

Spring Flowers

Nothing signals the end of winter like the first crocuses poking their heads through the last of the melting snows. Few plants are as easy to grow, or as rewarding, as the early-blooming bulbs. The only challenge is remembering to purchase and plant the bulbs--during the excitement of the summer and fall gardening season, it's hard to imagine just how bleak the garden can look in late winter.



Blue Siberian Squills (*Scilla*)

Scilla is one of the earliest spring flowers to bloom. Flowering for a remarkably long time they bear clusters of bloom spikes that offer scented deep blue flowers. Exquisite when planted under spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia, azaleas, rhododendrons, and magnolias.

Crocus

Crocus ring in the spring in a range of colors from blue to yellow to white. The bright colors are wonderful planted in masses so you can enjoy a carpet of color from a distance. In the case of crocuses, more is definitely better! And like snowdrops, crocuses will multiply each year, especially if they are planted in the very well-drained soil they prefer.



Snow Glories (*Chionodoxa*)

Sometimes called Glory of the Snow, these beauties will blanket the ground with blue in early spring. Each bulb produces multiple star-shaped, sky-blue flowers. Just 4 to 5 inches in height, they look best planted in large drifts, and will multiply rapidly. Ideal for naturalizing on lawns in light shade or for planting in between perennials, as well as between larger spring bulbs, such as daffodils



Grape Hyacinth (*Muscari*)

Grape hyacinths aren't true hyacinths, but instead are in the genus *Muscari*. However, if you look closely at these flowers, you'll see the resemblance to hyacinths in the clusters of tiny flowers atop strap-like foliage. Grape hyacinths are so eager to multiply that they can become weedy--that is, if you consider a plant with such beautiful flowers a weed. Plant them where they can spread freely--in the lawn, under shrubs--rather than in a formal bed.

If the above flowers, with their diminutive stature and often muted colors, gently announce the arrival of spring, true hyacinths fairly yell it from the rooftops. And not only are they extravagant in appearance, they are also wonderfully fragrant. Add these to the fact that hyacinths are very easy to grow, and there's no reason not to include at least a few of these beauties in your garden. They are also excellent for forcing indoors, where you can enjoy their scent each time you pass by.

Congratulations to all the NETN Master Gardeners who were honored at the 2013 Awards Dinner



AT LEFT 3 year MG:
Carol Collins, Imogene
Randall, Mary Zamiska,
Natalie Manor

AT RIGHT 5 year MG:
Natu Patel, Jim Hayes, Sandra
Hayes, Joy Stewart



AT LEFT Lifetime MG:
Gene Morgan, Ben Hunter,
Patricia Jessee, Dennis
Marshall

AT RIGHT Previous Lifetime MG:
Doug Hilton and Jack Cope



Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

Monday, March 11, Board Meeting @ Gray Fairgrounds 6pm

Monday, April 1, General Meeting @ Dobyns Bennett High School, Kingsport
Horticulture Classroom, Career and Technical Complex, 1801 E. Center St
6:00 pm networking and refreshments, program begins at 6:30 pm
Speaker: Kerrie Sluder, DB Horticulture Instructor and students
Topic: Plant Propagation and Greenhouse Tour
Speaker: Susan Okrasinski, Daylily Society
Topic: Daylily Conference and Tours in June

New Flowers in the Garden

(aka 2013 NETMGA Thymes Co-Editors)



I'd like to introduce myself, since I am new as a MG and to your newsletter. I'm **Julie McPherson**, I am 37, married to Dean, and we have two children, Chance (17 son) and Jensen (15 daughter). I have always had a passion for gardening, so when I had the opportunity to take the MG class, I couldn't wait to learn more and give back. Other things that interest me are painting art, snapping photos, and procuring antiques. I look forward to volunteering with everyone and do my part to keep your newsletter informative and enjoyable. Thank you for this experience!



I am Betts Leach, a member of the 2012 Master Gardener Class. My interests include theatre, singing, swimming, and gardening! I am a past employee of a local regional bank, where I focused on designing and delivering training. I hope, in the future, to combine my work background with my interest in gardening. Thank you for the opportunity to work on the NETMGA Thymes Newsletter.

Featured Project

Tipton-Haynes Historical Site

History is an umbrella term that relates to past events as well as the discovery, collection, organization, and presentation of information about these events. Historical studies often focus on events and developments that occur in particular blocks of time. Tipton-Haynes Historical Site has a long history, but the gardens which the TN Master Gardeners care for focus on time period from 1784 when Colonel John Tipton originally built his house to when Landon Carter Haynes who built many of the structures still standing today was forced to flee the region in 1865. There are no records of what was actually planted on site other than “plant the lower field in timothy.” So we as gardeners have to look back into history to see what could have been on site.



The kitchen garden located closest to the house is just a small sample of heirloom vegetables, fruits, and flowers. It is used to help visitors young and old understand our country was started by farmers. They grew what they ate to survive and prosper. There were no modern day fertilizers and pest control, so settlers used what we would call today organic or green methods. Crop rotation, intercropping, companion planting, manures, compost, food preservation, seed saving are just a few techniques. They are time tested techniques that have worked for hundreds of years and many gardeners are returning to these basics today. TN Master Gardeners have the opportunity to research, learn, test, and share these techniques at Tipton-Haynes.

Behind the slave cabin of George Haynes there is a small plot demonstrating the basic crops slaves grew which were high yield and low maintenance. Only allowed to work at night or on Sundays, the slaves used these gardens to supplement their food rations. Some slaves were able to raise extra produce to sell or trade. Both Tipton and Haynes owned slaves. Slavery is a real and dark part of our history and it is included as part of the site's history today.



The natural surroundings of this new world were a fascination by many of the settlers. The French botanist Andre Michaux stopped twice at Tipton's home on his journey commissioned by Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and several others. Tipton-Haynes celebrates his visits on Andre Michaux Day each year. Part of the Visitor Center Garden at Tipton-Haynes has been designated for natives of the region. Over the next few years, it will be transformed into a native plant garden. The remainder of the Visitor Center Garden has been designated for herbs which were essential parts of life for the settlers in cooking, healing, and pest control.

Tipton-Haynes has a rich history that continues to live on today. TN Master Gardeners help keep it growing through the gardens on site. Come be a part of history. We Gather in the Gardens on Thursdays mornings. For more information please contact Claudia Hazel, project leader, at claudiajhzl@yahoo.com or phone 423-217-4074.

Coming soon: new brochures on the Kitchen and Slave Gardens!!!



Chris' Corner

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Community gardens are gaining in popularity across the area. We have at least 8 gardens at schools and community centers. These gardens provide a great source of hands-on education and produce for local communities. Hopefully, the number of gardens will continue to grow. If you have an interest in helping with a garden or would like to start a new garden, please contact me as soon as possible.

March/April 2013

Thank you for supporting the local Northeast TN Master Gardener Association (NETMGA). This group serves a vital role in creating a strong Master Gardener Program for you to enjoy. NETMGA also serves as a link to the State of TN Master Gardener Program. The group helps me manage programs, projects, event promotion, volunteer hours, annual reports and many other essential functions that benefit you as a Master Gardener.

Spring is just around the corner! I know each of you are excited about your Master Gardener projects and your own personal gardens. As you begin to volunteer on your projects, document those hours where you can easily report them. You can begin reporting them now so don't wait! Happy gardening!

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Feature Project

Water-Wise Landscaping Demonstration Project

The Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Program and the Washington County Virginia Master Gardener Program joined up to create the Water-Wise Landscaping Project in fall 2009. Our aim is to show homeowners how to have a beautiful yard while conserving and protecting our water supply. The project showcases a variety of sustainable landscaping techniques that people can use around their homes to help manage storm water runoff. As originally planned, the project includes gardens, rain barrels, permeable pavement, and use of native plants. Also included is an educational kiosk with a green roof which houses a set of interpretive signs and educational brochures. The project was sited in front of the Youth Building at the Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray.



In 2010, both construction and fund raising efforts began. Project workers successfully installed two rain gardens and two rain barrels. One rain garden was planted with Tennessee native plants and one with non-native ornamental plants. A hand-painted 55-gallon rain barrel was installed on one downspout from the Youth Building, and a 275-gallon rain barrel was installed on a second downspout.

The project's anticipated total budget was \$18,000, of which about half was donated labor and materials and half still needed to be raised. Project workers initiated an extensive fund-raising campaign, applying for 10 grants, sending 40-50 letters of solicitation, making various public presentations, and visiting managers at numerous local lumber yards. After almost three years of such effort, insufficient funding required that project plans be re-assessed and potentially terminated.

However, this month the Washington County Soil Conservation District board has tentatively indicated that it is willing to provide funds and labor to get the project completed. We are happily gearing back up and contacting previous donors to see that their offers of donated materials still stand. After a long wait, the project is moving forward and is as relevant as ever.

We are looking for a new project manager, and this is a perfect time for someone to step in and guide construction of the kiosk and its green roof, completion of the interpretive signs, landscaping the site with native plants, installation of the stepped entryway and installation of the permeable pavers. No technical construction knowledge is required, just a love of working with people, gardens and a desire to help protect our Tennessee waters.

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 29th annual Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, Tennessee. The oldest garden fair in the region, 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 will lead "Talks and Walks" and area 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 Baaa...ck Porch Sale will be filled with garden items, linens, pottery, furniture, doodads, gizmos, and thingamaboodles. If you have items to donate call Exchange Place: 288-6071 (no clothes or shoes please). Then come and shop for great bargains. Proceeds from the Baaa...ck Porch Sale help feed the animals.

The Fair strives to be as environmentally friendly as possible with recycling, composting, and reusing. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers and to bring used nursery pots for recycling/reusing.

Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. For more information, call 423-288-6071.

To volunteer to staff a shift at the Master Gardeners' booth, please call Joy Moore at 348-6572 or e-mail at jinjmoore@embarqmail.com. Volunteers are also needed to help with set-up, hospitality and take-down/clean up and other aspects of organizing the Garden Fair.

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

Gardening Tips

Mixing Clematis brings color and interest.

Sweeten tomatoes by sprinkling baking soda on the soil around your plant.

Cucumbers are sweeter when you plant them with sunflowers

The world's best fertilizer: Epsom Salt! Every other week, 3 TBSP Epsom salt to 1 gallon water



'**Black Seeded Simpson**' looseleaf lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) is an heirloom that matures early in the season with a tender texture and delicate flavor.

'**Bush Champion**' cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) has a compact habit that allows it to thrive in containers, producing crisp, bright-green fruits in abundance.



'**Carnival**' sweet pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) produces sweet, mild peppers in a range of cheerful colors. For a hot pepper, '**Jalapeno M**' has an intense, medium-hot flavor and is suitable for containers.

'**Chiogga**' beet (*Beta vulgaris* ssp. *vulgaris*), an Italian heirloom, is also known as a striped beet for its globe-shaped, mild-flavored, red and white flesh.



'**Danvers Half Long**' carrot (*Daucus carota* ssp. *sativus*), a popular heirloom, has an excellent flavor and doesn't require deep soil.

'**Early French Breakfast**' radish (*Raphanus sativus*) is a heat-tolerant heirloom radish with superior crunch.



March SAPS Program

Dr. Mark Windham, Distinguished Professor in Ornamental Pathology at the UT Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville, will present "Your Garden Under Attack...How to Fight Back," on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at Warriors' Path State Park. In this program Dr. Windham, a popular speaker known for his wit and wisdom, will assist Northeast Tennessee gardeners in avoiding plant diseases by making smart choices in selecting the best plants for the garden and utilizing the correct cultural practices.

Dr. Mark Windham is a research and teaching professor at the University of Tennessee. He is also an avid rosarian and past president of the local rose society in Knoxville. His research includes evaluating the disease resistance of roses, hydrangeas, gardenias, and Encore azaleas. He is a principal in the internationally famous "UT Dogwood Working Group" which has introduced 4 powdery mildew resistant and 1 anthracnose (*Discula*) resistant cultivars. Two new research projects include: Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut (*Juglans*) and rose virus disease infecting shrub roses nationally.

He received his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and PhD at NC State University in Raleigh.

A side note: he also teaches a popular undergraduate course at UT on SEC Sports.

Sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS), this program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail ijnmoore@embarqmail.com. 1.5 CEUs.



April SAPS Program

Tony Avent, the owner of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina, will speak on "Perennials: What is New and Exciting and Often Overlooked" on Thursday, April 11, at 7 pm. in the auditorium of the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St. in downtown Kingsport.

Tony is internationally known and renowned in horticultural circles as a plant hunter and plantsman. He has traveled around the world in search of new and rare plants to offer at Plant Delights, as well as finding great new introductions of North American native plants in no fewer than 43 plant-hunting expeditions closer to home. Tony founded his nursery to help fund the activities of Juniper Level Botanic Gardens, a display and research garden with over 11,000 plants. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Tony was a student of the late horticulture professor J. C. Raulston, who instilled in him the quest for the newest and best garden plants from around the world. He has written numerous magazine, newspaper, and Internet articles, and for the last eight years has been a contributing editor to Horticulture magazine. He has also appeared on many television shows, including multiple appearances on Martha Stewart Living.

Gardeners who love new and unusual plants, as well as interesting and sometimes hilarious prose, eagerly await the Plant Delights catalogs each year. Plant Delights has also become a choice destination for plant lovers to visit during the "Open House" weekends each year, to admire the lovely showcase and trial gardens, which have a wider variety of plants than most full-fledged botanical gardens.

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NETMGA Projects List

- 1. Appalachian Fairgrounds** Gray **Herb Garden** Valerya Hyrne catsmeow24@embarqmail.com
Water Wise Gardens Joy Stewart joylarry@btes.tv
 - 2. Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park** Kingsport
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 - 3. Carver Peace Gardens** Johnson City Sam Jones 349-6119 simpleintn@yahoo.com
 - 4. Church Hill Senior Citizens Center Garden**
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 - 5. Exchange Place Living History Farm** Kingsport Dave Gostomski e3fan98@yahoo.com
 - 6. Harvest of Hope Community Garden** Kingsport Doug Hilton howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com
 - 7. Johnson City Medical Center, Woodridge Hospital** Johnson City
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Quillen Rehabilitation Carol Collins 423-639-0341 ccollins47@Comcast.net
 - 8. Northeast State Community College Gardens to Degrees**
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 - 9. Rocky Mount Living History Site** Piney Flats
Don Davis home 854-0152, cell 943- 2392 donfdavis@aol.com
 - 10. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park** Elizabethton Vikki Bradach vbradach@gmail.com
 - 11. Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City Claudia Hazel claudiajhazel@yahoo.com
 - 12. Vance Community Gardens** Bristol
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- Projects 13 and 14 are one weekend a year for each of the 5 activities:
- 13. Johnson City Home Show and Women's Expo**
Penny Rutledge pennyrutledge2@aol.com
 - 14. Kingsport MeadowView Women's Expo, Home Show and Farm Show**
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433

MARCH 2013 Calendar of Events

- MARCH 2 The Green People - Spring Lawn Care
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport, Bristol, and Colonial Heights
- MARCH 2 Ben Hunter - Vegetable Gardening
10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Sycamore Shoals State Park (Registration not required)
- MARCH 2 Jeanne Cope-Early Spring Veggies & Nina Hedrick-Native Plants for Your Home Garden
Mize Garden Center – Johnson City; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- MARCH 2 Growing Your Own Berries (Blueberry, Blackberry, Grape, etc.)-special speaker: John Hamrick, Wash. County
Extension Agent 10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- MARCH 3 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- MARCH 3 Journaling the Trees: Learning about Trees by Observing Them through Four Seasons
2:00-3:30 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville
- MARCH 5 Washington County Bee Keepers Association
Boones Creek Christian Church – 7:30 pm
- MARCH 5 Rocky Mount resumes "Living History Tours"
Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am -5:00 pm
- MARCH 6 Trees, The Dirty Truth – Roanoke Tree Care Workshop
VA Western Community College; Roanoke, VA For info/registration: www.treesvirginia.org
- MARCH 7 "Oh Deer! A Gardener's Guide to Outwitting Bambi!" Kingsport Library
Noon to 1:00 pm; presented by Christy Shivell
- MARCH 7 Herb Saplings meeting. 7 pm at Exchange Place. Herb Basics and More with Joy Moore.
- MARCH 9 Jeanne Cope & The Green People - Garden Seeds to Garden Plants
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport, Bristol, and Colonial Heights
- MARCH 9 Raised Bed Construction and Planting Workshops Harvest of Hope in Kingsport.
10:00 - 12:00 Building Raised Beds/Construction Demo
1:00 - 3:00 Planting an Early Spring Garden Free and Open to public
- MARCH 9 2013 Tree Keeper Program at Steele Creek Park in Bristol, TN 9:00am – 4:00 pm (check-in at 8:30 am)
Pre-registration required (423-764-0231 (Crystal Key); last day to register is March 6; Cost: \$10 (includes light
breakfast and lunch)
- MARCH 9 Growing Your Own Fruit Trees (Apple, Peach, Plum, Cherry, etc.)-special speaker: John Hamrick, Wash. County
Extension Agent 10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- MARCH 9 'Learn: The Fundamentals Of Proper Pruning' - Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum; 10 am – 12 pm
- MARCH 9 Plant Propagation Workshop 1 – 3 pm; UT Gardens, Knoxville (cost involved)
Contact: Derrick Stowell 865-974-7151, or dstowell@utk.edu
- MARCH 9 Second Annual Native Plant Symposium "Natural Landscaping, Getting More with LESS"
9:00 am – 3:30 pm; presented by Tennessee Valley Wild Ones, Chattanooga State Community College
- MARCH 11 NETMGA Board Meeting, Gray Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.

- MAR. 11-15 Wake Up, it's Spring! Spring Break Camp at Winged Deer Park, JC
9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Registration Deadline: March 6; Fee: \$60
- MARCH 14 “Selecting the Perfect Small Trees for Your Landscaping,”
Kingsport Library; Noon to 1:00 pm; presented by Roy Odom
- MARCH 16 Ben Hunter - Vegetable Gardening
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- MARCH 16 Jeanne Cope-Early Spring Veggies & Nina Hedrick-Native Plants for Your Home Garden
Mize Garden Center – Gray; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- MARCH 16 Forsythia Festival (family fun, seminars, and spring deals!)
Favorite Spring Flowering Trees/Shrubs Seminar 10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- MARCH 17 Wildlife Friendly Gardening
2:00-4:00 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville
- MARCH 21 “Establishing a Community Garden,” Kingsport Library
Noon to 1:00 pm; presented by Phil Ramey and Doug Hilton
- MARCH 21 SAPS Meeting - Speaker: Dr. Mark Windham, UT Institute of Agriculture
“Your Garden Under Attack...How to Fight Back!” 7 p.m. at Warriors' Path State Park
- MARCH 23 Ben Hunter – Composting in the Garden
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- MARCH 23 Emily Katt & Sam Jones-Chickens
Mize Garden Center – Gray; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- MARCH 23 Successful Seeds – Winged Deer Park
10:00 am – 12:00 pm;
- MARCH 23 Planting a Cool Hardy Vegetable Garden
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- MARCH 23 Roan Mountain State Part Easter Egg Hunt
- MAR 23-24 WNC Orchid Society Annual Show - North Carolina Arboretum
- MARCH 30 The Green People - Weeds in your Lawn, Garden, Landscape
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport, Bristol, and Colonial Heights
- MARCH 30 Phil Ramey-Value of Root Crops in Today's Garden
Mize Garden Center – Johnson City; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- MARCH 30 Growing Herbs for Cooking, Medicinal, Crafts & More
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City

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- APRIL 6 UT Gardens Spring Plant Sale – Knoxville
9:00 am – 2:00 pm; Contact: Derrick Stowell 865-974-7151, or dstowell@utk.edu
- APRIL 6 The Green People - Pruning in your Landscape
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport, Bristol, and Colonial Heights
- APRIL 6 Perennials (including theme gardening for attracting butterflies & hummingbirds)
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- APRIL 7 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- APR. 10-28 2013 Knoxville Dogwood Trails, Open Gardens & Camera Sites
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"What is New and Exciting and Often Overlooked"
7 pm. - Kingsport Center for Higher Education Auditorium
- APRIL 12-14 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center;
I-81, Exit 14, One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA
Tickets: \$6/day; children <12 Free
- APRIL 13 Jeanne Cope & The Green People - Intimate Herb Gardens
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport, Bristol, and Colonial Heights
- APRIL 13 Groundcovers fro Erosion Control & to Replace Lawn Grass
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City
- APRIL 13 Phil Ramey-Value of Root Crops in Today's Garden
Mize Garden Center – Gray; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- APRIL 13 Woolly Day at Rocky Mount 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
- APRIL 18 'Create: A Hypertufa Planter' - Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum; 10 am – 12:00 pm
- APRIL 19-21 Spring Nature Festival – Warriors Path State Park (Topics include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more!)
9:00 am -12:00pm - Sycamore Shoals State Park
- APRIL 20 Evergreen (Riverport Rd) Spring Garden Fair 10:00 am



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APRIL 2013 Calendar of Events- continued

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| APRIL 20 | Landscape Seminar & Plant Auction
9:00 am -12:00pm - Sycamore Shoals State Park |
| APRIL 20 | Evergreen (Riverport Rd) Spring Garden Fair 10:00 am |
| APRIL 20 | Growing Flowers & Veggies in Pots for Porches, Decks, & Pools
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City |
| APRIL 20 | Annual Wildflower Walk - Botanical Gardens at Asheville
10:00 am – 12:00 pm |
| April 20 | Boundless Playground at Warrior's Path;
9:00 a.m. |
| APRIL 27 | Community Plant Exchange
9:00 am – 10:00 am - Sycamore Shoals State Park |
| APRIL 27 | Shade Gardening – tips for growing annuals, perennials, shrubs in shady spots
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City |
| APRIL 27-28 | Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair
10:00 am – 5:00 pm-Saturday; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm-Sunday |