

## PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2013 IS UNDERWAY - WE NEED YOU!

Please send your ideas and suggestions for topics for 2013 MG meeting programs as well as ideas for field trips to Jane Mullins at [ajtmul35@yahoo.com](mailto:ajtmul35@yahoo.com) We would like to include visits to some of the gardens (large or small) of our talented members. This could be for a couple of hours in the evening from 6-8 p.m. or on a Saturday morning. If you are willing to share your talents, please let me know. This doesn't have to be a formal event. Every gardener has great ideas to share and we welcome your participation in planning programs for 2013.

## MASTER GARDENERS ARE GREEN

Following the December MG Dinner in Johnson City, our crafty members made sure that none of the table decorations went to the landfill. Here is how they reduced, reused and recycled everything. Table greenery was used to decorate the Netherland Inn and members homes for the holidays. Plastic tablecloths were to be reused to protect newly potted plants from cold winter winds. The plants and trees on tables were given new homes as door prizes. The apples were to be recycled for other decorations and some to be turned into applesauce. Nuts were used for holiday baking and snacking. The burlap will be recycled into garden row covers next spring. Last, the lanterns were returned to their permanent home as front porch Christmas decor. Thanks for everyone being so green!



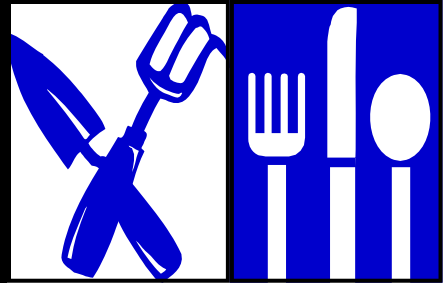
## Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** Board Meeting @ Gray Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** The Annual Award Dinner, 6:00 PM

More details will be announced as they become available

# GARDEN BITES



Thank you Julie McPherson (Class of 2012) for this recipe. This will be a great treat for your Super Bowl or NCAA Final Four Parties and it is healthy! Enjoy!

## **SPICY BEAN SALSA "COWBOY CAVIAR"**

- 1 - 15 ounce can Black-eye Peas
- 1 - 15 ounce can Black Beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 - 15 ounce can Whole Kernel Corn
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 - 4 ounce can jalapeno peppers
- 1 - 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup Italian Dressing
- 1/2 teaspoon Garlic Salt

Mix all ingredients, cover and refrigerate overnight to blend flavors.

## **2013 Mize Garden Seminars**

Mize Garden Centers in Johnson City and Gray have announced their 2013 Mize Garden Seminars. All programs are from 10am to 12noon. Admission is free but call to reserve your seat: 434-1800 (Johnson City) or 467-2300 (Gray).

### **Johnson City**

Jan 12 - Living Compost in a Raised Bed with Phil Ramey

Feb 2 - Chickens with Emily Katt & Sam Jones

Feb 9 - Backyard Wildlife Habitat with Connie Deegan and Birds with Bill Grigsby

March 2 - Early Spring Veggies with Jeanne Cope and Native Plants for Your Home Garden with Nina Hedrick

March 30 - Value of Root Crops in Today's Garden with Phil Ramey

### **Gray**

Jan 26 - Living Compost in a Raised Bed with Phil Ramey

Feb 16 - Backyard Wildlife Habitat with Connie Deegan and Birds with Bill Grigsby

March 16 - Early Spring Veggies with Jeanne Cope and Native Plants for Your Home Garden with Nina Hedrick

March 23 - Chickens with Emily Katt & Sam Jones

April 13 - Value of Root Crops in Today's Garden with Phil Ramey

## January SAPS Program

UT Extension Agent **John Hamrick** will present "**Creating Healthy Pest-Free Gardens and Happy Gardeners**" on Thursday, January 17, at 7 pm at the Washington County Farm Bureau Building Auditorium, 1103 Boones Creek Road, Jonesborough 37659. A management plan is key to maintaining a healthy vegetable garden, and Hamrick will outline a good program of offensive and defensive measures that can minimize stress for you and your plants, resulting in a bountiful harvest of tasty vegetables and a happy gardener.



Note: Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Plant Society, this program is free and the public is invited. For more information, call [423-348-6572](tel:423-348-6572) or e-mail [jnimoore@embarqmail.com](mailto:jnimoore@embarqmail.com). 1 CEU.

## February SAPS Program

Ornamental horticulturist **Jason Reeves**, will present "**Friends in the Shade Garden; Keeping Your Hosta Company**" on Thursday, February 21, at 7 pm at the Johnson City Power Board Building Auditorium on Boones Creek Road (Hwy 354). With beautiful slides Jason will highlight many often overlooked plants for the shade, including new shade loving companions as well as some standard but underutilized friends.



Jason Reeves received his Master's degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design from University of Tennessee Knoxville. Since 2002 he has been a research horticulturist at the UT Gardens at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson. Before coming to the UT Gardens, Jason worked at the Opryland Conservatories, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the famed Longwood Gardens. He has also worked as a horticulturist at the Palomia Gardens in New Zealand.

As curator at the UT Gardens-Jackson, Jason has spearheaded many projects, including the creation of a Certified Tennessee Arboretum and the development of a Southeastern Regional Conifer Display Garden. Here he also works with the Madison County Master Gardeners. His colorful plant combinations and unique garden art, made by recycling everyday objects, draws several thousand people to the research center's annual Summer Celebration lawn and garden show in July. This event was voted a "Top 20 Event" by the Southeast Tourism Society. In the fall Jason creates an elaborate fall display at the center using more than 5,000 pumpkins, gourds and winter squash comprising over 90 varieties he grows each year. An up and coming young horticulturist on the national scene, Jason is the newest contributing editor to *Fine Gardening* magazine, speaks frequently to gardening groups, and leads numerous domestic and international garden tours.

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### ***Thank You***

Doug Hilton would like to extend his appreciation and thanks to the Master Gardener Class of 2012 for the gift card from the class members.



## Chris' Corner

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ciation helps to form a network of Master Gardeners and a framework for organizing Master Gardener projects.

There are many opportunities within NETMGA to be involved as an officer or committee chairperson. Involvement in a leadership role can be a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in a leadership role, please contact a member of the board.

I am looking forward to working with our new board for the 2013 year. If you have any concerns, interests, or suggestions, please let me or a board member know. Hope to see you at the February NETMGA meeting and Awards Dinner. I am also looking forward to the impact that our Master Gardener projects will make in 2013.

Jan-Feb 2013

Thank You for your commitment to the UT Extension Master Gardener Program. We will have our Annual Awards Program at the February NETMGA meeting. Hope to see you there.

Hopefully, you will continue to be a member of the Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association. This association is a very important part of the success of the local Master Gardener program. The asso-

### 2013 NORTHEAST TENNESSEE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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# NETMGA Projects List

1. **Appalachian Fairgrounds** Gray  
Herb Garden Bill Speed [bspeed@lbrtax.biz](mailto:bspeed@lbrtax.biz)  
Water Wise Gardens Joy Stewart [joylarry@btes.tv](mailto: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  
Nancy Walker [nancy\\_k\\_walker@msn.com](mailto:nancy_k_walker@msn.com)
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  
Vikki Bradach [vbradach@gmail.com](mailto:vbradach@gmail.com)
11. **Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City  
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12. **Vance Community Gardens** Bristol  
Gini Powell [PowellG@btcs.org](mailto:PowellG@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**  
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14. **Kingsport MeadowView Women's Expo, Home Show and Farm Show**  
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433

# JANUARY 2013 EVENTS

- JAN. 1        Roan Mountain State Park FIRST HIKE down Tom Gray Trail along Doe River. Meet at Conference Center at 9:00 a.m.  
For more info call 1-800-250-8620.
- JAN. 3-4      TN Green Industry Expo - Nashville Convention Center
- JAN. 5-6      MILITIA MUSTER AT FORT WATAUGA
- JAN. 7-9      TN Turf Grass Association Conference and Trade Show  
Cool Spring Marriott Franklin, TN
- JAN. 9        NETMGA Board Meeting TBA
- JAN. 12      Mize Garden Seminar Johnson City 10 - noon.  
Call to pre- register 423-434-1800  
Speaker: Phil Ramey - Living Compost in a Raised Bed
- JAN. 10-12   Southeastern Regional Fruit and Vegetable  
(Int'l Trade and Convention Center Savannah, Georgia)
- JAN. 14-MARCH 11        Virginia Master Gardener Classes 9:00 - noon  
Abingdon- SWVA Higher Ed. Center
- JAN. 14      SAPS Meeting John Hamrick - Creating Healthy Pest Free Gardens  
and Happy Gardeners. 7:00 p.m. Location TBA
- JAN. 19      Warrior Path State Park -Winter Garden Seminar  
"Born In The USA" Native Trees and Shrubs You Should be Growing with  
Hugh Conlon. Pre-registration required by calling 423-239-6786 or e-mail  
[Marty.Silver@tn.gov](mailto:Marty.Silver@tn.gov)
- JAN. 18-20   Farm Expo Meadowview Marriott Kingsport, TN
- JAN. 24-March 21        Greenville, TN Master Gardener Classes
- JAN. 26      Mize Garden Seminar Gray 10 - noon. Call to pre-register 423-467-2300  
Speaker: Phil Ramey - Living Compost in a Raised Bed

## FFEBRUARY 2013 EVENTS

- FEB. 2 Mize in Johnson City - Seminar: Chickens with Emily Katt and Sam Jones  
Call 423-434-1800 to reserve your seat. 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- FEB. 3 Registration Deadline for Winter School
- FEB. 4 MG Annual Awards Covered Dish Dinner Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Appalachian Fair Grounds.
- FEB. 7-8 2013 MG Winter School Murfreesboro.
- FEB. 7-8 Midwest Grape and Wine Conference and Trade Show  
St. Charles Convention Center St. Charles, MO
- FEB. 9 Mize in Johnson City - Seminar: Backyard Wildlife Habitat with Connie  
Deegan and Bill Grigsby. Call 423-434-1800 to reserve your seat.  
10:00 a.m. to noon.
- FEB. 11 Winter Naturalist Rally Roan Mountain State Park
- FEB. 16 Mize in Gray - Seminar: Backyard Wildlife Habitat with Connie Deegan  
and Bill Grigsby. Call 423-467-2300 to reserve a seat. 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- FEB. 21 Living History - Militia Muster at Fort Watauga
- FEB. 21 SAPS Meeting 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Jason Reeves  
"Keeping Hostas Coming" Location TBA

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



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### 2013 NETMGA Membership Form

Membership dues for 2013 are **\$20.00** per year (**\$35.00** for a couple) and are due by January 31, 2013. ***You can get a reduced rate of \$15.00 per year (\$25.00 for a couple) if you pay BEFORE January 31, 2013.***

You can also pay your dues at the Annual Recognition Dinner on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the reduced rate.

Please complete the membership form, make note of any changes to your contact information and include the form with your dues. Make your check payable to **NETMGA** and mail to:

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Gray, TN 37615

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