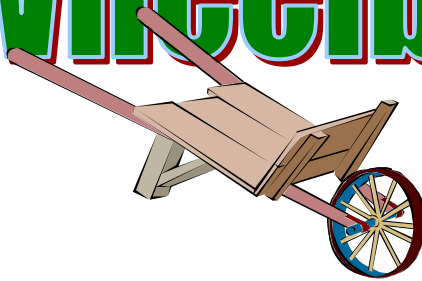


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Southern Appalachian Plant Society

February 2012

GROWING VEGETABLES THE WAY NATURE INTENDED



Speaker: Tom Peterson
*Agriculture Education Coordinator for
Appalachian Sustainable Development*

Thursday, February 16, 2012—7:00 p.m.
Recreation Building
Warriors Path State Park

Tom Peterson will be talking about ways that folks can raise healthy, productive, beautiful vegetable gardens without resorting to expensive fertilizers or potentially dangerous chemicals. He will cover building a rich, living soil, thwarting pests and diseases through smart garden planning and management and simple ways to keep weeds in check. He will discuss vegetable varieties and helpful resources for organic gardening.

Tom Peterson is the Agriculture Education Coordinator for Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) – a regional not-for-profit organization that seeks to strengthen and diversify the rural economy in southwest Virginia and east Tennessee. He works to support the Appalachian Harvest network (a group of over 60 organic farmers in the area who collectively sell fresh produce to supermarkets throughout the southeast U.S.), regional farmers markets, and others interested in sustainable agriculture through developing workshops and farm tours and offering personal farm consultations. Tom is a founding member of the Appalachian Farmers Market Association.

DIRECTIONS:

I-81, Exit 59. North on Rte. 36. Right on Hemlock Road. Continue to the park entrance and follow road to lake area. Turn left at causeway. Recreation Building and parking lot ahead.

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February Events:

Thursday, February 2 — 7:00 p.m.

Herb Saplings Meeting

Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport
Jamie Herman will lead the International Herb of the Year Discussion: **Rose, An Herb to Remember**. Please bring an herbal snack to share if you can.

Thursday and Friday, February 9-10

2012 TN Master Gardener Winter School

Murfreesboro, TN — Registration deadline: February 1
<http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu>

Saturday, February 11

Pruning the Natural Way

Botanical Gardens of Ashville
(snow date Feb. 18)

<http://www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/>

Friday-Sunday, February 17-19

Dogwood Arts House and Garden Show

Knoxville Convention Center
More than 200 exhibits featuring innovative home and garden products. Call 865-637-4561 or visit:
<http://www.dogwoodhouseandgarden.com/>

Monday and Tuesday, February 20-21

Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Association's **Winter Education and Exhibits**. Music Road Convention Center in Pigeon Forge. Many speakers, including keynote speaker, Don Shadow. For more info see:
<http://www.tnla.com/events.php?id=16>.

U-T GARDENS IN KNOXVILLE

Saturday, February 11 — 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Growing Together: Roses are Red

Saturday, February 25 — 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Adult Workshop: Composting

For more info: http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/news_events.html

SEED SWAP

Master Gardeners have an opportunity to earn ACT hours the first Wednesday of each month with a Seed Swap at the Blountville Library. MG's are asked to be available from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to simply answer questions. This program runs through May and will be open to everyone. For more info, contact Gail Shaver at cgs1955@gmail.com.

WOOD MULCH

Available from Jonesborough Recycling Center
Uniform small chips and bark
ground approximately 2"x2"
Customer Pick-up — \$10 / truckload (BYOT)
CHECK ONLY
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

March Events:

Friday, March 2 — 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Jump Start Garden Event

Johnson City Seniors' Center. Vendors will be selling garden-related items. Speakers will give talks on garden-oriented topics. Lots of door prizes! For more information, contact Connie Deegan at 423-434-6224 or cdeegan@jcseniorcentertn.com.

GREEN AND GROWING SEMINARS

Sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful, SAPS, Kingsport Library, and the Sullivan County Extension Scheduled for the first three Thursdays in March from 12 noon to 1:00 pm at the Kingsport Public Library.

Schedule and Speakers:

March 1 — Kerrie Sluder, Horticulture Teacher at Dobyns-Bennett High School and Kingsport Times-News gardening columnist. **Topic: TBA.**

March 8 — Roy Odom, local gardening guru and Kingsport Times-News gardening columnist. **Topic: Hydrangeas**

March 15 — Kathleen Beine, family physician and researcher and consultant in visualizing healthier communities. **Topic: Invasive Plants in Our Gardens**

Plan to attend these free seminars where both beginners and experts alike can learn how to work with nature to create beautiful, healthy gardens. More details in the March *Wheelbarrow*. For more info, call 423-392-8814.

Sunday, March 4

Rain Gardens for Our Mountain Home

Botanical Gardens of Ashville

<http://www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org/>

Wednesday, March 7

10:00 am — Knoxville Museum of Art

The Knoxville Garden Club will host Jon Carloftis, who will speak on **The Beautiful Gardens of Kentucky**. Open to the public and free of charge. For more info: <http://knoxvillegardenclub.org/>.

Wednesday, March 7

8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Roanoke Urban Tree Health Care Workshop

The Nature of Trees...and Other Related Thoughts

Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
Speakers: Dr. Bob Lyons, Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Dr. Neil Hendrickson, Jim Flott. For more info, check <http://treesvirginia.org>.

Thursday, March 15 — 7:00 p.m.

SAPS Meeting — Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Lives of Everyday Trees

Speaker: Nancy Hugo
Location: TBA

DUES and DONT'S

DON'T let this be your last issue of the SAPS newsletter!

DUES received by February 21st will insure you get the March newsletter, which includes the 10% member discount card, as well as other SAPS benefits throughout the year.

It's easy. Just complete the form below and return it with your dues payment to Jim Hill.

MORE BENEFITS:

Monthly newsletter delivered to your mailbox, visits to private gardens, trips, yearly member plant swap

Southern Appalachian Plant Society—2012 Membership

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Please mail this form and dues of \$15 (checks payable to SAPS) to:
Jim Hill, Membership Chairman, 4407 Greenspring Circle, Kingsport, TN 37664



The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. With a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig!



Mize 2012 Garden Seminars

Mize 2012 Garden Seminars continue at Mize Garden Centers in Johnson City and Gray. All talks are 10am-12 noon. Free, but seating is limited, so you must register. Johnson City: 434-1800 or Gray: 467-2300

Mize – Gray

Feb 11	Make Gardening Easy with Perennials with Nina Hedrick
Feb 25	Organic Gardening and Medicinal Herbs with Barbara Desso
March 10	Planting by the Moon with Valerie Hyrne and Turf Grass Management with John Hamrick
March 24	Birding with Bill Grigsby
April 7	Chickens with Anthony Shelton
April 14	Canning and Freezing with Elizabeth Elizondo
April 21	Preparing Your Beds with Tim Holmes

Mize – Johnson City

Feb 4	Herbs with Joy Moore and Container Gardening with Jeanne Cope
Feb 18	Planting by the Moon with Valerie Hyrne and Turf Grass Management with John Hamrick
March 3	Bird Habitat with Bill Grigsby
March 17	Preparing Your Beds with Tim Holmes
March 31	Make Gardening Easy with Perennials with Nina Hedrick



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**TWO TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2012
SAPS MEMBERS ONLY**

Spring in Atlanta and Callaway Gardens
March 30 to April 2

Visits to arboretums, botanical gardens, private garden tours, the famous Callaway Gardens AND MORE. Travel via motor coach from the Tri-Cities. Flyer and reservation form included with this issue of *The Wheelbarrow*. Visit the SAPS website (www.saps.us) if you need additional copies. A \$100 deposit per person is required to hold your space. Final payment due March 1, 2012.

Gardens of the Midwest
Chicago, Milwaukee and Galena
June 14-20

Included: Private and public garden tours, special meals, a trolley tour, and two river cruises. Air travel to Chicago, then deluxe private motor coach, returning by air. Watch for more info in a future newsletter!

