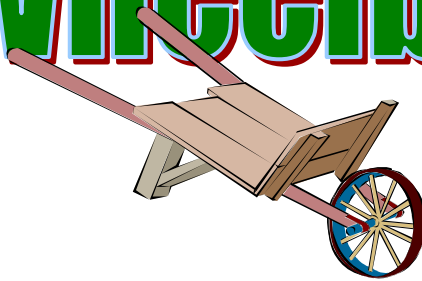


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## *Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Lives of Everyday Trees*

**Speaker: Nancy Ross Hugo**  
*Author, Nature Journalist and Lecturer*

Thursday, March 15, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Kingsport Center for Higher Education (KCHE)  
Main Auditorium  
300 W. Market Street  
Kingsport, TN



SEEING TREES

*Discover the Extraordinary Secrets of Everyday Trees*

BY NANCY ROSS HUGO  
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Nancy Ross Hugo is the author of books and articles on trees. Her latest book, ***Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Secret Lives of Everyday Trees***, published by Timber Press in 2011, has been described as "a book to change us all into unabashed tree worshippers" (*Seattle Times*). All three of Nancy Hugo's books will be for sale and autographing (cash or check, no credit cards).

## March Events:

**Thursday, March 1— 7:00 p.m.**

### Herb Saplings Meeting

Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport.

**Cool Weather Herbs.** Learn about cilantro and other herbs that are at their prime in the cool days of spring before summer heat sets in. Bring an herbal snack to share.

**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](mailto:cdeegan@jcseniorcentertn.com)

You are cordially invited to a celebration of **Right Here! Plants That Thrive in East Tennessee**, a book of "botanical recipes" written by Blount County Master Gardeners.

Authors and friends will read or speak about plants described in the book. Many hands and hearts worked together to produce this book, and it would not have been possible without the support of the community.

Please come and celebrate with us.

**Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sharon Lawson Room  
Blount County Public Library**

**Saturday, March 3 — 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

### Intro to Vegetable Gardening

Unicoi Town Hall. Cost of Class is \$10. Refreshments provided. No one will go home empty-handed. Come out and let's get ready for spring gardening! Call 330-6138 for availability and reservations.

### Now Through the Month of March

Take a tropical break from winter with a visit to the Orchid Room in Biltmore's Conservatory. More than 70 colorful orchids are in peak bloom, now through March. The Orchid Room features bromeliads and orchids, some of which are epiphytes, which gain moisture and nutrients through aerial roots.

[http://www.biltmore.com/visit/house\\_gardens/gardens/conservatory.asp](http://www.biltmore.com/visit/house_gardens/gardens/conservatory.asp) for ticket info.



**Sunday, March 4**

### Rain Gardens for Our Mountain Home

Botanical Gardens of Asheville

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

## March Garden Events Scheduled UT Gardens - Knoxville

For more info, check: [http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/news\\_events.html](http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/news_events.html).

**Friday, March 9 OR Saturday, March 10 — 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### Garden Sprouts: Color Hunt

Preschool program for children ages 3-5 (and one accompanying adult).

**Saturday, March 10 — 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

### Adult Workshop: Mini Gardening

**Saturday, March 17—2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### Grandkids Growing: Art in the Garden

Program for grandparent/grandchild.

**Saturday, March 24 — 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### Garden Buds: Frogs, Bugs, Birds, Oh My!

Program for children ages 6-9.



## April Events:

**April 7–May 20, 2012**

### Festival of Flowers – Biltmore

Biltmore's gardens, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, are alive with color as spring arrives. Enjoy special events and the beauty of tulips, azaleas, and countless other flowers during *Festival of Flowers*. <http://www.biltmore.com/visit/calendar/spring.asp> for ticket info.

**Friday-Sunday, April 20-22**

Yes, it's still wintertime, but the folks at Warriors' Path State Park are looking forward to their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual **Spring Nature Festival**. April 20-22 will be a weekend full of nature discovery at the park. Expert naturalists from across our region 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. This is a free event, and no pre-registration is needed. Just come and enjoy a great weekend outdoors!

Please contact Marty Silver (423) 230-6786 if you need additional information, event photos, etc. Here's a link to the complete schedule on the park website:

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

## 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 Dobyans-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. For more info, call 423-392-8814.

**Snavelly Nursery**, 964 Fall Creek Rd. in Blountville, has announced that the nursery business is transitioning over to specialize in growing and selling Japanese Maples. Owners Jim and John Snavelly will be discounting current stock of shrubbery, perennials, and ground covers. Snavelly's has over 25 Japanese maples cultivars in various sizes, over 8,000 selections to choose from on sale.

## SPECIAL OFFER FOR SAPS FROM LITTLETON NURSERY

Littleton Nursery in Jonesborough will open Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, 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. This year they have stocked many new perennials, veggie plants, hosta, ferns, and daylilies. They also have double flowering hellebores in limited supplies. March appointments can be made by calling 753-9314 or 431-8191 (cell).

## Mize 2012 Garden Seminars

There is still time to take advantage of the **free** garden seminars offered by Mize Garden Centers at both their Johnson City and Gray locations in March and April.  
 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

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March 10	<b><i>Planting by the Moon</i></b> with Valerie Hyrne and <b><i>Turf Grass Management</i></b> with John Hamrick
March 24	<b><i>Birding</i></b> with Bill Grigsby
April 7	<b><i>Chickens</i></b> with Anthony Shelton
April 14	<b><i>Canning and Freezing</i></b> with Elizabeth Elizondo
April 21	<b><i>Preparing Your Beds</i></b> with Tim Holmes

### Mize – Johnson City

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March 3	<b><i>Bird Habitat</i></b> with Bill Grigsby
March 17	<b><i>Preparing Your Beds</i></b> with Tim Holmes
March 31	<b><i>Make Gardening Easy with Perennials</i></b> with Nina Hedrick and <b><i>Top Perennials for our Region</i></b> with Nina Hedrick



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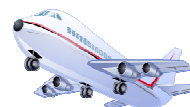


## TWO TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2012 SAPS MEMBERS ONLY

***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 available on our website ([www.saps.us](http://www.saps.us)). A \$100 deposit per person is required to hold your space.  
REMINDER: 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. Flyer and reservation form included in this issue of *The Wheelbarrow*.