

2012 TMG WINTER SCHOOL TENNESSEE MASTER GARDENER

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ERICA GLASENER



Erica Glasener, horticulturist, author, lecturer and award winning host of HGTV's A Gardener's Diary for 14 years. As the host for this popular TV show she introduced her audience to gardeners, horticulture professionals, specialty plant growers, landscape architects and more from across the country. Erica writes and speaks to garden

enthusiasts to inspire more people to share her passion of gardening. She shares this passion with Tennessee Master Gardeners. Plant combinations and problems solving in the landscape are just two of her talents she hopes to share in helping you to inspiring more to garden.

TEACHING AND TRAINING TOOLS

The purpose of the education track is to provide sessions for Tennessee Master Gardeners and Interns so that they will become more effective communicators with the gardening public. Sessions have been planned around effective teaching techniques, as well as providing information on specific garden topics. Special topics include: Engaging the Gardener through Mystery and Treasure Hunt, Using a Case Study Approach, The Importance of Using Simulations, and Role Playing. One large group session will be a live demonstration on using "cutting edge" technology to identify plant pests at the county Extension level.

SILENT AUCTION

Every year the silent auction gets more exciting. This is our only fundraiser to support future Winter Schools. Counties have offered suggestions and MG are donating some fantastic items, including 2 rain barrels custom designed by Donna Smolinki from Hamilton County. Groups can bring a themed baskets related to gardening: gardening with kids, composting, vegetable gardening, etc. As always we accept individual items donated from you or your local retailers.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

The Search for Excellence (SFE) presentations are always a highlight of the conference. Winners of the SFE awards will present a summary of the project and be on hand to share more details about the projects. This is a networking opportunity you won't want to miss.

FOCUS ON PROJECTS AND OUTREACH

Our leadership track was coordinated with the outreach projects in mind. Of course this idea was captured at last year's Winter School. Breakout sessions and keynote speakers will emphasize project management, ideas and recruitment of new volunteers and recognizing contributions to the team.



Carmen Burgos, from UT Extension's 4-H will share tips on how to attract more diversity to your programs.

HOTELS

This year the Sleep Inn, 193 Chaffin Place, (615) 396-3000 is our conference hotel. Make your reservations soon to ensure the \$60 room rate. Make sure you indicate you are with the "Master Gardeners" when making reservations.

Other conference hotels include: Comfort Suites, 226 North Thomson Lane (615)898-0950; Baymont Inn and Suites, (615) 896-1172, www.baymont.com; and Embassy Suites (615) 890-4464 www.embassysuites.hilton.com

GOODY BAG PROMOTIONS

We often have people ask at the last minute if they can promote their program, event or business to Master Gardeners. Please send recommendations, samples or flyers to the Rutherford County Master Gardeners, they will be helping us fill the goody bags this year.

For Quantities call (615) 898-7710 the Extension office or email Linda Lindquist ljl1074@att.net or Cynthia Winfield pandcwfarm@gmail.com

Mail to: RCMG, 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Suite 101, Murfreesboro, TN 37129-4105

LEADERSHIP TRACK

Time

Thursday, February 9

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| 8:00-8:30 | Welcome and Registration |
| 8:30-9:30 | Keynote: Erica Glasener, <i>Inspiring New Gardeners</i> |
| 9:30-9:45 | Break |
| 9:45-10:50 | Breakout Sessions <i>Recruiting, Retaining and Recognizing Project Team Members</i> <i>Entering Hours Online</i> <i>Effective Meeting Structure</i> |
| 11:00-12:30 p.m. | Search For Excellence Presentations |
| 12:30-1:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30-2:45 | Breakout Sessions <i>Problem Solving for Garden Design</i> <i>Project Management</i> <i>Using Volunteer Coordinators</i> |
| 2:45-3:00 | Break |
| 3:00-4:00 | Panels Breakout Sessions <i>Garden Festivals and Events</i> <i>Demonstration Gardens</i> <i>Basic Gardening Programs</i> |
| 4:00-5:00 | Carmen Burgos, <i>Ideas and Tips to Create Diversity in Gardening Programs</i> |

EDUCATION TRACK

Time

Friday, February 10

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| 8:00- 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00-9:30 | Welcome |
| 9:30-12:30 | Methods and Teaching for Gardeners Dr. David G. Craig, Workshop: Bullseye – Are You Hitting the Target? Dr. Frank Hale and Dr. Alan Windham, Demonstration: Using Technology to Solve Problems |
| 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30- 5:30 | Participant 40 Minute Rotation to All Activities. David Cook, Case Study: How to Raise Healthy Plants Dr. Leo Lubke, Simulation: Square Foot Gardening Tom Stebbins, Treasure Hunt: What is it? Karla Kean, Evaluation: Impact! Did you hit the Bull's Eye? |