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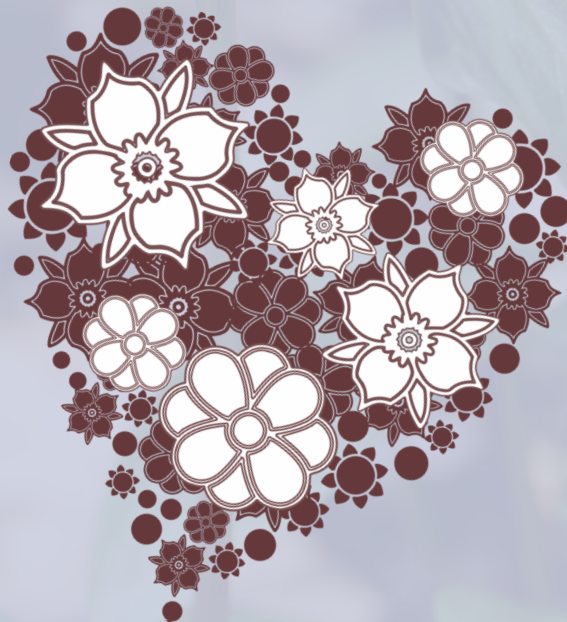
A New Season

Hello fellow gardeners. I wasn't sure what to write for my letter this time. There's been a damper on my spirit since we lost Dave and Linda Horton in a tragic car accident a few weeks ago. Linda gave me my interview when my wife and I applied for the Master Gardener class. She also taught it, and Dave was my mentor. She preceded me as President, giving me great wisdom and advice. They were also my friends...I will miss them.

What hasn't been dampened, and in fact been stoked, is my love of growing things. Dave and Linda loved it deeply as well. (I know we'll all need to up our seed starting game for the plant sale, just to make up the volume Linda would always bring.) The joy of selecting seeds, planting them, and watching those little seedlings stretch through the soil lifts my heart. It gives me that hope of the future that gardening always does, especially in these cold, dreary winter months.

So this year, grow something in memory of, in honor of, people in your life. It could be people you've lost, or people you miss. Let it be a little living reminder of that love.

Warm days ahead my friends,
WCMGA President
Matt Bergstrom



Handling the Holiday Freeze in your Lawn and Landscape as Spring Arrives

By Natalie Bumgarner, Jim Brosnan, Amy Fulcher, Lucas Holman, Lee Rumble, Taylor Reeder, Jason Reeves, Celeste Scott, and Justin Stefanski



The 2022 holiday season blew in with a winter storm that will not soon be forgotten. Rapid temperature drops combined with prolonged cold temperatures had a significant impact on our landscapes. As you begin the 2023 spring gardening season, here are some suggestions for assessing and addressing the impact of our wild winter.

Most warm-season turfgrasses, such as zoysiagrass and bermudagrass, had already transitioned into winter dormancy, so signs of damage won't appear until growth resumes later this spring. Because cool-season turfgrasses grow earlier in the spring than warm-season turfgrasses, potential winter injury may be visible at this time. For both turfgrass types, implement recommended spring management practices and be careful not to overdo watering or fertilization as spring excesses won't make up for winter damage. If you confirm winterkill in the lawn this spring, make sure to address drainage or other site issues before reseeding or resodding. Additionally, typical spring weed control practices will need to be adjusted on sites that have succumbed to winterkill.

Herbaceous plants in the landscape should be cleaned up in the late winter or early spring. Marginally hardy plants or those already stressed from a dry summer in 2022 or in poorly drained sites are the most likely to be damaged or lost. Make sure to assess site limitations before replacing lost plants. Plant selection is crucial for long-term success, so you should address drainage or site issues and/or select plants better suited to the site or climate.



Woody shrubs and trees will be important to inspect and care for in the landscape this spring. It is important to know that woody plants will have different responses to the cold event. Age and health, as well as location, affect hardiness, so similar plants may respond differently across your landscape. Some species, such as Aucuba, Camelia, laurels, Loropetalum, Osmanthus, and Mahonia may have dead above-ground tissue right now but produce new growth from the trunk or near the base of the plant. However, some "borderline" woody plants (Distylium, Arizona cypress, Gardenia, Indian hawthorn) may have been killed outright. It is even possible that some evergreen plants considered hardy may have

been lost (Japanese cedar, leyland cypress, and hinoki false-cypress).



You can assess damage at any time with a “scratch test” by gently removing (scratching off) a small section of the bark on small stems/twigs to expose the cambium. Green tissue indicates a living stem, while dead tissue will be brown. Waiting until plants begin to leaf out (or don’t) this spring will likely give you the best indication of exactly what to prune. You will want to remove any dead or damaged branches or limbs. Observe the

pruning cuts as you go and keep making lower pruning cuts until you see healthy green tissue. You may need to prune plants at different times to make the best decisions for your landscape because different plants will resume spring growth at different times. Big leaf hydrangea, for example, may not resume growth until as late as Mother’s Day. Because flower buds are often less hardy than leaf buds, some hardy plants that survived may have a low bloom year in 2023 (azaleas and some hydrangeas).

Caring for plants impacted by the winter freeze will extend beyond spring as it can take months or even years for long-lived plants to recover. It will be important to reduce other stressors in the coming months as much as possible (manage pests, irrigate if needed, prune carefully) to help plants best recover and thrive in the future.

Provided by Taylor Reeder
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[Horticulture | Williamson County \(tennessee.edu\)](https://www.tennessee.edu/extension/county/williamson/)



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Visit UTIA or UTHort!

[UT Hort - Horticultural information and resources for Tennessee gardeners](#)

[Institute of Agriculture | UTIA \(tennessee.edu\)](#)

[2023 Lawn Maintenance Calendar \(tennessee.edu\)](#)

[Best Mgmt Practices for Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Ground Covers \(tennessee.edu\)](#)

[Plants for Tennessee Landscapes - Perennials - UT Hort](#)

[Diagnosis of Ornamental Plant Diseases - UT Hort](#)



Beginner Winter Seed Sowing

By Holly Gardner, WCMGA Board Member

What is winter sowing?

According to the USDA, it's a propagation method used throughout winter where temperate climate seeds are sown into vented containers and placed outdoors to foster naturally-timed, high-percentage germination of climate-tolerant seedlings.

More simply put, winter sowing is a way to start seeds outside during the colder months instead of starting seeds indoors. You create a kind of mini greenhouse from containers such as gallon milk jugs or 2-liter soda bottles. It is popular for gardeners in USDA Planting Zones 4-8.



When can you start seeds?

Mid-winter until spring

Which seeds are best?

Cool season vegetables, some warm season vegetables, hardy annuals, herbs, and native perennials are the best for winter sowing. Check seed packets for more information and look for words like perennial, hardy, cold-tolerant, reseeds, self-sows, seedlings can withstand frost, sow outdoors in early spring before last frost date, direct sow outside year-round, needs pre-chilling, and stratification.

Cool season vegetables such as arugula, beets, bok choy, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, onions, radish, snow peas, and spinach.

Warm season vegetable such as eggplants, peppers, and tomatoes, but you may need to wait a little later to sow for these.

Annual flowers such as amaranth, bachelor's buttons, calendula, cosmos, larkspur, marigolds, petunias, poppies, strawflowers, sunflowers, and zinnias.

Herbs such as basil, chives, cilantro, oregano, and parsley.

Native plants such as black-eyed Susan, lobelia, milkweed, purple cone flower, and penstemon.

What do you need to get started?

- Containers that are translucent or clear such as milk jugs, 2-liter bottles, etc.
- Potting mix - do not use garden soil, topsoil, compost, or seed starting mix
- Duct tape for sealing and labeling
- Marker for labeling
- Scissors or knife to cut containers
- Scissors, knife, drill, screwdriver, Dremel tool, soldering iron, etc. to create holes in the bottom of the container
- Seeds
- Water

What other items may be helpful to have?

- Gloves to protect your hands
- Trowel or small container to scoop

- Bucket or container to combine potting mix and water
- Plant tags for inside containers in case label on outside fades or comes off

What are the benefits?

- Lower cost - You don't need heat mats, grow lights, fans, or space inside your home. You just need a recycled container, soil, and seeds.
- Jumpstart on growing season - You can start gardening early. We are all wanting to get to gardening during those cold winter months!
- Lower maintenance - Mostly hands off once planted. Just monitor your containers for overheating and dry soil.
- Healthier plants - Research has shown that seedlings that have been winter sown grow into healthier, sturdier plants and will adjust naturally to the changing temperatures.

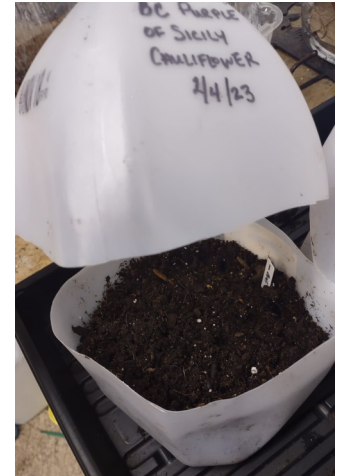
What are the steps?

1. Gather and clean containers. Discard lids.
2. Cut 4-8 or so drain holes in the bottom of the containers or more holes if the holes are smaller. I used a Dremel with a smaller bit, so I put about 14 since they were smaller. The container just needs to drain well.
3. Cut containers in half horizontally leaving at least 4 inches on

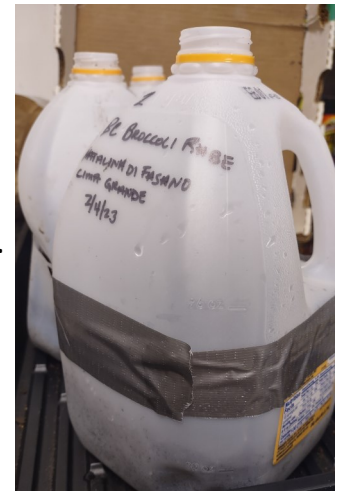


the bottom half and keeping the handle side attached to act as a hinge.

4. Combine potting mix and water to the right consistency. Mix should be damp, but not soggy.
5. Add 3-4 inches of potting mix to container.
6. Plant seeds. Follow seed instruction on the packet for depth of planting. You can sow about 16 small seeds or 9 larger seeds in a milk jug, less in a 2-liter bottle.



7. Label containers. Put plant marker inside and add marker or write on outside with waterproof, non-fading marker. Include plant name and date of planting.



8. Tape container back together.
9. Set containers in sunny but protected spot, but not under an overhang or covered area.



10. Patiently wait for germination to take place. It will happen at its own pace when the seeds are ready.

Rain and snow will water plants by entering through the hole where the lid was, and

condensation will form inside the container and will provide moisture for plants. This will keep growing medium from drying out. The hole at the top will also be used to vent the heat as the sun warms the container.

Check containers periodically for germination. Once seedlings emerge, monitor often. You

may need to remove the top of the container on warm, sunny days and close again as it cools off in the evenings. Or, you may go ahead and remove the top, depending on the



weather and how quickly the seedlings grow. If you do remove the top, check to make sure the potting medium in the container does not dry out and water, if necessary.

If weather is forecasted to drop below freezing, you should cover with a sheet, blanket, or row cover. You can also put containers next to a South-facing wall for protection.

Also, as the weather gets warmer, watch to make sure the seedlings are not getting too much harsh, direct sunlight, especially in the middle of the day.

Generally, once seedlings have their first true leaves and your garden soil is warm enough, you can transplant your seedlings. Or you can leave in the container for a bit longer, if you prefer.

You can cut the sides of the container to make removing the seedlings easier. Divide the seedlings carefully and plant.

The winter sowing will have produced more vigorous root systems than starting seeds indoors, but you'll still need to use care when pulling them apart.



For more information on winter sowing, check out these links:

[Starting Seeds in Winter \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu)

[Winter Sowing Seeds, A Youth Gardening Activity, YM105 | MU Extension \(missouri.edu\)](https://www.missouri.edu)

[Winter Sowing Native \(cornell.edu\)](https://www.cornell.edu)

[Winter seed sowing: University of Illinois Extension](https://www.illinois.edu)

[Winter Sowing: How to Sow Seeds in Winter - 2023 - MasterClass](https://www.masterclass.com)

[Start Seeds Outdoors Now with Winter Sowing! – Fruition \(cornell.edu\)](https://www.cornell.edu)

[All the Dirt on Winter Sowing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

And here is an informative UT publication on The Tennessee Vegetable Garden: [W346-B.pdf \(tennessee.edu\)](https://www.tennessee.edu)



Aunt Gladys Update

By Jack Melnick, WCMGA Member

I wrote an article for the November 2020 issue of *The Perennial* about an heirloom tomato that had been grown in my family for 92 years. I discussed the history, included a detailed description, and announced my plan to preserve it and make it available to other gardeners.



After years of researching and discovering the process of naming a new variety of tomato, I contacted Craig LeHoullier, the author of “Epic Tomatoes”. With his help and his growing the tomato in 2021, he was pleased with the variety, writing the following comments:

“I found the flavor to be a bit on the mild side for my palate - a pleasant tomato but lacked the complexity and intensity of some other of the large pink potato leaf varieties I've grown, such as Brandywine. It is hard to pin down what variety it may be, if it indeed ever existed in seed catalogs - in flavor, it, to me, was very similar to the potato leaf version of German Johnson that I've grown. Taste is an extremely personal thing, and I think that many would find the tomato to be absolutely wonderful. For health, productivity and earliness, it was probably the best of the pink potato leaf varieties I've grown.”

Craig, in turn introduced me to Mike Dunton from Victory Gardens who grows, names, and offers products commercially, through his catalog, Victory Garden Seeds. Due to some organizational changes and management reorganization last year the tomato was not grown at Victory Gardens. Conversations with Mike

have produced a schedule for this year, growing of the Aunt Gladys in a greenhouse in early April, and transplanting to the Victory Garden in May. Mike assured me, if all goes well, the tomato will be named “Aunt Gladys” and be offered in the Victory Gardens seed catalog for 2024. Mike has told me he would keep me updated on the progress.

Ironically, my grandfather was introduced to this variety in 1923 from a good friend. After his passing, my aunt continued growing the plant throughout her life. I took over in 1995 and continue today. If the tomato gets named this year and offered to the public, it will be after being grown in my family for 100 years.

Needless to say my aunt’s family and my cousins, along with many other family members, are anxiously waiting for this to come about.

After pursuing this for over 8 years, talking with many horticulturists, UT folks, garden growers and agents, I never realized it was so time consuming to bring this to fruition. Researching other varieties, I discovered it took many years for them to happen. It has been an experience and a hopefully a rewarding conclusion. I am looking forward to updates from them this year and the results at year’s end.

Did you know...?

Lots of great things can be found on our website at WCMGA.net. You can find information about WCMGA and how you can become a Master Gardener. The calendar lists upcoming events including our Library Talks and Plant Sale.

You can see details about our current projects, project leaders, and photos. We have recipes and articles. You can request help from our Diagnostic Team.

Though secured logins, our members have access to member contact information, meeting minutes including Board of Director meetings and WCMGA meetings, and our WCMGA financials.

Visit us at [Williamson County Master Gardeners Association \(wcmga.net\)](http://Williamson County Master Gardeners Association (wcmga.net))



NEWS

Kevin Brown was our speaker for our January WCMGA meeting. He is a native Tennessean from Wilson County who worked 42 years with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in 10 locations including Washington, D.C. He also served as State Conservationist in Tennessee. He discussed cover crops and soil health. The meeting was presented in person as well as virtually.



For details, see this page on the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts (TACD) website: [Kevin Brown \(tnacd.org\)](https://www.tnacd.org/kevin-brown)

For even more information, check out the following links to UT Extension resources on cover crops in TN:

[2021 Cover Crop Variety Trials in Tennessee - UT Crops News](#)
[Cover Crops - UT Variety Trials \(utcrops.com\)](#)

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!

Our three new WCMGA Board members attended a transition/welcome meeting in December with the full Board, including outgoing members. They began their two-year terms in January.

Vice President - Rachel Fortuna



Rachel, her husband and their two kids have been in the Williamson County area for 21 years. They moved into their house with a beautiful blank canvas of a garden and for the first time after years of high-rise buildings, she could try to grow flowers. She wanted to attract butterflies and share the love of nature with her kids so the adventure began.

After killing many plants and reading a lot she found the WCMGA and in 2014 became a Master Gardener. She would love the opportunity to share her love for volunteering and gardening with our community and help develop more sustainable environments.

Secretary - Lorena Machado



Lorena was born in Maracaibo-Venezuela where gardening was not a popular practice or hobby due to the intense heat and dry weather all year round. She moved to the U.S. 20 years ago to Atlanta, GA. There she met her husband, and they bought their first house together. The house was on a few wooded acres, but the garden was pretty much nonexistent. It was at that point in her life that the gardening learning process started.

A few years later they moved to Nashville. One of their first properties in Nashville was a townhome with a very tiny backyard. They realized the small yard had potential and it became a landscape project for them both. Lorena realized the joy of watching the plants grow and flourish and looked forward to the daily ritual of watering the plants after a stressful day at work.

A few years later they bought a larger acreage property in Franklin, and this became the next gardening project. It started with decorative evergreens, shrubs and flowers and a few tomato plants. In 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic, they decided to build raised beds and start growing more vegetables. There were successes and of course some failures in the process and this made Lorena realize she would benefit by becoming a Master Gardener. She was a 2021 MG graduate.

Director of Membership - Jamie Desmond



Jamie grew up in East Tennessee in a family that loved all things outdoors. Her mother was an avid wild flower gardener and she tagged along on many of her trips in search of Lady Slippers, Fairy Wand, Dutchman's Breeches, etc. She always traveled with a pitch fork and a paper bag in the car trunk because she never knew what she might find or what a friend might be dividing. Because of these experiences and fond memories, she attributes her love of gardening to her mother.

She retired in 2019 and had the time and opportunity to attend the 2021 Williamson County Master Gardener class. Through this class and her new-found free time, she was able to dedicate more time to The Giving Garden. For two years, she has been part of the Giving Garden Hoop House Tomato Team. Recently she transitioned to being the team lead for the Herb and Flower Garden section of The Giving Garden.

She's a 2021 Master Gardener graduate, Giving Garden board member January 22 to present, and was a Master Gardener intern mentor in 2022. She now looks forward to the opportunity to serve our Williamson County Master Gardener board in the role of Director of Membership.

Mourning the Loss of Dave and Linda Horton

By Kristy Bergstrom, WCMGA Member



2019 Master Gardener graduation class with Dave and Linda Horton seated and Kristy in yellow.

This past January, the Williamson County Master Gardener Association lost two of its most dedicated and prolific volunteers. Dave and Linda Horton were both killed in a tragic car accident while headed to a doctor's appointment in Columbia the morning of January 20. In the weeks leading up to their passing, many of our membership participated in a Meal Train for the couple as Dave was undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma. Dozens of you prepared and delivered meals to their doorstep and donated funds so that they could have their groceries delivered. Linda shared repeatedly that she was blown away by everyone's kindness and generosity, noting that she'd been able to relax (a first for Linda!) and watch movies on the couch with Dave since she didn't have to plan, shop for, and prepare meals. Despite significant nausea from chemo, Dave was still eating and keeping his strength up because members were delivering

such a variety of food. Your support made all the difference.

Dave and Linda Horton were best known for coordinating the yearly intern program. Linda first completed her internship in 2016 while Dave completed his in 2017. Shortly after, the UT Extension office underwent significant organizational change and did not have an Extension Agent for nearly two years. It was during this time that Dave and Linda approached County Director Matt Horsman with an offer to co-lead the intern program, and with his support they spearheaded these efforts in 2019 and 2020. Their leadership took a significant weight off his shoulders. Horsman has not only expressed his eternal gratitude to Dave and Linda, but credits them as "helping to save the entire horticulture office for our Extension program." Even after Extension Agent Taylor Reeder was hired, the couple remained heavily involved with the

intern program, coordinating volunteer projects at Carnton Plantation and Edible Uprising at the Factory as well as making sure that each student certified at the end of the term.

“You rarely saw one without the other,” said Reeder. “They were so selfless in their lives and with their giving whether it was the plants they grew, food Linda cooked or items they collected. They really loved watching plants and people grow.”

What made Dave and Linda such uniquely special people was their ability to keep going despite never-ending personal difficulty. Not only did Dave and Linda lose a child during the pandemic, Linda was also again diagnosed with cancer in 2021. While she stepped down from serving as WCMGA president in 2021 so that she could focus on treatment, she remained involved with the intern program, coaching our newest volunteers to certification and success. Up until his passing, Dave remained an active member of the WCMGA board of directors, heading up

special projects while also supporting each intern class.

As we mourn such a profound and tragic loss, know that this couple felt our love and appreciation in the days and weeks leading up to their untimely passing. As of this publication, a date has not been set for their memorial service, but the family is planning to hold a gathering in March. We will share arrangements as soon as we have them. In the meantime, if you would like to send your condolences to the Horton family, Dave’s sister Anita has set up a special email address for loved ones to send pictures, memories and anything you’d like for the family to know. The information will be compiled into a book for their daughters, Bronwyn Bacon and Ashley Greene, and grandchildren. Please submit anything you’d like to share to hortonmemories@gmail.com.

A look back at their work with the Urban/Edible Uprising project: [WCMGA in the Community: Edible Uprising - YouTube](#)



“With the lengthening days which distinguish the third month of winter from its predecessor, come ardent desires for spring, and longings for the time of birds and flowers. An adventurous swallow too early flying from the south, a vision of snowdrops in the snow, a day of April warmth lit by a slant February sun, are all hailed with pleasure as harbingers of a more gracious season on its northland way.”

~Oscar Fay Adams, January 1886

[The Quote Garden](#)



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Spring Garden Festival and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
The grounds of Williamson County Ag Expo Park - West Side
4215 Long Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37064 (Rain or Shine)

- Beautiful perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, and more
- Many plants grown by Master Gardeners
- Garden Shed area featuring new and gently used items for your home and garden
- UT Plant Diagnostics information
- Vendors and Food Trucks
- Educational Speakers
- Baked Goods
- Crafts

FREE Admission



Come join us for this annual fundraiser for Williamson County Master Gardener Association (WCMGA), a 501c3 organization. The mission of the WCMGA is to provide research-based horticultural education, while promoting environmental stewardship, via community volunteerism delivered by a dedicated and skilled volunteer network. The WCMGA is part of the UT/TSU Williamson County Extension Office. For more information about WCMGA and our projects, please visit our website at wcmga.net.

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THE BARK

FEBRUARY

- Order remainder of garden seeds. Direct seeded crops can be ordered later, but ordering early provides best selection.
- Bluebirds are already looking for a place to nest, so clean out your birdhouse soon.
- Sow seeds of radishes and cold-hardy lettuces. When daffodils appear, plant spinach, turnips, and peas. Cover the pea bed with clear plastic until sprouts begin to emerge; then, immediately switch to a floating row cover to protect the seedlings from weather and birds.
- Indoors under lights: start seeds of herbs and annual flowers—such as ageratum, petunia, and snapdragons—that need 8 to 10 weeks to reach transplant size.
- Work on garden layout and make any needed changes from last year.
- Extend the life of your Valentine’s Day cut flowers by changing the water daily and recutting the stems every couple of days. Make sure foliage is kept above the water line.
- February 15 - 8 weeks from frost-free date in Middle Tennessee.
- Have your soil tested to see if you need to add lime or fertilizer.
- Remove dust from your house plants by rinsing them in the shower.



MARCH

- Plant now: In mid-March, sow hardy vegetables, such as carrots, beets, kohlrabi, radishes, leaf lettuces, and turnips.
- Transplant onions, shallots, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, white potatoes and asparagus crowns to the garden.



- Set out herbs, such as rosemary, chives, and thyme—but not tender basil!
- Remove straw protection from strawberry plants before bloom.
- Install row covers or low tunnels over early season transplants to increase day and night temperatures and support season growth.
- Plant asparagus in early to mid-March.
- March 15 - 4 weeks from frost-free date in Middle Tennessee.



APRIL

- Pass by broccoli and cabbage on sale at garden centers—hot weather will soon arrive, causing plants to go to seed instead of forming edible heads.
- Thin crowded carrots, chard, and lettuce.
- Remove floating row covers from peas early in the month. Provide trellis support.
- Mulch around the base of cool-season crops to keep their roots cool and moist.
- Begin purchasing transplants of warm-season crops. Look for stocky, dark-green, disease-free plants.
- Select new azalea and rhododendron bushes while they're in bloom to make sure that the color complements your landscape.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas, flowering quince, and Forsythia) soon after they finish flowering, but only if they need it

Another good resource:

[2023 Tennessee Home Vegetable and Fruit Garden Calendar - UT Hort](#)

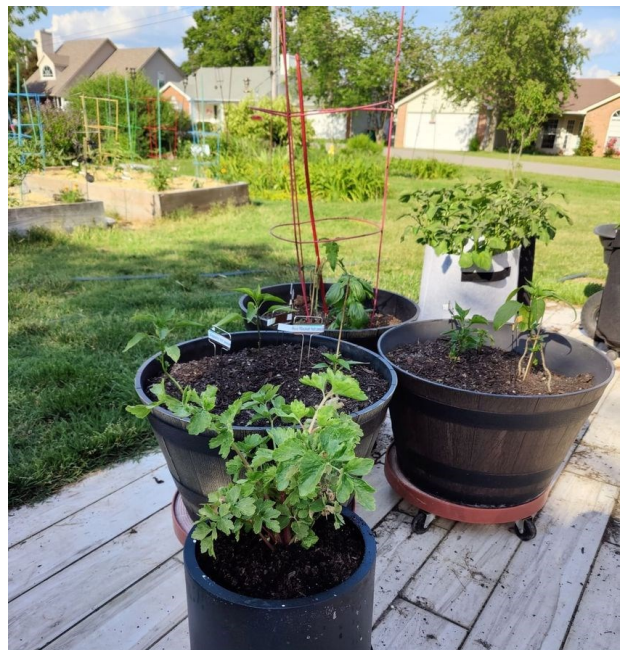


Member Gardens

I searched back through Linda Horton's Facebook posts for photos of her and Dave's garden. Through the years, they participated in several UT Home Garden Trials and provided seedlings for our plant sales. They also shared plants and harvests to friends and neighbors. These are just more reasons we will miss them and their loving hearts.



Fourteen different tomato varieties and eight different bell peppers



Celery, hot peppers, and potatoes



Annabelle, purple Veronica, Black Lace elderberry, and popcorn drift roses

We need photos! If you would like to have your photos shared or your garden featured, please contact us at ThePerennialWCMGA@gmail.com.

THE DIRT

Upcoming Events

February 13 - 1-3 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Williamson County Library - Small Shrubs for Multi-season Interest - **VIRTUAL**

February 13 - 6 p.m. - WCMGA meeting - "Herbs in the Perennial Garden" with Cindy Shapton

February 23 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Brentwood Library - Starting Seeds for your Garden

March 6 - 1-3 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Williamson County Library - The Urban Gardener - Managing the Box Garden - **VIRTUAL**

March 13 - 6 p.m. - WCMGA meeting

March 23 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Brentwood Library - Rainwater Collection Systems

April 10 - 6 p.m. - WCMGA meeting

April 13 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Brentwood Library - "Bee" Friendly Gardens

April 22 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - WCMGA Garden Festival and Plant Sale

April 24 - 1-3 p.m. - 2023 Garden Talk Series at Williamson County Library - Seven Savory Herbs for Your Garden

★ WCMGA members, check your email for 2023 Master Gardener class list.

Newsletter and Website Articles Wanted

Special thanks to Taylor Reeder, Matt Bergstrom, Kristy Bergstrom, Jack Melnick, and Holly Gardner for their contributions to this issue.

If you have photos or stories to share, you can get volunteer hours!

Keep contributing! Keep reading!
Keep sharing!



WCMGA by the Numbers

Volunteer hours reported for **2023** so far: **270**

Based on values determined by Independent Sector Website:
Hours Value: **\$5,984.31**

WCMGA Mission

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WCMGA operates under the umbrella of UTIA and the UT/TSU Williamson County Extension Office.

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