



# *The Wheelbarrow*

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society  
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## *Weeds for Your Needs*

*with Doug Elliott*

**Do join us Thursday, March 17th at the Jonesborough Visitor's Center (7 pm) for a rollicking good time with NC naturalist, herbalist, basket-maker, author musician, and storyteller Doug Elliott speaking on the uses of weeds.**

**Doug's books and CDs will be available for purchase.**

## March Events:

Thursday the 2nd: **Herb Saplings Meeting: Karen Roark**, a member of the Remnant Yucca Nation will present 'Native American Herbs' 7 pm at Exchange Place in Kingsport. Bring an herb snack if you can.

Friday-Sunday the 10th-13th: **AAUW Book Fair** at the Civic Auditorium in Kingsport. Thousands of used books (Grow your horticultural library!) at bargain prices. Preview sale Thursday \$10. Admission free Friday to Sunday. Hours: F/Sat: 9 am-8 pm, Sun: 1-6 pm. For more details call 423.239.9283.

Saturday the 12th: **Mize Garden Seminars** in Johnson City: "Perennials for the Garden" with Nina Hedrick and "What and Where to Landscape" with Tim Holmes. 10 am-12 pm. Free, but you must call 423.467.2300 to register.

Thursday the 17th: **SAPS Meeting with Doug Elliot "Weeds for Your Needs"** Jonesborough Visitor's Center

Saturday the 19th: **Mize Garden Seminars in Gray and Johnson City.**

Gray: "Organic Gardening Plus" presented by Barbara Desso from 10-11:30. Free but call 423. 467.2300 to reserve your spot.

Johnson City: "Hypertufa Workshop" from 10am-1pm \$10 fee. Call 423.434.1800 to reserve your spot. You will make a pot to take home. Space is limited at this workshop.



Saturday-Sunday the 26th-27th: **East Tennessee Daffodil Society** will hold its spring flower show from 1-5 pm both days at Ellington Plant Sciences Holingworth Auditorium on the UT Ag Campus in Knoxville. Come see new introductions and the varieties that do best in this area. Special features this year are heirloom and historic daffodils. Plant vendors will have a great selection of old, unusual, and rare plants for sale. Contact: Lois van Wie: 865.984.9069 Free and open to the public.

Saturday-Sunday the 26th-27th: **Western North Carolina Orchid Society Show** at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. Thousands of orchids being judged, plus orchid plants and supplies for sale by world-class vendors. Educational classes are offered throughout the weekend.

Saturday the 26th: **Mize Garden Seminars** in Gray:

"Perennials for the Garden" by Nina Hedrick and "Planting by the Moon" with Valerie Hyrne, 10 am until 12 pm. Free, but you must call 423.467.2300 to register.

## April Events:

Saturday the 9th: **Mize Garden Seminar** in Johnson City: "Supporting Your Vegetable Garden" with Martin Litz. 10 am-12 pm. Free, but you must call 423.434.1800 to register.

Thursday the 14th: **SAPS Meeting with author/expert Margie Hunter "Native Plants Though The Seasons"** Please note earlier date than usual. Kingsport Renaissance Center

Friday-Sunday the 15th-17th: **Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire**, in Abingdon, VA

Friday-Sunday the 15-17th: **32nd Annual Spring Nature Festival at Warriors' Path State Park.** Topics for seminars and hikes include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more. And it's all FREE.

Saturday-Sunday April 30th-May 1: **Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair** in Kingsport

**Saturday, April 2-Sullivan Co.  
Conservation Board Plant  
Sale (p.4)**

**Herb and Wildflower Day, Saturday,  
April 2 in Townsend, TN. This event  
takes place at the Townsend Visitors'  
Center.**

There will be an array of wildflowers, walks in the Smokies with botanists, a gardening class taught by UT Extension, plus four garden centers will be there with plants for sale—ranging from lilies to herbs to nursery-grown natives. There will also be pottery and baked goods for sale.

The schedule of events is on the webpage: [http://www.smokymountains.org/info/herb\\_wildflower.html](http://www.smokymountains.org/info/herb_wildflower.html)

**Green and Growing Seminars for 2011**

The popular lunchtime gardening seminars returns on the first three Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library, from Noon until 1 pm. These free sessions, for beginners and experts alike, will teach us how to work with nature to create beautiful, healthy gardens. Sponsored by: Keep Kingsport Beautiful, SAPS, the Kingsport Public Library, and Sullivan County Extension. Bring a bag lunch and walk away with free handouts and lists of books and websites for reference. Call Keep Kingsport Beautiful 423.392.8814 for more information.

3/3: **Notable Trees of TN:** with Tom Simpson, East TN Urban Forester and Historic Tree Register Chair. Learn about notable trees selected for their beauty, longevity, and historical distinction and the importance and threats faced by urban forests.

3/10: **50 Years with Wildflowers:** with Joy Moore, Master Gardener and wildflower enthusiast. Tour the East TN woodland garden of Betty and Neil Ottenfeld through stunning photos taken by Allen Duffield.

3/17: **Four Season Gardening:** with Jeanne Cope, Master Gardener and gardening columnist. Learn how to push the seasons to gain a month of gardening time and add excitement with flowers, foliage, and vegetables.



**Hosta Update by Nina Hedrick**

Have a hosta question or problem? Wondering what new hostas every one is lusting after? Want to see or share some inspiring hosta photos? The hosta forum is the place to be! Hop over to the American Hosta Society Forum for a little hosta talk to help pass the time until Spring. You do not have to be a member of the American Hosta Society to use this forum, but you do have to register. (See upper left-hand corner of the website.) <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/forum/index.php>

**How To Certify An Arboretum: by Brenda Warner**

*(In our Jan. issue Brenda Warner wrote about the new Adinna Woods Arboretum. This month she explains how an arboretum achieves and maintains certification.)*

Master Gardeners are often asked to help certify an arboretum. Where does one start? The website for all the needed information is: [www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forms/arboreta.pdf](http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forms/arboreta.pdf) For an entity to be a certified arboretum with the State of Tennessee specific requirements must be in place. To begin, there are four different levels of certification with each level having very specific requirements that must be met. These are listed on the above website.

Best Management Practices (BMP) must be in place to protect the trees from Weedwhackers and lawnmowers. These practices must also include the safe use of pesticides and herbicides. Once certification has been accomplished, recertification must take place every five years to retain State of Tennessee certification.

This year at UT during the Marco Symposium at the Baker Center for Public Policy, speaker **Deirdre Larkin of the Cloisters** at the Metropolitan Museum of New York, will present the keynote lecture entitled:

*“Hortus Redivius: The Medieval Garden Recreated.”*

This three-day event (March 10-12) includes lectures and discussions, all free and open to the public.

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**This issue of *The Wheelbarrow* includes your 2011 Discount Card. Our Discount Vendor list is always available on the SAPS website. This year there are new additions and numerous changes, so please consult the list before a vendor visit.**

## **SOIL CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP PLANT SALE**

The Sullivan County Soil Conservation Board will hold its annual plant sale to raise funds for scholarships that it awards each year to local high school students. This year the sale will be held Saturday, April, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Earnhart Station, located across from Bristol Motor Speedway, from 9 am to 2 pm.

There will be a good variety of plants to choose from—both bareroot and in containers. We will have shade and flowering trees, fruit trees, and shrubs. The bareroot trees will be 4-5' and the potted plants will be in 3 gallon containers. We will have red maples, Forest Pansy, Cleveland Select Pear, Yoshino Cherry, Autumanlis cherry, apple and peach trees, plus a good variety of containerized plants such as Gold Mop, Sky Pencil, Green Giant and Nandinas.

For more information call the SCSCD office at 423.323.8012.

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