



The Wheelbarrow

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society
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End of Year Checklist for SAPS Members:

- Send in my membership dues for 2012 to Jim Hill.
- Register for free Winter Garden Seminar “Ferns in the Landscape” at Warrior’s Path State Park.
- Watch for details of two exciting SAPS garden trips.
- Welcome newsletter editor Mary Zamiska and Anne Williams, Board Member-At-Large.
- Thank President Jenny Clemmer for her gracious leadership these past two years. Job extremely well-done, Jenny!
- Thank Liz Blakely for serving on the Board and promising to keep our Facebook presence working.
- Congratulate and support our new President Hugh Conlon and Vice-President Mary Ward.

December Events:

Thursday the 1st: **Exchange Place Living History Farm Wreath-Making Workshop:** with Christy Shivell, from 9:30-2:30. Lunch and all materials included. **This event is sold out!**

Saturday the 3rd: **Christmas in the Country at Exchange Place Living History Farm**, 10 am until 4 pm. Yule Log lighting at 4:15 pm.

Saturday the 3rd: **Adopt A Tree at Warrior's Path State Park:** 10 am until Noon. Help plant tree seedlings in the park. For every one you plant you'll get one for your own habitat at home. Call 426.239.6786

Sunday the 4th: **3rd Annual Appalachian Heritage Seed Festival:** 2-5 pm at Slater Center, 325 McDowell Street, Bristol, TN. **Ira Wallace**, a founder of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, will open the Swap with "*Heirloom Seeds: Sow, Savor, Save*", an introduction to the joy of seed saving. The main event will follow:

Free to Spacious Home or Office
Mary Ward has a healthy rubber tree plant she's willing to deliver to your home or office (if you're not too far away.) The plant is about 5' high and 6' wide. Call 423.477.3159 to arrange adoption.

Brought to you by the Herb Sapling group, just in time for Christmas crafting. Thanks, Liz Blakely, for sharing these instructions.

Cinnamon-Applesauce Ornaments

1 cup cinnamon
1 cup applesauce
1 tablespoon white glue

rolling pin
cookie cutters
straw or chopstick
ribbon
parchment paper
cookie sheet



Mix ingredients in a large bowl. Form the dough into a ball. Roll out the dough on parchment paper to 1/4" thickness. Press out shapes with cookie cutters. Poke a hole in the tops of ornament with straw or chopstick. Let air dry for several days or bake in a 200 degree oven (flip ornament every 10 minutes CAREFULLY). Thread ribbon and hang on your tree. These ornaments keep for decades and smell wonderful!

gardeners are invited to share and swap heirloom and open pollinated seeds.

Travel east on State Street from Volunteer Parkway/Commonwealth Drive. Pass under the Bristol: A Good Place to Live sign and make a right turn onto Pennsylvania. Take next left onto McDowell. The Slater Center is the large brick building on your left. Call 423.704.4023 if you get lost.

January Events:

Saturday-Saturday the 7th-14th: **Wilderness Wildlife**

Week at Pigeon Forge, TN. More than 100 experts will share their knowledge of the outdoor world during seminars, lectures, and hands-on workshops.

There will be 50 guided walks and hikes designed for all

levels of expertise and ability. Music lovers will enjoy live, homegrown Smoky Mountain music. www.mypigeonforge.com/events_winterfest_wilderness.aspx



Friday-Saturday the 20th-21st: **23rd Annual Winter Garden Seminar at Warrior's Path State Park: Native Ferns in the Landscape with Tom Goforth.** Friday at 7pm or Saturday at 10 am. Pre-registration required: email MartySilver@tn.gov



As this year ends and *The Wheelbarrow* is turned over to **Mary Zamiska**, your new editor, allow me to thank everyone for the many articles you submitted over the years and acknowledge my faithful mailing assistants, Betty Adams and Jim Hill, who make this job much easier. I've been proud to call myself editor and board member and grateful for the friends I've made through those positions, but have come to realize all organizations benefit from new faces and ideas, and SAPS is no different. Hopefully there are others out there who will step forward to serve on committees or chair events next year. SAPS is a robust organization (275 members strong at last count) with scores of talented people hiding their lights under bushels. Do resolve to join in and share your talents with us in the coming year. **Carl Voigt** recently offered to ensure media run smoothly at our monthly programs. Thanks, Carl!

Mary welcomes newsletter submissions and wants you to know that *The Wheelbarrow* deadline will stay the same....**the 20th of every month**. To contact her regarding events, articles, or notices for the newsletter drop her a line at zamiskas@comcast.net

See you at meetings,
Laurie Feit

Not One, but Two Tours for Gardeners!

Gardens of the Midwest: A Chicago, Milwaukee, Galena tour: June 14th to 20th: with many 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.

Spring in Atlanta and Callaway Gardens: March 30th to April 2nd: Jam-packed with visits to arboretums, botanical gardens, private garden tours, and the justly famous Callaway Gardens. Travel via motor coach from the Tri-Cities.

Thanks to Marge and Leonard Passmore for their hard work planning these itineraries.
Watch for brochures and registration forms coming soon.

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It's That Time: Renew for 2012

The Wheelbarrow newsletter, Facebook reminders, the SAPS website with gardening links and informative articles, meetings with expert guest speakers, the Discount Vendor Card, trips for garden lovers, Herb Sapling gatherings, and our annual Plant and Seed Swap are yours when you rejoin. And remember, your spouse is included free!

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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

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Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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