

EVENTS FOR LATE SUMMER AND FALL 2014!!

Time to harvest, and plant and grow late crops! 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!!

Kingsport Pepper Festival – September 13!

The First Annual Kingsport Pepper Festival is coming! Plan to join those who love all things peppers on Saturday, September 13th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Kingsport Farmers Market. This event will feature vendors, demonstrations, and competitions for all ages PLUS an “Iron Stomach” Hot Wings Eating Contest.

Many varieties of peppers will be in attendance, including hot, cool, and sweet. See what can be made from peppers; things like jelly, salts, and rubs. Attend workshops for growing peppers, canning peppers, and making salsa.

Think you can handle hot foods? Test your metal* by competing in the “Iron Stomach” Hot Wings Eating Contest. (*I know, it’s really “test your mettle” but we are talking about “iron stomachs” here!)

There will also be games to play for kids and adults!! Have fun with the “Peter Piper” Tongue Twister Contest and the “Pepper Pot” Bean Bag Toss.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Harvest of Hope Community Garden (see this issue’s *Featured Projects*). For more information about the Pepper Festival visit www.kptpepperfestival.com.



Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival



Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, will hold its 42nd annual Fall Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, September 28, from 12 noon to 5 pm. The Festival will focus on harvest time activities on an 1850s farm with an emphasis on pioneer arts and crafts, ‘ol timey foods, music, and children’s activities.

Artisans will demonstrate and sell a wide array of traditional folk arts, and the Harvest Market will feature plants, autumn produce and seasonal crafts. Admission is \$3 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. For more information, call 423-288-6071. <http://exchangeplace.info> Master Gardener volunteers are needed to staff a shift at the Master Gardeners’ booth. To volunteer please contact Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or injmoore@embarqmail.com.

Upcoming NETMGA Meetings

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

Monday, October 6th NETMGA General Meeting. Place and time will be provided as soon as determined.

October 6, 2014 Master Gardener Meeting

The Monday, October 6 MG Meeting Speaker is Kim Whitson, who is a landscape designer. She will discuss Winter Containers. The location for this meeting has not been confirmed. We hope to do it at Kim's building in the Sulfur Springs community. Members will be notified ASAP.

MG Announcements

Buds for the 2014 Master Gardener Classes

Please help our new Master Gardener Class **Sprouts** by becoming their **Bud**. It is a simple job and a great way to meet some really special new friends. All you have to do is give the Sprouts a phone call to welcome them to the class and see if they have any questions. You may want to give them your phone number and email so they can contact you later if they have more questions. The time you spend will count as ACT hours. This year if you want to be a **Bud**, please call Gail Shaver at 423-323-1817 or email her at cgs1955@gmail.com.

Moderators Needed for the 2014 Master Gardener Classes

Anyone interested in being a moderator for one of the MG classes should contact Jane Mullins at ajtmul35@yahoo.com or phone 423-737-7915. The classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30-9:00 pm at Northeast State Community College. Moderators are asked to come to the class early to be sure the room is set up correctly, to help set up refreshments, to introduce the speaker, keep them on schedule and to do any clean up needed after the class. It may also involve securing and returning equipment from Chris. This job will count as ACT hours for those who volunteer.

MASTER GARDENER FALL 2014 CLASS SCHEDULE

9/4 THURS	MG INTRO CLASS	CHRIS RAMSEY
9/9 TUE	INTRO TO HORTICULTURE	DR TIM MCDOWELL
9/11 THURS	PRACTICAL LANDSCAPING / PLANT SELECTION	KEN SOERGEL / HUGH CONLON
9/16 TUE	WATER MANAGEMENT	CAROL DOSS
9/18 THURS	SAPS MEETING "Gardens of the World"	DR DAVID MICHNER
9/22 MON	BEES & POLLINATORS	DR SKINNER
9/25 THURS	PLANT SELECTION / PRACTICAL LANDSCAPING	HUGH CONLON / KEN SOERGEL
9/30 TUE	CREATING A GARDENING BALANCE	PHIL RAMEY
10/2 THURS	PESTICIDE SAFETY	MELODY ROSE
10/7 TUE	COMPOST/ RAISED BED GARDENING	EARL HOCKIN
10/9 THURS	PLANT PATHOLOGY/IPM	KEITH HART
10/14 TUE	ENTOMOLOGY	MANNIE BEDWELL
10/16 THURS	SEED STARTING & PLANT PROPAGATION	LAWRENCE COX
10/21 TUE	LAWNS	CHRIS RAMSEY
10/23 THURS	SOILS/VERMICOMPOSTING	TREVOR HUNT
10/28 TUE	WEED SCIENCE/IPM	PHIL BLEVINS
10/30 THURS	LAST CLASS/DINNER	CHRIS RAMSEY

*PENDING PHONE CONFIRMATION

Featured Project

Gardens at Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA) Hospitals

An enthusiastic group of Master Gardeners meets weekly, using their gardening skills to create and maintain gardens at several Johnson City hospitals.



On any Friday morning, the entrance gardens at Johnson City Medical Center are abuzz with volunteers, working to produce a therapeutic environment for patients, visitors and staff. The tranquil gardens are ideal places to relax and get away from the stress that occurs within the building. Master Gardeners also maintain a variety of tropical plants in several lobbies of the Medical Center. These create a calming atmosphere and create a pleasant diversion from the fast paced medical setting.



Woodridge Hospital, a psychiatric facility, also has gardens designed and maintained by the Master Gardeners. The gardens are instrumental in the healing of patients, a comfort to family members, and a pleasure for staff members.

Quillen Rehab, just off Princeton Road, on Wesley St., is a third location for the MSHA crew. We assumed that location three years ago and a small group meets on Wednesday mornings. Although the grounds had been landscaped many years ago, it had been neglected and was extremely overgrown. Our first job was to remove many years' worth of English Ivy! Today, our efforts are geared to providing soothing and calm surrounding for patients and staff. We manage the front entrance, side entrance and a lovely courtyard. The facility is small, friendly and appreciative!

The gardens at all three facilities serve as demonstration gardens. As members of the public traverse the gardens, they will stop and ask questions and discuss various gardening issues. The Master Gardeners enjoy working as a team, serving the community in these unique settings, and educating the public as we work. More volunteers are welcome!



Master Gardeners: report your hours each month!!

Featured Project

Harvest of Hope Community Garden



Doug Hilton, Harvest of Hope Project Leader, reports expansion in the number of raised beds and a larger garden shed as “what’s happening” this year.

The Harvest of Hope Garden (recently expanded to the east), now has weed fabric added, chat/gravel, and new raised beds. More fabric and gravel will be added to cover grass area (future).

All of these wonderful improvements to the garden yielded over five-hundred (500) pounds of produce harvested so far this season. Produce was transported to Kitchen of Hope and St. Paul's Food Pantry, just two of the many local charities supported by Harvest of Hope produce.

The picture shows how the shed looks now, before it is expanded to double the size (future construction). HOH gardeners say that the shed expansion can be done for under \$300!! This shed currently stores tools, supplies, a wheelbarrow, etc. With the HOH Garden expansion and continuous raised bed constructions, the shed is well overdue for enlargement, which will support the efforts of the gardeners. Fall/Winter CLEANUP of the garden will be Oct. 18th. at 10:00 am.



Chris' Corner

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This summer has passed so quickly! It seems like I missed part of it. Hopefully, your gardening year has been satisfying. We have been very blessed with rain during much of the summer, making this a great gardening year.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed working in your respective projects. There is still some gardening time left in this year as we approach fall. The 2014 UT Extension Master Gardener Training Program begins on Thursday, September 4. Contact Jane Mullins if you would like to be a moderator as there are probably some openings. You may also just want to come and sit in on a class. I have always found that I will learn something even if I have already attended a similar educational program.

We have a new State Master Gardener Coordinator scheduled to begin employment on October 21. Her name is Natalie Bumgarner. Her official title will be Residential and Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist. Hopefully, you'll have an opportunity to meet Natalie at a future MG event.

Keep in mind the opportunity to submit a project for Search for Excellence Awards competition. NETMGA has been very competitive in this competition in the past. If you have any questions, please call or text 423-646-9043.

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SAPS Events

September Herb Saplings Meeting

Herb Saplings meeting will be September 4, "Building an Herb Box 101" with Bill Grigsby at 7 pm at Exchange Place. At this hands on meeting we will build 2'x 6"x 6" wooden planters from untreated pine. (Bill says untreated pine is better quality wood than pressure treated, but it will need to be sealed to extend its life.) Materials fee is \$9. To register for this workshop, contact Lizblakely@yahoo.com by September 1. Folks can attend without a reservation if they don't wish to make a box. Everyone is invited to divide some herbs and bring them to share to fill our boxes. Bring an herb snack to share if you can.

September SAPS Meeting – Thursday, September 18

University of Michigan botanist Dr. David Michener will present two gardening lectures on Thursday, September 18, at the Johnson City Power Board Auditorium, 2600 Boones Creek Road (Hwy 354.) in Johnson City. At 4 pm Dr. Michener will speak on Peonies and at 7 pm on Gardens of the World. Both programs are open to the public. Admission is \$5 for the 4 pm lecture (free for SAPS members) and free to all for the 7 pm program.

Dr. David C. Michener is the Associate Curator at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, where he oversees collection development, renovation and related information management. The historic Peony Garden at the Arboretum holds the most diverse and largest heritage (pre-1950) herbaceous peony collection in North America. The spring display is stunning, with over 270 historic cultivars from the nineteenth and early twentieth century representing the best American, Canadian, and European peonies of the era.

In the 4 p.m. "Peonies" program Dr. Michener will lead us as we visually explore the largest remaining heritage peony collection in North America. Herbaceous peonies have been beloved garden flowers for generations and were all the rage just over a century ago in American gardens. Find out what was treasured in "new" peonies from the 1830s through the 1940s. Even if you don't grow peonies at present, you'll find the human stories and photographs in the quest for beauty memorable. And if you catch the peony bug - the next National meeting is in Louisville this coming May.

At 7 pm "Gardens of the World," features many of the gardens Dr. Michener has visited. Gardens in the presentation were selected not only for their stunning beauty, but for their range of emotional experiences. Some have very restricted access and are little known in the USA. Perhaps you'll take home some new ideas for your own garden, and add some destinations to your life 'bucket list'.

For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail ijnmoore@embarqmail.com.

October SAPS Meeting

October 11 will be the SAPS Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction for SAPS members. New Master Gardener class members are invited to attend. Set up 11:00 am, Pot Luck Luncheon 11:30, Plant/Seed Swap and Silent Auction 12:30 -1:30pm.

For more info contact Earl Hockin: 423-817-5473.

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
Gwyn Duncan 423-239-0460 geduncan@charter.net
 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
Earl Hockin-Vegetable Garden ehockin@yahoo.com
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 6. **Harvest of Hope Community Garden** Kingsport
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 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
 11. **Tipton Haynes Historic Site** Johnson City
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 12. **Vance Community Gardens** Bristol
Gini Powell PowellG@btcs.org
Rebecca Craddock Craddockr@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**
Penny Rutledge pennyrutledge2@aol.com
 14. **Kingsport MeadowView Women's Expo, Home Show and Farm Show**
Doug Hilton 423-239-9433

SEPTEMBER 2014 Calendar of Events

- SEP 2 Washington County Bee Keepers Association
7:30 pm; Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1
- SEP 3 4 Seasons of Vegetable Gardening-Repeat Wednesday – by Jane Hall
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd only
- SEP 3 The Urban Wilderness: Explore IJAMS and the South Loop
1:00-3:00 pm. Explore a variety of trails around Ijams Nature Center and South Knoxville while enjoying beautiful warm weather and scenic views. This hike will be an explorer's hike on the South Loop of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. This is a longer hike (3-4 miles) and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. This program is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call (865) 577-4717, ext. 110 to register.
- SEP 4 Master Gardener Class Begins
6:30 – 9:00 pm; Northeast State Community College
- SEP 4 Herb Saplings Meeting - "Building an Herb Box 101" with Bill Grigsby
7:00 pm at Exchange Place, Kingsport.
- Sep 5-6 Organic Growers School Harvest Conference
AB Tech Main Campus, Asheville. Information: <http://organicgrowersschool.org/events/harvest-conference/overview/>
- SEP 5-7 Fall Naturalists' Rally at Roan Mountain State Park
The 52nd annual fall gathering of nature enthusiasts of all stripes! Fellowship over dinner, enjoy informative lectures, explore trails on guided hikes and bird watching excursions, etc. Led by Friends of Roan Mountain; contact: www.friendsofroanmtn.org or phone: 423-543-7576.
- SEP 5-14 Tennessee Valley Fair – Knoxville
- SEP 5-14 Tennessee State Fair - Nashville
- SEP 6 Extending Your Growing Season with Phil Ramey, UT Master Gardener
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300 to reserve your seat
- SEP 7 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- SEP 7 Native Plants for Pollinators-Asheville Botanical Gardens (Butler Room)
1:30 – 3 pm; Lisa Wagner returns to help you design a garden to encourage native pollinators (and honey bees) by using native plants that provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season, as well as providing larval food sources and nesting habitat. Cost: BGA members: \$12, Nonmembers: \$17. Reservations required. Contact: 828-252-5190 or bgardens@bellsouth.net.
- SEP 10 The Urban Wilderness: Explore IJAMS and the South Loop
1:00-3:00 pm. Explore a variety of trails around Ijams Nature Center and South Knoxville. This hike will be on the South Loop of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. This is a longer hike (3-4 miles) and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. This program is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call (865) 577-4717, ext. 110 to register.
- SEP 11 Turf and Ornamental Field Day – ET AgResearch Center-Plant Sciences Unit
8:00 am; Knoxville.
- SEP 13 Kingsport Pepper Fest-Kingsport Farmers Market
9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Vendors, Demonstrations, Competitions, and More! Festival proceeds benefit Harvest of Hope Community Garden. Contact: www.kptpeppercfestival.com.
- SEP 13 Heirloom vs. Hybrid Seeds, GMO and Organics with Marty Litz
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300 to reserve your seat

- SEP 13 Fall Lawn Care
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Karen Gibson at Riverport Rd and Jonathon Smith at Colonial Heights
- SEP 13 Growing Together: Recycled Bird Feeders - UT Gardens, Knoxville
10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This class will teach families how to make bird feeders from common household items that we no longer want. Participants will leave with a bird feeder to hang up at home. Cost: \$20/member family, \$30/nonmember family. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
- SEP 13 Adults Workshop: Fall Container Gardening-UT Gardens, Knoxville
1:00 – 3:00 pm. This class will teach you how to design and plant a container for fall. Cost includes soil and plant materials. Participants will need to bring their own container. Cost: \$20/member, \$30/nonmember. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
- SEP 13 Fall Plant & Rummage Sale at Botanical Gardens at Asheville
9:30 am – 3:00 pm; Rain or Shine! Contact: (828) 252-5190
- SEP 14 Sunday Garden Walk – UT Gardens, Knoxville
3:00 – 4:00 pm. These free tours offer visitors a chance to learn about the UT Gardens and see what's new in our garden. Contact: 865-974-7151 or dstowell@utk.edu to preregister. Cost: free
- SEP 17 The Urban Wilderness: Explore IJAMS and the South Loop
1:00-3:00 pm. Explore a variety of trails around Ijams Nature Center and South Knoxville. This will be an explorer's hike on the South Loop of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness, is a longer hike (3-4 miles), and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. This program is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call (865) 577-4717, ext. 110 to register.
- SEP 17 Home Grown: Buggy Business – UT Gardens, Knoxville
1:00 – 3:00 pm. What is a bug? What is an insect? Learn how to find and identify some creatures in the garden that are helpful and some creatures that are harmful. Cost: \$5 per student. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
- SEP 17 Introduction to Healing Gardens at NC Arboretum, Asheville
9:30 – 11:30 am. Instructor: Nina Shippen. Cost: \$20-Member/\$27-Non-Member. Limit 20 participants. Contact: 828-665-2492 or www.ncarboretum.org
- SEP 18 "Peonies" presented by Dr. David Michener
4:00 pm; Johnson City Power Board. Admission: \$5/Free for SAPS Members. Contact: Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or injmoore@embarqmail.com.
- SEP 18 SAPS Meeting - "Gardens Around the World" presented by Dr. David Michener
7:00 pm; Johnson City Power Board. Admission: Free. Contact: Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or injmoore@embarqmail.com.
- SEP 20 Sorghum and Apple Festival at Tipton-Haynes Historic Site
10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Visitors can participate in old-fashioned sorghum making, watch demonstrations of flax scutching, attend an antique apple lecture & tasting, listen to local music at "Bluegrass in the Barn", enjoy traditional woodcarving & other old-time crafts. Just to see the mules early in the day is worth the trip! Admission FREE – Donations encouraged.
- SEP 20 Perennials, Vegetables, and Herbs with Jeanne Cope, UT Master Gardener
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300 to reserve your seat
- SEP 20 Revitalize your Fall Planters – Make & Take Workshop by The Green People
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd and Colonial Heights. \$25 Activity Fee.
- SEP 21 Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum Fall Festival
11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Outdoor Games; Petting Zoo; Hayride Tours; Garden Tours, and more! Free Admission. Contact: info@knoxgarden.org.

- SEP 23 Garden Sprouts: Fall Fun – UT Gardens, Knoxville
10:00 - 11:30 am. Come and celebrate the first day of fall at the UT Gardens. Learn how plants and creatures change as fall turns into winter and make a fun fall craft to take home. Cost: \$5/member, \$10/nonmember. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
- SEP 24 Revitalize your Fall Planters – Make & Take Workshop – Repeat Wednesday
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only; by Jane Hall and The Green People. \$25 Activity Fee.
- SEP 25 Japanese Maples and Your Landscape at NC Arboretum, Asheville
9:30 – 12:00 pm. Instructor: Tom Ross. Cost: \$42-Member/\$52-Non-Member. Limit 20 participants. Participants will receive a Japanese maple seedling upon completion of the class. Contact: 828-665-2492 or www.ncarboretum.org
- SEP 27 Fruit Trees and Honey Bees with John Hamrick, UT Extension Washington County
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300 to reserve your seat
- SEP 27 Seed Swap & Preserving Seeds and Herbs
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only; by Jane Hall and The Green People.
- SEP 27 National Public Lands Day – Rocky Fork Hike
9 am – 12:00 pm. Group will meet at the Unicoi Co Visitor Center at 9 a.m. (located off of the Clear Branch Rd exit Interstate 26). Participants will hike through the park, discussing the area's cultural history and collecting pine cones to help repopulate the hemlock forests. Participants should bring enough food and water to last into the morning. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots. The estimated time of departure is noon. Contact: Tim Pharis, 423-631-7120 or tim.pharis@tn.gov
- SEP 27 National Public Lands Day – Conservation Area Restoration - Roan Mountain State Park
10:00 am. Manage the park's conservation plots by removing invasive plants and restoring the area for native warm-season grasses and wildflowers. Meet at 10 a.m. at the park headquarters and caravan to the work sites. Please wear work clothes, sturdy, closed-toe shoes and work gloves. Bring a jacket, drinking water and snacks. Please, no children under 12. Contact Park Office: 423-772-0190.
- SEP 27 Fall Plant Sale – UT Gardens Knoxville
9:00 am – 2:00pm. Shop for some unique and cutting-edge plants for your garden. All proceeds will benefit the UT Gardens. The sale will be located at the UT Gardens on the UT agriculture campus in Knoxville located on Neyland Drive adjacent to the UT Veterinary Hospital. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or (865) 974-8265
- SEP 27-28 Fall Folk Arts Festival at Exchange Place in Kingsport
10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Sunday. Admission: \$3. Contact: 423-288-6071 or <http://exchangeplace.info>

OCTOBER 2014 Calendar of Events

- OCT 1 Seed Swap & Preserving Seeds and Herbs – Repeat Wednesday
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only; by Jane Hall and The Green People.
- OCT 1 The Urban Wilderness: Explore IJAMS and the South Loop
1:00-3:00 pm. Explore a variety of trails around Ijams Nature Center and South Knoxville while enjoying beautiful warm weather and scenic views. This hike will be an explorer's hike on the South Loop of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. This is a longer hike (3-4 miles) and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. This program is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call (865) 577-4717, ext. 110 to register.
- OCT 4 Bird Walk with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter at Sycamore Shoals
8:00 am - Meet other birders and naturalists every Saturday in October for a morning of birding during the migratory season. Contact: 423-543-5808
- OCT 4 Raising Chicks & Basic Coop Management - Steve Stanley, A Different Chick Farm
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300

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- OCT 4 Composting in Your Garden
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Earl Hockin at Riverport Rd and Ben Hunter at Colonial Heights.
- OCT 5 Orchid Society of East Tennessee - 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- OCT 6 NETMGA General Meeting
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7:30 pm; Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1
- OCT 7 Making the Most of a Shade Garden at NC Arboretum, Asheville
10:00 – 11:30 pm. Instructor: Marian St.Clair. Cost: \$27-Member/\$37-Non-Member. Limit 32 participants. Contact: 828-665-2492 or www.ncarboretum.org
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- OCT 11 Basic Chicken Care with Melody Davis
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300
- OCT 11 Chicken Festival, Fall Festival, Farm Petting Zoo
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only.
- OCT 11 SAPS Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction
Set up: 11:00 am; Pot Luck Lunch: 11:30 am, Plant/Seed Swap & Silent Auction
12:30 -1:30 pm. Contact: Earl Hockin 423-817-54730.
- OCT 11 Roan Mountain State Park Autumn Harvest
12:00 pm. Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage at the Miller Farmstead and celebrate autumn at the park's annual harvest festival with traditional crafts, food, and entertainment. Contact Park Office: 423-772-0190
- OCT 11 Heritage Festival – Ames Plantation AgResearch Center – Grand Junction
- OCT 12 Sunday Garden Talk: Vermicomposting – UT Gardens, Knoxville
2:00 - 3:30 pm. Vermicomposting is a great way to compost in small spaces. Compost is one of the best ways to improve your soil health organically. Amanda Plante will teach you how to build and take care of a worm bin during this session. Cost: free/members, \$5/nonmembers. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
- OCT 15 Home Grown: Ecology or Mythology – UT Gardens, Knoxville
1:00 – 3:00 pm. This class will look at some common myths that we often hear about the environment. We will also explore the garden and learn how plants and animals are dependent on each other for survival. Cost: \$5 per student. Contact: (865) 974-8265 or utgardens@utk.edu.
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1:00-3:00 pm. Explore a variety of trails around Ijams Nature Center and South Knoxville while enjoying beautiful warm weather and scenic views. This hike will be an explorer's hike on the South Loop of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. This is a longer hike (3-4 miles) and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. This program is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required. Please call (865) 577-4717, ext. 110 to register.
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- OCT 18 Basic Raised Beds with Marty Litz
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300
- OCT 22 Indoor Plant Care by Jane Hall – Repeat Wednesday
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only.
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- OCT 23 Organic Crops Field Tour – ET AgResearch and Education Center – Plant Sciences Unit, Knoxville
- OCT 25 Bird Walk with the Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter at Sycamore Shoals
8:00 am - Meet other birders and naturalists every Saturday in October for a morning of birding during the migratory season. Contact: 423-543-5808
- OCT 25 Pruning in Your Landscape
10:00 am; Kingsport Evergreen; Riverport Rd only.
- OCT 25 Organic Gardening with Reece Barringer and Jeanne Cope
10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Mize Garden Center in Gray. Admission is free but call 467-2300
- OCT 25 Growing Native Plants from Seed- Asheville Botanical Gardens (Butler Room & Gardens)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Here's an opportunity to learn propagation from Pat Sommers, who has her own nursery where she grows all of her plants from seed and spore. We will walk in the Gardens to look at seeds for ripeness and to understand how a plant's cycle and environment tell us how to germinate the seed. Then we'll go inside to sow some seeds and talk about growing your own plants. Cost: BGA members: \$12, Nonmembers: \$17. Reservations required. Contact: 828-252-5190 or bgardens@bellsouth.net.
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