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Spring is Almost Here!!

Have you planned your gardens yet? Sown wildflower seeds? Started plants indoors? Started prepping your flower beds and veggie garden? Now is a good time for all of those!

And why not get a jump on volunteer hours and CEUs for 2020? There are plenty of opportunities in the next few months. See the Calendar of Events located at the end of this issue!



NETMGA Board Meeting

Monday, **March 2, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. in the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane Blountville, TN.

NETMGA General Membership Meeting

The general monthly meeting will be held **April 6** at the Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville, Tn. Doors open at 6:00 pm for networking and the program starts at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to bring a snack to share.

Program Topic: Basics of Grafting

This is a hands on lesson presented by Chris Ramsey and is a condensed version of his annual Grafting class (that will be held on Wed, March 11, 2020). All tools and supplies will be provided by Chris and the Master Gardener Program Committee so there is no cost to MG members. This includes root stocks, scions, grafting tape and cutting tools.



You do not need to participate in the grafting program to attend the meeting. If you plan to participate in the grafting portion, please email Teresa G at tarag8008@gmail.com so supplies can be reserved for you. After that, supplies will be distributed on a first come basis only.

TEMG State Conference - June 11th-13th 2020

Hosted by NETMGA

Come and enjoy three fabulous days of activities, sessions, tours, workshops, food, and fellowship with other MGs and share the best of East Tennessee with our MG colleagues across the state.

- June 11th:** Pre-conference afternoon workshops on Growing and Using Herbs in Appalachia.
Award dinner at Bays Mountain Park & Nature Center
- June 12th:** All day conference sessions at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center with great topics and notable speakers. Farm to fork dinner featuring local fare and Live Bluegrass Music.
- June 13th:** In-depth workshops and/or tours to a local farm, Rocky Mount, Kingsport gardens, or Steele Creek Park. Afternoon tour of Roan Mountain at peak rhododendron season.

Follow this link to get more details and to register:

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/Pages/default.aspx>

Membership Reminder

Have you paid your 2020 Membership? It's not too late...but there will be a late fee! Dues for 2020 are now \$25. Contact Mary Cain at 423-361-0223 or cainm01@yahoo.com.

Chris's Corner

Will return next issue

Feed the birds!



Put These on Your Calendar

Herb Saplings Meeting

March 5, 7 pm at Exchange Place. "Botanical Drawing" with Susan Scheer. Drawing from observation of a plant focuses your attention on the details. These details identify a specific herb. A great 2020 herb project! Free journal page available at meeting. For more info: injmoore@embarqmail.com

2020 Green and Growing Seminars

Green and Growing lunchtime gardening seminars will be presented from 12 noon to 1pm on Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. These free talks are sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful and Kingsport Public Library, and no registration is required. The seminar topics are:

March 5 – "Hot Garden Trends for 2020" with Roy Odom, horticulturist and Times-News columnist.

March 12 – "Dobyns-Bennett FFA Program and Sales" with Kerrie Sluder, agriculture teacher/FFA advisor.

March 19 – "Edible Landscaping" with Christy Shivell of Shy Valley Farm Studio & Garden

March 26 – "Seed Saving and Heirloom Vegetables" with John Woodworth of Opossum's Bottom Farm and Dairy

SAPS 25th Anniversary Lecture

Acclaimed author, native plant expert and the F. Otto Haas Executive Director at The Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, William Cullina, will present the SAPS 25th Anniversary Lecture, "Native Plants in Context: ecology, diversity, and interconnection." This lecture will take place on Thursday, **March 19**, 7 pm, at the Kingsport Higher Education Center, 300 West Market Street, Kingsport TN. Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS), this program is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.



No plant is an island: each exists in a context and community of trees and toads, rocks and rotifers, birds and bugs. Like human communities, this network of individual needs is supported by complex communication and mutualisms that we hardly understand. In this talk Cullina uses the analogy of human communities to explain the importance of relationships in the natural world and answers the age old lament "why is gardening such @#*&@^ hard work" while presenting a more sustainable (not to mention back-friendly) way to garden and live on this small planet.

In a special bonus program for SAPS members only, Bill Cullina will present "**The Botany of Design**" from 4-5 pm at the same location. Using his latest book, *Understanding Perennials* as a starting point, Bill tackles the thorny subject of garden design in a completely different way. In this fun and information filled talk he explores such things as the reasons for big leaves, variegation,

red foliage and flowers and ways to create more satisfying designs without breaking the budget. He looks at life beyond the color wheel, the importance of healthy soil and reveals some of his best horticultural secrets while weaving together aesthetics, psychology, botany, and ecology into a fascinating one hour ride. It is a talk that beginning gardeners as well as seasoned pros will both learn from and enjoy. If you're not a SAPS Member or not sure your membership is up to date, you can pay your dues at the program.

William (Bill) G. Cullina became the F. Otto Haas Executive Director of the Morris Arboretum in July 2019, after a successful tenure serving as President and CEO of the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden from 2011. Prior to that, he was nursery director and head propagator at the New England Wildflower Society for 13 years, where he is noted for developing the largest native plant nursery in New England.

Bill Cullina is a recognized authority on North American native plants, lectures on a variety of subjects to garden and professional groups, and writes for popular and technical journals. His books include *Growing and Propagating Wildflowers*; *Native Trees, Shrubs, Vines*; *Understanding Orchids*; *Native Ferns, Mosses, and Grasses*; and *Understanding Perennials: A New Look at an Old Favorite*. In recognition of Cullina's leadership and accomplishments, he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Horticultural Society's Professional Award (for outstanding public garden leadership), the National Garden Clubs' Award of Excellence, the Perennial Plant Association's Award of Merit (lifetime achievement, horticulture) and the Scott Arboretum's Arthur Hoyt Scott Medal (lifetime achievement, horticulture).

SAPS April Program - Creating a Native Pocket Meadow

Plant ecologist and garden educator Lisa Wagner, will present "Pocket Gardens - The Use of Native Plants in Small Spaces" on Thursday, **April 16**, at 7 pm at BrightRidge Auditorium, (formerly Johnson City Power Board), 2600 Boones Creek Road (Hwy 354), Johnson City.

"Pocket" meadows of native plants provide an attractive, low-maintenance, and wildlife-friendly alternative to traditional perennial plantings. Unlike larger meadow plantings, small, informal, and simply managed pocket borders can be tucked into a variety of spaces in your landscape, providing habitat and sustenance for pollinators and other insects, as well as being attractive landscape additions. Lisa will share her experiences with a variety of small meadow plantings using native Southeastern wildflowers and grasses and talk about how to manage them for four-season interest. She will also provide suggestions for native plants best suited for combining in informal meadow plantings in our region.

Lisa Wagner was the Director of Education at the South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson University for over 20 years. A plant ecologist by background (Ph.D. in Botany, UC Berkeley), she is interested in native plants, sustainable gardening, public education, and promoting habitat restoration, as well as being a passionate gardener. She now does frequent presentations and classes as a volunteer on a variety of topics. Her blog, Natural Gardening (www.naturalgardening.blogspot.com), reflects her observations about gardening and the natural world.

Sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) this program is free and the public is invited. For more information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 36th annual Spring Garden Fair is Saturday, **April 25**, from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, **April 26**, from 12 – 5 pm at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport. 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 heirlooms (including a wide variety of heirloom tomatoes), along with garden related arts and crafts. Visitors will see heritage breeds of animals and spring activities on a mid-19th century farmstead, 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. Ol' timey music and foods add to the experience. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call 423-288-6071. www.exchangeplace.info

The Fair is also an educational event that fills the grounds and buildings of the historic site, and gardening experts in specific topics and Master Gardeners will be available to answer home gardening questions throughout the weekend. Heirloom seeds will be spotlighted this year, and on hand with seeds and information on growing and saving seeds will be Sow True Seed, a collection of over 500 open-pollinated, heirloom and organic seeds, whose mission is to encourage seed saving for a resilient food system, and Jack Woodworth of Opossum's Bottom Farm and Dairy, who has been growing heirloom seeds (including bean, pea, tomato and pepper seed) for Southern Exposure Seed Exchange for 15 years.

The popular **Baa...ck Porch Sale** is returning to Exchange Place this year as part of the Spring Garden Fair. Overmountain Weavers Guild will host the event on the back porch of Roseland. Get a head start on spring cleaning by bringing all of your extra "treasures" to Exchange Place to be sold with proceeds going to feed the farm animals. Divide some plants from your garden for the plant sale behind the Back Porch. Household items, books, tools, plants and more are needed. No clothing please! Items may be dropped off at Exchange Place any Tuesday morning between 10 am and 12 noon and on Friday, April 24. Contact Jean Green (gardenergreen@gmail.com) or Dottie Biggar (dbiggard@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Help Wanted: Master Gardeners have been an important part of the Spring Garden Fair for many years. Exchange Place has a core group of experienced volunteers who are organizing the Fair, but we would love fresh input from other Master Gardeners. If you would like to help on the SGF committee we would welcome your ideas and skills. If you could spare any time that weekend to help with staffing the Master Gardener table, set-up, hospitality, take-down, children's activities, parking, etc., we would be grateful. Volunteer time counts as Master Gardener hours. To volunteer/for more info please contact Joy Moore jnimoore@embarqmail.com or 423-348-6572.

We invite small/hobby growers to participate in the Spring Garden Fair to add to the variety of plants available. If you are a small grower or know of other small growers who might be interested in having a booth at the Fair, please let us know. The participation fee is 10% of gross sales. Contact Joy Moore jnimoore@embarqmail.com or 423-348-6572.

“Featured Project” Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site

At Tipton Haynes State Historic Site, Master Gardeners maintain several gardens: wildflower/butterfly/pollinator gardens, a small kitchen garden, and what we call the slave garden.

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

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 provide a succession of blooms through the growing season and provide both nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds and food for caterpillars.



Because of the heavy rains in February 2019 we lost many of our coneflowers, mountain mint plants, and other pollinator plants. We were able to successfully replace some of those and plan to increase/replace other plants in 2020.

We began documenting the types and number of caterpillars in 2015. In 2019 we noted successful hosting of at least 8 dozen Monarch caterpillars, approximately 4 dozen Gulf Fritillary caterpillars, Black Swallowtail caterpillars, and Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars. We also spotted close to 4 dozen Monarch chrysalises (there were probably more that we didn't find!).



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. 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 and rhubarb, and the herbs sage, oregano, lavender, and rosemary. Garlic is planted in the fall around the edges. In spring we plant broccoli and cabbage, onions, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach, and chard. As it warms up, we add Heirloom 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.



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, peanuts and watermelon, plus some New World plants that George might have adopted: potatoes and squash. This garden is fenced in a wattle style, using branches and tree trimmings, such as George might have used to keep out the wildlife.

2019 was a pretty good year with some setbacks due to groundhogs and deer. Rainfall for the most part was adequate. We do have issues with getting enough sun as the area is shaded by many large trees. This year, we tried planting clover and ryegrass for a winter cover crop.

Our emphasis in these gardens is to display for the education 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.

We always have a lot going on at Tipton-Haynes! Our volunteers made 2019 a success! Thanks to Vern Maddux, Betts Leach, John Hitchcock, Ed and Mary Alice Basconi, Kathy Horne, Claudia and Anastasia Hazel!

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

Projects List

Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State

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Harvest of Hope Community Garden

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Johnson City

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Kingsport MeadowView Home Show and Farm Show

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Kingsport Pepper Festival

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Kingsport Tomato Festival

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Report your hours each month!!**



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Monthly Gardening Tasks – March & April
<https://ag.tennessee.edu/utg/Pages/monthlytasks.aspx>

MARCH 2020 Calendar of Events

- MAR 2 NETMGA Board Meeting
6:00pm; at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.
- MAR 5 Herb Saplings Meeting
7:00pm. Exchange Place, Kingsport. Program: "Botanical Drawing" with Susan Scheer.
- MAR 5 Gardening for the Birds
1:30–3:30pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$34-Member/\$44-Non-member. Class size limited. Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP20-Gardening-for-the-Birds>
- MAR 5 Green and Growing Seminar: "Hot Garden Trends for 2020"
12:00-1:00pm. Presenter: Roy Odom, horticulturist and Times-News columnist. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium.
- MAR 6-8 Organic Growers School Spring Conference
Mars Hill University. Information, schedule, registration: <https://organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/>
- MAR 7 Spring Pruning at Evergreen of Johnson City
10:30am. Join us for the how-to when it comes to pruning your trees, shrubs, & perennials in for Spring. Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/event/spring-pruning/>
- MAR 7 Attracting Bluebirds to Your Landscaping
10:00am. Evergreen of Colonial Heights. To register: <https://www.egardenplace.com/>
- MAR 7 Weed Wrangle at Warriors' Path State Park: Garlic Mustard Pull
1:00-4:00pm. Help control this nasty pest! Spend a few hours uprooting some nasty weeds along a scenic park trail. Make a difference for the future of your region's natural resources! Meet at Pool Parking Lot. Information: 423-239-8531 or https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/warriors-path/#/?event=weed-wrangle-at-warriors-path-garlic-mustard-pull-wpsp-2020
- MAR 7 Weed Wrangle 2020 at Roan Mountain State Park
9:00am – 1:00pm. Combat non-native species of plants and restore our beautiful mountain landscape. Volunteers must register online. Information and registration: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/roan-mountain/#/?event=2020-weed-wrangle-RMSP
- MAR 7 Understanding Lichens B
9:30am – 3:00pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$68-Member/\$88-Non-member. Class size limited. Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP20-Understanding-Lichens-B-07Mar2020>
- MAR 11 Fruit Tree Grafting Workshop
12:00pm. UT-TSU Extension Sullivan County Office, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville, TN. Information and registration: 423-574-1919

- MAR 12 Green and Growing Seminar: "Dobyns-Bennett FFA Program and Sales"
12:00-1:00pm. Presenter: Kerrie Sluder, agriculture teacher/FFA advisor. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium.
- MAR 14 Composting and Amending Your Soils*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm) Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- MAR 14 Tree Keepers Workshop at Steele Creek Park Nature Center, Bristol TN
8:30am – 2:00pm. \$10 Fee. Information call (423) 989-5616 or e-mail Jeremy Stout at jstout@bristoltn.org; Register: <https://bristoltn.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=534>
- MAR 19 Green and Growing Seminar: "Edible Landscaping"
12:00-1:00pm. Presenter: Christy Shivell of Shy Valley Farm Studio & Garden. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium.
- MAR 19 SAPS 25th Anniversary Lecture – Presented by William Cullina
7:00pm, "Native Plants in Context: ecology, diversity, and interconnection." at 7 p.m. at Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market Street, Kingsport. Information phone 423-348-6572, email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com.
- MAR 21 Gardening Seminar Series: Vegetable Gardens-How to Grow Things Easier and Learn Those Small Nuances Amongst the Many Plants (like Tomatoes and Corn)
9 am—noon. Presenters Ben Hunter and Vonda Little; Spomsors: Sycamore Shoals State Park and NETN Master Gardeners. Sycamore Shoals Visitors Center. Free. 423-543-5808 for more info.
- MAR 21 Start Your Own Seeds/Vegetables*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm) Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- MAR 21 The Winter Gardener – Watch it Grow
10:00am. Evergreen of Colonial Heights. To register: <https://www.egardenplace.com/>
- MAR 26 Green and Growing Seminar: "Seed Saving and Heirloom Vegetables"
12:00-1:00pm. Presenter: John Woodworth of Opossum's Bottom Farm and Dairy. Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium.
- MAR 26 Pets and Plants
1:00–3:00pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$34-Member/\$44-Non-member. Class size limited. Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP20-Pets-and-Plants>
- MAR 28 Forsythia Festival*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm) Registration for seminar highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- MAR 28 Three Season Perennial Gardening
10:00am. Evergreen of Colonial Heights. To register: <https://www.egardenplace.com/>

APRIL 2020 Calendar of Events

- APR 4 Perennials*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm)
Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- APR 4 Weeds, Weeds and Less Weeds
10:00am. Evergreen of Colonial Heights. To register: <https://www.egardenplace.com/>
- APR 4 Spring Spectacular Plant Sale
9:00am-2:00pm. UT Gardens, Knoxville.
- APR 5 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- APR 6 NETMGA General Membership Meeting
6:00pm-door open; 6:30pm-program: "Basics of Grafting" with Chris Ramsey. Ron Ramsey
Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville, Tn. Please feel free to bring a snack to share.
- APR 7 Spring Gardening Projects
9:30am – 12:00pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$38-Member/\$48-Non-
member. Class size limited. Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP20-Spring-Gardening-Projects>
- APR 11 Spring Lawncare*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm)
Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- APR 14 Slow and Steady Wildflower Walk
9:30am – 12:30pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$34-Member/\$44-Non-
member. Class size limited. Registration required:
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP20-Slow--Steady-Wildflower-Walk>
- APR 16 SAPS Meeting-Presented by Lisa Wagner
7:00pm. "Pocket Gardens - The Use of Native Plants in Small Spaces" at BrightRidge
Power Company (Johnson City Power Board), 2600 Boones Creek Road (2nd entrance),
Johnson City. Information phone 423-348-6572 or email sapsinfo@embarqmail.com
- APR 17-19 41st Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors' Path State Park
Information: 423-239-8531 or complete schedule of events:
https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/warriors-path/#/?event=41st-annual-spring-nature-festival-wpsp
- APR 18 Growing Tips and Superior Vegetable Varieties*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm)
Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- APR 18 Build Your Own Herb Container
10:00am. Evergreen of Colonial Heights. \$30 Make & Take. To register:
<https://www.egardenplace.com/>

- APR 18 Plant Auction at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
9:00am – 12:00pm. An exciting array of unusual ornamental & native perennials, trees and shrubs will be auctioned during this event. Meet at park Visitors Center. Information: 423-543-5808 or https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/sycamore-shoals/#/?event=plant-auction-20
- APR 24-26 Roan Mountain State Park Spring Naturalists Rally
Information and Registration:
<http://www.friendsofroanmtn.org/Spring%20Rally%20Brochure%202020%20Master1036.pdf>
- APR 25 How to Grow Radiant Roses*
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. (*tentative-call/check website to confirm)
Registration highly recommended! 423-282-3431 or <https://evergreenofjc.com/>
- APR 25 Community Plant Exchange at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
9:00 – 10:00am. Bring cuttings and potted outdoor and indoor plants, to exchange for species you don't have. Information: 423-543-5808 or
https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/sycamore-shoals/#/?event=community-plant-exchange-20
- APR 25 Naturscaping: an Eco-conscious Approach to Landscaping
1:00-3:00pm. Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Workshop will explore the role of native plants and trees in the landscape through ecology, garden design, and philosophy, providing a fresh perspective on garden aesthetics in urban and suburban landscapes. Cost: \$30 non-members, \$25 Members. Information and registration:
<http://knoxgarden.org/calendar/naturscaping-an-eco-conscious-approach-to-landscaping/>
- APR 25-26 Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair
10:00am-5:00pm (Sat.) & 12:00-5:00pm (Sun.). Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call 423-288-6071. www.exchangeplace.info

