

## Spring is Quickly Heading into Summer!

Lately we've endured very heavy rains, flooding in some areas, temperatures in the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Spring is officially here but some days are feeling like summer already. Don't forget that Blackberry Winter is still to come.

There are many opportunities to earn 2017 CEUs in the next couple of months. Check out the Calendar of Events located at the end of this issue!



## May 8, a Special Meeting with Laura Dowling

Join us for an evening with Laura Dowling, the Chief Floral Designer at the White House from 2009 until 2015. This event will be held at the Johnson City Power Board Auditorium, 2600 Boones Creek Road in Johnson City. Doors will open at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. It will be free and open to the public. Laura will be discussing her role as White House Creative Director of flowers and decor and providing spring arranging tips. She will also be discussing and signing her recently released book, *Floral Diplomacy at the White House*. Books



will be available for purchase.

## NETMGA Meetings

**NETMGA Board Meeting:** Monday, **May 1** at 6:00 p.m. in the *NEW* Sullivan County Extension Office, 140 Spurgeon Lane Blountville, TN.

**NETMGA General Membership Meeting:** Monday, **June 5** at the *NEW* Sullivan County Extension Building, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.

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

## Master Gardener Membership Meeting

The next NETMGA General Meeting will be at the new Sullivan County Extension Building, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville, on **June 5th**. Our speaker will be Camille Cody from Serenity Knoll Farms. She will be talking about cut flower gardening. Doors open at 6:00 for networking and the meeting will begin at 6:30. Feel free to bring a covered dish to share.

## Sullivan County UT Extension Office Assistance Still Needed!!



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.

## Jonesborough Garden Gala

An Invitation to Master Gardeners: your help is needed for the Jonesborough Garden Gala, which will be held on **June 3**, 2017 from 10:30am – 2:30pm.

Master Gardeners can volunteer to help at one of the featured gardens. If you want to learn more about the garden you choose, you will have the opportunity to meet the owner prior to the event day. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Additional information is available on the flyer included in this newsletter.

To volunteer contact Pam Pope at 423-571-7673 or [pamelapope@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapope@gmail.com)

## Tennessee Invasive Plant Council

Tennessee Invasive Plant Council is the new name for the Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council. They also have a new website with resources including an invasive plant information database and native plant landscaping brochures. See <http://www.tnipc.org/> for help in identifying invasives and finding native plant alternatives.



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

## **Featured Project**

### **Warriors' Path State Park**



*Lions Club and Master Gardeners plant herbs in the Sensory Bed of the unfinished playground in the fall of 2006.*

The last addition is the Betty and Neil Ottenfeld Bed in front of the recreation building on Duck Island. The Ottenfelds are long-time supporters of the Park and were pleased to have a portion of their plant collection preserved for many to enjoy.



Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park is celebrating its 10th anniversary this spring! The Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association became involved with Warriors' Path State Park in the fall of 2006 when asked to assist with the maintenance of the new Playground.

Master Gardeners assist with the maintenance of the Playground landscaping and have planned and installed several new gardens. These include the Lions Club Narnia Braille Trail, the Anderson Treehouse walkway, the Palmer Center Amphitheater bed and two rain gardens.



*The Ottenfelds and the rain gardens*

All plants used are not only native to this area but also native to the Park. A variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ferns and vines are used, such as Serviceberry, Hearts-a-Bustin', Redbuds, Inkberry and Ninebark. We are concentrating on adding more bee and butterfly attracting plants and many of the native plants we use are recommended by the North American Butterfly Association.



*Gulf Fritillary caterpillar on its host plant, Passionvine*



*Many insects depend on the common Milkweed as a primary food source.*

If you'd like to learn about native plants, Warriors' Path is a great place to learn. Work days are scheduled as needed throughout the season but work can be done anytime the park is open. If you're interested in helping at WPSP, contact Gwyn Duncan (423-239-0460 or [geduncan@charter.net](mailto:geduncan@charter.net)) or Nina Hedrick (423-239-9604 or [hedrick@chartertn.net](mailto:hedrick@chartertn.net)).



### Chris' Corner

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2017 is off to a great start for Master Gardeners and our UT Extension Program in Northeast TN. The Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center is NOW OPEN. Hopefully, you'll get to attend a meeting at the Ag Center soon. Our office hasn't completely moved yet, but we hope to be able to be in the new building sometime the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. We'll send an email with the new telephone number and the definite date of doing business at the Ag Center.

We will have a MG Educational Meeting on Mentoring Interns on Friday, June 2 at the Ag

Center. This meeting will be at 11:00 AM Eastern and will be held via video conference. This will be a great opportunity to see our awesome audio and visual system in action.

Just a note for Lifetime MGs. The Statewide MG Program now requires Lifetime MGs to report a total of 15 hours each year. These hours can be either Volunteer or CEUs or some of both. This reporting will allow you to be covered by the University of TN as an official volunteer. Call me at 279-2723 if you have any questions.

### 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:nancyshilling@gmail.com">nancyshilling@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

### **Trialed and Trusted Plants, Distinctly Southern**

Nationally known plant breeder and Encore Azalea inventor, Robert “Buddy” Lee, will discuss **Trialed and Trusted Plants, Distinctly Southern** on Thursday, **May 18** at 7 pm at the Johnson City Power Board Auditorium, 2600 Boones Creek Road, Johnson City, TN. Lee will introduce us to the newest plant innovations from the Southern Living Plant Collection, beautiful plants developed in partnership with the editors of Southern Living. Selected specifically for our Southern climate, they are durable, bloom bigger and longer and offer foliage as stunning and healthy as the blooms. Buddy will share proper placement, planting and care tips, plus where to find easy garden plans, to ensure your gardening success.

The inventor of Encore® Azalea, the world’s best-selling reblooming azalea, Buddy Lee, has more than 30 years’ experience in nursery management, breeding, propagation, and new plant development. He currently serves as Director of Plant Innovations for Plant Development Services, the introducers of Encore Azalea, the Southern Living® Plant Collection, and the new Sunset Western Garden Collection. Buddy has been active in numerous horticultural groups and presently is serving as board member of IPPS-SR (International Plant Propagators Society – Southern Region) and of the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association. He is past president of The Azalea Society of America.

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).

### **June 8 Herb Saplings Meeting**

Herb Saplings meeting 7 pm at Exchange Place. Fairy Gardens with Roy Odom, who holds a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture/Landscape and is a Kingsport Times News gardening columnist, will talk about creating this latest gardening craze. Whether made into a terrarium or in an open container such as a clay pot or even a tea cup, these miniature landscapes are fun and easy to create. Please bring an herb snack to share.

# *21st Annual Jonesborough Garden Gala*

*June 3, 2017*



## *Invitation to Master Gardeners*

This year the Jonesborough Garden Gala will be held on June 3, 2017, and at an earlier time in the day. The hours are from 10:30 – 2:30.

The sponsors are the Tuesday Garden Club and the Schubert Club. However, we could not be successful without the additional support of the Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners. While we know you receive Volunteer hours and CE credit for volunteering to do this, we are most grateful for your time and talent in the gardens, and we look forward to having you participate each year.

We will have eleven gardens on the tour this year. This gives us a great variety and gives you more choices of where you wish to spend your time. The theme is “Learning in the Garden”. There will be ongoing demonstrations of several types of gardening activities. Some of the names of the garden demonstrations are:

“A Gathering Garden”	“French Double Digging”	“Farmers’ Market Ready”
“Composting 101”	“Fairy Gardens Made by Found Objects”	
“Building Garden Steps”	“Garden Rooms”	“Chickens in the Garden”
“What If A Creek Runs Through Your Garden?”		...and a few more

Our Master Gardeners are surely well-versed in one or more of these topics and would be a helpful and educational addition to volunteer in these gardens. The shift is only two hours so you will be able to see the other gardens and enjoy the Tea. We will again have the Garden Marketplace with a variety of garden-oriented vendors that you will enjoy.

When you volunteer to help in the gardens, you will not be required to buy a Gala ticket; however, we do ask that you come to the Visitors’ Center to pick up your swatch and get your program so that you can enjoy the entire experience of the Gala and attend the Tea. The program lists all the times and places for you to plan your day when you are not greeting visitors in the garden. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASTER GARDENER NAME BADGE.

As a Master Gardener, you will most likely be asked questions about various plants in the gardens. We do not expect you to know everything, so if you don’t, just say so. The garden owner will be able to help. We mainly want you to be there to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. We want you to enjoy your experience also. There are a few gardens on our tour with more specialized needs and requirements. If you want to learn more about the garden you choose, you will have the opportunity to meet the owner prior to the event day.

Contact to volunteer: Pam Pope (423) 571-7673

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# Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program 2017 Events

## Educational Workshops

June 8th in Crossville  
(Eastern region)

Highlights include tours of the Plateau Research and Education Center, and the UT Gardens- Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens with sessions on garden photography and managing home ponds.

June 22nd in Murfreesboro  
(Central region)

Highlights include tours of Ellington Ag Center, TEMG sites at Cedars of Lebanon state park and the Wilson Co. Fair, with sessions on 'help with your helpline' and working with youth and horticulture.

October 12th in Memphis  
(Western region)

Highlights include tours of the Memphis Botanical Gardens and the Dixon Gallery and Gardens.  
(Workshops are not limited to TEMGs in that area-Feel free to attend any workshop of interest)

## Digital Networking Sessions- new for 2017

These video conference meetings will provide TEMGs from around the state the opportunity to visit and share about important organizational and leadership topics.

January 13th- Introduction and discussion for new (and not so new) TEMG officers  
February 3rd- Learning to answer horticulture questions from citizens  
June 2nd- Mentoring to retain interns and engage experienced TEMGs  
November 3rd- Speakers bureaus

All of these networking meetings will be held at 11 am EST and 10 am CST. Your county coordinator and president will be sent details on connecting.

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See the website for further details:  
<https://extension.tennessee.edu/Master-Gardener/Pages/default.aspx>

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## A Very Special Marigold

*'The marigold like the glorious sun*

*When he begins his course to run*

*She displays elegance and grace*

*When he sets*

*she turns her face...'*

*Beryl McMullen*

The first flower I can recall from childhood is the marigold. In California where I grew up, it seemed like everyone in our neighborhood grew them. In elementary school, we even planted their seeds in paper cups and took them home to watch them grow for Easter. It was so easy!



Unfortunately, their usual gold and rust colors didn't always fit in with my color schemes. Then, a few years ago, I discovered this new cultivar – the Alumia 'Vanilla Cream' Marigold. This new Alumia series was developed by renowned grower David Lemon in California and was more of a light lemon yellow. After seeing pictures of them, I just had to grow some!

Like all marigolds, these are extremely easy to grow from seed. The seeds are available from several seed sources including Burpee Seeds, Harris Seeds, or Park Seeds online where I buy mine. In addition to the color, what I love about these plants is their 2 ½ inch anemone-like flowers and the fern-like texture of their dark green foliage. They grow about ten inches tall and wide on sturdy stems that stand up to our worst rain and wind storms. I think they have a more refined look than most other marigolds...they really stand out.

I've grown these plants successfully in borders alongside salvias, floss flowers, petunias and more and especially love the fact that their color can blend beautifully with either cool or warm color combinations. They also look spectacular in containers all by themselves. If they receive six hours of sun, they will tolerate some partial shade locations too.

I usually sow the seeds indoors under fluorescent lights two to three weeks before the last frost. The hardening off process usually takes about a week. You still have time to order some seeds and get them started for this year's garden. I think you'll love them as much as I do!

- Sue Stanley, MG since 2006, Gardening in Knoxville TN



## The Garden Scene by Bonnie Jean

When I first began my investigation concerning bees, I was amazed at the amount of information that is readily available on the internet. As we all know, bees are very beneficial to us. In fact, 1/3 of our food wouldn't exist without bees. Bees pollinate 80% of flowers, 75% of fruits, nuts and vegetables. The earth has 250,000 flowering plants! No wonder we can't keep up with them all.

There are 4,000 species of native bees. Familiar bees that visit our flower gardens are the fuzzy yellow and black striped bee. If you are interested in raising bees, the Mason bee is the easiest to raise due to their gentle nature, they are also great pollinators. There is much information available concerning raising bees, such as Brushy Mountain Bee Supplies.

In the summer 2016 issue of Tennessee Home and Farm, an article written by P. Allen Smith ([www.pallensmith.com](http://www.pallensmith.com)) contains much information about creating a friendly garden habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects. According to Smith: "Chances are you've heard about the threatening situation that faces many of our best pollinators, namely bees. However, this doesn't have to be the case. People, often unknowingly, may pose one of the biggest threat to pollinators and other beneficial insects because of the ways we have disturbed their natural habitats with our every day practices."

The remedy is to rebuild by planting flowers that attract and are hospitable to bees, hummingbirds, lady bugs and other beneficial insects, of which there are three types:

- \* *Predators* - which consist of lady bugs, lacewings, hoverflies, etc. They help rid the garden of moths, aphids and flies for example.
- \* *Parasites* - consist of the ensign wasp and the tachinid fly as well as others. They work to keep the balance in harmony.
- \* *Pollinators* - you know what their job is.

If you want to speed the process, you can introduce new plants to get things going; be sure they are best for your situation.

The following sources were very beneficial to me:

*Vanishing of the Bees*, by Kino Lober More Than Honey

*Bee Basics: US Forest Service-USDA an introduction to our Native Bees* by Beatriz Moisset, Ph.D and Stephen Buchmann, Ph.D

[www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com) and [www.greenmethods.com](http://www.greenmethods.com)

Einstein once said, "if bees die out men will follow 40 years later."

- Bonnie Manning, Happy Gardening!

## MAY 2017 Calendar of Events

- MAY 1            NETMGA Board Meeting  
6:00pm; at NEW Sullivan County Extension Office, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.
- MAY 2            Weekly Outdoor Wonder Wander "W.O.W.W." at Warriors' Path State Park  
3:00pm. Meet at pool parking lot. Contact: 423-239-8531
- MAY 3            Spring Bird Walk with Simon Thompson  
8:00 - 10:00 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.
- MAY 5            Hiker's Jamboree at Rocky Fork State Park-Friday Schedule  
6:00 - 10:00pm. Registration: [click here](#). Contact: 423-271-1233
- MAY 5-6          2017 Spring Plant Sale  
12:00-6:00pm (Friday) & 8:30am-3:00pm (Saturday); Asheville Botanical Gardens. Information: 828-252-5190.
- MAY 5-7          28th Asheville Herb Festival  
Western NC Farmers Market, Asheville, NC. Information: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/event-calendar/detail/28th-annual-asheville-herb-festival/13805/>
- MAY 6            Hiker's Jamboree at Rocky Fork State Park-Saturday Schedule  
8:00am – 10:00pm. Registration: [click here](#). Contact: 423-271-1233
- MAY 6            Big Spring Master Gardeners' Annual Spring Plant Sale  
7:00am-1:00pm. Greene County Fairgrounds, Greeneville, TN. <http://www.bsmga.com/plant-sale.html>
- MAY 6            Nighttime Insects at Steele Creek Nature Center  
7:30pm. Nature Center Contact: 423-989-5616 or [jstout@bristoltn.org](mailto:jstout@bristoltn.org).
- MAY 6-7          Springtime in Haynesville.  
9:00am – 4:00pm. Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site. Admission \$5/adult, \$2.50/children
- MAY 7            Hiker's Jamboree at Rocky Fork State Park-Sunday Schedule  
8:00am – 3:00pm. Pre-registration required: [click here](#). Contact: 423-271-1233
- MAY 7            Straw Bale Gardening Class at Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville, TN  
2:00 - 3:30pm. Pre-registration required: <http://ijams.org/events/ijams-gardening-series-straw-bale-gardening-3/>. \$20.00 fee per person.
- MAY 8            An Evening with Laura Dowling, 2009-2015 Chief White House Floral Designer  
7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Johnson City Power Board, Boones Creek Rd, Johnson City. Free and open to public.

- MAY 9            Weekly Outdoor Wonder Wander "W.O.W.W." at Warriors' Path State Park  
3:00pm. Meet at pool parking lot. Contact: 423-239-8531
- MAY 13           Bird Walk at Sycamore Shoals State Park  
8:00am. Morning of birding during the migratory season. Contact: 423-543-5808
- MAY 13           Culinary Herb Preservation Class at Univ. of Tennessee Gardens  
10:00am-12:00pm. \$20/members, \$30/nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. [https://  
utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2405767](https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2405767)
- MAY 18           SAPS Meeting  
7:00pm. Speaker: Buddy Lee presenting New Southern Living Plant Introductions. Location: J.C. Power Board, Boones Creek Rd, Johnson City
- MAY 20           Gardening for Wildlife (2 part Seminar)  
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Information and registration: [http://  
evergreenofjc.com](http://evergreenofjc.com) or 423-282-3431.
- MAY 20           Container Combo Workshop – \$25 Make and Take  
10:00am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- MAY 20 - 21     Annual Siege at Fort Watauga at Sycamore Shoals State Park  
10:00am – 4:00pm. Contact: 423-543-5808
- MAY 20           Native Plant Symposium and Plant Sale at Univ. of Tennessee Gardens  
8:00am-3:00pm. \$60/members, \$80/nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. [https://  
utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2492743](https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/event-2492743)
- MAY 20           Volunteer Day at Rocky Fork State Park  
8:00am to 12:00pm. Meet at Main Entrance. Contact: 423-271-1233
- MAY 20           Orcharding at Any Scale  
1:30 - 3:30 pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$37. Registration required:  
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Orcharding-at-Any-Scale>
- MAY 26           Spring Butterfly Foray at Steele Creek Nature Center  
4:00pm. Nature Center Contact: 423-989-5616 or [jstout@bristoltn.org](mailto:jstout@bristoltn.org)
- MAY 27           Organic Gardening  
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Information and registration: [http://  
evergreenofjc.com](http://evergreenofjc.com) or 423-282-3431.
- MAY 27           Renovate Your Flower Containers  
10:00am; Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).

## JUNE 2017 Calendar of Events

- JUN 3 National Trails Day "Wahoo Hike" at Warrior's Path State Park  
9:30am – 12:30pm. Meet at mountain bike trail parking lot. Contact: 423-239-8531
- JUN 3 Making a Hypertufa Bowl – \$25 Make and Take  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- JUN 3 Jonesborough Garden Gala  
10:30am – 2:30pm
- JUN 3-4 Native American Festival at Sycamore Shoals State Park 10 am - 6pm. Admission Charge.  
Contact: 423-543-5808
- JUN 4 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 1 pm  
Gray Community Center.
- JUN 5 NETMGA General Meeting  
6:00pm Networking; 6:30 Program: Camille Cody from Serenity Knoll Farms presenting Cut Flower Gardening.  
Location: New Sullivan County Extension Building, 140 Spurgeon Lane, Blountville
- JUN 8 Herb Saplings Meeting at Exchange Place  
7:00 pm
- JUN 10 Creating Outdoor Living Spaces  
10:30am. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Information and registration:  
<http://evergreenofjc.com> or 423-282-3431.
- JUN 10 Plant Your Hypertufa Bowl – \$25 Make and Take  
10 am – Kingsport Evergreen – Riverport Rd & Colonial Heights. Register: [www.eGardenplace.com](http://www.eGardenplace.com).
- JUN 10 Gardening with Drought  
1:30 – 3:00 pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$37. Registration required:  
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Drought-Proof-Gardening>
- JUN 10 Hardy Succulents for East Tennessee Class at Univ. of Tenn.  
10 - 12 pm. Cost \$25/members. \$35/nonmembers. Pre-registration required. <https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/>
- JUN 17 Daddy and Me  
10:30am. Children will make a birdbath and birdfeeder. Evergreen of Johnson City. Please register for this free class. Materials fee: \$15. Information and registration: <http://evergreenofjc.com> or 423-282-3431.
- JUN 17 Volunteer Day at Rocky Fork State Park 8:00am - 12:00pm. Meet at Main Entrance.  
Contact: 423-271-1233
- JUN 17-18 Rhododendron Festival 2017 at Roan Mountain State Park 10:00am – 5:00pm each day. 423-772-0190
- JUN 22 Healing Gardens  
10:00am – 12:00 pm. North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Cost: \$37. Registration required:  
<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/SP-17-Healing-Gardens>
- JUN 25 Edible Summertime Mushrooms & Lookalikes with Mike Hopping  
9:00 – 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.

