

Spring is Almost Upon Us!!

2018 has already jump started into what will be a very busy year!

Ready to start earning those volunteer hours and CEUs for 2018? There are so many opportunities already, and getting the CEUs under your belt now will allow more time for playing in the dirt!

See the Calendar of Events located at the end of this issue!



Spring Forward Fair



The NETMGA Class of 2017 Spring Garden Expo has a new name: SPRING FORWARD FAIR Garden to Homesteads! This new name will reflect all the activities. Our goal remains the same: to entertain and educate the Northeast Tennessee region and promote our new facility, the Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Building.

The event date is Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, and will be held at the Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville TN.

We need the help of Master Gardeners to promote the SPRING FORWARD FAIR with family and friends. We are also asking for volunteers to help with the 'Ask a Master Gardener' booth during the fair hours. We'll have a signup list starting in March. Our NETMGA Class of 2017 thanks you for all your support in this endeavor.

The web site, <https://www.springforwardgardenfair.com/> is 'live' with lots of information and more details to come. We will have 'Save-the-date' flyers available at the March Board Meeting. Thanks to Selena Harmon for work done on the web and the promotional material. We'll be updating information here, on www.springforwardgardenfair.com, so check it out often.

NETMGA Meetings

Monday, **March 5** at 6:00pm in the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.
NETMGA General Membership Meeting

The **April 2nd** NETMGA General Meeting will be at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville. Ben Casteel, a Horticulture Instructor at Virginia Highlands Community College, will present a program on Succulents. Doors open at 6pm for networking and fellowship. The program will start at 6:30pm. Please feel free to bring a small snack to share.

Put These on Your Calendar

Green and Growing Seminars

Keep Kingsport Beautiful's Green and Growing lunchtime gardening seminars will be presented from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on the first three Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. Admission is free. The seminar topics are:

March 1 "Green & Clean - House Plants that Clean the Air" presented by Jane Hall Evergreen Kingsport

March 8 "Garden of Eat'n – Edible Landscapes" presented by Roy Odom Times News columnist

March 15 "Perennial Pandemonium - Proper Planting and Care of Perennials" presented by Billy Wright of Poplar Grove Farms

March 22 "Seed Saving 101" presented by local organic gardener John Woodworth, owner of Ziegenwald Dairy

For more information call Keep Kingsport Beautiful 423-392-8814.

NETMGA Projects List

1

Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park Kingsport
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2

Carver Peace Gardens Johnson City
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3

Church Hill Senior Citizens Center Garden
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4

Exchange Place Living History Farm Kingsport
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5

Harvest of Hope Community Garden Kingsport
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433 howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com

6

Johnson City Medical Center, Woodridge Hospital Johnson City
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7

Northeast State Community College Gardens to Degrees
Contact Chris Ramsey for details

8

Rocky Mount Living History Site Piney Flats
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Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park Elizabethton
TBA

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Vance Community Gardens Bristol
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12 &13

Projects 12 and 13 are one weekend a year for each of the 4 activities:

Johnson City Home Show and Women's Expo
Penny Rutledge pennyrutledge2@aol.com

Kingsport MeadowView Home Show

Doug Hilton 423-239-9433 howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com

Tree Keepers 2018!

**Selection,
Planting &
Maintenance**



**Tree Identification
&
Basic Biology**

**Saturday, March 10th 2018
8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Steele Creek Park Nature Center
Only \$10 per person**

Light breakfast & lunch provided.

**To pre-register & pay by credit card online, go to bristoltn.recdesk.com
or call 423-764-4023 by Wednesday, March 7th.**

Schedule of Events!

8:30 am - Light breakfast. check-in

9:00 am - Edible & Medicinal Trees with Jeremy Stout, Steele Creek Nature Center

10:00 am - Spring Wildflowers with Marty Silver, Warriors' Path State Park

11:00 am - Update on Invasives with Kevin Sigmon, Abingdon arborist

12:00 - Lunch

**12:30 pm - Tree Selection, Planting, and First-Year Maintenance
with David Sprinkle, Hedgewood Tree Care**



March SAPS Program

Garden designer, acclaimed lecturer, award winning author and photographer C. Colston Burrell will present "Beauty, Integrity & Resilience: Can a Garden Have Everything?" on Thursday, **March 15**, at 7 p.m. at Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, TN 37660. Sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) the program is free and the public is invited. For more information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.

Do our gardening practices have a negative impact on the environment? Can we make a difference by changing the way we approach design, plant choice, planting techniques and maintenance regimes? How do we meet our aesthetic goals while providing the structure and resources necessary to maintain the insects and birds we love? Can we create healthy habitat with a mixture of native and exotic plants? These are a few of the questions Cole will explore in terms of the hallmarks of sustainability when melding aesthetic expectations with ecosystem form and function.

A certified chlorophyll addict, Cole Burrell is an avid and lifelong plantsman, gardener and naturalist. The author of 12 gardening books, Cole has twice won the American Horticulture Society Book Award. He is a popular lecturer internationally on topics of design, plants and ecology, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with professional and amateur audiences for 40 years.

He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. In 2008 Cole received the Award of Distinction from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers for his work promoting sustainable gardening practices.

Cole has an M.S. in Horticulture from University of Maryland and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a lecturer in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the UVA, where he teaches about plants and their ecological connections to natural systems and cultural landscapes. He gardens on 10 wild acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia where he grows natives and the best plants of the global garden. Cole's garden [Bird Hill](#) was featured in The New York Times and frequently appears in national and regional publications. The garden is a popular destination for national tours. He escorts garden and natural history tours throughout the United States and abroad. <https://www.ccolstonburrell.com/>

HERBalachia Class

On **March 17**, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Rodney Webb, local mushroom grower at Salamander Springs Farm, will discuss a variety of medicinal mushrooms: shiitake, oyster, turkeytail, reishi, chaga, maitake, hoof conk, woodear, and lion's mane. Mushroom teas and tinctures will be available to sample.

Class will then head outdoors for a hands-on project: inoculating logs with Shiitake spores. Please wear work clothes and gloves! Everyone takes home one 4' inoculated shiitake log, which should bear several times per year for about 4-5 years

Class will be held at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville. Class limit is 25 students. Cost: \$40.

April Herb Saplings Meeting

April 5, 7 pm at Exchange Place. "Hydrosols" with Susan Scheer. Bring an herb snack to share if you have time.

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SAPS April Program

Horticulturist Brie Arthur, author of "The Foodscape Revolution," will speak on Thursday, **April 19**, at 7 pm at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport TN 37660. Arthur will share her enthusiasm for integrating edibles into a traditional ornamental landscape to increase bio-diversity and add purpose to everyday spaces. Sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) the program is free and the public is invited. For more information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.

Originally from southeastern Michigan, Brie Arthur studied Landscape Design and Horticulture at Purdue University. With more than a decade of experience as a grower and propagator at leading nurseries such as Plant Delights and Camellia Forest, she now combines her passion for plants and sustainable land management by communicating the value of gardening across the US.

Brie has been dubbed a revolutionary for her leadership in the suburban Foodscape movement and for her work with public schools across the US. She speaks at horticultural events throughout the country, encouraging gardeners to rethink the use of green spaces and adopt sustainable landscape practices that embrace beauty and utility. She appears as correspondent on the PBS Television show "Growing A Greener World" and her debut book, The Foodscape Revolution, has become a best seller on Amazon. Arthur is also a leader in green industry communications through her writing, speaking, film production and consulting. This year Brie was honored as the first recipient of the American Horticultural Society's Emerging Horticultural Professional Award.

Her book, The Foodscape Revolution, will be available for purchase and signing at her presentation. Visit her website: www.briegrows.com.

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 34th annual Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday, **April 28**, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, **April 29**, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, Tennessee. The oldest garden fair in the region and a favorite among gardeners, the event will feature thousands of plants for sale - perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs - with the emphasis on herbs, natives and heirloom plants (including a wide variety of heirloom tomatoes), along with garden related arts and crafts. The Fair is also an educational and family event that fills the grounds and buildings of the historic site, and gardening experts in specific topics and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer home gardening questions throughout the weekend. Heritage breeds of animals and the spring activities on a mid-1800's farmstead will be featured as volunteers shear the sheep, spin and weave the wool, cook over the hearth, and shape iron over the forge. Children's activities abound as volunteers help children create garden crafts and learn gardening skills, and area 4-H groups show their animals. Ol' timey music and traditional foods add to the atmosphere.

The Fair strives to be as environmentally friendly as possible with recycling, composting, and re-using. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers and to bring used nursery pots (quarts and larger) for reuse.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call 423-288-6071. www.exchangeplace.info

Master Gardeners are an important part of the Garden Fair. Volunteers are needed to help with staffing the Master Gardener table, set-up, hospitality, take-down/clean up, parking, and other aspects of organizing the Garden Fair. Volunteer time counts as Master Gardener hours. To volunteer call Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or e-mail at ijnjmoore@embarqmail.com.

“Featured Project”

Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site

Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site, where Project Master Gardeners had a busy and exciting 2017 and expect more of the same in 2018, is located in South Johnson City.

The vegetable gardens at Tipton/Haynes consist of two small plots in the historical area. The Kitchen Garden is representative of a small garden near the house that would have grown those vegetables that need a little extra care and be handy for meal preparation. Vegetables that require a lot of room, such as corn and pumpkins could be grown out in the fields. We emphasize heirloom varieties where we can using varieties grown in Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello gardens. Colonel Tipton knew and corresponded with Jefferson, so we infer that maybe they exchanged gardening information.

In the Kitchen Garden we have some perennial plants: strawberries, rhubarb, and asparagus, and the herbs Sage, lavender, and rosemary. Garlic is planted in the fall around the edges. In spring we plant broccoli, cabbage, onions, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach, and chard. As it warms up, we add Brandywine tomatoes, peppers, and Scarlet runner beans. We also add some of the annual herbs. We may add some vine crops as the spring crops mature and are harvested. In fall

we usually replant cabbage, and other cole crops.



Our greatest challenge in the Kitchen Garden is shade, due to the now huge trees that are on the south-facing side.

The Slave Garden, as we call it, is located behind the restored slave cabin, home to George, the Haynes family’s slave. It was usual for slaves to have a small garden to provide some of their own food. Historical information is scarce so we choose to plant vegetables that originated in Africa, such as Okra, field peas, and peanuts, plus other staples that George might have adopted: potatoes and squash. In 2017 we added sunflowers, tried Moon & Stars Watermelon, and tried 3 new heirloom peanut varieties. This garden is fenced in a wattle style, using branches and tree trimmings, such as George might have used to keep out the wildlife. Groundhogs and deer are our major challenges, today, although we had fewer issues from these in 2017.

Our emphasis in these gardens is to display for the entertainment of visitors to the historical site, we don’t try to maximize production. We do produce quite a bit of food, though, which we share with the staff, but mostly we just have a good time. And we always save seeds for growing the season.

In the front Nature and Herb gardens, our focus is variety and visual appeal for visitors to the site, AND for butterflies and bees. Having been designated a Certified Monarch Waystation in 2014 we emphasize native plants and those that attract and/or serve as hosts for Monarch and other caterpillars.



We began documenting the types and number of caterpillars in 2015, and noted successful hosting of at least 3 dozen Monarch caterpillars, 3-4 dozen Gulf Fritillary caterpillars, Black Swallowtail caterpillars, and Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars.



Our plans in 2018 for the Nature and Herb gardens include continuing work on the rock/brick edging and adding native plants for birds, butterflies, bees, and other beneficial insects. March will be our “planning” time to review how our newer plants are working and to decide what we might want to add to these gardens in 2018. The Nature and Herb Gardens contain many plant varieties, including anise hyssop, aromatic aster, purple coneflower, orange coneflower, Tennessee coneflower, common milkweed, butterfly weed, blue anise sage, passion flower, pipe vine, and prairie coreopsis (to name a few). These plants will add to succession of blooms through the growing season and will provide both nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds and food for caterpillars.

We always have a lot going on at Tipton-Haynes! We welcome any Master Gardeners who are looking for a place to share fun and earn volunteer hours, please contact us! We typically work on Thursday, but are flexible if YOU want to help on another day. Contact: Vern at vjornmaddux@embarqmail.com or Betts at BettsL@aol.com.

Creating a Woodland Edge Garden

I'm landscaping a narrow strip of land where the lawn backs up to the woods adjoining my backyard. This wooded area was weedy and full of privet and Japanese honeysuckle when we built our home three years ago. Those were cleaned out last year and the work has begun to create a natural looking woodland edge garden approximately 8 to 12 feet deep.

Since this is the edge of an old growth stand of woods, I have both deep shade and dappled shade to work with. All the trees are deciduous, so there's a lot of winter sun available until they leaf out in the spring. The plan is to add lower level spring blooming plantings to ease the transition from the lawn into the woodland area. This will include flowering shrubs, shade perennials, native ground covers and seasonal annuals.

Last fall, several shrubs were planted in front of the trees: Rhododendron Elegans, Cavatine Pieris, Little Henry Sweetspire, Forsythia Show Off Starlet, Orchid™ October Magic Camellia and several Oak Leaf Hollies.



In front of the shrubs and closer to the lawn, I've added groups of woodland phlox where they'll slowly form colonies. I chose *Phlox divaricata* 'Blue Moon' because of its fragrance and brilliant violet-blue flowers that bloom in April and May. 'Blue Moon' isn't like the typical low growing phlox we're used to seeing on sunny hillsides. It grows in dappled shade. Individual plants grow about a foot tall and wide and are almost knee high when flowering. (Planting zones are 3-8.)

'Blue Moon' stays in bloom for about six weeks in April and May and when cut back after flowering it maintains a nice dark green rounded shape. Before planting, the soil at the plant site was amended with compost and then mulched with three inches of shredded bark. This showy spring ephemeral is a great addition for a woodland spring garden. It also performs well as a cut flower.

If you have a shady spot that needs some spring color, try adding this lovely native wildflower. It's beautiful combined with spring blooming daffodils!

Sue Stanley, MG since 2006, gardening in Knoxville TN

Chris' Corner

Will return in the May/June Edition of Master Gardener Thymes



Feed the birds!

MARCH 2018 Calendar of Events

- MAR 1 Herb Saplings Meeting at Exchange Place
7:00pm; Topic will be "Nettle" with Julia Thie.
- MAR 3 Vegetable Gardening with Ben Hunter
9:00am – 12:00pm at Sycamore Shoals State Park/Visitor's Center Gathering Place, Elizabethton, TN. Contact: 423-543-5808
- MAR 3 Composting & Soil Amending
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class, Information and registration: <https://evergreenofjc.com/event/composting-soil-amending/> or 423-282-3431.
- MAR 3 Weed Wrangle at Warriors' Path State Park: Garlic Mustard Pull.
10:00am – 12:00pm. Meet at the Campfire Circle, east end of the park's main campground. Kingsport, TN. Contact: 423-239-8531
- MAR 3 Weed Wrangle with the Gentlemen from the Cane
10:00am – 12:00pm. Davy Crockett Birthplace, Limestone, TN. Help remove invasive privet from the historic birthplace. Contact: 423-257-2167.
- MAR 3 Weed Wrangle at Rocky Fork State Park
10:00am – 2:00pm. Work on exotic-invasive plant removal. Please register so we will be able to contact you in the event of volunteer day cancellation due to inclement weather. Contact: Jesse Germeraad at 423-637-3709 or JesseGermeraad@tn.gov.
- MAR 3 Veggies 101 with Earl Hockin
10:00am. Mize Farm and Garden Center, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- MAR 5 NETMGA Board Meeting
6:00pm; Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.
- MAR 6 Washington County Bee Keepers Association 7pm; 299 Gray Ruritan Rd. Gray TN
- MAR 8 Keep Kingsport Beautiful: Green and Growing Seminar
12:00 – 1:00pm; "Garden of Eat'n – Edible Landscapes" presented by Roy Odom, Times News columnist. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. Admission is free.
- MAR 8 Home Grown: Aquaponics, Nitrogen Cycle and pH
10:00am – 12:00pm. UT Gardens, Knoxville. Cost: \$10. Information and registration: <https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2735766>

- MAR 10 Hypertufa Fairy Gardens II
10:00am – 12:00pm. UT Gardens, South Greenhouse 124, Knoxville. Cost: Members-\$40/
Non-members-\$50. Information and registration: <https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2739589>
- MAR 9-11 Organic Growers Schools Spring Conference
Information and Registration: <https://organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/>
- MAR 14 Healing Gardens
1:00 – 4:00pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$39-Member/\$49-Non-member.
Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP19-Healing-Gardens>
- MAR 15 SAPS Meeting
7:00pm. C. Colston Burrell will present "Beauty, Integrity & Resilience: Can a Garden Have Everything?" Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, TN. Program is free and the public is invited. For more information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.
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12:00 – 1:00pm; "Perennial Pandemonium - Proper Planting and Care of Perennials" presented by Billy Wright of Poplar Grove Farms. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. Admission is free.
- MAR 17 Herbs with Joy Moore
10:00am. Mize Farm and Garden Center, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- MAR 17 HERBalachia Class: Medicinal Mushrooms & Shiitake Logs
9:00am – 1:00pm. Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville. Class size limit: 25. Cost: \$40; Register at HERBalachia.com. Contact: 423-928-9394 or email Michelle@HERBalachia.com
- MAR 22 Keep Kingsport Beautiful: Green and Growing Seminar
12:00 – 1:00pm; "Seed Saving 101" presented by local organic gardener John Woodworth, owner of Ziegenwald Dairy. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. Admission is free.
- MAR 24 Spring Hike! 2018 at Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN
10:00am. Bring hydration, wear appropriate footwear, and dress accordingly for the weather. Meet in Visitor's Center. Contact: 423-543-5808
- MAR 24 Spring Wildflower Hike at Warriors' Path State Park, Kingsport
9:00am – 12:00pm. Meet at park's mountain bike trail parking area, at the end of Freeman Road. Contact: 423-239-8531
- MAR 24 Spring Clean-up 2018 at Roan Mountain State Park
1:00pm – 4:00pm. Meet at Park Headquarters. Contact 423-772-0190

- MAR 28 Great Garden Roses
1:00 – 3:00pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$29-Member/\$39-Non-member.
Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP18-Great-Garden-Roses>
- MAR 29 American Bonsai at the Arboretum-A Three-Session Class
5:00 – 6:00pm. Continues April 19 & May 10. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$69
-Member/\$79-Non-member. Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP18-American-Bonsai-at-the-Arboretum>
- ## APRIL 2018 Calendar of Events
- APR 2 NETMGA Membership Meeting.
6:00pm. Program topic is "Succulents." Location: Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center at 140
Spurgeon Lane in Blountville
- APR 3 Washington County Bee Keepers Association
7:00pm; 299 Gray Ruritan Rd. Gray TN
- APR 5 Herb Saplings Meeting at Exchange Place
7:00pm; Topic will be "Hydrosols" with Susan Scheer.
- APR 5 Gardening for the Birds
1:30 – 3:30pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$29-Member/\$39-Non-member.
Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP18-Gardening-for-the-Birds>
- APR 6 2018 Wild & Scenic Film Festival at ETSU, supporting the Friends of Rocky Fork State
Park
6:00pm (Doors open at 5:00 pm). This internationally-touring film festival features films on
conservation, advocacy, and outdoor adventure. ETSU, Culp Center, Johnson City. Contact:
423 271-1233.
- APR 6 Grafting and Woody Plant Propagation
1:30 – 3:30pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$49-Member/\$59-Non-member.
Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP18-Grafting-and-Woody-Plant-Propagation>
- APR 8 Annual Spring Wildflower Walk with David Clarke
9:30 – 11:30am; Asheville Botanical Gardens Visitor Center. Cost: \$15 members; \$20 non-
members. Class size limit; Participants must register and pre-pay. Information or to register:
828-252-5190.
- APR 14 Landscape Seminar & Plant Auction
9:00am – 12:00pm at Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN. Contact: 423-543-5808

- APR 15 Spring Tree ID with Ron Lance
2:00 – 4:00pm; Asheville Botanical Gardens Visitor Center. Cost: \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Class size limit; Participants must register and pre-pay. Information or to register: 828-252-5190.
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7:00pm. Horticulturist Brie Arthur, author of “The Foodscape Revolution,” will speak. Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, TN. Program is free and the public is invited. For more information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.
- APR 19 American Bonsai at the Arboretum-A Three-Session Class/Class Two
5:00 – 6:00pm. Continues May 10. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$69-Member/\$79-Non-member. Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP18-American-Bonsai-at-the-Arboretum>
- APR 20-22 39th Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors’ Path State Park, Kingsport
Friday evening through mid-day Sunday. Contact: 423-239-8531; https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/warriors-path/#/?event=39th-annual-spring-nature-festival
- APR 21 Earth Day Volunteer Work Day 2018 at Roan Mountain State Park
9:30am – 3:00pm. Meet at Park Headquarters. Contact 423-772-0190
- APR 27-29 Spring Naturalists’ Rally 2018 at Roan Mountain State Park
Pre-registration is required. Contact and information: www.friendsofroanmtn.org or 423-543-5805
- APR 28 Community Plant Exchange
9:00 – 10:00am. Bring cuttings and potted outdoor and indoor plants, to exchange for species you don’t have—a fun way to meet other gardeners and increase your collection. At Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN. Contact: 423-543-5808
- APR 28 – 29 Spring Garden Fair at Exchange Place in Kingsport
10:00am – 5:00pm Saturday, 12:00-5:00pm Sunday. Admission: Age 12 & older: \$5. Contact: 423-288-6071 or <https://www.exchangeplace.info/festival-details>

Master Gardeners: Report your hours each month!!



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