting of Carol Marrero (2009), Paul Martin (1998), and Karen Shaw (2014), will present our members with recommendations in advance of our November meeting. As a volunteer organization, member participation and leadership is obviously important; next year is expected to be one in which we strengthen and grow our family of Master Gardeners. Please consider a position on our board and give of your time as you are able.

Lastly, you will receive a link to an **electronic survey** in an upcoming e-blast (or mailed copy to those without email) to collect your opinions about the MGDC. I encourage you to be candid, as your answers will be anonymous, and complete it as soon as you are able so that we may use your input for our planning. It may be hot, but do take a walk in your garden each day! 🌻

~ Robert Mather (2000), President

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September Meeting at Tennessee State Fair

Our September meeting for Master Gardeners of Davidson County will be on **Thursday, September 4th** in the Agricultural Building at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30pm.

This will allow you to see our booth, pick up your passes for the Fair if you have already signed up for Booth Duty, and to drop off your container gardens for our display. Remember, we cannot get you passes for the Fair if you do not sign up BEFORE our meeting. Our speaker will be Scott Jones, Manager of the Tennessee State Fair. He and his staff will tell us about any changes for this year's fair and what new things have been added.

If you have NOT signed up for working our booth during the Fair, please call Barbara Allen at (615) 309-6130 and she can tell you what times are needed to fill.

For the meeting, enter the Fairgrounds from Wedgewood Avenue or Nolensville Road. Park in the lot across from the FiftyForward Senior Citizens Center (north side) and in the handicapped area close to the gate going behind the Raceway. There is a hill to climb but we will have a golf cart available for those who need a ride up hill. Proceed behind the raceway to the other side and head to the first door on the left side which is the Agricultural Building. We are inside and will have tables for our potluck dinner and meeting. We have redesigned the booth and made it larger this year. Russell Kirchner, our Fair Chairman, has information on setup for our Fair Booth on page 3.

We look forward to seeing you AT THE FAIR! 🍷

Merchandise returning in October

Once again, a reminder that merchandise will be unavailable for purchase until our October monthly meeting when we return to the Ed Jones Auditorium. 🍷

Tennessee State Fair

Dear Master Gardeners,

Friday, September 5th, is opening day for the Tennessee State Fair! It runs for ten days and is a terrific opportunity to accumulate your volunteer hours.

Provide the booth with a Beautiful Container or a mix container of Culinary Herb — each category to receive a cash reward!

We need speakers of all sorts, quick talks about what you do and know best. We are Master Gardeners: teaching others our growing ways.

Schedule of Timeline

On Tuesday, September 02, President Bob and Chairman Russell will arrive at the booth at 9:30am for the unloading of booth materials, fence backdrop, lattice, arbor, brick, and other heavy stuff.

On Wednesday, September 03, **a full crew is needed**. Sign building, sign painting and hanging; table layout, table skirts, hay bale, lights and electricity; David Cook's table; square foot gardening setup; and build 'n plant. "Most Beautiful" and "Best Culinary Herb" Containers will also be accepted for the booth. Shifts will run 9am to 12 noon (first) and 12 noon to 4pm (second).

On Thursday, September 04, final touches will be performed all day beginning at 10am. The September monthly meeting will be held on-site at 6:30pm at our Fair Booth. Containers will also be accepted on this day. Also accepted are any potted plants that will help decorate the booth — but they must be labeled, tagged, identified, designated, assigned, named, classified, cauterized, etc. 🌱

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September Calendar

Upcoming Events

- ★ September 04, 2014 — September monthly meeting at Tennessee State Fairgrounds
- ★ September 05-14, 2014 — Tennessee State Fair
- ★ September 13, 2014 — 2nd Annual Mini Maker Faire, Adventure Science Center
- ★ October 17-19, 2014 — Music & Molasses Festival, Tennessee Agricultural Museum
- ★ October 18, 2014 — Living History Tour, Historic Nashville City Cemetery

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY	2 Tennessee State Fair Unload & Initial Setup 9:30am	3 Tennessee State Fair Setup 1st shift: 9am to 12 noon 2nd shift: 12 noon to 4pm	4 Tennessee State Fair Finish Setup 10am to meeting Monthly Meeting: September 6:30pm	5	6 <u>Work Days</u> Grassmere 8am-12 noon The Hermitage 8am-11am Demo Garden 9am-12pm City Cemetery 9am
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August Meeting Minutes

The Master Gardeners of Davidson County monthly meeting was held at 6:00pm on August 14, 2014 in the Croft Center at The Nashville Zoo with 85 members in attendance.

On calling the meeting to order, President Bob Mather announced the passing on July 26, 2014 of Master Gardener Bernice Duvall (2004) and reported Joe Harwell (2004) is recovering well after receiving a pacemaker.

Bob welcomed Chuck Vehorn (2014), a new member who relocated from Virginia. Becky Fox Matthews also welcomed Jeanette Robb visiting from New Zealand.

Bob announced that David Cook has certificates for all the newly-certified Master Gardeners members but was unable to be at the meeting. He urged interns needing hours to take advantage of upcoming opportunities and reminded all members that the evening's program qualifies as continuing education.

Bob mentioned how nice it was to be meeting at Grassmere as the last meeting there was in 2003 before recognizing chairperson Cathie Long (1999). Cathie also recognized her co-chairs: Susan Brown, Jean Buffler, Gwen Day, Mary Duncan, Bill MacLennan, Rich Shiavi, and Paula Yelverton. The Nashville Zoo staff then surprised Cathie with a birthday cake for her August 13 birthday.

Bob Mather and Debb Wilcox (2013) travelled to *Monticello* earlier this year, and were given two plants as gifts to the historic gardens at Grassmere. The first, a Marseille Fig Tree, and the second a perennial Caracalla Bean (*Vigna caracalla*) also known as a Snail Flower or Corkscrew Flower.

Both the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Bob before the potluck dinner and program.

Becky Fox Matthews introduced Tori Mason, historic site manager for The Nashville Zoo, who has

worked there since 1995. She delivered a presentation entitled "The Grassmere Gardens: It's More than Pulling Weeds." Tori acknowledged the Master Gardeners of Davidson County and thanked them for their many contributions before sharing expansion plans for the Zoo and ways to volunteer.

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Bob Mather as having a balance of \$10,547.22.

With the upcoming annual election of officers, this year's Nominating Committee was announced as Carroll Marrero, Paul Martin, and Karen Shaw. Bob urged members who may be interested in serving to speak with one of the committee members.

Bob announced that we have 16 certified Master Gardeners from the 2014 class and some interns still need a handful of hours for certification.

The new Speakers Bureau is being chaired by Natalie Manor (2009) and several workshops have been delivered in partnership with the Nashville Public Library Seed Exchange. Joan Clayton-Davis (2014) spoke about the growing interest in our new program and encouraged members to participate. She mentioned that speakers present topics in pairs as co-presenters.

Corresponding Secretary Jason Goodrich offered a reminder that the deadline for article and photo submissions to the newsletter is the 19th of every month. He also indicated an updated membership directory would be forthcoming in the next month.

Bob announced that a survey will be released to all Master Gardeners of Davidson County at the end of August. He explained the purpose of the survey was to find out what works and what doesn't, and that the input of all of our members is important to guide the board and its planning in the future. A link to the survey will be delivered in an upcoming e-blast and surveys are submitted anonymously.

Merchandise will return at our October meeting and members are invited to specifically request items they would like to see made available, such as new t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

Project Reports

In an effort to save time, Bob stated that all work times for projects would be listed in the calendar of the newsletter, including new work days at the Demonstration Garden.

Tennessee State Fair

Russell Kirchner is chairing the Tennessee State Fair again for his second year. Russell began by saying that the **Fair is only three weeks away**, beginning September 05 and running through September 14. The theme for our booth will be: "Come Grow With Us."

There will be two categories for the container competition for the Masters Gardeners: "Most Beautiful" and "Best Use of Culinary." All containers should be labeled and plants identified. Russell will have an e-blast with the date and times to begin building our booth.

Donna Freeman is in charge of speakers at the Fair. Topics should be about 15-minutes long and props, PowerPoint presentation, etc. are allowed. We will not schedule a speaker immediately following the 'Science Guy' who occupies the booth next to ours as his program and tear-down time generally run over.

- ▶ If you have not already signed-up to volunteer at the Fair, call Barbara Allen at (615) 309-6130.
- ▶ Setup for the Fair will begin Tuesday, September 02 at 12 noon.
- ▶ Our regular monthly meeting will be held at our booth at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 04, 2014 at 6:30pm with a Potluck Dinner.

Bob urged members to sign up early so that Entrance Badges can be made and given out at the meeting. Bob said that we will be entering the Fairgrounds by the Wedgewood Avenue entrance.

Nashville Mini Maker Faire

Becky Fox Matthews announced that the Adventure Science Center is sponsoring a Mini Maker

Faire on September 13, 2014. Please read the article in the Newsletter for details.

Michael Fenswick (2009) invited members for a **Tropical Garden tour at his home on Saturday, August 30 from 10am to 12 noon**. His address is 1411 Beechwood Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212.

Bob announced that a member who attended the Jackson trip was missing a Fig tree. If anyone knows where it might be, please contact Bob at (615) 525-5293 or rmather321@aol.com.

Demonstration Garden

He also shared that Alisa and Darry Huntsman (2008) are moving to Virginia and expressed how much they will be missed as well as our best wishes. Tyann Chappell and Shirley Lee will co-chair the Demonstration Garden until the first of the year. Work days for the Demonstration Garden have changed — please see the September calendar in the newsletter.

Music & Molasses Festival

This year's festival will be held October 18-19 at Ellington Agricultural Center. We are in need of a chairperson or co-chairs this year. Last year's chair, Tyann Chappell, has agreed to help whoever volunteers to chair this event. Setup has already been scheduled for Friday, October 17.

Lawn & Garden and Urban Gardening Festivals

Bob mentioned that we need to start thinking ahead to 2015 for both the Lawn & Garden Festival and Urban Gardening Festival.

Bob also mentioned that Muff Cline recently had surgery on Monday, August 11 and was recovering at home.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jason Goodrich and seconded by Virginia Wadley. 🍷

*Respectfully submitted by
Doris Painter (2013), Recording Secretary*

Harding Garden at Belle Meade

by Mariwyn Evans (2011)

As summer dwindles down to its last warm days, we've begun replacing the crops of summer with cool weather vegetables. Cucumbers have given way to mustard greens and colorful Swiss chard, and a late crop of radishes usurped carrots. By the time our school groups arrive in October, we should have lots of veggies to show off.

Meanwhile, we're still enjoying the last bounty of summer. Beans and squash are still plentiful. More exciting are the gourds, which we've trained along the fence. Slings made of woven twine and repurposed string bags from grocery-store lemons are supporting the still growing fruit. We plan to use the crop for our State Fair entry.

Finally, please join the Weedin' Women in wishing a big "Get Well Soon" to our leader Muff Cline. Her recent foot surgery has kept her from the garden, but we hope she'll be back soon. Come join the rest of us on Wednesdays at 8:30 unless rain intervenes. 🍷



Fluorescent zinnias add vibrant color as the vegetables start to fade.

Mariwyn Evans/MGDC



Our hopefully-prize-winning gourd, safe from rot or cracking in its cradle of twine.

Mariwyn Evans/MGDC



The okra crop comes in with a vengeance.

Mariwyn Evans/MGDC

Mentoring Program

by Carol Marrero (2009)

I so enjoyed attending our monthly meeting recently held at Grassmere. It was my first visit to this very beautiful garden and I was equally amazed at its sheer size. I learned so much from each person who tends this garden; those certified long ago as well as those who have recently joined the ranks as interns. Thinking nothing could top the tour, I quickly took my seat in the conference room waiting for our meeting to begin.

As I sat there, I started looking around the room and reflecting on how much I had learned from nearly every person in the room since my "arrival" in 2009!

My take away was powerful from that night.

First, as individuals and as a whole we each make a difference in the lives of others and among our community. Next, as individuals and as a whole we not only apply our knowledge to our respective gardens but we immediately begin to "pay it forward."

I personally want to thank every one of our Mentors for sharing their very valuable knowledge and time. Additionally, I thank all of you wonderful Interns for spending so many hours contributing energy and time as you work towards certification.

As the Tennessee State Fair is fast approaching, assistance will be needed for the "Construction Phase" beginning Tuesday, September 02 through Thursday, September 04.

Many opportunities will be available for earning and learning, and Interns can expect from me a list of speakers, their topics, and presentation dates and times in order to earn continue education hours.

Please remember that on **Tuesday, September 16, from 1:00pm to 4:30pm**, I will be offering *three* one-hour presentations. The topics will be **"Rain Gardens"**, **"Native Plants"**, and **"Right Plant, Right Place"**. These presentations will be held in the conference room at the UT Extension Davidson County office, 1417 Murfreesboro Pike. 🌱

Speakers Bureau

by Robert Mather (2000)

The Speakers Bureau was formed to assist our Extension Agent in education of the public on a wide range of topics that can impact the local community and to promote the Master Garden program.

The first major assignment has been in conjunction with Nashville Public Libraries Seed Exchange Program. We have presented talks on Container Gardening and Fall Vegetable Gardening and plan on speaking about Seed Saving for September.

Anyone interested in joining the Speakers Bureau should contact Natalie Manor at coachnatalie@nataliemanor.com.



Just a few of our many Master Gardeners volunteering with the Speakers Bureau.

Jason Goodrich/MGDC

Late-Summer/Fall Garden Tours

by Becky Fox Matthews (2005)

Do you have a garden that looks good during the heat of the summer or comes into its own as fall or winter approaches?

You can earn five teaching hours, the "T" of your ACT hours, for preparing and hosting a garden tour! Choose your date and time to highlight something of seasonal interest in your garden and contact me at becky@lostfrogs.com, call me at (615) 838-1359, or see me at the meetings for more information. Signup to host a MGDC Garden Tour for this year!

Remember: Master Gardeners who visit sites during Garden Tours earn Continuing Education hours! 🌱



Historic Grassmere Gardens at The Nashville Zoo

by Cathie Long (1999)

Andrea Pruijsser/MGDC

If it is September, then the focus is on **Harvest Days**. Nashville's number one tourist attraction celebrates farm life and the past with emphasis on harvest. It's a special gathering of artisans, musicians, and people in costumes. Last year we were visited by President and Mrs. Abe Lincoln to add to a crowd of young people in period dress. There's so much more for visitors as families bring their children to experience sights and sounds of the past, play games, sip fresh apple cider, and revisit the farm animals.

What can you contribute? Come out and talk about seed saving and fall gardens, crafts and flower arranging. Give tours to point out the highlights of the historic garden terraces. Hand out marigold seeds and promote gardening for all ages. Share a smile to show what master gardeners are all about, folks having a passion for plants.

17th Annual Harvest Days

Friday, September 26	9:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday, September 27	10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, September 28	1:00pm – 5:00pm

Signup sheets will be available at the September meeting. We need Master Gardeners with their badges and wearing a Master Gardener T-shirt, if you have one, to be on hand Friday morning, September 26, to welcome over 1,000 school children who will be walking through the gardens. It's a great opportunity to talk about what is growing in the gardens and to remind

them that much of the produce actually goes to the zoo animals.

On Saturday and Sunday, wear your badge and dress up in your costume or MG T-shirt. We will have tables, tents, refreshments and activities in the gardens as well as Master Gardeners walking about and talking to visitors, welcoming them to this historic garden. Many will be visiting it for the first time and will be amazed that this exists at the Zoo.



Harvest Days period costumes of Cathie Long and Paula Yelverton.
Cathie Long/MGDC

If you don't see the signup sheet, email me at cathie-long@comcast.net and let me know what time you will be available to come out and join us. We encourage everyone to be on site one half hour before the event start time and to work one half or full days, if possible. The co-chairs will appreciate any time you can join us. It's a really fun time at the Nashville Zoo. 🍷

Kitchen Gardens at The Hermitage

by Laura Kraft (2010)



A Sun, Moon and Stars Watermelon maturing for seed saving. Laura Kraft/MGDC

The gardens and our volunteers have enjoyed the cooler temperatures this summer. The garden is green and vibrant. We're starting to gather seeds and harvested garlic and have started our fall plantings. The newly expanded herb garden is coming along nicely: Thanks to **Phil Arnold** (2010) and **Linda Ray Miller** (2013) for bringing in several new herbs and some TLC.

Fall Fest at The Hermitage

Saturday, October 4th, 10am to 6pm

Sunday, October 5th, 10am to 5pm

This is a weekend of fun, music, food, art, and history at The Hermitage: Home of President Andrew Jackson. The event will focus on a fantastic variety of live music acts that can only be found in Music City, as well as specialty foods and spirits from local artisans. This year, over 100 artists will display an array of products from Photography, Basketry, Ceramics, Painting, Jewelry, Leather, Woodwork and much more! MGDC volunteers plan to be on hand during this event.

This year's Community Art Project will be the "Fabric" of our Community. This ambitious display will combine square pieces of white cloth decorated by local organizations, schools, churches and individuals. At the Festival, a pathway will be lined with materials in clothesline fashion using rebar, PVC poles

and nylon rope, on which the fabric squares will be clothes pinned. The fabric squares will create a winding, flowing path of individuals coming together as one community. The pathway will include an activity in the center for attendees to create their own fabric square to be added to the display.

The event will also include a plethora of engaging activities for children and adults alike to have a memorable historical, cultural and unique experience. Visit www.fallfestatthehermitage.com to learn more.

All proceeds from Fall Fest benefit The Hermitage.

Saturdays starting at 8am: Join in the fun or just come visit — share your knowledge of heirloom gardening or learn more about it.

Contact either Laura Kraft at lkraft1212@gmail.com or Mary Langford at langfordlaw@hotmail.com for details. We look forward to gardening with you! 🍅



A lovely colorful harvest. Laura Kraft/MGDC

A Visit to the Farmers Market at Colonial Williamsburg

by Alisa Huntsman (2008)

For this month's article, I write from colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, the area I will be calling home in the very near future. It's hard to believe but after a quick 19 years, Darry and I have sold the house and are relocating to Williamsburg for his new position. As part of that transition, I went out there mid-August to begin the search for a new place to live.



The brick walkways of Williamsburg.
Alisa Huntsman/MGDC

Part of that process included getting to know the area. Sure, I visited colonial Williamsburg as a kid but this is the first time I have done so as an adult. My father will be proud to know that, this time, I truly appreciate the historical aspect of the city and I am looking forward to getting to know all I can about this beautiful place.

During the summer, the historical Merchant's Square is home to a [weekly farmers market](#). Each Saturday morning, the street is filled with vendor booths stocked with products ranging from flowers, baked goods, chocolates and produce to meats, cheeses, and honey. If you cannot find it here, it just isn't in

season! Be sure to check out the website as it lists [the vendors](#) who will be in attendance each week—yes the website is updated weekly, so you can plan your trip in advance if there is a specific item you would like to purchase.



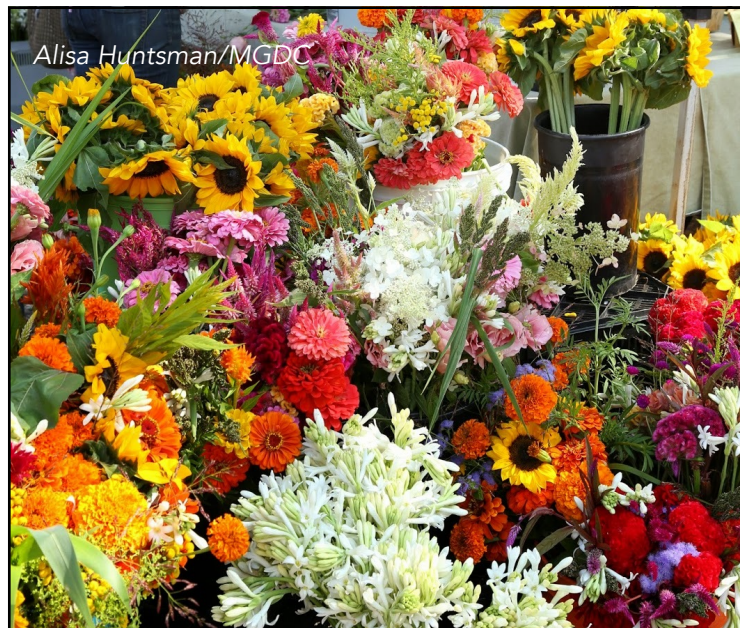
Produce stands at the Williamsburg farmers market.

Alisa Huntsman/MGDC

Darry and I spent the morning wandering from booth to booth while listening to live music courtesy of a local group of what we assumed were very talented high school students. The best part about the market, you can purchase wooden nickels, tokens if you will, for \$5 each and then spend them all season long at the market—a great idea if you want to stick to a budget or if you happen to pop in at the last minute and are short on cash. These tokens spend like cash and if your total is less than \$5, they will give you change in cash.

Having lived in Tennessee for a while now, I was a little surprised to see such a small variety of tomatoes. It seems that the folks in Nashville are much more tomato crazy—must be the tomato sandwich that drives it. Only one vendor had Cherokee Purples—a tomato that Darry is completely hooked on, and rightly so! We settled on a basket of mixed tomatoes to snack on.

I love fresh flowers and was amazed at how many of these bouquets had giant marigolds in them. Looks like I will have to plant the monster sized ones in my new garden so that I can put them in bouquets too. To see them here, look at the blue bucket in the bottom left corner, that was mostly marigolds.



Alisa Huntsman/MGDC



Crabs from the Chesapeake

Alisa Huntsman/MGDC



Did you know that the Virginia peninsula which is where Williamsburg is located, meets the Chesapeake Bay making fresh blue crabs and mollusks a truly local

product? The Virginia seafood booth in the market sells cooked crabs (without the claws) for a dollar a piece. While that may seem like a bit of a rip off, the majority of the meat is in the body and as we stood there looking into the cooler, Darryl's eyes lit up; he had visions of an inexpensive source for crab shells to make bisque and that totally works for me. And while I am truly sad to be leaving friends, gardens (as well as gardeners), and fellow food bloggers behind, I am comforted to know that my suspicions are correct: Pie fixes everything! 🍷

Call for Garden Makers!

by Becky Fox Matthews (2005)

Who are Garden Makers? Anyone who "makes" something in or for your garden that you would like to share with others. Do you make raised beds? Container gardens? Compost bins or compost? Rain barrels? Square foot or hay bale gardens? Mushroom logs? Fairy gardens? Garden ornaments? Tufa pots?

Nashville's **second annual Mini Maker Faire** will be held on the grounds of the Adventure Science Center on Saturday, September 13th from 10am to 5pm. The Faire is free to the public and there is no charge for Makers to exhibit at the Faire, but the requirement is that you teach other people some aspect of what you make, preferably a hands-on demonstration so visitors are involved.

Last year at Nashville's first Maker Faire, Master Gardener Jim Semmens (2013) put together an exhibit on square foot gardening assisted by Laura Kraft, Linda Ray Miller, Sharon Pressley and Becky Fox Matthews. This year Jim will demonstrate Bokashi fermentation. We need other Master Gardeners who would like to either develop an activity for our MGDC booth and/or who will volunteer to assist with an activity. This year's Faire will include food trucks and artists and craftsmen of all kinds of items from jewelry to robots to origami to 3-D printers to costuming. Diversity of activities is one of the goals of the event and we would love to have a good showing of garden-related "making."

Visit <http://nashvillemakerfaire.com/> to learn more about the Maker Faire! If you are interested in being a part of this exciting day, please contact Becky Fox Matthews at becky@lostfrogs.com or Jim Semmens at ngcglderman@netzero.net. 🍷



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Pork Tenderloin with Olives and Rosemary

From the kitchen of Carolyn Jones

Ingredients:

- ▶ 1 lb. pork tenderloin, trimmed
- ▶ 1 medium red onion, cut into eighths
- ▶ 1 Tbsp fresh rosemary, minced
- ▶ 2 tsp olive oil
- ▶ 1/4 tsp salt
- ▶ 1/4 tsp freshly ground pepper
- ▶ 40 black olives, pitted
(about 1 1/3 c)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cover small baking dish with foil and place pork, onion, and rosemary on the pan. Drizzle the oil over all and sprinkle with salt and pepper. With clean hands, rub the pork and onions to coat evenly with the seasoning.

Roast for 20 minutes. Scatter the olives over the onions and toss to combine. Return to oven and roast for 15 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 155 degrees. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing.

Yield: 4 servings

Recipe of the Month