

August Master Gardener Meeting!
Thursday, August 25, 7 P.M.
At Robertson Co. Fairgrounds Education Bldg.
We will be setting up our 2011 Fair Booth
See You There!

**“LEGACY GIFTS: WHERE WILL OUR
FUND-RAISER FUNDS GO?”**

In accordance with the Master Gardener mission, and with wishes expressed by our membership, our Robertson County Master Gardeners Association has developed guidelines and procedures for the nomination and selection of garden-related gifts to the community. Thanks to Michelle Adcock, Rose Parker, Rodney Sawyer, and Ursula Otto for developing these procedures and guidelines.

The purpose of these guidelines/procedures is to describe the process for the nomination and selection of a Legacy Gift, a “community gift” to Robertson County from the Robertson County Master Gardeners Association. Proposals for legacy gifts may be made at any time but customarily will be considered at the end of the fiscal year (December) when annual projects have been completed and/or after major fundraisers.

1. The Legacy proposal must include: the name of the Legacy gift; the location, materials list including names of plants to be used, estimated costs (materials, site prep and installation if applicable, maintenance, etc.).
2. The gift must be planned to endure for more than three years and must make an improvement to the beauty of Robertson County. The proposal should describe how the Legacy gift would add to the county’s beauty, including ‘before’ photos and an ‘after’ sketch or landscape plan where applicable.

3. The Legacy gift may or may not be associated with an existing Master Gardener project.
4. Any certified Master Gardener or Master Gardener intern may submit a proposal to the group for consideration.

The RCMGA officers will notify members when the Legacy gift is being considered and invite all members to submit nominations within one month. A committee consisting of the officers, the project coordinator, and the county agent will review the nominations, interface with the nominators to obtain any missing information, and insure that the nomination meets the Legacy gift purposes. The nomination will be presented at the next association meeting for selection by vote of association members (certified Robertson County Master Gardeners and interns) present.

Tip of the Month:

THIS WORKS! Purchase some inexpensive baby powder. Generously sprinkle it over and around melons, corn rows, squash or any other vegetables that deer and raccoons like to eat! Problem solved.

AUGUST MEETING

Our meeting this month will be at the Robertson County Fairgrounds at 7 P.M. in the Education Building. We will be putting together our Master Gardener display booth for this year's competition. We will also be sorting through our seeds and making sample seed packets to be given away to those many visitors we have at our booth!

Our display will be highlighted this year with a slide show of our Master Gardener activities and events we have had this past year.

Sign up to volunteer with the set-up, manning the booth a few hours on the days and nights of the fair, and take-down after the fair is over.

Bring yourself, bring some seeds to share and be ready to work and have fun! This year's booth looks exciting!

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YEW DELL GARDENS By Lynn Stenglein

Is a Northern Kentucky trip in your future? How about a visit to Yew Dell Gardens!

This time of year we all need a botanical break on long drives or family visits. Happily I have discovered Yew Dell Botanical Gardens located in Crestwood, Kentucky, just a few miles east of Louisville. The 33 acres occupied by Yew Dell Gardens served as the home, gardens, arboretum and commercial nursery of the late commercial nurseryman Theodore Klein who was, for more than fifty years, one of the leaders of the regional nursery and landscape industry.

Klein collected over 1,000 unusual specimen trees and shrubs which were displayed and evaluated in his arboretum. He worked to develop new plant varieties for the regional landscape, amassing more than sixty unique introductions over his professional career.

In addition to enjoying the gardens and plants such as the columnar sugar maples, European Beech, hydrangea macrophylla and Batista, (in season), you will enjoy the frequent art exhibits (sculpture, dragon tubes, stained

glass fitted into tree branches, etc.). For those with a more practical nature, don't miss **Barkitecture at Yew Dell**, a celebration of architecturally-inspired doghouses coming up this September and October. What a great way to enjoy the dog days of summer!

For more information on happenings at this garden go to www.yewdellgardens.org.

Photos by Lynn



MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

It is time for the Robertson County Fair!

Have you signed up yet?

Do you have your seeds ready to donate?

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

PRESERVING SUMMER'S BOUNTY



Once again it's time to start or finish preserving all those wonderful vegetables and fruits from this season's gifts.

There are many ways and methods by which this can be done. Canning is the most popular and easiest for most people to do. Many of us already have shelves lined with tomatoes and green beans.

Probably the next most used method is freezing. This is a very simple way to put up food for the coming months.

This year we tried dehydrating some blueberries and tomatoes. We really put a lot of food into a small space! Ten pounds of dried berries fit into a quart size bag. We sealed our produce with a professional food sealer. I must say this is my favorite way to preserve our food but the jars on the shelves look nice as well.

BY THE WAY.....

Have you logged your Master Gardener hours this month?

Here Comes Fall!

Hard to believe but Fall is just around the corner! I know many of us are looking forward to cooler weather and returning rains. It is also the time now to start thinking about that fall garden!

Fall vegetable gardens typically feature cool-season crops like kale, lettuce, Brussels sprouts and broccoli. Have you ever thought of planting fall tomatoes?

Unlike most fall crops that are planted from seed, you'll need to start tomatoes with a transplant. Since it is so hard to find plants in the late season, you'll need a root cutting from a healthy, mature tomato plant already in the garden/ You will need to allow a sucker (A new stem that occurs between the plant's main stem and a lateral branch) to grow to 5 or 6 inches tall. Then cut off the sucker and remove its lowest set of leaves. Insert the bottom of its stem in a jar of water or a damp potting mix, making sure the nodes where the leaves were formerly attached are under the surface of the water or the soil. Roots will grow from those nodes. Once roots begin to form, transplant the cutting into the garden and treat it as you would any young tomato plant.

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Good book to have on the shelf:

"The Garden Primer"

By Barbara Damrosch

Deadlines for the RCMG Leaflet will be the 15th. Submit your articles of interest, questions, photos, announce an upcoming event or tell us what you would like to see!. Email to Catey at mtnrider55@yahoo.com.

Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!

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