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## Welcome 2022!

2021 was another very trying year for all. Covid-19 vaccines became available; and we've experienced several variants of this Covid-19 virus. Stay safe!

Let's use our indoor time to start studying our seed catalogs and planning our gardens. Growing season will be here soon and I, personally, plan to expand my pollinator gardens in 2022.

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 **January 10**, 6:30pm, at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.

### NETMGA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS MEETING

The **February 7** General Membership Awards Meeting will be held at 6:30pm, at the Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville. Stay tuned for news about this meeting.

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## Chris' Corner

Chris's Corner will return in the next edition of MG Thymes.

If you have any questions, call Chris at 423-646-9043.

## SAPS January Program - Eat from Your Garden Year Round

Award winning garden writer Barbara Pleasant will present, "Eat from Your Garden Year Round" on Thursday, **January 20, 2022**, 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 Thursday, January 20. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail [sapsnews@gmail.com](mailto:sapsnews@gmail.com).



Wouldn't it be great to eat from your garden every day of the year? Learn proven strategies for stocking your own homegrown pantry, from the ground up. Start by choosing easy-to-grow crops that store themselves, and then learn simple ways to preserve vegetables and fruits so they are welcome in the winter kitchen. Award-winning garden writer Barbara Pleasant, author of *Homegrown Pantry*, will share dozens of tips for enjoying your garden's bounty in every season.

Born and raised in Mobile, Alabama, Barbara Pleasant has been writing about organic gardening for more than 30 years. After starting out with Organic Gardening magazine, she eventually moved on to Mother Earth News, American Gardener and GrowVeg.com. Her books and articles have won many awards, and her newest book, **Homegrown Pantry**, was a finalist for a 2018 INDIE Forward award. Pleasant lives in Floyd, Virginia, where she grows vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruits along with a few chickens, who all have names. Her website is <http://barbarapleasant.com/>.

## **SAPS February Program - Shade Gardening with Perennials, Annuals and Shrubs**

Horticulturist Dr. Holly Scoggins will present "Shade Gardening with Perennials, Annuals and Shrubs" on Thursday, **February 17, 2022**, 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 February 17. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail [sapsnews@gmail.com](mailto:sapsnews@gmail.com) .



Holly Scoggins's career in horticulture spans more than 25 years. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia and her Ph.D. in Horticultural Science from North Carolina State University. She is an associate professor emeritus from Virginia Tech, retired after 20 years in the Department of Horticulture with teaching, research, and cooperative extension responsibilities. She also served as Director for the Hahn Horticulture Garden from 2002-2014. She recently joined NewGen Boxwood and Saunders Brothers, Inc. as NewGen program manager and Saunders Brothers marketing coordinator. Before her new positions with the Saunders companies, Scoggins was vice president of educational programs for AmericanHort, working on the development of green industry education programs including sessions at Cultivate, fall specialty conferences, and webinars.

Career honors and awards include Professional of the Year from Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, an academic award from the National Perennial Plant Association, teaching awards from Virginia Tech chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. Scoggins currently serves as President of the national Perennial Plant Association, taking office in October 2021.

Because she doesn't have quite enough horticulture in her life, Holly and her husband Joel Shuman own Bee Berry Farm, a you-pick blueberry farm and apiary in southwest Virginia.

# AIR-PURIFYING PLANTS

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*houseplants can filter out harmful toxins and help clean the air.*



SPIDER PLANT

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Xylene



PEACE LILY

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Xylene  
Ammonia  
Formaldehyde  
Trichloroethylene



BOSTON FERN

FILTERS:  
Xylene and  
Toluene  
Formaldehyde



BAMBOO PALM

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Xylene and  
Toluene



ARECA PALM

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Xylene  
Ammonia  
Formaldehyde  
Trichloroethylene



WEeping FIG

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Formaldehyde  
Trichloroethylene



SNAKE PLANT

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Xylene  
Formaldehyde  
Trichloroethylene



SNAKE PLANT

FILTERS:  
Benzene  
Formaldehyde

## Projects List

**Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park** Kingsport  
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**Kingsport Pepper Festival**  
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**Kingsport Tomato Festival**  
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Report your hours each month!!**



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## Monthly Gardening Tasks – January & February

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

### Feed the birds!



## JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2022 Calendar of Events

**Covid-19 has had an effect on 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/>

JAN 8 Raised Beds with Ben Hunter  
10:30am – 12:00pm. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.

JAN 10 NETMGA Board Meeting  
6:30pm at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville.

JAN 13 Wild Ones Presents 'America's Public Gardens: A Resource for Native Plants'  
7:00pm. Webinar presented by Matthew Ross, Wild Ones National Board Member and Director of Continuing Education at Longwood Gardens. Information and registration:  
<https://wildones.org/ross-public-gardens-registration/>

JAN 15 Seeds: GMO or Heirloom? with Marty Litz  
10:30 – 11:30am. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.

JAN 19 Winter Tree Keys at Warriors' Path State Park  
4:00 – 5:30pm. Practice using a few different botanical keys to learn the names of our native trees. Learn winter trees by their bark, buds, fallen leaves and more. Cost: \$3. Meet at Pool Parking Lot. Information: <https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=winter-tree-key-2022>

JAN 20 SAPS January Program - "Eat from Your Garden Year Round"  
7:00pm; Zoom presentation by Barbara Pleasant. To register, see the SAPS website: <http://saps.us/>. Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, January 20. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail [sapsnews@gmail.com](mailto:sapsnews@gmail.com).

- JAN 22 Winter Garden Seminar-Monarch Migration & More at Warriors' Path State Park  
10:00am – 12:00pm. Cost: \$5. Meet at Recreation Building. Information:  
<https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=32nd-annual-winter-garden-seminar-WPSP-2022>
- JAN 29 Seed Starting  
10:30am – 12:00pm. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- FEB 6 Orchid Society of East Tennessee – 2 pm Gray Community Center.
- FEB 7 NETMGA General Membership Awards Meeting  
6:30pm at Ron Ramsey Ag Center, 140 Spurgeon Lane in Blountville. Save the date...details will be announced.
- FEB 12 Veggies 101 with Earl Hockin  
10:30am – 12:00pm. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- FEB 12 Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site  
8:00am – 3:00pm. Watch as the gathered sap from our maple trees is boiled down to sweet maple syrup. Pancake breakfast 8:00 through 11:00. Maple sap will be cooked down all day, so come on out and join us at any time! Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children twelve and under. Breakfast is \$2.00 extra. Tipton-Haynes members are free! Information:  
<http://www.tipton-haynes.org/event/maple-syrup-festival-and-pancake-breakfast-2/>
- FEB 12 Winter Tree Finding at Roan Mountain State Park  
2:00 – 3:30pm. Join Ranger O'Day for a winter walk in the woods and learn how to identify common trees in winter by looking at twigs, bark, and other features. Cost: \$10 – includes a copy of "Winter Tree Finder" by May Theilgaard Watts & Tom Watts. Meet at Camper Check-In. Information: <https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=winter-tree-finding-2022>
- FEB 17 SAPS February Program - "Shade Gardening with Perennials, Annuals and Shrubs"  
7:00pm; Zoom presentation by Dr. Holly Scoggins. To register, see the SAPS website: <http://saps.us/>. Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, February 17. For more information, call 423-348-6572 or e-mail [sapsnews@gmail.com](mailto:sapsnews@gmail.com).
- FEB 19 Honey Bees with Ann Moore  
10:30am – 12:00pm. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- FEB 26 All About Herbs with Joy Moore  
10:30am – 12:00pm. Mize Farm & Garden, 251 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray. Admission is free; space is limited so please register at 423-467-2300.
- FEB 26 Adopt A Tree at Warriors' Path State Park  
10:00am – 12:00pm. Help plant hundreds of new trees at Warriors' Path State Park. For every tree seedling you plant, you will also get one to take home. Come early because supplies of trees are limited! No cost. Follow signs from the park entrance to the tree distribution location. Information: <https://tnstateparks.com/events/details/#/?event=adopt-a-tree-feb-2022>



