



# The Wheelbarrow

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society  
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## Private Garden Tour de Force!

Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm

Visit the amazing garden of Joy Stewart and Larry Hannemann at 449 Springfield Drive in Bristol, TN, where we will see beautiful plants - perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs (mostly natives) and interesting landscape techniques, with an emphasis on those used to control rain water runoff and conserve water. Three rain gardens (gardens designed to capture rainfall flowing through the yard, store that water to nurture its plants, and cleanse runoff) adorn the property, along with decorative rain barrels to catch rain water falling on roofs. French drains redirect water and a green roof is under construction. Other landscape features include woodland gardens, wildflower meadows, a 100 foot stream bed, a pond, an arbor, and Joy's hand-made stepping stones and stained glass garden art.

When the couple moved into their home 5 years ago, Joy and Larry were faced with the challenge of lots of water running through their large front yard whenever it rained. Joy, long interested in native plants for their beauty, toughness and benefits to wildlife and familiar with the concept of rain gardens, began researching locally native species and the specifics of rain garden design. To obtain the large variety and quantity of plants Joy sought out and purchased plants at specialty nurseries, but she also started many plants from seed to make the projects affordable. The couple has done most of the construction work themselves, gradually adding new gardens each year. We'll see the remarkable fruits of their effort, an ever evolving garden with a variety of large native plantings at different stages of development.

Joy has taken graduate level courses in landscape architecture and received certification in rain garden design from South Carolina Extension. She is currently working with the Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods program, a partnership between UT Extension, the Tennessee Water Resources Research Center at UT, and TVA, which advises people on "how to maintain a beautiful, heartier landscape while conserving and protecting the water supply". The Stewart/Hannemann garden will be featured on the TYN website as a success story.

In the event of rain the program will be canceled. Members only, please, at this event.  
Please carpool if possible, since parking will be on the street in this residential neighborhood.

Directions to 449 Springfield Drive, Bristol, TN: (Do not use Mapquest.)  
From I-81 get off at Exit 69 and take TN 394 east through Blountville toward the Bristol Speedway. You will travel about 9 miles total on Hwy 394. Go past both race tracks and start looking for a little green sign on the right side of the road, labeled "To Vance Tank Road". Turn right at the green sign (Sweet Knob Road Exit) and go a few hundred yards and turn right onto Vance Tank Road. Turn left onto Broyles Lane which crosses the railroad tracks. Then take the second left onto Springfield Drive. Continue on to 449 Springfield Drive, about 1/2 mile. Springfield Drive does a complete loop through the subdivision. Joy and Larry's house is on the backside of the loop on the left. You'll spot it right away.

## April Events:

Tuesday the 26th-Sunday May 1:  
**61st Annual Spring  
Wildflower Pilgrimage in  
the Smokies:**

[www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org](http://www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org)

Friday-Saturday-Sunday the 29th-  
May 1st: **22nd Annual  
Asheville Herb Festival  
at the WNC Farmers'  
Market**, offering by far the  
best selection of herb plants in  
the southeast! 828.301.8966  
OR [www.ashevilleherbfestival.com](http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com)

Friday-Saturday the 29th-30th:  
**Annual Spring Plant  
Sale** Botanical Gardens at  
Asheville.  
[www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org](http://www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org)

Saturday the 30th: **9th Annual  
Spring Plant Sale** at Ijams  
Nature Center in Knoxville.  
8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Free.  
[www.ijams.org](http://www.ijams.org)

Saturday-Sunday the 30th-May  
1st: **American Rhododen-  
dron Society, SE Chap-  
ter Meeting** at the NC Arbo-  
retum. Spring and summer  
rhododendron and azaleas are  
favorites for the weekend. See  
the National Native Azalea  
Collection and explore the gar-  
dens. [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org)

Saturday the 30th: **2nd  
Annual Chestnut Tree  
Restoration Celebration:**  
The American Chestnut Foun-  
dation is trying to bring back  
this noble tree. Tour the Mea-  
dowview Price Research Farm  
in VA during a gala event. Call

276.944.4631 for tickets or  
email [swvabbranch@acf.org](mailto:swvabbranch@acf.org)  
Music, BBQ, speaker, tours,  
raffle and door prizes.

Saturday-Sunday the 30th-May  
1st: **Exchange Place  
Spring Garden Fair** in  
Kingsport. Thousands of  
plants for sale with an empha-  
sis on natives, herbs, perenni-  
als, and heirloom plants, along  
with garden related items, plus  
garden talks, children's activi-  
ties, ol' timey music, traditional  
foods, and demonstrations of  
springtime activities on an  
1850s farm. Admission is \$1  
adults and \$.50 children. For  
more info, call 423.288.6071.

**Admission: only \$1 for adults and  
50 cents for children. Hours: Sat-  
urday 10-5, Sunday 12-5.**



## May Events:

Sunday the 1st: **Weed and  
Feed at the Netherland  
Inn** in Kingsport, 6-8 pm.

Join us as we spiff up the Inn's  
kitchen garden. Bring gloves  
and your favorite weeding/  
digging tool and witness the  
difference a SAPS crew can  
make in just an hour. After-  
wards, we'll enjoy a delicious  
potluck supper in the shade.  
Beverages provided.

(SAPS Board will meet at the  
Inn's Schoolhouse at 4:30 pm)

Wednesday the 4th: **Knoxville  
Garden Club Open Meet-  
ing:** at the Knoxville Museum  
of Art, 10 am. Speaker: Chris  
Wiesinger, owner of The  
Southern Bulb Company in  
Texas, aka "The Bulb Hunter."  
Admission free.

Thursday the 5th: **Herb Sap-  
lings Meeting.** Gather at  
6:30 pm in **Ben Hunter's gar-  
den**, 691 Shady View Road,  
Kingsport, to learn about  
raised beds and composting.  
Directions: From intersection of John  
B. Dennis Hwy (TN 93) and I-26, go  
south on Hwy 93 (S. Wilcox Drive/  
Sullivan Gardens Parkway). Go  
through first traffic light and con-  
tinue .2 mile. Turn left just before  
Pizza Plus onto Shady View Road.  
Go 1.4 miles. House is on left.

**The Search is On...**the cur-  
rent editor of *The Wheelbarrow* is  
"retiring" from the position this  
December and the search is on for  
someone to pick up the reins  
commencing with the January  
2012 issue. Are you that person?

There's plenty of time to learn  
how this newsletter comes to-  
gether and full creative license to  
make our monthly publication into  
something you'd like it to be.  
No special software program is  
needed: if you have Microsoft Of-  
fice on your computer you're  
good to go.

Please contact any SAPS board  
member if interested and we'll be  
happy to answer questions, or  
email the editor at [lfeit@charter.net](mailto:lfeit@charter.net)

**Saturday the 7th: Spring Plant and Heirloom Sale**, Greeneville, page 4 for details.

**Saturday the 7th: Conservancy Open Gardens Garden Day in Knoxville.** 7 private gardens open to tours. Tickets/info at [info@knoxgarden.org](mailto:info@knoxgarden.org)

**Saturday-Sunday the 7th-8th: Blooms Day Marketplace at UT Gardens.** For a full list of offerings, see <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>

**Saturday-Sunday the 7th-8th: Eighth Annual Knoxville Bonsai Society Show:** at the Hollingsworth Auditorium on UT Ag Campus.



**Saturday the 14th: Dahlia Tuber & Mum Plant Sale:** NC Arboretum, Asheville, NC. A wide variety of tubers and rooted cuttings available for purchase. Learn from society experts how to raise plants with show-quality blooms. Also heirloom tomatoes, zinnias, and marigolds.  
[www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org)

**Saturday-Wednesday the 14th-18th: 13th National Scenic**

**and Historic Trails Conference** in Abingdon, VA. The famous Damascus Trail Days Festival on Saturday kicks off this four day conference. It's for anyone wanting to understand how trails contribute to human, environmental, community, economic, and educational health. For a full listing of speakers, workshops, hikes, and events, call 414.617.2525 and ask to speak with Julia Glad.

**Thursday the 19th: SAPS Meeting: Stewart/Hannemann Garden Tour** in Bristol: 6:30 pm. (For members only, please.) Visit Joy Stewart and Larry Hannemann's extensive gardens, including rain gardens, wildflower meadows, and other landscaping features.

**Saturday the 28th: Jonesborough Garden Gala.** This year's 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.

**It takes many volunteers to produce an event like this and SAPS members, with their enthusiasm for plants and horticultural know-how, make excellent hosts in the gardens. Two shifts available: 12:30-2:45 or 2:45-5. You are welcome to tour the gardens at no cost, either before or after your shift.**

Contact Joletta Woodard at 423.282.3234 or [myjoybird@hotmail.com](mailto:myjoybird@hotmail.com)

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

## Hummer Watch

When our kids were growing up, 25 cents and great honor went to the person to glimpse the first hummingbird of the year at a feeder hanging outside the dining room windows. We learned to start looking when the honeysuckle bushes that overrun our property burst into bloom.

As I write this, that time has come around again; and while there's only my husband to compete against now, I'm still keeping an open eye for these magical creatures, hoping they find their way back to our yard again.

The Internet is full of hummingbird advice, including ways to charm hummers into feeding out of your hand. Instructions for creating and employing hand-held feeding tubes can be found on multiple websites. *Birds and Blooms* magazine website, [www.birdsandblooms.com](http://www.birdsandblooms.com) has a section called Hummingbird Central, fun to browse.

Apparently, all that's needed is patience, pliable wire, a test tube, and an artificial flower or touch of red to lure them in. Sounds like a fine project for kids or maybe you this summer?



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## **Big Spring Master Gardeners Annual Spring Plant & Heirloom Sale**

**When: Saturday, May 7th from 1-5 pm**

**Where: Tusculum Park, 70 West Street in Greeneville**

What: A unique supply of extraordinary plants (heirloom tomatoes, herbs, peppers), unique flowers, vegetables, mini-gardens to attract beneficial insects, cottage gardens, sunflower gardens, and more...all grown locally at Cook's Greenhouses by Greene County Master Gardeners.

Have an insect, weed, or disease you need to know more about? Bring it in and a Master Gardener will help you identify it.....half the battle when you're up against a pesky pest.

Dr. Bill Best, founding member and current director of the Sustainable Mountain Agriculture Center (SMAC) in Berea, KY will be speaking from 2-3 pm. He serves as a consultant to many groups and individuals interested in seed-saving and preservation.

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A SAPS Discount Vendor, **Cook's Greenhouses** will be open this year beginning May 5th through June 11th from 2-6:30 pm on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Sandee is growing lots of heirloom tomatoes and herbs. Call her at 423.741.2341 for driving directions and/or questions, or to make an appointment for times not listed. She will also be at Exchange Place Spring sale the weekend of April 30th and May 1st.