

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!! SUMMER 2013

### FARM FEST

Hamlett-Dobson Farm Fest will provide old-fashioned family fun on Sunday, July 14, from 2-5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm on Orebank Road in Kingsport.

Sponsored by Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Homes and Exchange Place, Farm Fest celebrates the pleasures of country life. Step back into the nineteenth century and enjoy fresh summer food and join in activities from bygone days like sack races, hayrides, and cakewalks. Listen to music on traditional instruments, pet the farm animals, and try your hand at old time crafts like stenciling, tin punch, and carding wool. Small children will enjoy washing clothes on the washboard and jumping in the haystack.



A shuttle bus will run from Mountain View United Methodist Church to Farm Fest from 1:45 to 5:30 p.m. to ease parking congestion. This free event is part of Kingsport Fun Fest, and no ticket is required. For more information call 423-288-6071.

Master Gardener volunteers are needed to help with plant and garden related children's activities and teaching farm "chores" to visitors. To volunteer contact :Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or [ijnmoore@embarqmail.com](mailto:ijnmoore@embarqmail.com). Volunteers are also needed to assist with a craft project. Please contact

Jane Mullins at [janemullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:janemullins2013@gmail.com) or call 423-737-7915.

### SQUARE FOOT GARDENING FIELD TRIP

On July 18, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, you are invited to tour the square foot gardens of Dave and Joan Meyers near Bluff City, TN.

Dave is an avid follower of the vegetable gardening techniques of Mel Bartholomew, author of Square Foot Gardening. Along with the square foot gardens, Dave has a great rain barrel system which is connected with an irrigation system. This year he has added Earth Boxes and is raising potatoes in buckets. Joan has Day Lilies, Iris and many other flowers. Driving directions will be sent via e-mail one week prior to the event. We encourage you to visit their gardens. This activity is for CEU's.

## HOMEGROWN TOMATO FEST IX

Get started growing tomatoes and plan to bring them in the contests, because the Ninth Annual Homegrown Tomato Fest is coming up. This celebration of the juicy red fruit will take place Saturday, August 10, 2013, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Kingsport Farmers' Market, Center Street & Clinchfield Street in Kingsport. With tomato contests, free tomato tastings (including many heirloom varieties), free tomato refreshments, cooking demonstrations, tomato-growing advice, activities for kids, Tomato Fest is fun for the whole family.



Gardeners are invited to bring tomatoes to compete in the following categories: Best Tasting, Biggest, Prettiest, Ugliest, Most Bizarre, and Best Dressed, and cooks are invited to enter the Best Salsa Contest. Admission is free and there are no entry fees. Entry forms may be downloaded from the SAPS website, [www.saps.us](http://www.saps.us), or picked up at Downtown Kingsport Association (DKA) or Ward's Feed Store. Entries will be accepted from 8 - 9 am for all contests, and winners will be announced after 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help slice tomatoes, staff the salsa booth, coordinate children's activities, etc. Your volunteer time counts for your Master Gardener hours. Contact Dennis Marshall, Tomato Fest Chairman, at 423-288-3675 or [dmarshall@chartertn.net](mailto:dmarshall@chartertn.net)

## MASTER GARDENERS' HELP NEEDED:

**2013 MASTER GARDENER CLASSES** Plans are being made for the 2013 Master Gardener Classes. This year the classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sullivan County Extension Office Meeting Room in Blountville. The classes will begin on Tuesday, September 24 and end on Tuesday November 19. Anyone interested should contact Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County Extension Agent at 423-279-2723 or at 3258 Highway 126, suite 104, Blountville, TN 37617 or [cwramsey@utk.edu](mailto:cwramsey@utk.edu). The deadline for registration is August 31.

**BUDS AND SPROUTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** MG's are needed to be Buds for the 2013 Master Gardener Class Sprouts. This is an easy job and will count as ACT hours. If you are willing to be a Bud, all you have to do is give the new Sprouts a phone call or an e-mail to welcome them to the program and answer any questions they may have during the class. It is a great way to meet some really special people. Becoming a Bud can also be helpful for your projects. Many of the new class members are anxious to become involved. Contact Jane at 423-737-7915 or [jane-mullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:jane-mullins2013@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**MODERATORS NEEDED FOR 2013 MG CLASS** Two Master Gardeners are needed to be a moderator for each of the classes. The moderators will help set-up, welcome the class, introduce speakers, help get drinks and refreshments set up, make sure breaks happen on time, end class on time, and help put the room back in order at the end of class. The speakers vary each year, so this is a good way to get ACT or CEU hours. In order to have your choice of days, please sign-up now! Classes will be in Blountville, at Exchange Place (KP), Tipton-Haynes Historic Site (JC), Rocky Mount (JC), Harvest of Hope (KP), and possibly at Northeast State Community College. Contact Jane at 423-737-7915 or [janemullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:janemullins2013@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**JONESBOROUGH ARBORETUM REQUESTS HELP FROM MASTER GARDENERS** The Jonesborough Arboretum has space for a rain garden. If anyone is interested in taking on this project, contact Frances Lambert at 753-5288.

## Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

**Monday, July 8,** Board Meeting @ Appalachian Fairgrounds Ticket Office 6pm

**Monday, August 5** NETMGA General Meeting at Warrior's Path State Park Amphitheatre.  
(In case of rain the picnic and plant swap will be on Duck Island in Shelter #5)

**Program: Plant swap and picnic** (Now is the time to start some seeds for fall gardens and to plan ahead by dividing some of your plants to share with others. Feel free to bring any gardening items you would like to swap.)

6:00 P.M. **Picnic and set-up for Plant Swap**

6:30 P.M. **Program:** Welcome Mary Stedman, President of the Friend's of Warriors Path. Mary will offer brief remark's concerning the contributions of MG's to the Park. There should also be time to see the improvements to the playground and to see the rain garden near the amphitheater. Gwen Duncan is the MG Leader of this project. Bring a side dish or dessert and your plants. Subs or a main dish, and drinks will be provided.

## Featured Projects

### ***Mountain States Health Alliance Gardens at Johnson City Medical Center, Woodridge Hospital, and Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital***



Many hard, yet loving hours per week go into these places where people come to heal and recover. They need to see greenery, and benefit from fresh, alive color no matter the season. Johnson City Medical Center Master Gardener volunteers are always keeping the gardens happy, by beautifying the grounds with annuals, perennials, and seasonal colors. There is always something to be done here inside or out. It is definitely a work in progress all year long that brings joy to the volunteers and the patients and the staff .

The garden area at Woodridge Hospital is vast. It is an ongoing project that the Master Gardeners keep bringing more and more life to. The upcoming project is developing a garden at the Woodridge entrance sign to make it inviting and happy like the rest of the garden space the volunteers have created.

Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital is out with the old - in with the new this season. The Master Gardener Volunteers have been bringing to life the gardens here with new plants and lively color and mixing things up a bit.

All three of these Johnson City hospital gardens stay happy and beautiful thanks to caring Master Gardeners. If you would like to volunteer, contact Barbara Voigt at 423-794-7209 or Carol Collins at 423-963-8861.



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



## Chris' Corner

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## ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

CUMBERLAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER PHOTO CONTEST during their 2014 Spring Flower and Garden Show (April 25, 26, and 27, 2014). CASH prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place! And a cash prize for people's choice. There will be two categories: State Parks and UT Gardens. You will be allowed to enter both categories. NOW is the time to start going to any of Tennessee State Parks, or any of the UT Gardens (Knoxville, Jackson and Crossville) to get your photos for next year's contest. Remember since we are a garden organization we like to see FLOWERS, PLANTS, etc. in the photographs. For more information contact Erin at [fletch3539@yahoo.com](mailto:fletch3539@yahoo.com).

### NETMGA Projects List

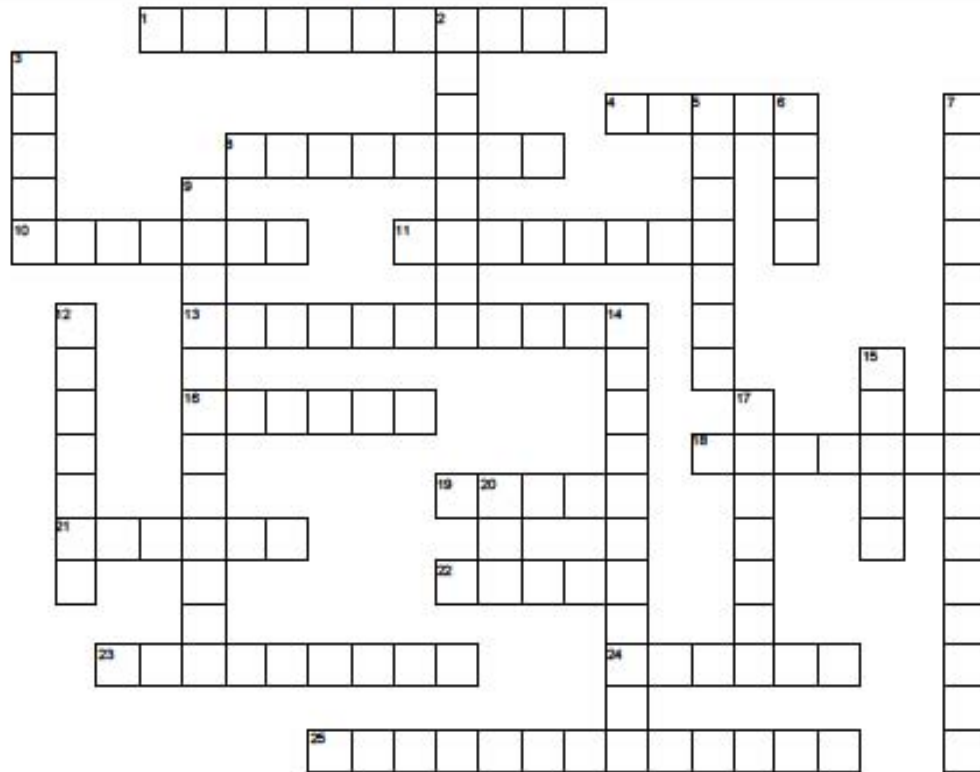
**Master Gardeners: report  
your hours each month!!**

- 1. Appalachian Fairgrounds** Gray  
**Herb Garden** Debbie Green [djgreen1955@gmail.com](mailto:djgreen1955@gmail.com)  
**Water Wise Gardens** Joy Stewart [joylarry@btes.tv](mailto:joylarry@btes.tv)
- 2. Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park** Kingsport  
Gwyn Duncan 423-239-0460 [geduncan@charter.net](mailto:geduncan@charter.net)
- 3. Carver Peace Gardens** Johnson City Sam Jones 423-773-3204 [simpleintn@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:e3fan98@yahoo.com)
- 6. Harvest of Hope Community Garden** Kingsport Doug Hilton [howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com](mailto:howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com)
- 7. Johnson City Medical Center** Johnson City  
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**Quillen Rehabilitation** Carol Collins 423-639-0341 [ccollins47@Comcast.net](mailto:ccollins47@Comcast.net)
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- 9. Rocky Mount Living History Site** Piney Flats  
Don Davis home 423-854-0152, cell 423-943- 2392 [donfdavis@aol.com](mailto:donfdavis@aol.com)
- 10. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park** Elizabethton Vikki Bradach [vbradach@gmail.com](mailto:vbradach@gmail.com)
- 11. Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City Claudia Hazel [claudiajhzl@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiajhzl@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](mailto:pennyrutledge2@aol.com)
- 14. Kingsport MeadowView Women's Expo, Home Show and Farm Show**  
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433

# Earth Day



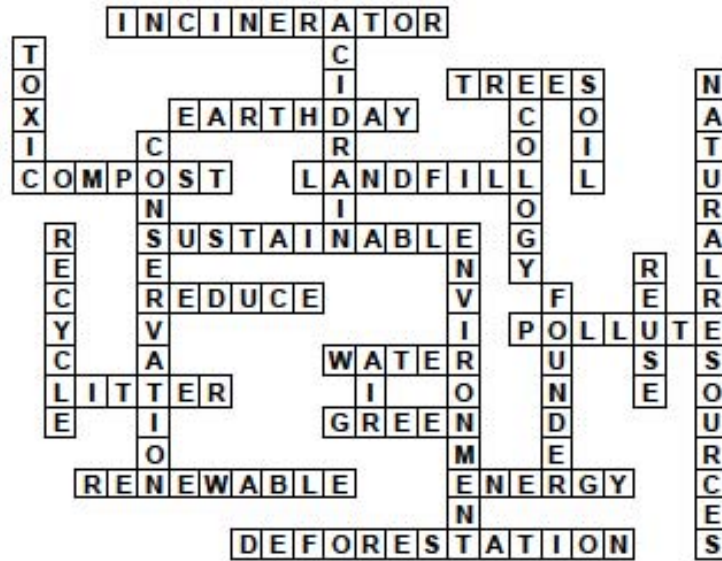
## ACROSS

- 1 A place where garbage is hauled and burned.
- 4 Many people plant these on Earth Day.
- 8 April 22. (Two words.)
- 10 Turns fruit and vegetable waste into rich soil for gardening.
- 11 A place where garbage is hauled and buried.
- 13 Using a resource in such a way that it is not depleted or damaged.
- 16 To use less.
- 18 To contaminate the environment with man-made waste.
- 19 Chemicals, industrial waste, and sewage are often allowed streams, rivers, or oceans, polluting this.
- 21 Please put your trash in the trash can. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 22 A popular color on Earth Day.
- 23 Resources that can be replenished or replaced through careful management.
- 24 Turning off lights helps conserve \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25 The destruction of earth's trees.

## DOWN

- 2 Polluted precipitation that can damage the environment. (Two words.)
- 3 Poisonous; capable of causing serious harm or death.
- 5 The study of the relationship between organisms and their environment.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ pollution is a build-up in the earth's surface of toxins, chemicals, salt, and other substances that adversely affect plant life.
- 7 Raw materials supplied by nature. (Two words.)
- 9 Planned management of natural resources to prevent waste, exploitation, or destruction.
- 12 To process waste in such a way as to reclaim raw material for future use.
- 14 The physical conditions that surround and create a home for all living things.
- 15 To use again.
- 17 Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, is considered the \_\_\_\_\_ of Earth Day.
- 20 Polluted by smoke and exhaust fumes.

# Answer Key



## JULY 2013 Calendar of Events

- JULY 2 Washington County Bee Keepers Association Boones Creek Christian Church – 7:30 pm
- JULY 8 NETMGA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Gray Fairgrounds Ticket Office
- JULY 8 - 12 Nature Photography Camp for Kids at Steele Creek Park, Bristol, TN – Ages 7 - 9, Camp Fee is \$55 per child; For more information, call the Nature Center at 423-989-5616, or email [jstout@bristoltn.org](mailto:jstout@bristoltn.org)
- JULY 11 - 13 Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals – Our 35th Year!  
7:30 pm; Bleacher seating is available in the Amphitheater, Admissions Charge.
- JULY 13 The Honeybee and Pollination Class-Fred Dawson.  
9:00-10:30 a.m. Plateau Discovery Gardens, UT Plateau Research and Education Center, 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, TN 38571. Pre-registration for classes is requested by calling 931-484-0034 or e-mailing [gwisdom@utk.edu](mailto:gwisdom@utk.edu).
- JULY 14 FARM FEST at Exchange Place in Kingsport  
2:00 – 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist with a craft project; contact Jane Mullins at [janemullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:janemullins2013@gmail.com) or call 423-737-7915.
- JULY 15 - 19 Nature Photography Camp for Kids at Steele Creek Park, Bristol, TN – Ages 10 - 13, Camp Fee is \$55 per child; For more information, call the Nature Center at 423-989-5616, or email [jstout@bristoltn.org](mailto:jstout@bristoltn.org)
- JULY 17-20 Cullowhee Native Plant Conference; Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC;  
<http://www.wcu.edu/academics/edoutreach/conted/conferences-and-community-classes/the-cullowhee-native-plant-conference/index.asp> ; 800.928.4968
- JULY 18 Tour the Square Foot Garden of Dave and Joan Meyers in Bluff City  
6:00-8:00 pm; Driving directions will be sent via e-mail one week prior to the event. This activity is for CEU's.
- JULY 18 2013 Small Farm Expo and Small Farmer of the Year Awards  
8:15 am until 3:00 pm; Tennessee State University Agricultural Research and Education Center on the main campus of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee <http://www.tnstate.edu/extension/smallfarmexpo.aspx>
- JULY 18 - 20 Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals – Our 35th Year!  
7:30 pm; bleacher seating is available in the Amphitheater, Admissions Charge.
- JULY 21 Introduction to Edible Mushrooms in WNC, Shelia Dunn  
2:00 – 5:00 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens  
Cost: BGA members: \$10, Nonmembers: \$15; Reservations are required. Contact Office Administrator at BGA for additional information and/or to register (828) 252-5190. email: [bgardens@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgardens@bellsouth.net)



- JULY 21 Saturday Home Gardening Workshop  
Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC Featuring Newcomers' Introduction to Home Gardening with Native Plants with Olivia Brakenbury and Jesse Turner and Networks for Life: Your Role in Stitching the Natural World Together with Doug Tallamy. \$25. Call 800-928-4968 or e-mail to: [hensley@wcu.edu](mailto:hensley@wcu.edu)
- JULY 25 – 27 Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals – Our 35th Year!  
7:30 pm; Bleacher seating is available in the Amphitheater, Admissions Charge.
- JULY 26-28 North Carolina Herb Association's Wild Herb Weekend  
Valle Crucis Conference Center, Valle Crucis, NC; [www.ncherbassociation.org](http://www.ncherbassociation.org)

## AUGUST 2013 Calendar of Events

- AUGUST 4 11th Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count, Sycamore Shoals  
9:00 am & 1:00 pm; meet naturalist Don Holt for this day-long winged adventure across town. Come for all or part of the day. (Rain Date to be announced).
- AUGUST 4 Journaling the Trees: Learning about Trees by Observing Them through Four Seasons  
2:00 – 3:30 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens  
Cost: BGA members: \$10, Nonmembers: \$15  
Reservations are required. Contact Office Administrator at BGA for additional information and/or to register (828) 252-5190. email: [bgardens@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgardens@bellsouth.net)
- AUGUST 4 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - Gray Community Center 2:00 pm
- AUGUST 5 NETMGA General Meeting at Warriors' Path State Park Amphitheatre; Picnic and Plant Swap  
(In case of rain the picnic and plant swap will be on Duck Island in Shelter #5)  
6:00 P.M. Picnic and set-up for Plant Swap  
6:30 P.M. Program: Mary Stedman, President of the Friend's of Warriors Path.  
Bring a side dish or dessert and your plants for swap. Subs or a main dish, and drinks will be provided.
- AUGUST 6 Washington County Bee Keepers Association Boones Creek Christian Church – 7:30 pm
- AUGUST 10 Ninth Annual Homegrown Tomato Fest  
8 - 11 a.m.; Kingsport Farmers' Market, Center Street & Clinchfield Street. Tomato contests, free tomato tastings (including many heirloom varieties), free tomato refreshments, cooking demonstrations, tomato-growing advice, activities for kids; Tomato Fest is fun for the whole family.
- AUGUST 18 Invasive Plants and Their Effects on Ecosystems, Jay Kranyik  
9:30 am – 11:30 am  
The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens  
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## Calendar of Events continued

- AUGUST 19-24      Appalachian Fair
- August 23-24      Speaking of Gardening Symposium: North Carolina Arboretum  
*The Garden Symposium for Horticultural Professionals and Enthusiasts*  
\$160 Members/\$185 Non-members; The fee includes lectures, book signings, lunches and snacks for both days. Seating is limited and registration is required.  
Featured Speakers: Rick Darke, Tony Avent, Steven A. Sanchez, Sandy McDougle  
<http://www.ncarboretum.org/education/speaking-of-gardening-symposium/>
- AUGUST 25      Botanical Garden Walk, Dr. David Clarke 9:30 – 11:30 am The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens, Cost: BGA members: \$10, Nonmembers: \$15. Reservations are required. Contact Office Administrator at BGA for additional information and/or to register (828) 252-5190. email: [bgardens@bellsouth.net](mailto:bgardens@bellsouth.net)
- AUGUST 27      Fall Gardeners' Festival, Crossville Registration begins at 9:00; event 10:00-4:00  
Includes 12 educational workshops, a tour of greenhouse research, wagon tours of the UT Plateau Research and Education Center, garden vendors, and walks through the Plateau Discovery Gardens. Visit [www.ccmga.org](http://www.ccmga.org) or <http://plateau.tennessee.edu> regularly for updates on sessions, schedules, and vendors
- AUGUST 30      Moth Watching Night with Larry McDaniel  
8:30 PM; Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden; Jonesborough, TN  
For more information contact: Frances Lamberts, 753-5288
- AUGUST 31      Butterfly Watching with Don Holt  
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