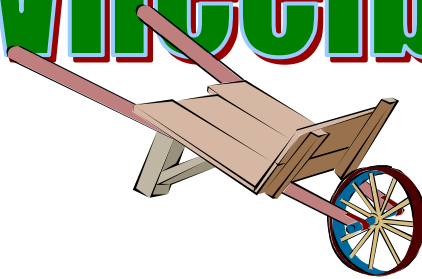


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The Appeal of the Aberrant



Speaker: Carol Reese

UT-Extension Ornamental Horticultural Specialist

Thursday, April 19, 2012—7:00 p.m.

**Kingsport Renaissance Center
1200 E. Center Street
Kingsport, TN**

Since human beings love the new, the shiny, the colorful, and even the peculiar, Carol Reese explains that there is an enormous market for plants that deviate from the norm, such as weeping or columnar form, or those with golden, bronze, or variegated foliage. In this talk Carol will feature the best of these, and show how to use them to elicit “wows” in your landscape.

April Events:

Thursday, April 5 — 7:00 p.m.

Herb Saplings Meeting

Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport.
We'll have an herb plant swap, so divide your plants and pot some up. We'll also plant some herb seeds. Bring an herbal snack to share.

Saturday, April 14 — 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Lawn and Garden Expo

Brighton Middle School, 7785 Hwy 51 South (West at traffic light), Brighton TN

Hosted by Tipton County Master Gardeners — NO ADMISSION CHARGE. Dynamic speakers, exhibits, children activities, door prizes. *Early Birds get a free tree while they last.*

www.tiptoncountymastergardeners.com 901-476-0231

Friday-Sunday, April 20-22

33rd Annual Spring Nature Festival

Warriors' Path State Park, Kingsport, TN

Expert naturalists will be sharing their nature wisdom in mini-seminars and guided walks. You can enjoy talks and walks on such diverse topics as animal tracking, stream life, spring wildflowers, and night skies. FREE. For more info, contact Marty Silver at 423- 230-6786 or marty.silver@tn.gov or check out the link for a complete schedule on the park website:

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/WarriorsPath/pdf/SpringFest.pdf>

Saturday, April 21 — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Annual Nursery Plant Auction

Sycamore Shoals Historic Site in Elizabethton
Many rare and unusual plants will be auctioned. A great opportunity to fill up your home landscape.



CUMBERLAND COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS
PRESENT THEIR 2012
SPRING FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
APRIL 26, 27 & 28
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE
GARDENING CLINICS
FREE WITH ADMISSION
GARDEN DISPLAYS AND LATEST
LATEST PRODUCTS FOR GARDEN & PATIO
BRING QUESTIONS TO
"ASK A MASTER GARDENER"

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
COMMUNITY COMPLEX
1298 LIVINGSTON ROAD
CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 28th Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport, Tennessee. Thousands of plants will be for sale with an emphasis on natives, herbs, perennials, and heirloom plants, along with garden accessories and related crafts. The Fair will also feature garden talks, children's activities, ol' timey music and traditional foods, as well as demonstrations of springtime activities on an 1850s farm. For more information, call 423-288-6071 or check www.exchangeplace.info.

To volunteer to staff a shift at the Master Gardener/SAPS booth, please call Joy Moore at 348-6572 or e-mail at jonmoore@embarqmail.com. Volunteers are also needed to help with set-up, hospitality and take-down/clean up and other aspects of organizing the Garden Fair. To volunteer, contact Phil Ramey, Spring Garden Fair chairman, at 288-4669 or e-mail pmramey2009@yahoo.com.

April 7–May 20, 2012

Festival of Flowers

Biltmore House & Gardens
Asheville, NC

Welcome spring with thousands of tulips and acres of azaleas at Biltmore. Visit soon to see gardens and landscapes filled with bright, blooming flowers.



15th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire "A Passion for Gardening"

April 20, 21 & 22
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
One Partnership Drive
Abingdon, VA



Presented by Washington County
Master Gardeners

www.gardenfaire.net

Or call 276) 676-6309 (276) 701-1467

Thursday, April 19 — 7:00 p.m.

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The Appeal of the A aberrant by Carol Reese
The Renaissance Center in Kingsport
Make sure you arrive early for your opportunity to purchase heirloom and hybrid tomato plants, greenhouse-grown by local growers, Nancy Scott and Christy Shively. Plants will be available in the parking lot behind the Renaissance Center, starting at 6:00 p.m. All plants \$2 – many heirloom varieties available.



UT Extension Service & Sevier County Area
Master Gardeners Association
Present the
**7th annual...Flower and Garden
Show & Sale**

April 21, 2012 9am-4pm
Sevier County Fairgrounds
754 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville

Come rain or shine – It's inside!
Flowers * Plants * Shrubs * Trees * Yard Art
* Auction * Lawn & Garden Equipment *
Kids' Crafts * Music * Snacks
**Admission \$3.00 or \$2.00 and a
Nonperishable food item.
Kids under 12 are FREE!**

www.scamga.org

Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28
Annual Spring Plant Sale & Raffle

Botanical Gardens at Asheville
Plant sales begin on Friday at 1:00 p.m. The sale continues on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Food and beverages will also be available on Saturday. RAIN OR SHINE.
www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR SAPS MEMBERS
FROM LITTLETON NURSERY**



Last month we listed information on a special offer from Littleton Nursery in Jonesborough. The offer is still good, but the dates given were incorrect. **The correct dates are Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7.** Littleton Nursery is offering **20% off to SAPS members** for those two days. The nursery will be open Tuesday through Saturday for the rest of the month with 10% off. For more info, call 753-9314 or 431-8191 (cell).

May Events:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5, and 6
23rd Annual Asheville Herb Festival

WNC Farmer's Market, Asheville, NC
Largest selection of herb plants and products anywhere: herbs for cooking, gardening, and medicinal use; herbal soaps, lotions, tinctures, teas, & herbal baked goods, dried herbs & flowers, and herb-related crafts, gifts & books. FREE. For more info: Farmers Market – 828-253-1691 or <http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/>.

Thursday, May 17 — 7:00 p.m.
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Eat Your Yard by Nan Chase
Jonesborough Visitors Center, 17 Boone Street
Jonesborough, TN.

Attention SAPS members: When you shop Brent and Becky's Bulbs for your summer flowering bulbs and enter the site through <http://bloominbucks.com>, 25% of your total purchase price will be donated to **SAPS** when you select **SAPS** as your Bloomin' Bucks designated organization.

"WEED AND FEED" at Netherland Inn
Sunday, April 29, 6:00 p.m.

Our annual "clean up and plant flowers" event at Netherland Inn will be Sunday, April 29, at 6:00 pm. Each spring SAPS members spend an hour weeding and planting and then have a potluck supper in the Schoolhouse Cabin behind the Inn. If you have not attended in the past, it is a lot of fun. Just bring a favorite dish for dinner and SAPS will provide wine and soft drinks. Also bring your garden weeding tools! Everyone is invited and Master Gardeners can receive hours for their efforts since Netherland Inn is a non-profit organization. Questions? Contact Nancy Scott at 423-230-0654.





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For those who like to make plans in advance, following is a tentative schedule of SAPS meetings for the remainder of 2012. Details will be posted on our web site as they become available, as well as in future issues of *The Wheelbarrow*.

REMAINING 2012 SAPS MEETINGS

Thursday, May 17 7:00 P.M.	<i>Eat Your Yard</i> , Nan Chase	Jonesborough Visitors Center
June	TBA	TBA
July	TBA	TBA
Saturday, August 11 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Tomato Fest	Kingsport Farmer's Market
Thursday, Sept. 20 7:00 P.M.	<i>September in the Garden: Design Ideas and Plant Combinations for Winter Gardens</i> E. Colston (Cole) Burrell	Renaissance Center, Kingsport, TN
Saturday, October (Date and time to be determined)	PLANT SWAP	TBA
Thursday, Nov. 15 7:00 p.m.	<i>Perennial Plants: Perpetually Pleasing and Fabulously Forgiving</i> Dr. Holly Scoggins	TBA