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THE **CHORT** HUB

Official News Hub of the UTHort Team

New for 2024

The University of Tennessee Horticulture (UTHort) Team gets together each December for a year-end review and planning session for the following year. This past December, our team decided to create this handy news hub for all your go-to needs regarding all things horticulture! We want to keep you informed of horticultural related events, classes, updates, publications, and activities related to consumer horticulture across the volunteer state. Our goal is to provide you the necessary resources and materials to plan accordingly for events and provide critical updates related to all things horticulture. We welcome any and all suggestions for creating the perfect resource(s) for you, so we invite you to submit your feedback via <u>this form</u>.



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Fruit & Veggie Series

These sessions are live via Zoom! This fun series provides all you need to know about selecting and managing fruit and vegetable crops for your Tennessee garden. They are led by great horticulture teachers from across the state who are a part of our horticulture (UTHort) team. This series is a great place to begin or learn about the newest trials and updates for vegetables and small fruits. It is free of charge and open to any and all current and potential gardeners and plant people across Tennessee!

7th-Sites, Soils, & Solanaceae 14th-Small Spaces & Strawberries 21st-Nutrition & Cucurbits 28th-Disease Prevention & Container Fruits

SAVE THE DATES! For Our May Edibles Series

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UT OFFICE HOURS

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UTHort Office Hours returns in June! We have a fun and graphical interface to allow you to submit questions to be discussed by our team in a LIVE Q&A format (which is also recorded for YouTube). The 2024 gardening season is upon us, so feel free to ask your questions via our UThort Hotline!

Need a reminder to join us live? Register now to receive friendly updates!

All times are 10:00 a.m. EST/9:00 a.m. CST SAVE THE DATES! UT OFFICE HOURS RETURNS SOON! June 7 July 12 August 2 September 6 Lawn management is not just a summertime activity. It is a year-round investment for high quality and sustainable turfgrass management in the lawn and landscape. This easy-to-use calendar will great tips for tasks and management throughout the growing season.

ACCESS HERE



UTHort Gets a New Look!

Our team is excited to share an all new and updated to make it even more useful for YOU! You'll find easy access to all our best content and educational resources under specificcontent area tabs in easy-to-access accordion drop-downs. Plus, there is a focus on upcoming events with easy access to registrations and information for our upcoming educational series. This site is now housed under the UT web umbrella, but our long-standing uthort.com redirects effortlessly. If you have issues with your browser being slow, be sure to clear the cache/browser history. This prevents your browser from loading the old site.

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TEMG Intern Training is Underway!!!

Tennessee Extension Master Gardener training began on January 30, 2024! Over 600 brand new interns are currently moving through our statewide training. Curious about the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener (TEMG) program? Be sure to connect with us to see all the great projects both certified and intern Master Gardeners are involved with across the state! Training concludes in May.



By the Numbers

2856 Active Master Gardeners in Tennessee40 County-based Programs25 Hours of Service Returned to Communities(after the first year)8 Hours of Annual Continued Education



HOME GARDEN VARIETY TRIALS

Join the fun this year! Get involved with citizen science by participating in our fun and interactive Home Garden Variety Trials research program! Grow old favorites alongside new cultivars to determine what grows (and tastes) best according to you! Information is used to assist home gardeners in TN to select the best vegetables for their home gardens. Grow with us in 2024! Additional details and an order form can be found by clicking on the above photo.

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.