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Basic Gardening

- **2025-26 Garden Trends and New Popular Plants**

Explore emerging garden trends and enjoy an overview of new plants on the market that are good choices in the 901. Plant sourcing options and popular on-line gardening resources will be shared.

- **Basics of Botany**

Explore the fundamental principles of botany, including the structure and function of roots, stems, leaves, and the differences between monocots and dicots. This session provides a foundational understanding of plant biology for gardeners of all levels.

- **Best Tips and Practices to Make Gardening Easier**

Discover practical gardening hacks that save time, money, and effort. Learn about essential tools, techniques, and strategies to tackle common garden challenges and maximize your gardening success.

- **Creating a Beautiful Home Cutting Garden (by doing some pre-season prep)**

Dive into how to create a thriving, productive and beautiful home cutting garden. You'll learn what you can do in the winter to get a spring and summer show! Start-up tips, "best practices", seed starting information and design inspiration for growing and harvesting a ton of flowers AND food. Get ready to take your garden to the next level - easy and cheap!

- **Dig In Your Way: Exploring the Many Types of Gardening**

From raised beds to hydroponics, container gardens to vertical systems—there's a gardening style for every lifestyle. This engaging session explores diverse gardening methods, including their benefits, limitations, and which ones suit different spaces and goals. Perfect for anyone ready to find their gardening groove.

- **Gardening Myths**

Separate fact from fiction as we debunk popular gardening myths. Understand the science behind common gardening advice and discover what truly works for a thriving garden.

- **Spring Startup**

Prepare your garden for the growing season with expert tips on soil preparation, plant selection, and maintenance. Learn how to set your garden up for a flourishing spring.

- **Tennessee Smart Yards Program**

Discover how to create an ecologically responsible and sustainable landscape through this Extension-led program. Learn about the nine principles of stewardship and explore free online resources for smart yard management.

- **Weedless Gardening**

Reduce your time spent weeding with effective, low-maintenance gardening techniques. Learn four key principles to keep weeds at bay while promoting a healthier garden.

Bulbs

- **Gardening with Bulbs**

With a plan and a little effort in the right season, the color and drama bulbs will add to your landscape can be spectacular! Not only will bulbs create focal points throughout the garden, but they will also welcome visitors at entryways and add a touch of bright seasonal color to the garden. Learn the secrets of sourcing bulbs, planting efficiently and designing with a variety bulb to achieve the WOW factor in your garden. The presentation will also cover growing corms, tubers and rhizomes.

Community and School Gardens

- **Starting Community Gardens**

Explore different types of community gardens and learn about their benefits and challenges. Gain insights on planning, organizing, and maintaining a successful community garden.

- **Starting a School Garden**

Discover the benefits of school gardens for children's education and well-being. Learn how to set up and sustain a thriving school garden program.

Container Gardening

- **Advantages and Disadvantages of Container Gardening**

Learn the pros and cons of growing plants in containers, from seasonal plant selection to soil and fertilization techniques. Gain inspiration for creative container designs.

- **Boomerang Plants**

Discover which plants thrive both indoors and outdoors and how to transition them between seasons. Get practical tips on caring for houseplants after bringing them back inside.

- **Container Gardening**

Gain insights into growing plants in containers, from selecting the right pots and soil to watering and maintenance. Perfect for small-space gardening or adding color to patios and balconies.

- **Container Plants**

Explore plant options for both indoor and outdoor containers. Learn about selection, planting, common problems, and care tips for thriving container plants.

- **Fall Container Plantings That Are Long Lasting**

Explore great plant and color combinations for a beautiful fall look that can transition into the other seasons. Planting recipes will be included

- **Terrariums: Gardening Under Glass**

Discover how to create and maintain a self-sustaining terrarium. Learn the principles of humidity control, plant selection, and aesthetic design.

Drip Irrigation

- **Intro to Drip Irrigation**

Learn how to set up an efficient drip irrigation system to keep your plants hydrated while conserving water. Discover the benefits of automated watering for gardens and potted plants.

Eco-Friendly Gardening

- **Ecological Gardening - A New Approach**

Transform your garden into an eco-friendly haven that supports wildlife, conserves resources, and reduces waste. Learn simple strategies for sustainable gardening.

- **Environmental Awareness**

Explore the beauty of nature and the importance of conservation. Learn how soil, water, and plant life work together to sustain our planet.

- **Rethinking the Lawn**

Explore alternatives to traditional high-maintenance lawns. Learn how to reduce grass areas, incorporate native plants, and create a more sustainable landscape.

Floral Design

- **Backyard Flower Farming**

Grow your own fresh-cut flowers with small-scale flower farming techniques. Learn how to select, plant, and care for blooms to create a continuous supply of floral arrangements.

- **Designing Florals from Your Home Garden**

Create beautiful floral arrangements using plants from your own garden. Learn about plant selection, foraging techniques, and unique container choices.

- **Introduction to Flower Arranging**

A basic introduction to creating a flower design using basic design principles. Create a flower arrangement for your table or as a centerpiece and impress your guests. This talk could also be catered to provide holiday designs for fall, Christmas etc.

Garden Art

- **Flower Preservation**

Discover creative ways to preserve flowers, including drying techniques and crafts like flower pounding. Optional hands-on workshops available.

- **Hypertufa Workshop**

A hands-on session demonstrating how to make hypertufa containers. Participants create their own planters in this fun, messy workshop.

- **Leaf Casting Workshop**

Learn the art of casting leaves in cement to create unique garden decorations. Participants create their own leaf casts in this hands-on session.

Garden Tours

- **12 Ways to Transform Your Community**

Learn simple yet impactful beautification ideas to enhance your neighborhood. Perfect for garden clubs and community groups looking to foster community pride.

- **Cooper-Young Garden Walk Peek**

Take a virtual tour through creative and quirky gardens from the Cooper-Young neighborhood. Get a sneak peek at upcoming events and garden inspirations.

- **Lessons Learned from Garden Tours**

Gain insights from past garden tours, including planning, common challenges, and what makes a garden tour successful.

Habitat Gardening

- **Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden**

Create a pollinator-friendly garden by selecting the right plants. Learn about nectar and host plants and how to support butterflies, bees, and other beneficial pollinators.

- **Incorporating Native Plants in Your Front Yard Garden**

Discover how to integrate native plants into your front yard for beauty and ecological benefits. Learn about non-invasive, wildlife-friendly plant options.

- **Top Native Plant Performers for the 901**

Find out which native plants thrive in the Memphis area and how to incorporate them into your landscape for year-round interest.

- **Monarch Way Stations for an Epic Migration**

Learn how to create a certified Monarch Way Station to support migrating monarch butterflies. Discover plant recommendations and habitat requirements.

- **Native Pollinators—It's Not Just About the Honeybee**

Explore the role of native pollinators beyond honeybees and how habitat loss is impacting them. Learn what you can do to support diverse pollinator populations.

- **Make Friends with Good Bugs**

Discover the benefits of natural pest control by attracting beneficial insects. Learn how to create a balanced ecosystem in your garden.

Herb Gardening

- **Herbally Ever After: The Art of Growing and Using Herbs**

Step into the world of aromatic, flavorful, and healing plants. Learn how to grow common culinary and medicinal herbs, tips for harvesting and storing, and ways to use them in teas, meals, and natural remedies. Whether in pots or garden beds, herbs are small plants with big benefits.

Historical Perspective

- **English and Cottage Garden Ideas and Inspiration**

Discover the charm of English and cottage gardens and how to incorporate these styles into your own landscape. Learn about design elements, plant choices, and maintenance.

- **Gardening Folklore**

Explore traditional gardening wisdom, superstitions, and myths. Discover whether old wives' tales hold any scientific merit.

- **Some Plants of the Bible and the Holy Land**

Learn about the historical and religious significance of plants mentioned in the Bible and their modern botanical counterparts.

- **Plant Legends and Myths**

Uncover the fascinating folklore and mythology behind various plants from different cultures around the world.

- **The Language of Flowers**

Discover the hidden meanings behind flowers and how they have been used for communication throughout history. Learn the symbolism of various blooms.

- **Scarecrows: Facts and Lore to Historical Perspective**

Explore the cultural significance of scarecrows throughout history and how they have been used in agriculture and folklore.

- **The Rural or Garden Cemetery Movement**

Learn about the history of garden cemeteries and how they shaped urban landscapes. Discover the connection between horticulture and cemetery design.

Horticulture Therapy

- **Horticulture Therapy**

Discover how gardening can improve mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Learn about programs that use plants for therapeutic benefits, including those for dementia care.

Indoor Gardening

- **Houseplants**

Learn how to select and care for houseplants, from low-light varieties to high-humidity lovers. Discover troubleshooting tips for common indoor plant issues.

Keeping Bees

- **Beekeeping**

Explore the fundamentals of beekeeping, including hive management, honey production, and pollination benefits.

- **Beekeeping in Your Backyard**

Learn how to start and maintain a backyard apiary in an urban or suburban setting. Observation hives may be available for demonstration.

- **Honeybees**

Dive into the history and challenges of beekeeping, from colony collapse disorder to habitat loss. Understand the crucial role hobbyist beekeepers play in pollinator conservation.

- **Unconventional Beekeeping**

Discover alternative beekeeping methods, including top-bar hives and natural hive management techniques. Learn how to keep bees in a cost-effective and sustainable way.

Landscaping

- **Creating Captivating Curb Appeal**

Transform your home's front yard into an inviting and eye-catching space with simple yet impactful design ideas.

- **Creating Year-Round Character in the Garden**

Get tips on designing a garden with continuous seasonal interest using plant selection, layering, and structural elements.

- **Garden UP!**

Explore the world of vertical gardening, including trellises, living walls, and space-saving techniques for small gardens.

- **Joy of Winter Gardening**

Discover how to maintain a beautiful garden during the colder months with winter-friendly plants, shrubs, and vegetables.

- **Landscaping Tips**

Learn the history and fundamentals of home landscaping, from plant selection to garden design.

- **The Layered Garden**

Discover how to create a multi-layered garden that evolves throughout the seasons for year-round beauty.

- **Where Do I Start? 8 Steps to Your Dream Landscape**

Follow a structured approach to designing a personalized landscape that meets your style, needs, and gardening experience.

Lawns

- **Simple Turf Grass Maintenance for Memphis**

Learn how to maintain a lush, healthy lawn with simple, cost-effective care techniques. Explore alternatives for low-maintenance landscapes.

Master Gardeners

- **What is Master Gardening All About?**

Learn about the Master Gardener program, its purpose, and how to become involved.

- **What Does a Master Gardener Do?**

Discover the roles and responsibilities of Master Gardeners and how they contribute to the community.

Perennials and Other Plants

- **Cool Flowers**

Learn how to grow cool-season flowers such as foxglove and delphinium in the Mid-South for an extended blooming season.

- **Growing Dahlias in the 901**

Discover the secrets to successfully growing dahlias, from planting tubers to maximizing bloom production.

- **Growing Roses in the 901**

Learn how to grow healthy roses in the Mid-South without excessive maintenance or chemical treatments.

- **Low-Maintenance Perennials and Shrubs for the 901**

Discover easy-care plants that thrive in the Mid-South, requiring minimal upkeep for a beautiful landscape.

- **Peony: The Grand Matriarch of the Garden**

Learn about the different types of peonies and how to grow these stunning, long-lived flowers. Get tips on planting, care, and maintenance for optimal blooms.

- **The Allure of Moon Vines: A Deep Dive into a Beloved Nocturnal Twiner**

This presentation on moon vines highlights the beauty and benefits of growing these nocturnal plants, including their appeal to nighttime pollinators and their striking sight and scent. It covers practical gardening tips, basic botany, and seed harvesting, while also touching on taxonomy and personal significance.

- **Twelve Months of Blooms for the Memphis Garden**

Explore a selection of plants that ensure continuous color in your garden year-round, including those that bloom during the cooler months.

Plant Nomenclature

- **From Minimus to Maximus – All Plant Names Lead to Latin!**

Dive into the world of botanical Latin and uncover the meanings behind plant names. This session combines horticulture, mythology, and history for an engaging experience.

Problems in the Landscape

- **Backyard Critters**

Identify common garden wildlife and learn how to encourage the beneficial ones while deterring pests.

- **Garden Safety**

Stay safe in the garden with tips on handling tools, chemicals, and environmental hazards. Learn how to prevent injuries and protect your plants.

- **Simple Ways to Avoid Mosquitoes**

Learn about the mosquito species that bite people in Memphis, including larval breeding sites, diurnal periodicity, flight strength and range, adult resting behavior, biological control, larvicides and adulticides. The importance and means of large scale avoidance of mosquitoes is illustrated by description of the work of the U.S. Public Health Service during the building of the Panama Canal 1904-1914.

- **Wicked Plants**

Explore fascinating (and sometimes dangerous) plants that are poisonous, invasive, or historically notorious. A fun and educational session for plant enthusiasts.

Propagation & Seeds

- **Advantages to Saving Your Own Seed**

Learn the benefits of harvesting and saving seeds from your garden. Get tips on proper collection, storage, and germination techniques.

- **Save \$\$\$ With Winter Sowing and Other Seed-starting Techniques (**
Learn how to start plants from seeds for a cost-effective and diverse garden. Explore different germination techniques and indoor seed-starting setups.
- **Seed Starting 101: From Tiny Seeds to Thriving Plants**
Unlock the magic of seed starting and gain the confidence to grow your garden from scratch! This hands-on presentation covers the basics of germination, lighting, soil mixes, timing, and transplanting. You'll walk away with practical know-how and the tools to nurture plants from their very beginning.

Pruning

- **Pruning**
Master the art of pruning with tips on shaping, maintenance, and seasonal care. Learn how to keep your shrubs and trees healthy and attractive.
- **Tip Pruning and Pruning Tips for a Fabulous Garden**
Demystify the when, why, and how of pruning. Learn the best techniques to encourage healthy growth and enhance your garden's beauty.

The Art and Practice of Espalier

- **The Art and Practice of Espalier**
Discover the decorative and space-saving technique of training trees and shrubs against walls or trellises. Learn the basics of shaping plants for a unique garden feature.

Rain Gardens

- **Rain Gardens**
Understand the science behind rain gardens and how they help manage stormwater runoff. Learn creative ways to incorporate them into your landscape.

- **Rain Gardens I**

Participate in a hands-on workshop to install a rain garden. Learn about site selection, plant choices, and long-term maintenance.

- **Rain Gardens II**

A one-hour introduction to the principles and benefits of rain gardens. Learn how they contribute to sustainable landscaping.

Raised Bed Gardening

- **Growing in Raised Beds**

Learn how to build and maintain raised garden beds for improved soil quality, easier maintenance, and better yields. Perfect for beginners and experienced gardeners alike.

Recycling

- **Recycle Right and Be Good Stewards of Our Environment**

Understand the importance of proper recycling and how to minimize waste. Learn best practices for recycling different materials in your community.

- **Creative Ways to Recycle Right**

Discover fun and innovative ways to upcycle everyday items into useful projects. Great for families, schools, and community groups.

Shade Gardening

- **Inspiration for Growing in the Shade**

Explore plant options that thrive in low-light areas. Learn how to create a lush, vibrant garden even in shaded conditions.

Soil Preparation and Composting

- **Composting Basics**

Turn kitchen and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost. Learn about composting methods, troubleshooting common issues, and the benefits for your garden.

Trees

- **Right Tree - Right Place**

Choosing the right tree for your space is essential for long-term success. Learn how to select, plant, and care for trees that thrive in your landscape.

- **Four Seasons of Splendor – Talk on the Cordova Library Arboretum**

Take a virtual tour through the Cordova Library Arboretum, exploring its diverse collection of trees and their seasonal beauty.

Vegetable & Fruit Gardening

- **Companion Plants – Certified Naturally Grown vs. USDA Organic**

Learn about the different organic certification systems and how companion planting can improve your garden's productivity and health.

- **Fall Harvest Magic: Extending Your Growing Season**

Don't pack up your tools just yet! Fall gardening is one of the best-kept secrets for homegrown success. In this session, we'll cover hardy vegetables, succession planting, frost protection, and soil care techniques that keep your garden productive well into the cooler months.

- **Fall Vegetable Gardening**

Extend your growing season with cool-weather crops. Learn what vegetables thrive in fall and how to protect them from pests and frost.

- **Garden to Thrive: Growing Wellness from the Ground Up**

Discover how growing your own food can be a powerful tool for personal wellness. This presentation explores the connection between soil, food, and health—

uncovering how backyard gardening supports nutrient-rich meals, stress reduction, physical activity, and sustainable living. Whether you have a patio or a plot of land, you'll leave inspired to turn your garden into a healing space.

- **Spring into Freshness: A Beginner's Guide to Spring Vegetable Gardening**

Learn how to make the most of the vibrant spring growing season! From cool-weather crops to soil prep and timing, this presentation covers what to plant, when to plant it, and how to get your garden off to a flourishing start. Ideal for both new and seasoned gardeners looking to refresh their spring routines.

- **The Robust Kitchen Garden in a Small Space**

Create a highly productive kitchen garden in a small area. Learn about raised beds, intensive planting, and stylish garden layouts.

Youth Education

- **Youth Education**

Engage children in gardening through hands-on, interactive learning. Learn techniques for getting kids excited about nature and outdoor activities.

- **What is Soil Worth?**

Teach kids about the importance of healthy soil through engaging activities. Students will plant seeds and explore the role of soil in plant growth.

Water Garden

- **The Magic of Water in the Garden**

Sessions By Season (Recommended)

Spring

- Creating a Beautiful Home Cutting Garden (by doing some pre-season prep) [Basic Gardening]
- Spring Startup [Basic Gardening]
- Spring into Freshness: A Beginner's Guide to Spring Vegetable Gardening [Vegetable & Fruit Gardening]
- Seed Starting 101: From Tiny Seeds to Thriving Plants [Propagation & Seeds]
(Implied: seed starting is often a spring activity for summer crops)

Summer

- Backyard Flower Farming [Floral Design] *(Implied: flower farming peaks in summer for blooms)*
- Designing Florals from Your Home Garden [Floral Design] *(Implied: summer is prime for harvesting flowers)*
- Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden [Habitat Gardening] *(Implied: pollinators are most active in summer)*
- Native Pollinators—It's Not Just About the Honeybee [Habitat Gardening] *(Implied: summer focus for pollinator activity)*
- Make Friends with Good Bugs [Habitat Gardening] *(Implied: beneficial insects are prominent in summer)*
- Simple Ways to Avoid Mosquitoes [Problems in the Landscape] *(Implied: mosquito issues peak in summer)*
- The Robust Kitchen Garden in a Small Space [Vegetable & Fruit Gardening] *(Implied: summer is key for kitchen garden harvests)*

Fall

- Fall Container Plantings That Are Long Lasting [Container Gardening]
- Fall Harvest Magic: Extending Your Growing Season [Vegetable & Fruit Gardening]
- Fall Vegetable Gardening [Vegetable & Fruit Gardening]

- Gardening with Bulbs [Bulbs] (*Implied: bulbs are typically planted in fall for spring blooms*)
- Bulbs for the Mid-South [TBD] (*Implied: bulbs are typically planted in fall*)
- The Minor Bulbs [TBD] (*Implied: bulbs are typically planted in fall*)

Winter

- Joy of Winter Gardening [Landscaping]
- Creating Interest in the Winter Garden [TBD]
- Save \$\$\$ With Winter Sowing and Other Seed-starting Techniques [Propagation & Seeds] (*Implied: winter sowing is a winter activity*)

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