

## Summer Lingers, Fall Approaches!

Late summer veggies are being harvested; pollinator gardens welcome monarch butterflies, cole crop veggies are being planted, and many gardeners are preparing to begin garden clean-up.

Do you need to earn volunteer hours or need CEUs for 2018? There are still many opportunities.

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



## Chris' Corner



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The Ron Ramsey Ag Center evolved out of a dream from a core group of the Sullivan County Cattlemen's Association four years ago. After much hard work, our UT Extension Office and organizations I work with have an awesome facility in which to conduct programs and meet its mission of educating the citizens of our area. Four years ago, our large meetings would usually meet at the fairgrounds, ruritan, or area church. We often were faced with conflicting schedules, less than desirable facilities, limited PA system, and other frustrations. I am now faced with the challenge of making the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center a success. I'll gladly trade the challenges of four years ago with those of today.

I need your help! Please help me take responsibility to make this facility everything it can be for teaching horticulture education in Northeast TN and realize there are costs of utilizing this awesome space and commercial kitchen. To address a concern voiced to me on occasion, members of the cattlemen's association have contributed monetarily and in-kind to insure the success of our Ag Center.

Each day, I proudly walk into our awesome facility with the goal of making a difference and contributing to the lives of citizens in Sullivan County. The Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center is the ultimate tool to meet the mission of UT Extension and to enable our growing UT Extension Master Gardener Program to meet its mission. Until the construction of the Ag center, we didn't have a meeting room for 250 to 300 people.

I am sharing this message because there may have been a misunderstanding about the mission and funding of the Ag Center and the University of Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program. If you have any questions, please contact me by email or cell phone (646-9043). Thank you for all you do for your community in the name of the University of Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program.



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**Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park** Kingsport  
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**Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park** Elizabethton  
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The following projects are one weekend a year for each of the 4 activities:

**Johnson City Home Show and Women's Expo**  
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## NETMGA Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be **September 10th** at 6PM at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Building at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville, TN

## NETMGA General Membership Meeting

The **October 1st** General Membership meeting will be held at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Building at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville, TN. Sheila Mathes from Evergreen of Johnson City will speak on house plants and which ones are good for our homes in the winter time. Also she will talk a about which houseplants are good or bad for our pets. The doors open at 6:00pm for networking and fellowship. The speaker will start at 6:30pm. Feel free to bring finger food or small dish to share.

## Put These on Your Calendar

### Herb Saplings Meeting

**September 6**, 7 pm at Exchange Place. Herb of the Year: Hops with Liz Blakely and Sue Cadwallader. Learn about this attractive, easy to grow plant that has been cultivated for centuries for brewing beer and for medicinal use. You'll also find out about culinary and ornamental uses. Please bring an herb snack to share if you have time.

## September SAPS Program - "Wild Bees – A Gardener's Best Friend"

Sam Droege, Head of the Bee Inventory & Monitoring Program at the U.S. Geological Survey, will present "Wild Bees – A Gardener's Best Friend" on Thursday, **September 20**, at 7 p.m. at Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, TN 37660.



What are Wild Bees? Did you know that it is the Wild Bees rather than Honey Bees that dominate the pollination and visitation of our pollinator and flower gardens? You certainly recognize bumble bees, but what about the hundreds of individuals that are about the size of grains for rice? The 50+ genera? The 4000+ species? Do they sting? Do they provide honey? Do they pollinate crops? How do I recognize them? What is their relationship to native plants? Are they in trouble? How can I help them?

With his stunning close-up photography Sam Droege will address these questions and more as he discusses the critical role wild bees play in our landscapes and how we can help preserve them.

Sam Droege is a biologist who has spent most of his career at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, part of the US Geological Survey. He has coordinated the North American Breeding Bird Survey Program, developed the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, the BioBlitz, Cricket Crawl, and FrogwatchUSA programs and worked on the design and evaluation of monitoring programs. Currently he is developing an inventory and monitoring program for native bees, online identification guides for North American bees at [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org), and with Jessica Zelt reviving the North American Bird Phenology Program. On Instagram and Flickr you can follow him and learn more of the details at USGSBIML. His group maintains high resolution photographs of insects and other macro natural history objects at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usgsbiml/>

Sam Droege grew up in Hyattsville, Maryland and has been fascinated with the natural world since his youth. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and a Master's at

the State University of New York – Syracuse. He is widely published in journals and has been the editor of numerous government publications on birds and insects. His work cataloging and photographing bees has been featured by NPR, The Weather Channel, National Geographic, and the National Wildlife Federation, as well as in numerous publications including *Wired*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Popular Science*. Sam is also the author of *Bees: An Up-Close Look at Pollinators Around the World*.

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](mailto:sapsinfo@embarqmail.com).

## Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival

Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, will hold its 47th annual Fall Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, **September 29**, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, **September 30**, from 12 noon to 5 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12.

This celebration of pioneer arts and crafts and the harvest season will feature artisans demonstrating and selling a wide array of traditional folk arts. Plants for fall planting will also be available as well as autumn produce, cut flowers, seasonal crafts and a wide range of baked goods and goat milk cheeses.

Heritage Artists and volunteers will bring history alive with demonstrations of harvest time activities on an 1850s farm. Sorghum making will be a highlight of the festival as volunteers show the whole process - from cutting and milling the cane to squeezing the juice with an animal powered press to boiling the syrup. Volunteers will also be cooking over the hearth and demonstrating other old time activities.

Children's hands-on activities abound as young ones play old fashioned games and do "chores", just as a child might have done in 1850. Children of all ages will enjoy meeting the farm animals. There is always plenty of food, including kettle corn, funnel cakes, fried pies, lunch items, and more. As always during festivals, the grounds of the farmstead will be alive with music with old and new favorites playing throughout the weekend.

For more information, call 423-288-6071 or see <http://exchangeplace.info>.

Master Gardener volunteers are needed to staff a shift at the Master Gardener/ Information Table and especially to help with harvest demonstrations, children's activities, etc. To volunteer please contact Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or [jinjmoore@embarqmail.com](mailto:jinjmoore@embarqmail.com).

Exchange Place is a living history farm whose mission is to preserve and interpret the heritage of mid-nineteenth century farm life in Northeast Tennessee. Exchange Place is a non-profit organization maintained and operated entirely by volunteers and is supported by donations, fundraisers, memberships and grants.

## SAPS Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction

SAPS will hold its Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction on Saturday, **October 13**, at the Appalachian Fairgrounds at Gray. Building #1, from 11 am – 1:30 pm. Join us for one of our favorite events of the year. Bring your plants (herbs, perennials, trees, shrubs and house plants), seeds, and even garden art, books, containers, etc. to swap. Bring gardening magazines and catalogs you have finished for someone else to read. You can expect to find a wide array of plants, including some hard to find natives and heirlooms not widely offered in the nursery trade along with some of the newest introductions.

Got an extra special plant to share? Bring it for the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction offers a chance to bid on some rarer plants and other special garden themed items. Proceeds from the auction help us bring in great speakers. Make some new gardening friends and reconnect with old ones at our delicious Pot-Luck Luncheon, one of the highlights of the event. Please bring a dish to share along with a serving utensil. SAPS will supply paper ware, utensils and drinks.

Luncheon/Swap Set-Up - 11:00 AM, Pot-Luck Luncheon - 11:30 AM, Seed/Plant Swap and Silent Auction - 12:30-1:30 PM Meeting host: Earl Hockin 423- 817-5473 Directions:

From I-26, Take the TN-75 / SUNCREST DR / BOBBY HICKS HWY exit - EXIT 13 - toward GRAY

Turn RIGHT onto TN-75 / SUNCREST DR. Continue to follow TN-75

Turn LEFT onto OLD GRAY STATION RD

Turn LEFT onto GRAY STATION RD

Turn RIGHT onto CHAPEL ST

Turn LEFT onto LAKEVIEW ST

The Plant and Seed Swap is a SAPS members-only event. If you're not a SAPS member yet, you may join at the Swap and you'll have membership for the rest of 2018 and all of 2019. Come and join the fun!

## ***“Featured Project”***

### ***Rocky Mount State Historic Site***

*"Where history comes alive!"*

Many exciting activities are happening at Rocky Mount Historical Museum. It began with the Tennessee State \$400,000 capital upgrades, which involved installing new fences throughout, including the garden, orchard and the pond that the Master Gardeners built. New sidewalks wander throughout the site that meet the regulations of the American Disability Act (people will no longer have to try and push a baby carriage thru gravel, let alone a wheelchair). A new roof on the museum will no longer necessitate putting buckets out when it rains. Finally, all the drives and parking lots were repaved.

It hasn't been just the state doing projects at Rocky Mount. A very active group of Master Gardeners have installed 3 flag poles; with the current American flag in the middle, the Tennessee flag on one side and the American Flag of 1791 on the other side. The group of Master Gardeners that have really enhanced the herb garden, have started Mrs. Cobb cutting garden. Another Master Gardener started a slave garden next to the slave cabin.

A ramp was installed by the Master Gardeners that allows a shortcut to the gardens, which helps Rocky Mount staff when mowing the grass. Master Gardeners also presented two very successful Herb Seminars.

The projects and gardening are endless. There are always weeds to pull, seeds to plant and various other gardening maintenance. The kitchen/herb garden is now a real beauty; it helps when you have several dedicated volunteers working there every week. The vegetable garden and orchard, as always, is keeping staff well fed and providing fresh food for cooking demos. Plus, we have cut, split and stacked enough firewood to keep the Cobb Family and the Governor's family warm and keep that kitchen producing tempting dishes with all those products from our gardens.

Many of the Master Gardeners also dress in period dress for special occasions to tell the 18<sup>th</sup> century garden story.

Projects that are in the planning stages are: putting together an overall landscaping plan, which includes new gardens, hardscape projects, trails and interactive gardening. We have started clearing the site to build a springhouse down on the original spring that the Cobb's used and want to start a tree nursery across the street.

If you haven't been to Rocky Mount in the last year, do yourself a favor and bring the family out to the "gem in your backyard". Our normal work time is Monday, so come for a behind the scene tour or bring your gloves.



## **“New Project”**

### **Branch House Family Center**

The new MG project site at Branch House Family Justice Center in Blountville is looking for volunteers. MG co-leaders are Margaret Woolery [margaret.woolery@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.woolery@gmail.com) and Cynthia Johnson [cjohnson2785@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson2785@gmail.com). If you are interested, please keep reading for more information.



Branch House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is essentially a one-stop facility that houses all resources that a domestic violence victim, an elder abuse victim or victim of sexual assault might need. The Branch House maintains offices for the District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement from Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Bristol Tennessee Police Department, and Kingsport Police Department, advocates, Legal-Aide, the YWCA, shelter partners and so forth. The idea is to create a comfortable and resourceful environment for victims in the midst of a stressful time in their life and minimize their need to go to multiple separate offices throughout the county to get help. Branch House has been open since May, 2018.

The inside of Branch House has been painted and decorated in calming colors and a homey decor. The outside of the building should also be inviting. It has been shown that domestic violence victims are more receptive to services in a pleasing environment rather than a more clinical setting.

A few MGs have already been at work at Branch House, adding some flowers, trellises, and watering hose hardware. So, the task of the Master Gardeners at this site, for now, will be weeding, plant upkeep, and occasional watering. Members of Branch House staff are helping keep things watered.

The existing flower beds at Branch House go all around the building; there are about 300 linear feet. There is also a small sidewalk area. The grounds offer many opportunities for additional landscaping, but the focus for this year will be maintaining plantings that already exist and especially making sure that the front of the building has a welcoming look.

If you are interested in volunteering at Branch House, you need to be aware of these things:

- (1) You will need to sign a confidentiality form stating that you will not discuss anything that you see or hear while working there.
- (2) You will be on camera. There are security cameras at the front and rear of the building.

After we see how many people are interested in this site, we will have an organizational meeting, either at the Ag Center or at Branch House. We are still deciding how to organize the effort. Perhaps we will to organize 2 or 4 teams which will work once a month. Or perhaps we will announce that work days are (for example) the first and third Thursdays at a certain time, and everyone can show up if they are available. We will decide at the organizational meeting.

Please contact Cynthia Johnson at [cjohnson2785@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson2785@gmail.com) or text 423-398-0473 if you would like to help.

## Discovering Tiarella 'Sugar and Spice'

During my quest for variety in developing a woodland edge garden, I've been planting perennials that have traditionally been used in most wooded areas around East Tennessee. This includes plants such as Hosta, Lady Fern, Autumn Fern, Aaron's Beard, Oakleaf Hydrangea, and Astilbes. These are at the edge of my wooded garden where they receive a mix of full and dappled shade.



The most difficult area to plant so far has been an area surrounded by large Red Maple trees. I wanted to surround a few of those trees with a ground cover that could thrive among the critters and bugs that typically inhabit this kind of environment. I also wanted something attractive that was a spring bloomer with good winter foliage color. The search ended when I visited a garden at the Jonesborough Garden Gala last year that featured such a plant. That attractive ground cover was Tiarella, also known as Foam Flower.

Foamflowers are close cousins to the Coral-bells. This species is a native wildflower, and a parent to many of the new hybrids. For many years, Dan Heims of Terra Nova Nurseries has been hybridizing Tiarella and 'Sugar and Spice' is one of his most recent developments. I knew I simply had to have some!

What I love about this plant is its low maintenance, beautiful fluffy pink and white spring flowers that sit up above the foliage, and its striking leaves. Long after the flowers fade, the dramatic foliage really steals the show! Since this is a clump-forming variety, it won't outgrow its space in the garden either. It thrives in acidic soil, part-shade or full shade, zones 4-9 and is approximately 8 inches high by 12 inches wide when not flowering. The bright pink flower spikes are about 8 to 10 inches tall. This year's flowers lasted from early spring to late spring and really stood out in the shade!

I would highly recommend this amazing plant to anyone who wants to add a little pizzazz to their shade garden. As an attractive clump forming plant, Tiarella 'Sugar and Spice' can also be used in a container as a filler.

If you can't find this variety locally, you can order them online. I often buy plants from Bluestone Perennials at [www.bluestoneperennials.com](http://www.bluestoneperennials.com), or from Wayside Gardens at [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com).

Sue Stanley, MG since 2006, Gardening in Knoxville TN

**Master Gardeners: Report your hours each month!!**

## SEPTEMBER 2018 Calendar of Events

### SEP 6 Herb Saplings Meeting

7:00pm. Herb of the Year: Hops with Liz Blakely and Sue Cadwallader. Exchange Place in Kingsport.

### SEP 6 Trees of Rocky Fork: Intro to Tree Identification

6:00-7:30pm. Join Ranger Gary on an easy hike of ~ 1 mile up Rocky Fork Trail where we'll identify the tree species that inhabit that park and talk about their historical uses.

Information: <https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=trees->

### SEP 7-8 National Garden Club Flower Show at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Site

Fri. 1-4pm, Sat. 9am-4pm. Shady Oaks Garden Club fall show, state winners of several top flower show awards in recent years. This year's event will include artistic flower designs, horticulture specimens, educational exhibits, and botanical art creations. Information:

<https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=national-garden-club-standard-flower-show>

### SEP 7-8 Organic Growers School Harvest Conference

<http://organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/harvest/>

### SEP 7-9 Fall Naturalists' Rally at Roan Mountain State Park

Contact: 423- 543-7576 or visit [www.friendsofroanmtn.org](http://www.friendsofroanmtn.org)

### SEP 8 Fun Fairy Gardening

10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Fun, creative ideas for fairy gardening in containers & the landscape. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)

### SEP 8 Fall Lawn Care-It's Time to Keep Your Lawn Green

10:00am. Evergreen School of Gardening at Colonial Heights. Information/Registration:

[www.egardenplace.com](http://www.egardenplace.com)

### SEP 8 Building a Better Monarch Garden Class at The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville

10:00am – 12:00pm. This class focuses on the conservation of the charismatic monarch butterfly and other imperiled pollinators from a backyard garden perspective. Cost: \$44 Member/\$49 Non-member. Register: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/FA18-Build-a-Better-Monarch-Waystation>

### SEP 8 Fall Plant and Rummage Sale at Asheville Botanical Gardens

9:00am – 3:00pm. Rain or Shine! Information: (828) 252-5190 or

<https://ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/events-classes/adult-classes/>

- SEP 10      NETMGA Board Meeting  
6:00pm. Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville
- SEP 15      Fall Festival at Evergreen of Johnson City  
10:00am-3:00pm
- SEP 15      Planting Fall Containers Workshop  
10:00am. Evergreen School of Gardening at Colonial Heights. \$30 activity fee. Information/  
Registration: [www.egardenplace.com](http://www.egardenplace.com)
- SEP 15      Sorghum Festival at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site  
9:00am-4:00pm. Join us as our Sorghum team teaches about how sorghum is made and  
watch as they cook down the juices into sweet sorghum. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for  
children twelve and under. Information: 423-926-3631 or [http://www.tipton-haynes.org/  
event/sorghum-festival/](http://www.tipton-haynes.org/event/sorghum-festival/).
- SEP 20      SAPS Meeting: "Wild Bees – A Gardener's Best Friend" with Sam Droege  
7:00pm. Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W Market St, Kingsport, TN. Contact:  
423-348-6572 or email: [sapsinfo@embarqmail.com](mailto:sapsinfo@embarqmail.com)
- SEP 22      Trees & Shrubs for Fall & Winter Color  
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Learn choices for enhancing your landscape with fall  
& winter color. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)
- SEP 22      National Public Lands Day at David Crockett Birthplace State Park  
10:00am. Ranger Sean McKay will be leading a hike on the newly established trails at the  
park. Meet at the Visitor Center. Information: [https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?  
event=national-public-lands-day-1](https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=national-public-lands-day-1)
- SEP 22      National Public Lands Day at Warriors' Path State Park  
10:00am-12:00pm. Assist the park in maintaining public use areas clearing brush and  
clearing flower beds to make the park ready for Fall. Information: [https://tnstateparks.com/  
events/details/#/?event=NationalPublicLandsDaywarriorspath](https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=NationalPublicLandsDaywarriorspath)
- SEP 22      Free Landscape Design Kit  
10:00am. Evergreen School of Gardening at Colonial Heights. \$30 activity fee. Information/  
Registration: [www.egardenplace.com](http://www.egardenplace.com)
- SEP 23      Wings Atop the Strawberry at Roan Mountain State Park  
8:00-9:30am. Participants will hike 1.5 miles around the historic Miller homestead where  
various native fields are managed for pollinator butterflies, such as the Monarch Butterfly  
now migrating through until October. Participants will also enjoy an exciting introduction to  
birding. Participation is limited! Information and Registration: [https://tnstateparks.com/  
events/details/#/?event=beauty-on-wings](https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=beauty-on-wings)

- SEP 27 Home Grown Children's Program: Native Plants at UT Gardens Knoxville  
10:00am – 12:00pm. This class will explore natural dyes made from plants. Participants will get an opportunity to practice the skill and art of dying natural fibers and learn a little about cultivating plants that produce dyes so you can grow and dye at home. Cost: \$10. Registration: <https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-3037099>
- SEP 29 Fruit Trees – Grown Your Own  
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Special Speaker: John Hamrick, Washington County Extension Agent. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)
- SEP 29 Fall Plant Sale at UT Gardens Knoxville  
9:00am-2:00pm
- SEP 29-30 Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival  
10:00am – 5:00pm (Saturday); 12:00 – 5:00 pm (Sunday). Admission \$5. Contact: 423-288-6071 or <http://www.exchangeplace.info/>
- SEP 30 Fall Bird Walk  
8:00 – 10:00am. Join us for an easy, early morning bird walk in the Gardens, led by Simon Thompson, expert birder and ornithologist. As we look for, listen to, and enjoy the fall birds, you'll learn to recognize their songs and calls. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Information: (828) 252-5190 or <https://ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/events-classes/adult-classes/>
- SEP 30 Native Plant Gardening in Small Gardens and Containers  
2:00 – 4:00pm. Join Lisa Wagner to learn about her favorite natives and design strategies for small gardens and containers. Participation limited. Registration and pre-payment required. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Information: (828) 252-5190 or <https://ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/events-classes/adult-classes/>

## OCTOBER 2018 Calendar of Events

- OCT 1 NETMGA Membership Meeting.  
6:00pm-Meet & Greet; 6:30pm-Program, "House Plants" with Sheila Mathes from Evergreen of Johnson City. Location: Ron Ramsey Ag Center at 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville
- OCT 2 Washington County Bee Keepers Association  
7:00 pm; Gray Ruritan Bldg, Ruritan Dr (behind fairgrounds), Gray, TN.
- OCT 6 Fall-Winter Containers  
10:30 am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Convert your summer containers into gorgeous fall displays of color. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)

- OCT 6 Bird Walk with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter  
8:00am. Meet other birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. Contact: [423-543-5808](tel:423-543-5808).
- OCT 6 Fairy Gardening Workshop  
10:00am. Evergreen School of Gardening at Colonial Heights. \$30 activity fee. Information/Registration: [www.egardenplace.com](http://www.egardenplace.com)
- OCT 7 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- OCT 13 Putting Your Gardens to Bed  
10:30 am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Tips on clean-up & winterization tasks in the garden & landscape. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)
- OCT 13 SAPS Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction  
11:00am – 1:30pm. Appalachian Fairgrounds Building #1, at Gray.
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- OCT 13 Fall Planting, Pruning & Mulching  
10:00am. Evergreen School of Gardening at Colonial Heights. Information/Registration: [www.egardenplace.com](http://www.egardenplace.com)
- OCT 20 Growing Herbs Indoors  
10:30 am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Learn about growing herbs indoors during the cool season. Registration requested: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)
- OCT 20 Bird Walk with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter  
8:00am. Meet other birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. Contact: [423-543-5808](tel:423-543-5808).
- OCT 23 Japanese Maples and Companion Plants Class at The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville  
9:30am – 12:00pm. Properly selected and placed, Japanese maples, roses and conifers can be showpieces that electrify gardens or landscapes. Cost: \$44 Member/\$49 Non-member. Register: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/FA18-Japanese-Maples-and-Companion-Plants>
- OCT 27 Halloween Kid's Day  
Evergreen of Johnson City. Bring the kids & join us for Halloween fun with crafts, treats, costume photos & more. Information: (423) 282-3431 or [www.evergreenofjc.com](http://www.evergreenofjc.com)
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