

## Is it Winter? Is it Spring? Is it Summer?

Seems like we have seen all three seasons lately. I've heard people talk about planting already, and one of my neighbors mowed their yard the other day!

Start earning 2017 CEUs now so you'll be free to garden when spring really arrives. Check out the Calendar of Events located at the end of this issue!



## Sullivan County UT Extension Office Assistance

Occasionally office help is needed in Chris's office! Do you like people, or working in an office for short periods of time, or helping people on the phone? Would you like to earn a few extra volunteer hours for doing those things?

If this volunteer opportunity appeals to you, contact Betts Leach, who coordinates the office volunteer, at [BettsL@aol.com](mailto:BettsL@aol.com). Provide your name, address, phone number, and email address.

## NETMGA Meetings

**NETMGA Board Meeting:** Monday, **March 6** at 6:00 p.m. in the Sullivan County Extension Office Meeting room, Blountville, TN.

**NETMGA General Membership Meeting:** Monday, **April 3** Memorial Park Community Center, Media Classroom; 510 Bert Street, Johnson City.

6:00 Networking - 6:30 Program begins (more information inside newsletter)

Please remember, in case of inclement weather, we follow the schedule of Northeast State Community College.

## Master Gardener Membership Meeting

The **April 3rd** General Meeting will be in the Media Classroom at Memorial Park Community Center in Johnson City. Doors open at 6:00 pm for networking and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Our speaker, Elizabeth Renfro, UT Extension Washington County – Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, will be demonstrating how to make herbal vinegars.

Elizabeth has been with UT Extension since 2010. She graduated from New Mexico State University in 2004 with a B.S. in Food Science and then continued graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University with a M.S. in Nutrition and Food Science. Elizabeth's main programming in Washington County is within the Nutrition and Food Safety knowledge area. She has facilitated many cooking classes, demonstrations, canning classes and food safety classes in Washington County and all over this region.

Herbal vinegars are easy to make and make elegant, inexpensive gifts. They can be used as marinades or in any recipe that calls for vinegar.

**UT Extension Master Gardener  
Class of 2016 Project  
Attention all Master Gardeners!  
We need your help!!**

The Class of 2016 is sponsoring the Back Porch Garden Sale and children's activities at the Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair on **April 29 - 30**. Here is how you can help! Start now and box up any gardening items you have that you don't use, such as pots, tools, garden decorations, gardening supplies, garden magazines and books, garden equipment, seeds, plants, even floral containers, vases, garden craft items, any items you would like to re-gift.



Please save plastic lids (such as mayo or peanut butter lids) for one of the children projects. Feel free to ask friends and family to help!

Bring your donations to the next General Meeting on April 3 or you can drop them off at the Exchange Place Rosalind Building on Thursday or Friday afternoon before the event. You can call or text Jane at 423-737-7915, or email [janemullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:janemullins2013@gmail.com) and she will make arrangements to pick up the items at your convenience.

All proceeds, with the exception of 10% of sales to the Exchange Place, will go into the NETMGA Treasury.

We will also have a Master Gardener Information table, staffed with MG volunteers, to answer **"ASK A MASTER GARDENER"** questions.

Below is a schedule of times and dates when help will be needed. Please volunteer in two hour shifts. Contact Jane Mullins, if you are willing to give your time.

Thursday, April 27 12:00 pm (noon) to 4:00 pm: Set-up and pricing.

Friday, April 28 12:00 pm (noon) to 4:00 pm: Continue to set-up and pricing.

Saturday, April 29 8:30 am to 5:00 pm: Collect money, work the Master Gardener Information Table, and work with the children's activities.

Sunday, April 30 11:00 am. to 5:00 pm: Collect money, work the Master Gardener Information Table, and work with the children's activities.

Sunday, April 30 5:00 to 6:00 pm: Gather items we don't sell for donation to the Habitat for Humanity Restore (Thrift Store)

Thank you in advance for all the great things you do for NETMGA!!

## From the President

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

It seems like only yesterday it was the beginning of a new year. We are already to the middle of February, Spring planting will soon be here, birds are starting to return, flowers are starting to grow and trees are starting to bud. WOW, how time moves on! Time is also moving on for the Master Gardener program here for us and across the state. Two years ago, Dr. Natalie Bumgarner came to Tennessee as Assistant Professor of Residential and Consumer Horticulture and Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Coordinator. Since then many meetings in person, conferences, video conferences, emails and phone calls have led to needed updates to the Master Gardeners Program across the state. Some of the changes to the Master Gardener program across the state may be found on the website where you log in your hours. Look for these articles in the bottom right corner. Please read each article. If you have any questions you may call or email me.

These PDF files may be down loaded and saved for future use:

**[Revised W-099 UT Extension publication for TEMG volunteers](#)**

**[Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners- looking to 2017.pdf](#)**

This is a video: [https://youtu.be/Ae1L\\_rOvj5Y](https://youtu.be/Ae1L_rOvj5Y)

Along with this new beginning for the state Master Gardener program comes a new beginning for our local program. In a short time, the Extension office will be moving to a new location and building. As part of that move our Master Gardener program will have an office there. New programs are being discussed to determine how we as Master Gardeners can provide the information and knowledge to the public on Horticulture issues they may need. As part of these discussions I will be sending a survey to everyone that did not attend the awards dinner in February. By you filling out this survey we will be able to determine who is best qualified to provide those answers. More information to follow as these things develop.

I want to thank each of you for all you do for our Master Gardener Program.

Looking to a great future for our MG Program,

Jerry Ramey,

NETMGA President



### **Rainbarrels**

#### **are still available!**

Jane Mullins still has some rain barrels to sell. Free delivery! If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Jane at 423-737-7915



## Featured Project

### Church Hill Senior Citizen's Center Garden



The Church Hill Senior Center Garden is starting its eighth growing season. Located on Main Street in Church Hill, right next to the police station, it has 37 raised beds, a berry berm and a two-tier herb garden. Since its inception in 2010, the members have made it a true community service garden, with all produce donated back to the community. The Senior Center's daily lunch program and the food pantry run by Of One Accord ministry have made good use of the over 20,000 pounds of vegetables grown by our dedicated crew.

Currently, the garden is a three season one, beginning its plantings in early March and finishing up in late October. Early in the season, Wednesday morning is the weekly work day and by late April, Monday mornings are added to the schedule. There are occasional special work days when community groups come to help with big garden projects.

The diverse plantings in the garden provide an area of interest for all gardeners. Besides over 37 varieties of vegetables grown each year, there are also berries, native perennials, annuals for pollinator attraction, and both annual and perennial herbs. We are slowly adding native trees and shrubs to the surrounding area to both beautify and educate the public on the advantage of native plants. We also make all our compost on site. This is a no pesticide use garden, with companion planting, beneficial insects, row covers and mechanical control providing insect control.

The educational focus of the garden is on the youth of the community. Local scouting and library groups have sessions at the garden, and Volunteer High School FFA students help with the "heavy-lifting" work days. The visible Main Street location has a lot of people dropping by to ask questions of the gardeners during regular workdays.



We are planning an additional row of beds as well as another compost bin this year, so additional help is always appreciated.

We welcome all interested master gardeners to come visit the garden and to come join our crew. The garden is only a short drive from Kingsport. If you would like to visit or be notified of our work schedule, please contact Marcia Vandermause at [chscgarden@yahoo.com](mailto:chscgarden@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you at the garden.



### Chris' Corner

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Gardening season is coming early! Hope it doesn't mean planting twice. I am excited as we are looking forward to another impactful year for the Northeast TN Master Gardener Program. We have a fundraiser going with the new Agriculture Center. Brick Pavers are available for individuals that want to participate with a donation to this project. I have information and forms available. Let me know and I will email this information to you or you can find this information on the UT Extension Sullivan County Facebook Page.

We have a great program coming up on Wednesday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Johnson City Power Board. This program will

be called **Right Tree Right Place**. It will feature programs on the following topics:

- 1 – Selecting the Right Tree
- 2 – Landscape Weed Management
- 3 – Fire Ants and Tenn Dept of Ag Regulation
- 4 – Impact of Fire on Trees in Gatlinburg
- 5 – New Emerging Tree Pests
- 6 – Pesticide Safety and Certification Rules

This will be a great opportunity to earn CEUs and network with other gardeners. Lunch will be provided. Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Points will be offered for those people that are interested. RSVP by Monday, March 13 by 5:00 p.m. if you plan to attend.

### NETMGA Projects List

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| <p><b>1</b><br/><b>Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park</b> Kingsport<br/>Gwyn Duncan 423-239-0460 <a href="mailto:geduncan@charter.net">geduncan@charter.net</a></p> <p><b>2</b><br/><b>Carver Peace Gardens</b> Johnson City<br/>Nancy Shilling 423-833-1420 <a href="mailto:nancyshillig@gmail.com">nancyshillig@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>3</b><br/><b>Church Hill Senior Citizens Center Garden</b><br/>Marcia Vandermause <a href="mailto:mmvdvm@charter.net">mmvdvm@charter.net</a><br/>Christine Barger 423-288-5115 <a href="mailto:o773h@hotmail.com">o773h@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>4</b><br/><b>Exchange Place Living History Farm</b> Kingsport<br/>Earl Hockin-Vegetable Garden <a href="mailto:ehockin@yahoo.com">ehockin@yahoo.com</a><br/>Dave Gostomski-Lawns, Trees, etc. <a href="mailto:e3fan98@yahoo.com">e3fan98@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>5</b><br/><b>Harvest of Hope Community Garden</b> Kingsport<br/>Doug Hilton 423-239-9433 <a href="mailto:howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com">howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>6</b><br/><b>Johnson City Medical Center, Woodridge Hospital</b> Johnson City<br/>Barbara Voigt 423-467-2013 <a href="mailto:voigt7b@comcast.net">voigt7b@comcast.net</a></p> <p><b>7</b><br/><b>Northeast State Community College Gardens to Degrees</b><br/>Contact Chris Ramsey for details</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/><b>Rocky Mount Living History Site</b> Piney Flats<br/>Don Davis home 423-854-0152, cell 423-943- 2392<br/><a href="mailto:donfdavis@aol.com">donfdavis@aol.com</a></p> <p><b>9</b><br/><b>Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park</b> Elizabethton<br/>TBA</p> <p><b>10</b><br/><b>Tipton Haynes Historic Site</b> Johnson City<br/>Vern Maddux <a href="mailto:vjornmaddux@embargmail.com">vjornmaddux@embargmail.com</a><br/>Betts Leach <a href="mailto:BettsL@aol.com">BettsL@aol.com</a></p> <p><b>11</b><br/><b>Vance Community Gardens</b> Bristol<br/>Gini Powell <a href="mailto:PowellG@btcs.org">PowellG@btcs.org</a><br/>Rebecca Craddock <a href="mailto:Craddockr@btcs.org">Craddockr@btcs.org</a></p> <p><b>12 &amp;13</b><br/>Projects 12 and 13 are one weekend a year for each of the 4 activities:</p> <p><b>Johnson City Home Show and Women's Expo</b><br/>Penny Rutledge <a href="mailto:pennyrutledge2@aol.com">pennyrutledge2@aol.com</a></p> <p><b>Kingsport MeadowView Home Show</b><br/>Doug Hilton 423-239-9433 <a href="mailto:howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com">howlatthemoon1775@gmail.com</a></p> |
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## Put These on Your Calendar

### ■ Herb Saplings Meeting

**March 2**, 7 pm at Exchange Place. Coriander/Cilantro - Herb of the Year - with Joy Moore. Learn about the many uses for this plant that is valued for both its leaves and its seeds. Bring an herb snack to share if you have time.

### ■ Green and Growing Seminars

Green and Growing lunchtime gardening seminars, will be presented from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on the first three Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. These free sessions are sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful and Kingsport Public Library. The seminar topics are:

**March 2 - Nature's Apothecary.** Christy Shivell, founder of Shy Valley Plant Farm, will walk you through starting your own herb garden and Linda Begley will give you a quick course in herbal essential oils.

**March 9 - Posies and Pollinators.** Roy Odom will talk to you about how to grow a cutting garden that attracts bees and butterflies. Roy holds a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture/Landscape and is a Kingsport Times News gardening columnist.

**March 16 - The ABC's of Container Gardening** with Master Gardener Phil Ramey of Harvest of Hope Community Garden. From a pot of tomatoes to a full-on container farm, growing your garden in pots can be easy and fun! For more information call Keep Kingsport Beautiful: 423-392-8814.

### ■ Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden

Dr. Lisa Wagner, former Director of Education at South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson University, will present "Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden" on Thursday, **March 16**, at 7 pm at Memorial Park Community Center (Johnson City Senior Center), 510 Bert Street in Johnson City.

Butterflies, bumblebees, and hummingbirds are among our best-known native pollinators. Enjoyable to watch, they're even more important in their role as pollinators; most flowering plants (90%) depend on pollinators for successful reproduction, including a third of our food plants. Join naturalist, plant ecologist, and garden educator Lisa Wagner to learn how to encourage native pollinators (and honey bees) by using native plants that provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season. She'll talk about plant characteristics, look at native plant examples and discuss ways to support pollinators in your gardens and communities.

Lisa Wagner served as Director of Education at the South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson University for over 20 years. A plant ecologist by background (Ph.D. in Botany, UC Berkeley), she's also a naturalist, writer, blogger, and educator. She does frequent presentations and classes as a volunteer, on a variety of topics including native plants for pollinators, gardening for nature, hands-on perennials, and 4-season vegetable gardening. She does landscape consultations to benefit programs at non-profits in the Carolinas, especially gardens! Her award-winning blog Natural Gardening ([www.naturalgardening.blogspot.com](http://www.naturalgardening.blogspot.com)) reflects her gardening and nature experiences.

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

Directions to Johnson City Senior Center at Memorial Park Community Center: From I-26 South, take the Market St. Exit. Market St. only goes right, so go straight through the intersection and turn left on Main Street. At the intersection of Main and State of Franklin, turn left. Bert Street is the first STREET (not parking lot) after you go past the post office. (Don't be fooled by the driveway on Main Street. That is the back of the building.) Turn right on Bert St. The main parking lot will be on the right.

### ■ Hypertufa / Papercrete Workshop For Master Gardeners

On **Saturday, March 18** at the Exchange Place in Kingsport on Orebank Road, there will be a hypertufa/papercrete workshop for Master Gardener members only from 10:00 am to noon. There is no charge for the workshop if you pre-register by **March 11**. To participate, you should bring, gloves, a small container or plastic bowl to use as your form, a roll of Stick and Seal plastic wrap and something to put your form on to take it home. All other supplies will be provided. Call or text Jane Mullins at 423-737-7915 or email her at [janemullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:janemullins2013@gmail.com) by March 11 to pre-register. There is a \$10.00 charge for late registrations.



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## ■ Herb Saplings Meeting

**March 30**, 7 pm at Exchange Place. Planting by the Signs with Master Gardener Valerya Hyrne. Note: change of date due to scheduling conflicts.

## ■ UT Vegetable Trials and Garden Updates

Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, UT Residential and Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist and Tennessee Master Gardener Coordinator, will present "**UT Vegetable Trials and Garden Updates**" on Thursday, **April 20** at 7:00 pm at Kingsport Renaissance Center 1200 E. Center Street in Kingsport. Learn about the latest recommendations from UT researchers for varieties to try and best practices for growing vegetables in your home garden.

Dr. Bumgarner, a West Virginia native with a background in agriculture, received a BS in horticulture from West Virginia University with experience in ornamental greenhouse production. Her MS, also from WVU, focused on small scale organic vegetable production practices. She completed a Ph.D. in Horticulture and Crop Science from Ohio State University with research on environment impacts on yield and crop composition in leafy vegetables. Prior to joining the UT Department of Plant Sciences, Natalie carried out postdoctoral work at Ohio State and was the Horticulturist and Research Director for CropKing, Inc. in Lodi, OH.

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

## ■ Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 33rd annual Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday, **April 29**, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, **April 30**, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, Tennessee. The oldest garden fair in the region and a favorite among gardeners, 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 in specific topics and 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 Fair strives to be as environmentally friendly as possible with recycling, composting, and re-using. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers and to bring used nursery pots (quarts and larger) for reuse.

To help gardeners reduce their water bills, Rain Barrels will be available for \$40 (check or cash) throughout the weekend. The 55 gallon food grade plastic barrels (which can be painted as desired) are already fully assembled, ready to put in place to begin collecting rainwater.

Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information call 423-288-6071 or visit to website: [www.exchangeplace.info](http://www.exchangeplace.info)

Master Gardeners are an important part of the Garden Fair. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, hospitality, take-down/clean up, parking, and other aspects of organizing the Garden Fair. Volunteer time counts as Master Gardener hours. To volunteer call Joy Moore at 423-348-6572 or e-mail at [jnjmoore@embarqmail.com](mailto:jnjmoore@embarqmail.com).

# Awards Dinner Photos



One Year-Certified



10 Years -Lifetime



100 Hours-Gold Leaf



5 Years



3 Years-VIP



## MARCH 2017 Calendar of Events

MAR 2 Herb Saplings Meeting at Exchange Place

7:00 pm

MAR 4 Amending Flower Bed Soils and Composting

10:30 am – 11:30 am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class, Information and registration: <http://evergreenofjc.com/event/amending-flower-bed-soils-composting/> or 423-282-3431.

MAR 4 Lawn Care – Step 1

10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).

MAR 4 Weed Wrangle at Warriors' Path State Park: Garlic Mustard Pull.

10 am – noon. Kingsport, TN. Contact: 423-239-8531

MAR 4 Weed Wrangle at Davy Crockett Birthplace

9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Limestone, TN. Help remove invasive plants from the banks of the Nolichucky River. Contact: 423-257-2167.

MAR 4 Weed Wrangle at Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville, TN

9 am – noon. Register to help online or call 865-577-4717 ext. 135

MAR 4 Nature Play Work Day at Knoxville Botanical Garden

8am – 12:00pm. Help create a Nature Play Area for Young Visitors. Registration is requested. Information and registration: <http://knoxgarden.org/calendar/nature-play-work-day/>

MAR 7 Washington County Bee Keepers Association

7:30pm; Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1

MAR 10-12 Organic Growers Schools Spring Conference

Information and Registration: <http://organicgrowersschool.org/annual-spring-conference/>

MAR 11 Moss String Gardens

10:30 – 11:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Information and registration: <http://evergreenofjc.com/event/4609/> or 423-282-3431.

MAR 11 Healthy Gardening Choices

10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).

MAR 11 Introduction to Fox Farms Gardening Materials

10:30am. Mize Farm and Garden Center, Gray. Please register for this free class by calling 423-467-2300

MAR 14 Plants and Pollinators

9:30 – 11:00 am. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$37. Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Plants-and-Pollinators>

MAR 15 Grafting and Woody Plant Propagation

1:30 – 3:00 pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$57. Registration required: <https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Grafting-and-Woody-Plant-Propagation>

MAR 18 Small Space Veggie Gardening

10:30 – 11:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Information and registration: <http://evergreenofjc.com/event/small-space-veggie-gardening-2/> or 423-282-3431.

MAR 18 Limestone Creek Plant ID Spring Hike

1:00pm. David Crockett Birthplace State Park. Contact: 423-257-2167

MAR 18 Volunteer Day at Rocky Fork State Park

8am to 12pm. Meet at Main Entrance. Contact: 423-271-1233

MAR 18 Spring Clean-up at Roan Mountain

1:30pm – 4pm. Meet at Roan Mountain Park HQs. Contact 423-772-0190

- MAR 18 Arboretum Ramble-Spring Hike at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park  
11:00am. A special guided tour of Sycamore Shoals' arboretum. Contact: (423) 543-5808
- MAR 18 Spring Photo Hike at Warriors' Pat State Park  
8:30am – noon. Contact: 423-239-6786
- MAR 18 Bluebirds in Your Garden  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- MAR 23-25 Beginning Beekeepers School  
<http://www.wcbeekeepersassociation.com/>
- MAR 25 Straw Bale Gardening Workshop  
9am – 11am. Cost is \$20.00. Knoxville Botanical Garden Visitors Center. Registration required. Information and registration: <http://knoxgarden.org/calendar/strawbales/>
- MAR 25 Raised Bed Gardening with Martin Litz  
10:30am. Mize Farm and Garden Center, Gray. Please register for this free class by calling 423-467-2300
- MAR 25 Herb Container Workshop - Make & Take  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Cost: \$25. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- MAR 30 Herb Saplings Meeting at Exchange Place  
7:00 pm

## APRIL 2017 Calendar of Events

- APR 1 Weeds, Weeds and Less Weeds  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- APR 1 Zingiberaceae! Growing Ginger, Turmeric and Galangal in Appalachia  
1:00 – 4:30 pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$36. Registration required:  
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Zingiberaceae-Growing-Ginger-Turmeric-and-Galangal-in-Appalachia>
- APR 2 Orchid Society of East Tennessee  
1 pm Gray Community Center.
- APR 3 NETMGA Membership Meeting. Program topic is “Herbal Infusions”.  
6:00 p.m. Location: Media Classroom, Memorial Park Community Center in Johnson City.
- APR 4 Washington County Bee Keepers Association  
7:30 pm; Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building #1
- APR 8 Woolly Days at Rocky Mount State Park  
11 am – 5pm. Admission fee. Contact/Information: 423-538-7396 or <http://www.rockymountmuseum.com/>
- APR 8 Raising and Caring for Chickens with Tiffany Stanley  
10:30 am. Mize Farm and Garden Center. Please register for this free class by calling 423-467-2300
- APR 8 Edible Container Gardening - Make & Take  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd. Cost: \$25. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- APR 8 Annual Spring Wildflower Walk with David Clarke  
9:30 – 11:30 am; Asheville Botanical Gardens Visitor Center. Cost: \$12 members; \$17 non-members. Participants must register and pre-pay. Information or to register: 828-252-5190.
- APR 15 Landscape Seminar & Plant Auction  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN. Contact: 423-543-5808
- APR 15 Volunteer Day at Rocky Fork State Park  
8am to 12 pm. Meet at Main Entrance. Contact: 423-271-1233

- APR 15 Inviting the Pollinators to Your Garden  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- APR 19-20 “It’s Springtime in the Smokies” in Gatlinburg  
The 90th anniversary celebration of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs  
Information: <http://www.tfgconline.org/convention---tfgc>
- APR 21-23 Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors’ Path State Park  
Friday evening through mid-day Sunday. Contact: 423-239-8531
- APR 28-30 Spring Naturalists’ Rally 2017 at Roan Mountain State Park  
Pre-registration is required. Contact and information: [www.friendsofroanmtn.org](http://www.friendsofroanmtn.org) or 423-543-5805
- APR 28 Killer Tomatoes vs. Tomato Killers  
3 pm – 4:30 pm. Univ. of Tennessee Gardens, South Greenhouse 124. Cost: \$25/members; \$35/nonmembers.  
Information and registration: <https://www.exchangeplace.info/>
- APR 28-29 Annual Spring Plant Sale  
Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Information: 865-862-8717
- APR 29 Community Plant Exchange  
9 – 10 am. At Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN. Contact: 423-543-5808
- APR 29 – 30 Spring Garden Fair at The Exchange Place in Kingsport  
10 am – 5pm Saturday and 12-5 pm Sunday. Admission: \$3. Contact: 423-288-6071 or <https://www.exchangeplace.info/>



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