

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! Late SUMMER and Early FALL 2013

12 Common Landscape Mistakes and How to Avoid Them



Garry Menendez, Landscape Architect and Associate Professor at UTK, will speak on "12 Common Landscape Mistakes and How to Avoid Them" on Thursday, September 19, at 7 pm at the Kingsport Renaissance Center, 1200 E. Center Street in Kingsport, TN 37660. We all know our gardens are one large experiment. We plant, we mulch, we remove, we transplant. With beautiful photography and lively commentary Garry will share his thoughts on some of the most common landscape design pitfalls and how you can avoid them. Expect to pick up some new ideas to help you manage and design your garden to be more attractive and sustainable.

Garry Menendez is a registered Landscape Architect and Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at The University of Tennessee. He teaches courses in landscape design, design graphics, planting design, professional practice and has conducted study abroad courses. He has won numerous awards for teaching and has authored several articles fea-

tured in such publications as The Tennessee Gardener, Landscape and Irrigation, and Garden Guide. You may learn more about Garry, his private practice projects, and other activities at www.garrymenendez.com

Sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society, this program is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail jinjmoore@embarqmail.com.

Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival



Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, will hold its 41st annual Fall Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, September 29, from 12 noon to 5 pm. The Festival will focus on harvest time activities on an 1850s farm with an emphasis on pioneer arts and crafts, ole timey foods, music, children's activities and living history reenactments.



Artisans will demonstrate and sell a wide array of traditional folk arts, and the Harvest Market will feature plants, autumn produce and seasonal crafts. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. For more information, call 423-288-6071. <http://exchangeplace.info>

Master Gardener volunteers are needed to staff a shift at the Master Gardeners' booth. To volunteer please call Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or e-mail at ijnmoore@embarqmail.com.

Tomato Fest IX Winners Announced

Biggest 1st Jim LaFollette; 2nd Darlena Bachman; 3rd Nancy Scott

Most Bizarre 1st Heather Bledsoe; 2nd Jo Ann Bernard

Best Dressed 1st Lois Ward

Prettiest 1st Dennis Marshall; 2nd Jo Ann Bernard; 3rd Jim LaFollette

Ugliest 1st Greg Robbins; 2nd Bobby Britton; 3rd Jim LaFollette

Best Tasting:

RED 1st 'Wins All' Dennis Marshall; 2nd 'Brandy Boy' Nancy Scott;
tie: 'German Johnson' Bobby Britton and 'Burpee Burger' Ben Hunter

YELLOW: 1st 'Kellogg's Breakfast' Church Hill Senior Center Garden;
2nd 'Jubilee' Church Hill Senior Center Garden;
3rd 'Lemon Boy' Church Hill Senior Center Garden

MULTI-COLORED: 1st (tie) 'Mr Stripey' Dennis Marshall and Jim LaFollette
and 'Cherokee Purple' Jim LaFollette and Jo Ann Bernard
2nd (tie) 'Black Krim' and 'Pineapple' -both submitted by Church Hill Senior Center Garden

Salsa Contest:

Winner: Marissa To --submitted "Medium Salsa"
2nd: Nancy Scott -- "Canned Salsa"
3rd: Me & K's -- "Pineapple Mango Salsa"

The efforts of Chairman Dennis Marshall, John and Nancy Scott, Jeanne Cope, and many great volunteers resulted in very successful event. Food City and Earth Fare participated.

MASTER GARDENERS' HELP NEEDED:

BUDS AND SPROUTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MG's are needed to be Buds for the 2013 Master Gardener Class Sprouts. This is an easy job and will count as ACT hours. If you are willing to be a Bud, all you have to do is give the new Sprouts a phone call or an e-mail to welcome them to the program and answer any questions they may have during the class. It is a great way to meet some really special people. Becoming a Bud can also be helpful for your projects. Many of the new class members are anxious to become involved. Contact Jane at 423-737-7915 or jane-mullins2013@gmail.com to volunteer.

MODERATORS NEEDED FOR 2013 MG CLASS

Two Master Gardeners are needed to be a moderator for each of the classes. The moderators will help set-up, welcome the class, introduce speakers, help get drinks and refreshments set up, make sure breaks happen on time, end class on time, and help put the room back in order at the end of class. The speakers vary each year, so this is a good way to get ACT or CEU hours. In order to have your choice of days, please sign-up now! This year the classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon beginning Tuesday, September 24 and ending Tuesday November 19; classes will be in Blountville, at Exchange Place (KP), Tipton-Haynes Historic Site (JC), Rocky Mount (JC), Harvest of Hope (KP), and possibly at Northeast State Community College. Contact Jane at 423-737-7915 or janemullins2013@gmail.com to volunteer.

Master Gardeners: report your hours each month!!

Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

Monday, September 9, Board Meeting @ Appalachian Fairgrounds Ticket Office 6pm

Monday, October 7 NETMGA General Meeting at Evergreen of Johnson City.

Evergreen in Johnson City is hosting our October 7th Meeting at their store. The program will be on "Caring for Your Houseplants during the Winter (including Orchids)". Shelia Mathes, the greenhouse manager, will present the program.

Please arrive early if you are interested in shopping. The store usually closes at 6:00 p.m. and the gate will be open until 6:30 p.m. when the program begins. A light snack and drinks will be provided by MG's. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

EVERGREEN of JOHNSON CITY
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Chris' Corner

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already signed up for the class. We do have some space for a few more people if you know of someone that may be interested. The class will begin on Tuesday, September 24. We are also encouraging the new class to attend the SAPS program on Thursday, September 19.

Just when you think you have seen every type of growing season, then we have a year like this one. Rain, rain, and more rain! I have heard many complaints over the summer, as you probably have as well. I think we would all agree that this has been far better than a severe drought. Green landscapes are certainly more encouraging than drought-stricken brown ones.

It is almost time for the 2013 Fall Master Gardener Training to begin. We have a good group

It is also time to start thinking about wrapping the up the Master Gardener year. Make sure you plan ahead to submit your Master Gardener volunteer hours and CEUs. These hours are critical for compiling a report to show impact at the state level. Reports of impact are what keeps our Master Gardener program going. These hours can be submitted online or by the blue paper report form. Call me at 423-279-2723 if you need your login information or have other questions.

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Featured Project

Harvest of Hope Community Garden, Kingsport



If you have ever seen the Harvest of Hope Community Garden located behind First Presbyterian Church, Church Circle (130 Charlemont Street) in Kingsport, you have seen the culmination of approximately four years' work by many enthusiastic, hard working, committed gardeners from around the area. Perhaps no one in this group is more enthusiastic than Doug Hilton, a six-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, and U.T. Master Gardener for 20+ years. This garden is not just a hobby with him, it is a passion.

Hilton can often be found in or around the garden, building new raised beds, filling them with soil, composting or helping new gardeners

plan their gardens. He prefers to stay behind the scenes, but because of his energy and enthusiasm, he can also be found talking to community leaders, teachers and administrators, and anyone he feels could lend support to the garden, through either materials or funding. "Now that this garden has gotten established, we're at a second stage, where we need to get some ongoing backing. The original sponsors, the City of Kingsport, AARP, United Way of Greater Kingsport, First Presbyterian Church, UT Extension and Tennessee Master Gardeners, gave the land and materials to get the garden started with its original 39 beds, but needs are ongoing: more space, additional beds, more equipment and supplies (hoses, plants, pitchforks, shovels, etc.).

Harvest of Hope Community Garden is now sporting a new message board which serves as a way to connect the gardeners with each other and with the Master Gardeners for any questions they might have. It also holds schedules for work days in the garden, general information about the workshops and classes held throughout the growing season. Several Master Gardeners give a day of their time each week to the garden and the gardeners, to answer questions, give advice, troubleshoot, and coach. "It is important to empower people to garden for themselves" says Hilton. "That old saying 'Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day, teach a man to fish and he will have food for a lifetime' is so true. It's all about sustainability; being able to take care of yourself and your family, even in bad times." Participants are often amazed at how much can be grown in a small space, such as a pot on your back porch. As long as it gets sun and is within distance of a water source, many vegetables and herbs can be grown."



The Harvest of Hope Garden came about as a result of two community forums on food insecurity held by United Way of Greater Kingsport in 2008. Information presented at these forums by over 60 individuals and groups, coupled with survey results and local and national initiatives, brought AARP, UT Extension Tennessee Master Gardeners and First Presbyterian Church together to develop a community garden effort in Kingsport. Its focus is to feed the hungry, raise hunger awareness and provide hands-on learning and nutrition education, particularly for low socio-economic members of the

community. Gardeners include those of limited means, identified through Interfaith Hospitality Network, Salvation Army and Kitchen of Hope. In addition, remaining garden beds were adopted by individuals and groups who grow fresh produce for local food pantries and kitchens.

There are a lot of volunteers involved with this Garden; it is a team effort. Master Gardeners include Nancy Walker, Phil Ramey (“our vegetable expert”), Earl Hoskins, Lloyd Grimm, and Ron Russell, who, with help from the members of the Kingsport Senior Center’s woodshop program, made the large sign for the Garden’s name and sponsors.

Harvest of Hope is an excellent way to educate people about raising their own food, demonstrating through hands-on activities what is necessary to give plants a good start and then to sustain them over the growing season. The Master Gardeners and professionals share information about particular types of vegetables: how long they take to mature, when to pick, how they taste, and how to prepare and preserve. This information (and much more!) is included in the Garden’s blog: <http://www.hohkingsport.blogspot.com/> or on the Garden’s FaceBook Page, Harvest of Hope Growing with Kingsport. Information about the Garden is also available at www.feedkingsport.org.

“We’re always looking for help,” says Hilton, “volunteers, funding, and especially those interested in gardening!”

Featured Project

Vance Community Garden



The Vance Community Garden received helping hands this summer from employees of Bristol Tennessee City Schools as part of United Way's annual Week of Caring. The garden was chosen as a project because it provides an outdoor classroom for students with special needs who participate in River's Way Outdoor Alive program. River's Way is an agency of United Way of Bristol TN/VA. Employees weeded, moved bed perimeters, covered compost and much more!

Check out NETMGA’s website <http://netmga.net/>

Featured Project

Church Hill Senior Center Garden

The Church Hill Senior Center Garden, located on Main St, is a raised bed vegetable, herb, native perennial and annual garden. Our mission is to provide seniors and those in need access to fresh produce, to create a biodiverse environment where garden members can receive both exercise and well-being, and to provide educational opportunities for all age ranges in the community. All of the garden harvest is donated back to the community. Our recipients include the food pantry run by Of One Accord ministry, the lunch program at the Senior Center, and the Community Clothes Closet.



We began our fourth season in February 2013 with a shed raising, aided by the local Boy Scout troop. Our home grown compost was added to each bed at this time. We added a rain barrel system to the new shed to provide fresh water for the garden. Planting of the 37 beds began in mid-March.



The abundant rains helped our garden to flourish this year. Only the edible harvest is weighed and donated and this year we reached the 2000 pound mark on Aug 7 – a full 2 months ahead of last year’s schedule. The production starts this year have been black seeded simpson lettuce – 81 pounds or 650 servings, cucumbers – 370 pounds and tomatoes – 660 pounds and still picking! Fall crops are starting to be planted so that our three season harvest will continue.

Our educational outreach this year included a national Arbor Day tree planting with the local Brownie troop, a vegetable and flower planting day with the Brownies, and a visit from the summer reading group at the Church Hill Library.

Photo scavenger hunts are utilized to make the kids search through the garden and get curious about the plants, bugs and birds that inhabit the site. We have also started a new blog about the garden in which we give gardening tips and news about the garden. Please visit our site at <http://churchhillseniorgarden.blogspot.com/> and come join in the fun at Church Hill Senior Garden on our weekly “work” and harvest Wednesday mornings. For more information, please contact Marcia Vandermause at chscgarden@yahoo.com.

Easy Care Perennial Favorites

In my garden, I try to choose perennials that look good in all seasons. When the flowers are finished, I want the foliage to continue looking good. I guess you could call me picky, but I don't have the patience for high maintenance plants anymore. Here are a couple of my favorite perennials that never seem to disappoint.

If you like yellow, you're going to love *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Presto'. This newer dwarf variety not only has attractive foliage, it has large bright double ruffled flowers. These blooms have stood up to all the wind, rain and humidity we've had this year. Such sturdy stems! It started blooming in May and hasn't stopped. With a little deadheading, it will last into September. The foliage is a nice medium green and each plant maintains a perfectly compact form. The constant bloom has been



helped along with the application of water soluble fertilizer once a month. This neat little plant has replaced the marigolds in my garden. 'Presto' has looked beautiful this year growing alongside a bed of purple *Supertunia*® Bordeaux™ that's lining the driveway; I love to mix perennials and annuals!



Another outstanding yellow variety is *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'. I've used this one for years and it's wonderful in our hot Southern gardens. This variety has soft, fern like foliage and is heavily covered in pale yellow blooms. You can grow it on slopes or in formal and informal gardens as well as in containers. All it asks for is good drainage and a sunny or part-sun location. 'Moonbeam' is a magnet for bees, so I always have some planted near the vegetable containers. It blooms a little later in spring than other perennials, but stays in bloom until it starts to slow down in August. If it's sheared back slightly in late summer, it'll bloom again until frost. Since it's only 1 ½ to 2 feet tall, "Moonbeam" creates a striking contrast grown alongside any tall spiky plant.

Both of these lovely plants are extremely hardy and weather resistant.

They return year after year with very little care. Add a little granular fertilizer in spring when they first appear and occasionally some foliar fertilizer like Miracle-Grow™. That's about it. They die back to the ground in winter leaving a barely visible green crown. Beautiful, easy to care for, reliable...what more could you ask for?

Sue Stanley, MG since 2006 Gardening in Greenback TN

Halloween Cookie Bites

Those fancy slice-and-bake cookies are a breeze to make at home thanks to a little food coloring. Plus, the colors make it easy to portion the cookies into three easy bites.

Ingredients

1 cup butter, softened	1 1/2 cups sugar
1 large egg	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest	Yellow food coloring, Red food coloring

Preparation

1. Beat butter and sugar together at medium speed with an electric mixer 2 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla extract. Combine flour, salt, and lemon zest; gradually stir into butter mixture.
2. Divide dough into 3 equal pieces (about 1 1/4 cups each); tint 1 piece with yellow food coloring. Tint another piece orange using red and yellow food coloring. (Add 1 to 2 teaspoons flour to orange dough if food coloring makes it softer than other colors.)
3. Place white, untinted dough in bottom of a 9- x 5-inch loaf pan, pressing down. Top with orange dough and then yellow, pressing down. Cover and chill 2 hours.
4. Turn dough out onto work surface. Cut slices 3/8-inch thick from dough; cut each slice into 6 triangles. Place cookies on parchment paper—or aluminum foil—lined baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 7 to 8 minutes, or until set but not browned. Cool on wire rack 1 minute; transfer to wire racks to cool completely.



Julia Dowling Rutland,
Coastal Living, October 2012

Yield: Makes 10 dozen

Prep time: 50 Minutes

Chill: 2 Hours

Bake: 7 Minutes

NETMGA Projects List

- 1. Appalachian Fairgrounds** Gray
Herb Garden Debbie Green djgreen1955@gmail.com
Water Wise Gardens Joy Stewart joylarry@btes.tv
 - 2. Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park** Kingsport
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 - 3. Carver Peace Gardens** Johnson City
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 - 4. Church Hill Senior Citizens Center Garden**
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 - 5. Exchange Place Living History Farm** Kingsport
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 - 6. Harvest of Hope Community Garden** Kingsport
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 - 7. Johnson City Medical Center, Woodridge Hospital** Johnson City
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 - 8. Northeast State Community College Gardens to Degrees**
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 - 9. Rocky Mount Living History Site** Piney Flats
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 - 10. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park** Elizabethton
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 - 11. Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City
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 - 12. Vance Community Gardens** Bristol
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Rebecca Craddock Craddockr@btcs.org
- Projects 13 and 14 are one weekend a year for each of the 5 activities:
- 13. Johnson City Home Show and Women's Expo**
Penny Rutledge pennyrutledge2@aol.com
 - 14. Kingsport MeadowView Women's Expo, Home Show and Farm Show**
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433

SEPTEMBER 2013 Calendar of Events

- SEPT 1 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 2:00pm - Gray Community Center
- SEPT 3 Washington County Bee Keepers Association
Boones Creek Christian Church – 7:30 pm
- SEPT 5 Herb Saplings Meeting - Exchange Place
Topic: "Elderberry – 2013 Herb of the Year" with Christy Shivell 7:00 pm
- SEPT 6-8** Fall Naturalist's Rally at Roan Mountain State Park For Information contact:
Gary Barrigar - 423 543-7576 or gbarrigar@friendsofroanmtn.org
- SEPT 7 Garden Composting – Ben Hunter
7:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- SEPT 7 Botany Walk with Hugh Conlon
1:00 pm; Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden; Jonesborough, TN
For additional information contact Frances Lamberts, 753-5288
- SEPT 7 2013 Asheville Mushroom Club FungiFest, hosted by The NC Arboretum
Visit www.ncarboretumregistration.org to sign up for the program(s) of your choice.
- SEPT 7 Historic Tree Streets Yard Sale;
<http://www.tree-streets.com/page/2013-treestreets-yard-sale>
- SEPT 7 Crabtree Farms' Fall Plant Sale; Chattanooga
9:00 am-4:00 pm; <http://crabtreefarms.org/events/fall-plant-sale>
- SEPT 9 NETMGA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gray Fairgrounds Ticket Office
- SEPT 14 Improving Curb Appeal with Jeanne Cope - Mize Garden Center – Johnson City;
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Free admission, call to reserve a seat: 434-1800
- SEPT 14 Sustainability Fare – Sponsored by Big Spring Master Gardener Association
9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Greene County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, Greeneville, TN
For more information contact Jeanne Driese jdbd1934@yahoo.com
- SEPT 14 Fall Plant Sale & Rummage Sale - Botanical Gardens at Asheville
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Rain or Shine; 151 W.T. Weaver Blvd. (near UNCA).
For more information call (828) 252-5190.
- SEPT 14 Fall Plant Sale - UT Gardens Knoxville from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
(A preview sale will be held Friday, September 13th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm for all UT employees, garden volunteers, and Friends of the Gardens members. Friends receive a 10% discount on their purchases.)
- SEPT 14 Create: A Leaf Print Birdbath - Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Registration required; Cost: \$30 members, \$40 non-members;
Call 865-862-8717 or email info@knoxgarden.org to register

- SEPT 14 From Garden To Table: Salsa; Chef Dean, Presenter 10:00-11:30 am; Plateau Discovery Gardens, UT Plateau Research and Education Center, 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, TN; Pre-registration for class is requested by calling 931-484-0034 or emailing gwisdom@utk.edu. (\$5 due with registration)
- SEPT 14 Seasonal Herbs for Year-Round Health - Holli Richey, Presenter **10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Bring your lunch;** Chattanooga Arboretum & Nature Center **Cost: \$60 per class. Call (423) 821-1160 ext. 0 to register.**
- SEPT 15 Mushroom Foraging Workshop – Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville 9:00 am; for more information and registration, contact Jennifer at (865) 577-4717, Ext. 130 or jroder@ijams.org
- SEPT 19 “12 Common Landscape Mistakes and How to Avoid Them” - Garry Menendez, Landscape Architect and Associate Professor at UT, Speaker 7:00 pm - Kingsport Renaissance Center
- SEPT 21 Extending Your Growing Season with Phil Ramey - Mize Garden Center – Johnson City; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Free admission, call to reserve a seat: 434-1800
- SEPT 22 Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum’s 2013 Fall Festival 1:00-5:00 pm (will be held in the LeConte Meadow -rain or shine); includes KBGA's Fall Plant Sale. For additional information contact info@knoxgarden.org
- SEPT 22 WNC Orchid Society Auction - The North Carolina Arboretum <http://www.ncarboretum.org/>
- SEPT 24 Master Gardener Classes Begin;** UT /TSU Extension Office in Blountville 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- SEPT 28 Honey Bees and Fruit Trees with John Hamrick - Mize Garden Center Johnson City; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; free admission, call to reserve a seat: 434-1800
- SEPT 28 Butterfly Watching with Don Holt, Naturalist, Mountain Empire Butterfly Club 1:00 pm; Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden; Jonesborough, TN For additional information contact Frances Lamberts, 753-5288
- SEPT 28 Carolina Craft Day - The North Carolina Arboretum <http://www.ncarboretum.org/>
- SEPT 28 **Tree Diseases and Insect Pests of the Tennessee Valley** Gene Hyde, Chattanooga City Forester, Presenter **9:00 am to 11:00 am;** Chattanooga Arboretum & Nature Center **Cost: \$12 members; \$15 non-members. Call (423) 821-1160 ext. 0 to register.**
- SEPT 28-29 Fall Folk Arts Festival at Exchange Place in Kingsport Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Admission \$1.00

OCTOBER 2013 Calendar of Events

- OCT 1 Washington County Bee Keepers Association
Boones Creek Christian Church – 7:30 pm
- OCT 3 Woods and Wildlife Field Day - Cumberland Forest, Oliver Springs
8:00 am (all day event)
- OCT 4 New-Moon Moth Watching with Larry McDaniel, Steele Creek Naturalist
7:30 pm; Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden; Jonesborough, TN
For additional information contact Frances Lamberts, 753-5288
- OCT 4-6 National Storytelling Festival; Jonesborough
- OCT 5 Honey Bees and Fruit Trees with John Hamrick - Mize Garden Center - Gray
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Free admission, call to reserve a seat: 467-2300
- OCT 5 Bird Walks with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8:00 am - Sycamore Shoals
- OCT 6 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - 2:00pm - Gray Community Center
- OCT 6 The Forest Below the Trees - Dr. Dave Ellum, Instructor; hosted by The Botanical Gardens at Asheville 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Warren Wilson College area (for directions contact Julie Miles: julie@integritive.com); \$10 for BGA members; \$15 non-members. Participants must pre-register (bgardens@bellsouth.net or 252-5190)
- OCT 7 NETMGA General Meeting at Evergreen of Johnson City; 511 Princeton Rd.
Arrive before 6:00pm to shop (store closes at 6pm). Gates open until 6:30pm
6:30 P.M. Program: “Caring for Your Houseplants during the Winter(including Orchids)”. Shelia Mathes, the greenhouse manager, will present the program
- OCT 7 Fall Bird Migration in Western North Carolina - Simon Thompson, Instructor
9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; The NC Arboretum Education Center, Asheville
\$30 Member/\$40 Non-member. Visit www.ncarboretumregistration.org to sign up for the program.
- OCT 7 Spruce-Fir Forests of the Southern Appalachians: Gifts from a Glacier - Instructor: Marci Spencer 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.; The NC Arboretum Education Center, Asheville
\$30 Member/\$40 Non-member. Visit www.ncarboretumregistration.org to sign up for the program.
- OCT 11 From Garden To Table: Preserving Gifts Safely (UT/TSU Extension);
Kelli Bottoms & Jan Williams, Presenters 10:00-12:00 pm; Plateau Discovery Gardens, UT Plateau Research and Education Center, 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, TN; Pre-registration for class is requested by calling 931-484-0034 or emailing gwisdom@utk.edu. (\$5 due with registration)

- OCT 12 SAPS Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction 11am-1:30 pm; Rotary Park, Johnson City
- OCT 12 Improving Curb Appeal with Jeanne Cope - Mize Garden Center – Gray
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Free admission, call to reserve a seat: 467-2300
- OCT 12 Bird Walks with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8:00 am - Sycamore Shoals
- OCT 12 Autumn Harvest at Roan Mountain State Park
- OCT 12-13 Carolina Bonsai Expo - The North Carolina Arboretum
<http://www.ncarboretum.org/>
- OCT 17 The Fundamentals of Proper Pruning- Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Pre-registration required; Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members; Contact info@knoxgarden.org to register
- OCT 19 Extending Your Growing Season with Phil Ramey - Mize Garden Center – Gray;
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Free admission, call to reserve a seat: 467-2300
- OCT 19 Bird Walks with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8:00 am - Sycamore Shoals
- OCT 19 Spirit of the Harvest at Rocky Mount – All Day (\$5 admission may apply)
- OCT 19-20 North Carolina Chrysanthemum Society Annual Show - The NC Arboretum
<http://www.ncarboretum.org/>
- OCT 20 Journaling the Trees: Learning about Trees by Observing Them through Four Seasons; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens
2:00 – 3:30 pm; co-taught by Carol Parks and Rebecca Priddy.
\$10 for BGA members; \$15 non-members. Reservations required; contact:
bgardens@bellsouth.net or 252-5190
- OCT 26 Bird Walks with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8:00 am - Sycamore Shoals
- OCT 28 Winter Birding: Presentation and Field Trip - Simon Thompson, Instructor
9:15 am to 2:15 pm; The NC Arboretum Education Center, Asheville
\$47 Member/\$57 Non-member. Visit www.ncarboretumregistration.org to sign up for the program.



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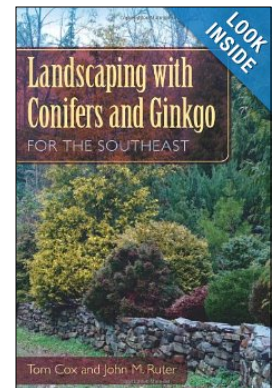
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Conifers with Southern Charm: A 2-Day Symposium on Gardening with Conifers

Dear Tennessee Master Gardeners,

I'm excited to invite you to a 2-day fun and educational symposium on gardening with Conifers being held in Memphis at the Dixon Gallery & Gardens on Friday and Saturday October 11th & 12th. "Conifers with Southern Charm" includes public and private garden tours, a visit to the largest North American bonsai nursery with an opportunity to buy, outstanding speakers talking on garden design and success in gardening with conifers, a book signing of the new book: "*Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast*", and an



exciting conifer plant auction full of unique, new, and recommended conifers for our mid-South region! Attached is an informational brochure with details about the symposium and a registration form. I hope you will join me in attending this wonderful educational event to learn more about some of the best plants to garden with in Tennessee!

Warm regards,

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