

Ag Column
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Spring Forward Garden Fair scheduled for April 21

The UT Extension Master Gardeners are hosting the Spring Forward Garden Fair on Saturday, April 21 at the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center. The event will start at 9:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM. The Ramsey Ag Center offers a great atmosphere and opportunity to enjoy the mountain views and garden fair activities. The Ramsey Ag Center is located at 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville approximately 1.7 miles above the Tri-Cities Airport.

If you are into gardening and homesteading, this event should be a priority for you. You are sure to learn something new, meet new friends, and make great contacts. This event is FREE to the public.

The event will feature activities for kids, speakers on topics from gardening to beekeeping. Area vendors will be onsite with local goods. Food will be available.

The topics will feature information for gardeners and homesteaders. Ben Hunter, an area UT Extension Master Gardener, will share his knowledge about raised-bed gardening. Maureen Mulroy, a UT Extension Master Gardener will show the ins and outs about growing and using your favorite herbs. John Hamrick, a UT Extension Agent, will talk about gardening practices to keep your garden organic. Dan Chase, an area beekeeper, will highlight the importance of pollinators and how you can preserve the honeybees. If you are interested in the latest information on native ornamentals, Hugh Conlon, retired UT Extension Ornamental Horticulture Specialist, is sure to have information to make your garden successful.

The Spring Forward Fair will also feature local vendors. Some great vendors have already signed on to participate in this event. These vendors are Down to Earth, Onks Greenhouse, Littleton's Greenhouse, Alpaca Outbacka, Good Hope Gardens & Landscapes, Artist Aislinn Ryan, Melissa's Plants Galore, and Shy Valley Farm. These vendors will offer some great information, local goods, and flavor you will not want to miss.

For more information, you can visit springforwardgardenfair.com. We hope you will come out on Saturday, April 21 to this great spring event.