

EVENTS FOR SPRING 2014!!

Time to learn, plant and grow! Check out all the upcoming events, seminars, workshops, etc. in the Calendar of Events located at the end of this issue! Many opportunities to get those 8 CEUs necessary to meet your MG certification requirements!!

PHOTOS, PHOTOS!

2014 Master Gardeners Winter School



← Marcia Vandermuse and the Church Hill Community Garden winner at MG Winter School.

Doug Hilton with Shovel Demonstration Garden Winner at MG Winter school for Harvest of Hope Garden in Kingsport. →



2014 Incredible Edible Gardening Conference



← Chris Ramsey demonstrating Pruning Fruit Trees at Incredible Edible Gardening Conference.

Ben Hunter Discussing Raised Bed Gardens at the Incredible Edible Gardening Conference. →



Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

Monday, May 12th Board Meeting @ Gray Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM

Monday, June 2nd NETMGA General Meeting at Gray Fairgrounds Bldg. #1, 6:00 PM; Program at 6:30 PM.

June 2, 2014 Master Gardener Meeting

Master Gardeners are honored to have John F. Walker, PhD., Biology Professor from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC as our presenter. Dr. Walker will present a program on "Fungi in the Landscape". He has also been raising Orchids and will share some stories about growing them as well.

Dr. Walker earned his Masters and PhD. from Orson Miller, Jr. who wrote Mushrooms of North America (the first bestselling mushroom guide) and also the current Falcon Guide, "North American Mushrooms."

Please come and hear this great speaker; 6:30 p.m. at Appalachian Fairgrounds Building #1, in Gray. Bring a snack to share if you have time.

Raised Beds at Mountain Home (Veteran's Administration) in Johnson City

Mountain Home V.A. wants to put in some raised beds and has asked for help from Master Gardeners. If you want to help with this project please contact Doug Hilton (howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com) or Johnny Suthers (jchemie@aol.com).

Insectary Border Workshop

Learn how to design and plant an insectary border that will attract beneficial insects to your garden on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, in a hands-on workshop led by Christy Shivell, owner of Shy Valley Plant Farm.

An insectary border is a garden plot of flowering plants designed to attract and harbor beneficial insects - predators, parasitoids and pollinators. Predators and parasitoids feed on many common garden insect pests and offer the gardener a safer, natural alternative to pesticides. Pollinators facilitate pollination so plants can produce fruits and vegetables. In this workshop you will learn what plants to use and other tips for making your garden alluring to these good guys.

The \$10 fee (free for Exchange Place garden volunteers) includes 2 insectary plants. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact 423-348-6570 or shyvalley@aol.com.

This workshop is sponsored by Exchange Place Living History Farm.

Keep Kingsport Beautiful's 2014 "Saturday in the Gardens" Tour

Keep Kingsport Beautiful's popular "Saturday in the Gardens" fundraiser returns with a tour of 5 local gardens on Saturday June 14, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour is sponsored by Eastman Chemical Company.

This will be a day of self-guided garden tours featuring some of Kingsport's most beautiful private gardens: Rotherwood Mansion, Fry Garden on Wanola, Rose Garden on Linville Street, Babb Garden on White Street and **Harvest of Hope Community Garden** on Charlemont Street.

Tickets for "Saturday in the Gardens" are \$25. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, 400 Clinchfield Street, Suite 100 in early May. Light refreshments will be included at one of the gardens.

Visitors to the gardens may tour at their own pace. Comfortable shoes are recommended for the garden tours. All areas may not be level or handicapped accessible. Tour at your own risk. No pets or strollers. Tour will be held rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, contact Keep Kingsport Beautiful at (423) 392-8814 or rcleary@kingsportchamber.org.

Keep Kingsport Beautiful is a partnership of the City of Kingsport and the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce and is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful..

Volunteers Needed To Plant New Rain Garden For The City Of Bristol

Volunteers are needed to help plant a rain garden in the municipal parking lot of downtown Bristol right along Beaver Creek. This is an unusual, far-thinking project because the city of Bristol will be tearing out part of the parking lot right alongside Beaver Creek and installing a new rain garden to help protect the creek from polluted stormwater runoff from the parking lot. See the picture of the garden's site!



The city plans to have all construction done by the middle of May. All soil will be prepared, and we need volunteers to come in and simply put in the plants. The garden is 90 feet by 10 feet, running parallel to the stream. If we can get 9 people total, each person will be assigned a 10 foot section and need to install about 70 flower and grass plugs. Each person will get a box of plugs and can place the different mix of species as they see fit.

An exact date will not be available until construction is completed but planting should be sometime between May 7 and May 21. If you are interested in helping or have questions, call Joy Stewart at 423 573-2376 or e-mail her at joylarry@btes.tv

Chris' Corner



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Spring is finally here! Considering many were ready shortly after the New Year, it has been a difficult wait. There are many gardening project opportunities around the Tri-Cities area for you to plug into. If you need suggestions about projects in your area, you may want to contact Johnny Suthers, the NETMGA Project Chair.

In the early beginnings of the UT Extension Master Gardener Program, it was generally an accepted concept that once a person completed the Master Gardener program,

they would always be a Master Gardener. This policy changed in 2003 as our program underwent some standardization at the state level.

Currently, Active Master Gardeners must report a minimum of 25 ACT Hours and 8 CEUs each year. Master Gardener Interns (those MGs who have just completed the MG Training Course) must complete 40 ACT Hours and 8 CEUs the first year to become an Active MG.

Approximately two years ago, the UT Extension State MG Coordinator implemented a change for Lifetime Master Gardeners to ease the process of documentation of active volunteers. Currently, we have two status levels for Lifetime MGs. The first level is Lifetime Active MGs who must report 5 ACT hours. The second level is Lifetime Inactive MGs who do not have to report any hours. The main difference is the Lifetime Inactive MGs are not listed as currently active MGs within the University of Tennessee and are therefore not covered under UT Liability. This is the only way UT Extension can easily track the number of current active volunteers. If you have any questions, call me at my office at 279-2723.

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Featured Project

Tipton-Haynes Historic Site

There are exciting things happening at Tipton-Haynes Historic Site this year. We have been looking to expand the uses of the gardens already on site. We are in the process of certifying the visitor center garden as a Monarch Waystation and a Backyard Habitat. We have also submitted an application to receive 32 free milkweed plants which is funded by the Natural Resource Defense Council.



We have learned a connection between milkweed and the history of the site. André Michaux, the French botanist, stayed with Col. John Tipton twice during his journeys in North America. Michaux was very interested in the milkweed which is the host plant for monarch butterflies. He mentions milkweeds among the first plants he encountered on his very first journey from Charleston in April 1787. Michaux planted at least four different species of milkweed in his Charleston garden. He differentiated twelve species of *Asclepias*, the milkweed genus. He named one new species: *Asclepias longifolia*, the savannah milkweed or longleaf milkweed. One species of milkweed is actually named after him: *Asclepias michauxii*, Michaux's milkweed which is native from SC south into FL and west to Louisiana.

We want to connect the history of the site with conservation of today. The garden will serve as an educational space to inform children, youth, and adults about the importance of species conservation of plants and insects. We are excited to be a part of the movement to bring back the monarch butterfly.



The rich history of the site will be able to come alive through the gardens in the lives of over 2000 school children who visit the site, 80 children involved in the summer program, and among the visitors of all ages each year.

The other gardens on the grounds are growing well. The kitchen garden near the house already has heirloom vegetables coming up for 2014. The slave garden near the cabin continues to evolve with a new gate and fence and crops the slaves would have brought from Africa such as okra, millet, and peanuts.

2013 was a great year at Tipton Haynes. The volunteer numbers grew from 1 to 7. Thank you to Class of 2012 MGs who joined the site. Picture to the left was last spring. We would love to see more new faces come join the fun at Tipton-Haynes!



Cultivating Leadership

This section is dedicated to those who share their gifts and talents with our organization by fearlessly managing and leading Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners. The goal is to educate NETMGA members about each leadership position and encourage those who may feel that serving on the board might be their cup of tea. The positions highlighted are currently held, however if you are interested, just work on building a relationship with person in charge.

The board of the NETMGA is made up of six main positions: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, member at large and past president. In addition to the board, committee chairs often head up special portions of leadership. This edition of "Cultivating Leadership" will focus on our newsletter and the person who does the newsletter layout for each issue, *Junella McClellan.

For nine years, NETMGA has produced an email newsletter with Junella McClellan playing a key role. Our newsletter is an essential part of NETMGA communication. It relays vital information about project needs and upcoming events. Junella logs about 4-5 hours per issue and uses Microsoft Word and Publisher along with Adobe Acrobat Standard to keep us all undated and informed. The odd thing about this job is that the newsletter is completed without Junella attending any meetings. She works with two newsletter editors via email, Julie McPherson and Betts Leach. Those two news hounds send her the edited articles and calendar of events, then Junella converts them into newsletter form and "makes it pretty" by adding photos and artwork, if needed and none is provided.

Then the finished piece goes back to the editors for distribution. This is not always a one step process but the final work is brilliant! Junella adds her special touch by changing up the format from time to time. She tells me that the goal is to have the newsletter hit the stands (technically our email inboxes) on the first of the month. She would really like to hear comments and suggestions from NETMGA members.

*A special thank you to Junella for sharing her time with us through this email interview.

- - Amy Yeary Holmes

Solomon Seal Plants Available!

Nina Hedrick has many Variegated Solomon Seal Plants to give away. This is Japanese Solomon Seal, *polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegated', not the native woodland plant, *polygaonatum biflorum*. Likes shade/part shade. Very easy to grow. Nina says, "Just come to the house and dig up some rhizomes." Be sure to let Nina know you are coming first: hedrick@chartertn.net



(photo courtesy Steve Still, Perennial Plant Association)

MG Trip to Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Center

NETMGA is planning two trips for Master Gardeners this summer. The first trip is scheduled for Monday, June 30 to Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Center near Wytheville, VA. This is a day trip and we will be traveling in rental vans.

Beagle Ridge is a wonderful 2 acre herb farm with a butterfly house and several acre pond as well as trails. Owner Ellen Reynolds will give us a tour and provide us with a delicious herbal lunch. To sign up for the trip, go to www.netmga.net and complete the form, then send it along with a check made to NETMGA for \$35.00 to Pat Mazurkiewicz, 232 Cherry Street, Blountville, TN 37617-4743 by May 30, 2014. For more information about Beagle Ridge visit their website:

<http://www.beagleridgeherbfarm.com/43/index.html>

MG Trip to UT Gardens & Plateau AG Research Station - Knoxville/ Crossville

The second trip is planned for August 25-26, 2014. The group will travel in a chartered bus. We need at least 40 people to make this trip a go!

Day 1 Schedule:

The bus will pick-up in Johnson City at the Wal-Mart on Browns Mill Road at 8:00 a.m. and in Kingsport near Ingles at 8:30 a.m.

Travel to UT Gardens in Knoxville for a tour around 10:15 a.m.

Leave UT around 11:30 a.m. to travel to Beaver Creek Nursery, which offers many rare and unusual plants in addition to time honored favorites that appeal to the discerning gardener. They offer a wide range of native and non-native trees, shrubs, and perennials, which include over 20 varieties of Japanese Maples. Another unique feature at Beaver Creek is 3 acres of display gardens. Here you can roam freely (wear comfortable shoes) or just sit, relax and experience nature. Lunch will be provided here.

Leave Beaver Creek around 1:30 p.m. and travel to Willow Ridge Nursery near Oak Ridge for a demo on a new gardening technique plus time to enjoy all the great plants...and shop!

After Willow Ridge, travel to Crossville for the night staying at the Hampton Inn at exit 322. Dinner will be on your own.

Day 2 Schedule:

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and the bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. to travel to the Plateau Ag Research Station near Crossville for a day of tours, workshops and lunch at the Fall Festival.

Plan to leave around 2:00 p.m. to travel home. We should arrive in Kingsport between 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The cost for the trip is \$135.00* including bus, tip, hotel and one lunch. It must be paid by July 30, 2014. No credit cards, please. To register go to www.netmga.net, complete the form and send it with your check, payable to NETMGA, to Pat Mazurkiewicz, 232 Cherry Street, Blountville, TN 37617-4743. (*\$135.00 for a double room/\$180.00 for a single room)

For additional information: contact Jane Mullins at 423-737-7915(c) or 423-212-0173 (h)

May & June SAPS Meetings

May SAPS Meeting

Horticulturist and garden writer Hugh Conlon will present "Three Year Annuals" on Thursday, May 15, at 7 pm in the auditorium of the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St. in downtown Kingsport. Some gardeners say that planting annuals every spring is a lot of work and expense. Others complain that perennials are "boring", looking the same year after year. One good alternative is to plant select perennials for 3-4 years. Good design and proper selection will provide a great color splash most of the summer with little maintenance. Many beautiful plant combinations from public and private gardens will be shown.

Hugh Conlon recently retired from the University of Tennessee where he served 33 counties in East Tennessee as Extension Area Specialist Ornamental Horticulture. Over the past 35 years Hugh has written hundreds of garden features and articles for magazines and newspapers and has been a frequent lecturer at commercial horticultural and gardening events. Hugh organized the first UT Master Gardener class in the Tri-Cities area in 1994. Currently, he posts articles on his website and garden blog, www.whatgrowsthere.com and continues to speak to Master Gardeners, garden clubs, and trade and professional associations.

Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) and the Kingsport Higher Education Center, this program is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail ijnmoore@embarqmail.com.

SAPS Asheville Garden Tour in June

SAPS is sponsoring a day long garden tour to the Asheville, NC area on Saturday, June 7, 2014. The tour features 4 truly outstanding gardens, all of which has been featured on tours of national horticultural organizations plus opportunities to shop for plants. With bus pickup spots in the Kingsport and Johnson City areas, scheduled stops are:

White Gate Inn and Cottage Garden in Asheville is an award-winning garden

Tall Pines - Ev Whittemore's Garden in Penrose, NC

Home and Garden of Hazel And Byron Richards in Hendersonville, NC

Blue Ridge Daylily Garden in Weaverville, NC

The last stop will be **Mountain Meadow Nursery**

Cost (includes tour, transportation, lunch, and bottled water) is \$45.00 for SAPS members and \$59.00 for Non-SAPS members. Sign-up Deadline: Friday May 20, 2014 (5:00 p.m.)

For a more details about the trip and/or to register, see <http://saps.us/trips>, or call Hugh Conlon at (423) 282-9215 for additional information.

The Impulse Purchase

Ever go to the garden center, “just to look for ideas”? Happens to me every spring...can't wait to get in the greenhouse and inhale that wonderful fragrant smell. I always come home with something new to plant, too. One of those unplanned purchases turned out to be the highlight of my spring garden this year.

I'd been looking for a special focal point plant for the front yard. Suddenly, I spotted this unique little



dwarf tree that had a trunk in the shape of the letter “S”. (Since my name starts with an “S”, I just had to have it!). This little tree is an elegant little ornamental snow fountain cherry (Prunus “Snofozam” Snow Fountains), a cultivar of the weeping higan cherry (Prunus subhirtella var. pendula).

Of course, they don't all come with an “S” shaped trunk. They also come with straight trunks or nursery trained into several other interesting forms. They're relatively pest free and winter hardy to zones 5 through 8.

The main thing I've learned about growing this beautiful tree involves pruning. Even though it only reaches a maximum of twelve feet tall, the branches that hang down grow fast and start to drag on the ground within a year. Too many people just chop off the branches about halfway up which makes it look like a mushroom. This just ruins the look. It's supposed to look like a fountain!

Cutting the hanging branches alternately between 10 inches to 18 inches from the ground gives it a nice draping look. It also helps to thin out the canopy for good air circulation. Some experts say to prune it after it blooms, but I like to wait until most of the leaves drop in fall or early spring. Makes it easier to spot the branches you want to cut. It's also important to remove any branches growing straight up in addition to any branches rubbing on others. It took a little practice, but this year it looks great.

If you're considering adding an accent plant to your garden, you can't go wrong with the beautiful white foliage of this special little tree!

Sue Stanley, TMG since 2006, Gardening in Greenback TN

NETMGA Projects List

1. **Appalachian Fairgrounds** Gray
Herb Garden Debbie Green djgreen1955@gmail.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
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4. **Church Hill Senior Citizens Center Garden**
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Judy Penley chscgarden@yahoo.com
5. **Exchange Place Living History Farm** Kingsport
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Dave Gostomski-Lawns, Trees, etc. 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
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10. **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park** Elizabethton
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11. **Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City
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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

MAY 2014 Calendar of Events

- 2 & 3 **Spring Plant Sale & Raffle** at The Botanical Gardens at Asheville
Friday hours: noon - 6 pm; Saturday hours: 8:30 am - 3 pm; Rain or Shine. The Botanical Gardens at Asheville is located at 151 W.T. Weaver Blvd. (near UNCA). For more information call (828) 252-5190.
- 2-4 **MID-ATLANTIC GARDEN FAIRE**, Abingdon, VA
This event is sponsored by the Virginia Master Gardeners and features educational programs and demonstrations, as well as opportunities to shop in the Garden Marketplace. For complete details including admission and seminar topics, visit the website www.gardenfaire.net. **(CEU Opportunity)**
- 2-4 **25th Annual Asheville Herb Festival**. WNC Farmers Market, Asheville, NC. For more information: <http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/festivalinfo.htm>
- 3 **Carver Peace Gardens Workday** (in Johnson City)
9am; for information contact Sam Jones at simpleintn@yahoo.com
- 3 **Sycamore Shoals State Park Plant Auction**, 8:15 am to register; 9:00 Auction begins, Elizabethton, TN
- 3 **Patio Sun/Shade Container – Make & Take Workshop** - by The Green People
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport and Colonial Heights, \$20 Activity fee
- 3-4 **55th Annual Rhododendron & Azalea Flower Show**, presented by the American Rhododendron Society, SE Chapter. This yearly judged event features hundreds of blooms. The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, is home to the National Native Azalea Collection, and visitors are encouraged to explore the collection, located along Bent Creek. For information call (828) 665-2492
- 4 **Orchid Society of East Tennessee** - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- 6 **Washington County Bee Keepers Association**, Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1 – 7:30 pm
- 10 **Sycamore Shoals hosts Bird Walk** with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8:00 am - Meet other birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. For more information call 423-543-5808
- 10 **Leaf Print Workshop with Mathew McMillan**
10:00 am; Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Cost:\$30-members/\$40-non-members. To register, email info@knoxgarden.org or call 865-862-8717. For information, please email mathew@knoxgarden.org
- 10 **Dahlia Tuber Sale and Mum Cutting Sale** - Carolinas Dahlia Society and North Carolina Chrysanthemum Society North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville; A wide variety of dahlia tubers and chrysanthemum rooted cuttings featuring cultivated varieties are available. Learning from Dahlia and Mum Society experts, visitors can uncover the secrets of how to produce plants with show quality blooms. Customers purchasing \$20 of mums will receive 2 free mum cuttings. Customers purchasing \$20 of dahlias will receive one free dahlia tuber. For information call (828) 665-2492
- 10 **Arbor Day Celebration** at International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, TN
Sponsored by Johnson City Power Board. Check out plant vendors, local crafters, get tips about planting and trimming from Master Gardeners and more. Miss Arbor Day Pageant starts at 10 am in the Storytelling Theatre, photography contest of trees & shrubs with cash prizes, 3 divisions adult, teen, child.. More info 423.239.9433
- 10 **Ramp Festival**, Flag Pond in Unicoi County, TN
- 10-11 **Blooms Days Garden Festival and Marketplace** – UT Gardens, Knoxville
- 12 **NETMGA Board Meeting**, 6:00 pm, Gray Fairgrounds Ticket Office
- 15 **Gardener's Toolshed: Herbs/Companion Plants** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm; Greene County Extension Office, Greeneville, TN. ([Map](#)) \$3.00 registration fee due by May 5th; space is limited to 20, so register by calling (423)798-1710 soon! Bring your own lunch for a learning lunch!

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- 5-17 **Bee Master Program**
Johnson County Extension Office, Mountain City, TN. Call (423) 727-8161 for information.
- 17 **Terrariums – Create Your Own** (Catch the new “old” craze!)
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City. Pre-registration recommended: (423) 282-3431.
- 17 **Healthy Gardening Choices** - by Phil Ramey, 10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- 17 **A Southern Appalachian Tree Walk in the Gardens**, Rebecca Priddy
10 am – 12 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville
You can read more about Becky at her blog: <http://ayearwiththetrees.blogspot.com>. Meet at the BGA Visitor Center. Rain or Shine: bring rain gear/umbrella! Cost: BGA members: \$12, Nonmembers: \$17 Reservations are required. Contact Office Administrator at BGA for additional information and/or to register (828) 252-5190
- 17 **Wayne Scott Strawberry Festival**, Unicoi, TN
- 17-18 **19th Annual Iris Festival** in Greeneville, TN
- 22 **Insectary Borders Workshop** at Exchange Place Living History Farm
5:30 to 7:30 pm. A \$10 fee (free for Exchange Place garden volunteers) includes 2 insectary plants. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact 423-348-6570 or shyvalley@aol.com
- 22 **Gardener’s Toolshed: Crazy about Container Gardening...Growing a little Salsa**
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm; Greene County Extension Office, Greeneville, TN. ([Map](#))
\$3.00 registration fee due by May 19th; space is limited to 20, so register by calling (423) 798-1710 soon! Bring your own lunch for a learning lunch!
- 24 **Tree & Shrub Summer Color Options for the Landscape**
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City. Pre-registration recommended: (423) 282-3431.
- 24 **Small Fruits/Veggies in the Garden** - by The Green People
All Weekend - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport and Colonial Heights
- 24 **18th Annual Garden Gala** in Jonesborough. Tickets for the tour and tea, which includes light refreshments, are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. Group rates available. For tickets call 423.753.1010.
- 24-25 **Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society Exhibition**
The annual exhibition features award-winning roses of every color and size. Experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about the selection, care, and history of roses. Educational programs will be offered throughout the weekend. For information call (828) 665-2492
- 24 -25 **Garden Jubilee** in Hendersonville, NC
- 25 **Sunday Garden Walk: Egg Carton Garden** - UT Gardens in Knoxville
3 - 4 pm. This free tour offers visitors a chance to learn about the UT Gardens and see what is new. **Cost: Free**. Contact Derrick Stowell at 865-974-7151 or dstowell@utk.edu for more information.
- 31 **2014 Eastern Region Master Gardener Day**, UT Campus, Knoxville
For information, registration form, and schedule for the day, go to www.netmga.net
- 31 **Summer Veggies – Tips & Varieties for Additional Summer Crops**
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City. Pre-registration recommended: (423) 282-3431.
- 31 **Fruit Trees in the Garden** - by Chris Ramsey
10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport

JUNE 2014 Calendar of Events

- 1 **Orchid Society of East Tennessee** - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- 2 **NETMGA General Meeting** at Appalachian Fairgrounds at Gray in Building 1.
Program: "**Fungi in the Landscape**" with John F. Walker, PhD., Biology Professor from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC 6:00 pm Meet and Greet-bring a snack to share. Program begins at 6:30 pm
- 3 **Washington County Bee Keepers Association**, Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1 – 7:30 pm
- 5 **Gardener's Toolshed: Three Sisters Gardening**
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm; Greene County Extension Office, Greeneville, TN. ([Map](#)) \$3.00 registration fee due by June 2; space is limited to 20, so register by calling (423) 798-1710 soon! Bring your own lunch for a learning lunch!
- 7 **Groundcovers for Dry Shade & Wet Shade Areas**
10:30 am – Evergreen of Johnson City. Pre-registration recommended: (423) 282-3431.
- 7 **Herbs in the Garden** - by Joy Moore. 10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- 7 **Creating a Native Pocket Meadow**, Lisa Wagner
10:30 am – 12 pm; The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Butler Room & Gardens. Cost: BGA members: \$12, Nonmembers: \$17. Reservations are required. Contact Office Administrator at BGA for additional information and/or to register (828) 252-5190
- 7 **SAPS Asheville Garden Tour**
For more details about the trip and/or to register, see <http://saps.us/trips>, or call Hugh Conlon at (423) 282-9215 for additional information. Registration deadline: May 20, 2014 (5:00 p.m.)
- 14 **Canning Veggies from the Garden** - by Karen Gibson. 10:00 am - Evergreen – Riverport Rd Kingsport
- 14 **Keep Kingsport Beautiful 2014 Saturday in the Gardens Tour**
10:00am – 3:00 pm. **Harvest of Hope Gardens will be featured!!** Contact Robin Cleary at rcleary@kingsportchamber.org or (423) 392-8800 for additional information and tickets.
- 18 **Switchgrass Fuel and Forage Field Day!** – Loudon County, TN
8:00 am – 1:00 pm. RSVP to Loudon County Extension Agent by June 7.
- 19 **Gardener's Toolshed: Vertical Vines**
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm; Greene County Extension Office, Greeneville, TN. ([Map](#))
\$3.00 registration fee due by June 16th; space is limited to 20, so register by calling (423) 798-1710 soon! Bring your own lunch for a learning lunch!
- 21 **Dragonfly Day at Warrior's Path**
Jewelwings, Sprites and Skimmers! Discover the world of these and other native dragonflies and damselflies. Learn to observe, photograph and identify native dragonflies and damselflies. Free but pre-registration is required. For more information call 423-239-6786 or 423-239-8531 or marty.silver@tn.gov.
- 21 **Gardening with Shady Characters**, with horticulturist Brian Campbell
10:00 am; Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Cost: Free-members/\$5-non-members. For information or to register, call 865-862-8717 or email info@knoxgarden.org.
- 21-22 **67th Annual Rhododendron Festival**
Celebrate and explore the world's largest natural Catawba rhododendron garden - take in the expansive views and bushes abloom atop Roan Mountain. At the foot of the mountain, the festival features handmade crafts, food and a variety of traditional music, plus an array of old-time folkway demonstrations. For details and schedules visit www.roanmountain.com/festival.htm.
- 30 **NETMGA Field Trip to Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Center**
Field trip [Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Center](#) near Wytheville, VA, is a day trip and the group will travel in rental vans. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 pm. The cost of the trip will be \$35.00 and includes lunch. **Deadline to register is May 30.** For more details and registration form, go to www.netmga.net



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