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Spring Will Be Here Soon!

If you believe the groundhog spring is still 2 weeks away, but temps are a bit warmer and flowers are beginning to bloom.

Are you ready for warmer weather and planting? Don't rush the season too much or your plants could get a shock. I've gathered my seeds and have started a few things indoors. And I've been attending webinars to get all of my CEUs for this year.

If you want to get a jump on 2022 continuing education hours there are opportunities to learn in-person, via Zoom, and other online resources. Check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter for possibilities.



NETMGA BOARD MEETING

NETMGA Board meeting will be on **March 7**, 6:30pm, at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.

NETMGA APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 4 General Membership Meeting will be held at 5:00pm, at Rocky Mount State Historic Site, is located at 200 Hyder Hill Rd, Piney Flats, TN 37686. See the article in this newsletter for information about this meeting.

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NETMGA General Meeting - April 4, 2022

Come take a walk through the meadows and woodlands at The Rocky Mount State Historic Site on **April 4th, 2022** with Naturalists Mel Kelly and Cade Campbell. We will start at **5:00pm** with a tour of the Master Gardener maintained herb, vegetable, and pollinator gardens with the onsite MG volunteers. A short presentation on the Citizen Scientist and iNaturalist programs during a break for refreshments will follow. We will provide bottled water and snacks but encourage you to bring your own water in a reusable container. Mel and Cade will then take us on a circuit through Rocky Mount's front grasslands returning through the woods on one of their newly built trails. We will be observing and identifying spring ephemerals and various wildlife. We are invited to download the iNaturalist App before the meeting to help id and catalogue plants and insects at the park and at home. You can find the app on the iNaturalist website; www.inaturalist.org. Please dress accordingly in long pants and closed toe shoes. Rocky Mount is located at 200 Hyder Hill Rd, Piney Flats, TN 37686. It is easily accessible from Hwy 11E, Bristol Highway. You will be directed where to park.

Many of the gardens and the museum building are handicap accessible and there is a sensory experience available in the herb beds.

Mel Kelly is the Vice President of the Wild Ones, lead organizer of the local chapter of City Nature Challenge, volunteer with the NWF and the Johnson City Parks and Rec dept. She also co-organizes the annual Johnson City Parks Seed Swap and the Citizen Science Fair. Mel serves on the Trustee Board at Rocky Mount.

Cade Campbell is an ETSU Roan Scholar. He is a member of the Tri Cities Young Naturalists and a Natural History Interpreter.

You can read about their joint efforts of reclaiming the grassland of Rocky Mount here; <https://www.sierraclub.org/tennessee/blog/2021/01/native-grasses-restoration-project-rocky-mount-state-historic-site>

Please contact Teresa Gaffner at tarag8008@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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Chris's Corner will return in the next edition of MG Thymes. If you have any questions, call Chris at 423-646-9043.

Mark Your Calendar

Green & Growing Seminars

Keep Kingsport Beautiful will hold two Green & Growing Seminars in March at the Kingsport Public Library Auditorium from noon to 1 p.m. Seminars are free, and no registration is required. Here are the seminars:

March 10: "Three-season gardening" with Earl Hockin, TN Master Gardener

March 17: "Edible Landscaping" with Christy Shivell, Shy Valley Farm Studio & Garden

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 36th Annual **Spring Garden Fair is Saturday, April 30, from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, May 1, from 12 – 5 pm at Exchange Place Living History Farm**, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport. The oldest garden fair in the region and a favorite among gardeners returns this year as an all outdoor event. The Fair will feature thousands of plants for sale - perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs - with the emphasis on herbs, natives and heirlooms (including a wide variety of heirloom tomatoes), along with garden related arts and crafts.

Visitors will see heritage breeds of animals and spring activities on a mid-19th century farmstead, as volunteers shear the sheep, spin and weave the wool, cook over the fire, and shape iron over the forge. Children's activities abound as volunteers help children create garden crafts and learn gardening skills. Ol' timey music and foods add to the experience. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information call 423-288-6071 or www.exchangeplace.info

The Fair is also an educational event that fills the grounds and buildings of the historic site, and gardening experts in specific topics and Master Gardeners will be available to answer home gardening questions throughout the weekend.

The Fair strives to be environmentally friendly with recycling and re-using. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers and to bring used nursery pots (quarts and larger) for reuse.

Help Wanted

Master Gardeners have been an important part of the Spring Garden Fair for many years. Exchange Place has a core group of experienced volunteers who are organizing the Fair, but we would love fresh input from other Master Gardeners. If you would like to help on the SGF committee we would welcome your ideas and skills. If you could spare any time that weekend to help with staffing the Master Gardener table, set-up, hospitality, take-down, children's activities, parking, etc., we would be grateful. Volunteer time counts as Master Gardener hours. To volunteer for this fun event or for more info, please contact Joy Moore at jemmoor@gmail.com.

Exchange Place invites small/hobby growers to participate in the Spring Garden Fair to add to the variety of plants available. If you are a small grower or know of other small growers who might be interested in having a booth at the Fair, please let us know. Our participation fee is 10% of gross sales. Contact Joy Moore at jemmoor@gmail.com.

March SAPS Program - Simplifying Your Garden without Diminishing Your Joy

Author and garden designer Debra Knapke will present "Simplifying Your Garden without Diminishing Your Joy" on Thursday, **March 17**, at 7 pm. This is a free Zoom presentation sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS). To register, see the SAPS website: <http://saps.us/>. Registration deadline is noon on March 17. For more information e-mail sapsnews@gmail.com.



There are many reasons to simplify your garden: moving to a smaller home and yard, physically not being able to maintain a larger garden or just making the choice to define what you want from your garden instead of trying to have it all. True success in simplifying your life and subsequently your garden, depends on understanding its parts, and how they fit within the bigger picture. And, the way to find joy in your garden is to know what you want from it and not going crazy trying to achieve it. Debra will use her own garden and others to provide inspiration for the creation of a simpler, blissful garden.

After two other careers, in 1992 Debra Knapke turned her avocation of plant study and gardening into her full-time career. Known as "The Garden Sage", Debra is passionate about gardening, sustainable garden design and the natural world, and enjoys sharing knowledge through her writing, public speaking, and garden consulting in the private and public sectors. She has served on various local and national committees and boards that focus on education, the environment, and sustainability. She has championed those passions during her two-year term (2014-2016) as Honorary President of the Herb Society of America and currently as the Chair of the Sustainability Committee of GardenComm. In addition, she has mentored the future of the landscape industry at Columbus State Community College for 24 years. She loves being a gardener and has packed an amazing variety of perennials, trees, shrubs, and edibles onto the 2/3-acre lot surrounding her home. For more visit her website: <http://www.debrathegardsage.com/>.

April SAPS Program - Design Principles of The Pros That Can Be Applied to The Home Landscape

Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist at Chanticleer Garden, will present "Design Principals of The Pros That Can Be Applied To The Home Landscape: A Design Talk" on Thursday, **April 21**, at 7 pm. This free presentation is sponsored by Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS). We hope to host this program as an in-person event. Please check the SAPS website <http://saps.us/> closer to the program date for details or e-mail sapsnews@gmail.com.



Teacup Garden at Chanticleer

Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. Dan Benarcik, one of seven highly talented Horticulturists, has been instrumental in the garden's transformation since its infancy. Dan is a passionate gardener and artist who fuses his love of plants, sculpture, and design into excitement and wonder. This design and motivational talk will give gardeners, whether novice or experienced, tips to enliven your own gardens and ideas to use when thinking about your beds, pots and plant combinations for the season ahead.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, Dan's childhood found him with one foot in the flowershop/greenhouse and one in the woodshop. A University of Delaware plant science degree led him to Mt. Cuba Center as the Woodspath gardener, then a jump to wholesale plant sales with Imperial Nurseries before joining the young team at Chanticleer in Wayne, Pennsylvania. It was there he's spent 28 years creating and implementing seasonal displays within the Courtyard Gardens, which include the famous and stunning Teacup Garden, named for its central fountain. Dan's focus has long been tropical and non-hardy plants with a strong emphasis on dynamic design, creative container combinations, and innovative display. He also conceives and manufactures the wood workings, stone carvings, paintings, and metal works on display throughout the garden. His enthusiasm for design has translated into building furniture both for the garden and for his home and to teaching chair building workshops.

It was a natural progression to want to share his passion for horticulture through speaking and writing. Dan joined the Garden Writers Association now Gardencomm and served as the Regional Director as well as earning the status of Fellow. His writing has appeared in *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, *Martha Stewart Living* and *Rodale's* gardening books. He is co-author of *The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer*. On television, he has promoted plants on QVC for Cottage Farms Nursery and was featured on episodes of 'Cultivating Life.' and with his home garden on *Growing a Greener World*. He lectures internationally.

In his remaining free time, he teaches and volunteers. He is part of the continuing education program at Longwood Gardens. He volunteers for the Delaware Center for Horticulture's Rare Plant Auction as part of the Plant Selection Committee and as a Plant Expert at the event. He judges for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Dan and his wife share an acre of residential gardens in Wilmington, Delaware. For more, see his website: <https://danbenarcik.com/>.

“Featured Project” - Carver Peace Garden

The Carver Peace Gardens are located near downtown Johnson City with easy access from the interstate. The address is 322 W. Watauga Avenue. Gardeners are not limited to the immediate neighborhood. The garden is part of the Carver Community Center, a project of the Johnson City Parks and Recreation department, the Carver Community Center, and the Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association.



Sam Jones was the master gardener who was instrumental in starting the Carver Peace Gardens. When she moved into the neighborhood, she wanted a place to continue to garden and as a new master gardener was wanting to promote horticulture. She met with city officials and Carver Peace Gardens was born. By the time she passed away in 2016 the garden had grown from 6 plots to encompass 21 plots. The plots measured about 15' x 20' and attracted a diverse group of gardeners. In addition to individual gardener, organizations rented plots 1) ETSU Quillen College of medicine students who still garden with us and 2) women's recovery group from the mental health center.

Through the years the ground around the plots had become uneven and rugged and somewhat dangerous. The garden was flooding about once a year from the nearby creek, and it seem to be getting more difficult every year for new gardeners to manage their plots. Herb Greenlee the manager of the Carver Center and Nancy Shilling, Project Leader, decided that a switch to raised beds was in order. Herb thought that he would be able to get donations to help cover the cost. We met with gardeners in December of 2020 and the renewal started.

By July 2021 the entire area had been leveled and covered with chat, the watering system had been upgraded to frost free hydrants that allow year-round access, and enough beds had been completed to allow returning gardeners to start planting.

We now have 45 4 x 8 wood framed vegetable beds, five 4 x 4 wood frame beds, and five concrete block flowerbeds. The plan calls for 18 more 4 x 8 beds and 7 more 4x4 beds.





The Carver Community Center and Master Gardeners are considering and planning additional services. These include:

- Mentoring New Gardeners
- Help with newsletters or create garden activity updates for gardeners
- Maintain Carver's Facebook page
- Participate in volunteer workdays
- Help maintain community tools, shed and equipment organization
- Help with or teach educational programs for gardeners
- Maintain community herb and pollinator garden
- Sign up for your own plot!!!

At this time work hours are being decided based on the weather. Regular times will be determined soon. If you would like to get a text message as to when we are working, please send a text to Nancy.

Visitors are welcome at Carver Peace Gardens!!

To become a Carver Gardener or for more information contact Nancy Shilling at (423) 863-1420 or Brenda McKinnis at (423) 946-2769.

“Featured Project” – Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park

Here at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park we are expecting a very productive year. We are off to a good start already. We got all the stocks and stems cleaned out in two days which usually takes me days and days. A huge thanks goes out to Michelle Hejny, Charlie and MillieSue Hawk.

We have a lot planned this year. Thanks to friends of Sycamore Shoals (a club associated with the fort). We are replacing the Chad pads with concrete ones in and around the garden. This will help immensely with the weeding. We will also be getting an irrigation system once one has been decided upon. We will be getting another bench for taking photos. The backdrop will be purple cone flowers which should make a beautiful and colorful picture. The backdrop for the other bench which was put in last year will be Fleabane in the spring and in the fall Black-Eyed Susans. So, feel free to bring friends and family for memorable pictures at the garden

Sycamore Shoals is a great place to volunteer. After working in the garden in the morning there are benches surrounding the garden for relaxing with a book. It is also possible to find a place near the river for relaxing. It is a great place for prayer, meditation, relaxing, and reading.

There are lots of paths in the park; these are surrounded by nature, and in spots come close to the river. Sycamore Shoals butterfly garden is a great place to volunteer and visit.

We meet there Wednesday mornings from 8:00am to 10:00am or 11:00am. Come check us out; you won't be disappointed. For additional information contact Carol Ludiker at jaxlud26@gmail.com or 423-707-0026.

“Featured Project” – Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site

At Tipton Haynes State Historic Site, Master Gardeners maintain several gardens: wildflower/butterfly/pollinator gardens, a small kitchen garden, and what we call the slave garden.

In the front Nature/Pollinator gardens, our focus is variety and visual appeal for visitors to the site, AND for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Having been designated a Certified Monarch Waystation in 2014 we emphasize native plants and those that attract and/or serve as hosts for Monarchs and other caterpillars.

The Nature/Pollinator gardens contain many plant varieties, including anise hyssop, aromatic aster, native columbine, purple coneflower, orange coneflower, Tennessee coneflower, common milkweed, butterfly weed, blue anise sage, passion flower, black-eyed susan, pipe vine, and prairie coreopsis (to name a few). These plants provide a succession of blooms through the growing season that provide nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds and food for caterpillars. We also have several native azaleas, oakleaf hydrangea, and summer sweet (clethra) along the walkway.

In addition to those native varieties we also plant zinnias to provide additional nectar throughout the summer for emerging new butterflies as well as visiting butterflies.



One area of the Nature/Pollinator Garden was replanted in 2020 with mountain mint and turtlehead in one area; and cardinal flower, beardtongue, 2 varieties of swamp milkweed, downy skullcap, Virginia Bluebell, and more coneflowers.

We began documenting the types and number of caterpillars in 2015. In the last few summers we noted successful hosting of 100+ Monarch caterpillars and numerous Pipevine Swallowtail caterpillars. We also spotted close to 4 dozen Monarch chrysalises.



The vegetable gardens at Tipton/Haynes consist of two small plots in the historical area. The Kitchen Garden is representative of a small garden near the house that would have grown those vegetables that need a little extra care and be handy for meal preparation. We emphasize heirloom varieties where we try using varieties grown in Thomas Jefferson's Monticello gardens. Colonel Tipton knew and corresponded with Jefferson, so we infer that maybe they exchanged gardening information.



We have some perennial plants: strawberries and rhubarb, along with herbs: sage, oregano, lavender, and rosemary. Garlic is planted in the fall around the edges. In spring we plant broccoli and cabbage, onions, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach, and chard. As it warms up, we add Heirloom tomatoes, peppers, and Scarlet runner beans. We also add some of the annual herbs.

The Slave Garden, as we call it, is located behind the restored slave cabin, home to George, the Haynes family's slave. It was usual for slaves to have a small garden to provide some of their own food. Historical information is scarce so we choose to plant vegetables that originated in Africa, such as okra, field peas, peanuts and watermelon, plus some New World plants that George might have adopted: potatoes and squash.



This garden is fenced in a wattle style, using branches and tree trimmings, such as George might have used to keep out the wildlife.

Our emphasis in the kitchen and slave gardens is to display for the education of visitors to the

historical site; we don't try to maximize production. We do produce quite a bit of food, though, which we share with the staff, but mostly we just have a good time.

In 2021 we were presented with a new opportunity! A new parking lot and median meant a new place to plant! The Board requested some winter color plants, plus we wanted to provide more food for pollinators and wildlife. Our first step was to get rid of weeds, then we amended the soil, which was mostly red clay and gravel, by adding a few layers of soil conditioner. In late summer, after the site installed split rail fence around the median, we seeded the lower end with crimson clover; then in October, in the upper end, we planted Winterberry Holly, Coralberry, Beauty Berry, Mountain Mint, Amsonia, and Goldenrod, as well as scattering seeds for columbine and coneflower. We will be planting other pollinator plants in spring as soon as weather permits; we also plan to have an all native wildflower bed in the lower end.



We welcome any Master Gardeners who are looking for a place to share fun and earn volunteer hours, please contact us! We typically work on Thursday, but are flexible if you want to help on another day. Contact: Vern at vjornmaddux@embarqmail.com or Betts at BettsL@aol.com.

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Farm Expo
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Kingsport Pepper Festival
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Kingsport Tomato Festival
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**Master Gardeners:
Report your hours each month!!**



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Monthly Gardening Tasks – March & April

<https://ag.tennessee.edu/utg/Pages/monthlytasks.aspx>

Feed the birds!



MARCH and APRIL 2022 Calendar of Events

Covid-19 is still affecting events. Please note that some programs, events and tours may require masks for participants. Before going you might want to confirm that event has not been cancelled.

Melody's Monday Musings with Melody Rose, Greene County TN Extension
Information and Registration: <https://sites.google.com/utk.edu/mondaymusings/home>

North Carolina Arboretum Online Classes Schedule:
<https://www.ncarboretum.org/education-programs/adult-education-classes/>

Steele Creek Park iNaturalist Challenge 2022: <https://www.friendsofstelecreek.org/?p=4999>

Tennessee Native Plant Society Seminars: <https://www.tnps.org/tnps-speakers/>

Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones/Programs and Events:
<https://tnvalleywildones.org/programs-events/public-programs/>

Wild Ones Webinars: <https://wildones.org/webinars/>

Seminars are back at Evergreen of Johnson City! Click [HERE](#) for Seminar Schedule:

MAR 5 2022 Weed Wrangle at Tennessee State Parks

Help remove exotic and invasive plants at:

9:00am-12:00pm at David Crockett Birthplace State Park, Limestone. 423-431-8089

9:00am-12:00pm at Roan Mountain State Park, Roan Mtn. 423-547-3900

10:00am-1:00pm at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, Elizabethton. 423-543-5808

1:00-4:00pm at Warriors' Path State Park, Kingsport. 423-239-6787

MAR 5 Native Plants Seminar at Colonial Heights Evergreen

10:00am. <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>

MAR 6 Sowing Seeds at David Crockett Birthplace State Park

2:00-4:00pm. Join Rangers Chelsea and Joe to kick off the birth of the Homestead Meadow by sowing and pressing native grass and flower seeds into this half acre plot. We'll also be learning the benefits of native plantings. Information: 423-431-8089

MAR 7 NETMGA Board Meeting

6:30pm at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.

MAR 8 Spring Ephemerals Flower: But Then What? Seminar

6:00-7:00pm at Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Cost: Member-Free/Non-Members-\$5. Information and Registration: <http://knoxgarden.org/calendar/spring-ephemerals-2022/>

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12:00-1:00pm at Kingsport Public Library Auditorium. Seminars are free, and no registration is required.
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March 17: "Edible Landscaping" with Christy Shivell, Shy Valley Farm Studio & Garden
- MAR 12 Herb Seminar w/Make & Take Workshop at Colonial Heights Evergreen
10:00am. Price TBD. <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>
- MAR 17 SAPS March Program - "Simplifying Your Garden without Diminishing Your Joy"
7:00pm; Zoom presentation by author and garden designer Debra Knapke. To register, see the SAPS website: <http://saps.us/>. Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, March 17. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail sapsnews@gmail.com.
- MAR 18-20 Organic Growers School – 29th Spring Conference
Information and Registration: <https://organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/>
- MAR 19 Vegetable Gardening at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
9:00am-12:00pm. Master Gardener, Ben Hunter will be joining us to share his experiences and techniques for growing the garden of your dreams. Meet at Gathering Place in the Visitor's Center. Information: 423-543-5808
- MAR 19 Spring Hike-Wildflower Walk at Warriors' Path State Park
9:00am-12:00pm. Spring Wildflowers are called "spring ephemerals" because they only last a short time. This hike is in one of the park's richest wildflower habitats where we'll discover more about the life histories of these gems of the forest. Meet at Mountain Bike Trail parking area. Information: 423-239-8531
- MAR 19 Vegetable Gardening Seminar at Colonial Heights Evergreen
10:00am. <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>
- MAR 26 Nature's Garden Seed Swap & Share at Meredith Pavilion, Winged Deer Park
10:00am-12:30pm. Please join us for actual seed swapping. No seeds to swap? We will have plenty. Also enjoy exhibits, many emphasizing pollinator needs and Citizen Science opportunities, and a guest speaker. For more information and schedule: 423-283-5821.
- MAR 26 Wild Edibles Woodland Stroll at Roan Mountain State Park
2:00pm. Join Ranger Holland for a woodland stroll as we learn about wild edibles in the forest. This program involves light to moderate hiking and will be an interactive learning experience. Cost: \$8 per person (\$5 children 12 and under). Registration required.
Information & registration: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/roan-mountain/#/?event=wild-edibles-woodland-stroll4
- MAR 26 Beginners Herb & Herb Gardening Workshop at Rocky Mount State Historic Site
Information: <https://rockymountmuseum.com/> or call 423-538-7396.
- MAR 26 Perennials Seminar at Colonial Heights Evergreen
10:00am. <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>
- APR 2 Weeds, Weeds and Less Weeds Seminar at Colonial Heights Evergreen
10:00am <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>

- APR 3 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- APR 6 NETMGA General Meeting
5:00PM at Rocky Mount State Historic Site. See the article in this newsletter for information.
- APR 8-10 43rd Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors' Path State Park
A weekend full of outdoor discovery, with "mini-seminars" and guided hikes.
Information/schedule: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/warriors-path/#/?event=43rd-annual-spring-nature-festival-wpsp
- APR 9 The Temperamental Landscape-Planting in Difficult Areas such as Full Shade, Rocky, Dry, etc. Seminar at Colonial Heights Evergreen
10:00am, <https://egardenplace.com/school-of-gardening/>
- APR 9-10 Woolly Days & Garden Arts Festival at Rocky Mount State Historic Site
Information: <https://rockymountmuseum.com/> or call 423-538-7396.
- APR 16 2022 Garden Faire – Washington County VA Master Gardens
9:30am–5:00pm. Southwest VA Higher Education Center, I-81 Exit 14, One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA. Free Admission! Information: <http://www.gardenfaire.net/>
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7:00pm; presentation by Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist at Chanticleer Garden. We hope to host this program as an in-person event. Please check the SAPS website <http://saps.us> closer to the program date for details, or e-mail sapsnews@gmail.com.
- APR 23 Annual Plant Auction at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Site
9:00am–12:00pm. An exciting array of unusual ornamental & native perennials, trees and shrubs will be auctioned during this event. A great opportunity to add new species to your landscape! Park Visitor Center. Information: 423-543-5808
- APR 23 New to Gardening in Northeast Tennessee at Rocky Mount State Historic Site
Information: <https://rockymountmuseum.com/> or call 423-538-7396.
- APR 29 Garlic Mustard Pull Day at Roan Mountain State Park
9:30am-2:00pm. Roan Mountain State Park is partnering with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the Cherokee National Forest to remove invasive garlic mustard from the park and heavily trafficked highways around Carver's Gap and SAHC conservation properties in the Highlands of Roan. Event limited to 20 individuals so registration required. Information and registration: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/roan-mountain/#/?event=garlic-mustard-pull-day
- APR 29-30 2022 Spring Plant Sale
11:30am-6:00pm (Fri.) & 9:00am-3:00pm (Sat.). A wide variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers will be offered. Asheville Botanical Gardens. Free admission and parking on site or nearby. Information: 828-252-5190.
- APR 30-MAY 1 36th Annual **Spring Garden Fair at Exchange Place**
10:00am-5:00pm Saturday & 12:00-5:00pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. Information: www.exchangeplace.info or call 423-288-6071.

