



BLOUNT COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

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Learn What it Takes to be a Master Gardener

Maryville, TN: If you like digging in the dirt and helping your community at the same time, then Master Gardeners could be for you.

The Blount County Master Gardener Association (BCMGA) and the UT Extension Office of Blount County will host an informational session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Blount County Public Library in the Sharon Lawson Room. The open information session will offer all the details on the upcoming 2022 Master Gardener 14-week training course that is scheduled to begin January 25, 2022.

The Master Gardener program, conducted throughout the US and Canada, is a two-part educational effort in which gardeners are provided intense horticulture training. In return they “pay back” local university extension agents through volunteerism.

Blount County Master Gardeners' projects include a Monarch Butterfly tagging event at Fairview Elementary School, an annual plant sale, design and planting of downtown Maryville planters, and maintenance of native plant displays at the Sugarlands National Park Visitor Center and many more. Additional new projects are planned for the upcoming year.

Plan to attend this information session on December 6 and learn more from BCMGA representatives along with John Wilson, UT Extension’s Blount County Agent. The 2022 classes will be held Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 12 Noon Eastern, at the UT Blount County Extension Office.

This program and all other programs offered through UT Extension are open to all eligible persons. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and submit an application. Applications will be accepted through January 5, 2022 and are available online at www.bcmgtn.org or in person at the Blount County Extension office located at 1219 McArthur Rd. in Maryville. 865-982-6430, ext. 5.