



The Wheelbarrow

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society
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SAPS board member and daylily enthusiast **Dennis Marshall** has graciously invited SAPS members to visit his garden on **Saturday, June 25th**, when his daylilies should be at their peak. Visit anytime **from 9 am – 11 am**, the best time of day to see the colors of the blooms.

If you want to join in a **potluck breakfast**, come at 9 am and bring a breakfast dish. Dennis and Earika Marshall's home in Bloomingdale is located on 1.5 acres of land surrounded by a split rail fence accented with purple leaf maples. While their main emphasis is on growing daylilies (and

Dennis has many new varieties), the yard contains a variety of perennials and shrubs, lattice structures with climbing vines and numerous pieces of yard art. Dennis also enjoys growing berries which he uses in wine making. If you have questions, call Dennis at 423.288.3675.

Thank you, Dennis, for offering us the chance to enjoy your beautiful daylilies! Did you know **SOME SAPS Discount Vendors specialize in daylilies?** Now's the perfect time to visit them.

Directions to the Marshall's Garden at 2100 Welch Road in Kingsport:

Take John B. Dennis Hwy north (Hwy. 93N). Pass Indian Path Hospital and Sullivan North High School until you reach the stoplight at Bloomingdale Pike. Turn left, and go about 1/4 mile. Stuffle Heights is on your right.. Turn right onto Stuffle Road and follow the road around a curve and then proceed 2/3 way up hill. Turn left onto Welch Road. The Marshall house is the 3rd house on the right with split rail fence.

Upcoming Events: Please Mark Your Calendars

July 14th SAPS Program: Woodland Natives at Warrior's Path State Park by Joy Moore and Nina Hedrick. Tour the Braille Trail at Darryl's Dream Playground and get a taste of native plants at WPSP. Trail tours begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a slide presentation in the Duck Island recreation building at 7:30. **Please note special time and date.**

SAPS Tomato Fest on August 13th....at our new Farmers' Market in Kingsport. Let's grow lots of tomatoes and plan to enter the best-tasting tomato, salsa, and dress-your-tomato contests. Dennis Marshall, Chairman, is counting on us to participate; please say "yes" when asked.

May Events:

Saturday the 28th: Old Garden Roses: The Ultimate Garden Plant: Mike Shoup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium in Breham, TX will be one of several speakers at the rose exhibition at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. Shoup's program at 10 am is free, but there is an \$8/vehicle charge to enter the Arboretum.

Saturday the 28th: Jonesborough Garden Gala. The theme is "*Birds, Blooms, or Butterflies: Planting with a Purpose.*" Visitors are invited through the garden gates of some of the town's most historic homes while visiting public gardens along the way.

Saturday-Sunday the 28th-29th: Annual Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society Exhibition: at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. Roses of every color and size, and rose plants for sale, too.
www.ncarboretum.org

June Events:

Saturday the 11th: Shady Oaks Garden Tour: "Timeless Gardens of Johnson City."
(rain date the 12th) 10 am-2:00 pm. Tickets: \$10 in advance/\$12 day of tour.

Seven private gardens are on the tour with a featured garden

at the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson City community garden where refreshments will be served. Plants grown by members will be for sale at the Fleishman garden.

For tickets and information call 423.929.2267 or 423.282.8281 or email phumphreys@minco.net



Saturday the 18th: Daylilies Show by the Western North Carolina Daylily Club. Prize-winning daylilies on display and special varieties available for purchase at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. \$8 vehicle fee at entrance.

Saturday the 18th: 2nd Annual Dragonfly Day at Warrior's Path State Park in Kingsport. Free day-long event, but you must pre-register by calling 423. 239.6786 or emailing Marty.Silver@tn.gov

Saturday-Sunday the 18th-19th: 65th Annual Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain State Park.
www.roanmountain.com

July Events:

Saturday-Sunday the 9th-10th: Bamboo Festival put on by the American Bamboo Society's SE Chapter at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville. Vehicle fee at entrance.

Monday the 11th: SAPS Board Meeting at the Netherland Inn, 6 pm.

Thursday the 14th: SAPS Meeting: Braille Trail Tour at Warriors' Path State Park: with Joy Moore and Nina Hedrick: 6:30 pm.

Monday the 18th: Perennial Plant Association Symposium, in Atlanta. Visit their website for details about a special one-day seminar for Master Gardeners, homeowners, and plant enthusiasts.

We're still looking for an interested person to be newsletter editor next year. It could be the creative outlet you're looking for and it's a fool-proof way to earn MG hours!

Please call Laurie at 423.246.1004 if you'd like to learn more.

Friday-Sunday the 22nd-24th:
**NC Herb Association's
Wild Herb Weekend** at
Valle Cruis Conference Cen-
ter, Valle Cruis, NC.
www.ncherbassociation.org

Saturday the 30th: **Mini-
Conference on Native
Plants in the Landscape.**
Alan Armitage will give the
keynote address, part of the
greater Cullowhee Conference
on Native Plants at Western
NC University. Open to all:
\$25 fee. Call 282.227.7397 or
www.wcu.edu/5033.asp



August Events:

Saturday the 13th: **SAPS To-
mato Fest:** 8-10 am at the
Kingsport Farmers' Market.
Contest entries accepted from
8-9 am. Dennis Marshall is
returning as chairman of
Tomato Fest and he'd love to
have your help.

September Events:

Thursday the 15th: **SAPS An-
nual September in the Gar-
den Lecture:** "The Southern
Living Plant Collection" with
Buddy Lee, founder of the
Encore Azalea.

Remember Faye?

Were you with us that
summer of 2009 on the
SAPS bus trip to private
gardens of Knoxville?

Faye Beck's 5,000 square
foot garden was one of
the highlights of the day.
You can re-live the experi-
ence in the May/June is-
sue of *Fine Gardening
Magazine*, on newsstands
now.

THANKS:

To: those who came
out to help spiff up
Netherland Inn garden
last month. We
mulched, planted, and
had a great time so-
cializing afterwards.

To: Joy Stewart and
Larry Hannemann for
throwing open your
yard to a SAPS tour in
May. It was both in-
structive and inspiring
to see what you have
accomplished in five
short years in a highly
challenging location.

Thanks, too, for lots of
anemone door prizes.

To: Unsung heroes,
Betty Adams and Jim
Hill, for helping put this
newsletter in our mail-
boxes each month.

THIS JUST IN..
Herb Saplings will
gather Thursday June
2nd, at 7pm, at the
Exchange Place in
Kingsport for an
evening of education,
fun and fellowship!

Tom Boy Tools Rep ,
Carrie Maggard, will
illustrate the technique
of making a tile mo-
osaic. Each attendee
will have the hands-on
opportunity to learn
the craft and take
home a tile trivet.

Cost \$6, payable at
door. RSVP to Liz
Blakely (lizblakely
@yahoo.com) by
Monday night, May
30th.

Bring an herbal snack
to share if you can.

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Dragonfly and Damselfly Day at Warrior's Path State Park Saturday, June 18th

Larry Everett, TDEC Aquatic Biologist, and Richard Connors, TN State Parks field biologist, serve as leaders for the 2nd Annual Dragonfly Day at the park, sharing their expertise and enthusiasm for these 'winged wonders' of the natural world.

You'll learn the basics of odonates (so called because of the teeth on their mandibles): how to identify them and separate the dragonflies from the damselflies. For primitive insects they have remarkably advanced flying abilities including incredible flight speeds and hovering skills.

Over 70 species of odonates have been recorded at the Park and Sullivan County. Bring binoculars and your camera. Richard will share tips on the best of each for watching and capturing details.

This is a free program, but space is limited to ensure the highest quality experience for all and you must preregister for the day's program by calling 423. 239. 6786 or emailing **Marty.Silver@tn.gov**