



The Wheelbarrow

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society
www.saps.us October 2011

PLANT & SEED SWAP FREE STUFF!

Saturday, October 1st from
11 until 1:30
Rotary Park in Johnson City



Join us for what might be the most popular event of the SAPS year as we swap, recycle, place our bids, and enjoy each other's company. Flower, herb, and vegetable seeds are always welcome. (Please label with the variety name, if known.) Plants are welcome, too; so divide overgrown clumps and share the bounty. Special plants will earn a spot in the Silent Auction, along with any garden items you care to donate. Silent Auction profits help bring in top-notch speakers to SAPS each year.

Gather up plastic nursery pots (quart size and up) to be reused by area growers. And why not sort through those stacks of gardening magazines and catalogs you cannot bear to throw away? Someone will enjoy poring over them this winter.

Try out a new recipe on us or whip up your signature dish for the Potluck Luncheon. We gardeners always lay out quite a spread. Greet the new Master Gardener class, our invited guests. Rain or shine the huge picnic shelter will allow us to enjoy the fellowship of gardening pals.

Directions to Rotary Park in Johnson City:

From Kingsport: Head south on I-26 to State of Franklin Road in JC. Turn left at bottom of ramp, then move to right hand lane. At the first light, turn right onto Oakland Ave. ***Continue on Oakland through a residential area, past Monte Vista Cemetery, followed by another residential area. Watch for the Girl Scout office on your left. At the next street, turn left onto 9th Avenue, then take the first left. Rotary Park's entrance is about 1/2 block down.

From Bristol: Head south on Volunteer Parkway all the way to JC. Travel the "Magnificent Motor Mile" to the stop light at the corner of Oakland and Bristol Highway. Turn left onto Oakland and follow directions from *** above.

September Events:

Saturday-Sunday the 24th-25th: **Fall Folk Arts Festival at Exchange Place:**

Saturday 10-5. Sunday Noon-5, admission \$1.

Cotswold sheep can be fed and petted, Zack and Elliott, the Suffolk horses show off, and the Durham cows and chickens are looking forward to your visit to celebrate fall.

A harvest market includes a colorful array of corn, pumpkins, and squash while craftspeople demonstrate all the necessity crafts of the day: vegetable dyeing, quilting, basket-making, rope-making, chair-making, caning, whittling, blacksmithing, weaving, spinning, pottery, soap-making, cider squeezing, and toy-making. (And we think we're busy people!)

October Events:

Saturday the 1st: **SAPS Annual Plant & Seed Swap.** A favorite event for frugal gardeners who love freebie plants and seeds, foodies who crave a yummy lunch, and those who "dig" a silent auction. Don't miss out!

Our sensational swap will be held rain or shine at Rotary Park in Johnson City, 11 until 1. The new Sullivan County Master Gardener class is cordially

invited to join in the fun and meet fellow gardeners.

Saturday the 1st: **Warriors' Path State Park Environmental Education Workshop:**

Teachers and youth leaders are invited to a free workshop where you will learn to use familiar environments as natural classrooms and practice teaching techniques to bring conservation to life. 9 am until 4 pm. Pre-register at 423.239.6786.

Friday-Saturday the 7th – 8th: **34th Annual Unicoi County Apple Festival** in Erwin. See details at www.unicoicounty.org

Saturday-Sunday the 8th-9th: **Carolina Bonsai Expo:** at the NC Arboretum in Asheville.



This year, the featured artist is **Walter Pall of Austria**, a leading figure in the western world of bonsai. Admission is free, however there is a parking charge.

Saturday the 15th: **Fall Family Harvest Festival** at the Knoxville Botanical Garden.

Saturday-Sunday the 15th-16th: **NC Chrysanthemum Society Annual Show:** at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. This popular judged show attracts hundreds of bloom entries, with a great variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. Educational talks are also featured. Free, but for parking charge. www.ncarboretum.org

November Events:

Monday the 14th: **SAPS Board Meeting**, 6 pm at the Netherland Inn.



Thursday the 17th: **SAPS Meeting with Dr. David Lockwood (UT Extension Fruit Specialist) "Small Fruits & Nuts"** at the Johnson City Power Board building, 7 pm.

An A'Peeling Tradition

34th Annual Unicoi Apple Festival

Friday-Saturday, October 7th & 8th



Apple lovers meet in Erwin for arts and crafts, gospel singing, cooking and photography contests, food galore, a children's area, and the crowning of "Miss Apple Festival" and her court. Stop in at the Heritage Museum, too!

www.unicoicounty.org
or call 423.743.3000

The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum

is a 44-acre "secret" garden spot in East Knoxville you may not have heard of since this gardening showcase made its debut just three years ago. It first opened to the public after a partnership between the Howell family and community leaders came to an agreement for its use. Besides a wealth of plant, tree, and flower specimens, the KBG presents a horticultural history of Knoxville, the Civil War, and Native American activity at the site.

Last year, the Botanical Garden celebrated its first **Fall Family Harvest Festival** and that success led to an even larger event this year, October 15th, from 10 am until 4 pm. There will be tours of the garden, hayrides, a petting zoo, craft and food vendors, regional artists and demonstrations, plus garden classes. Admission is \$5 for adults, free to children under 12. Call 865.862.8717 or visit www.knoxgarden.org

Are you a Master Gardener? Don't forget to submit your volunteer and education hours this month.

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You’ll be seeing these bulbs at local garden centers soon, but we also want to recommend a

This offer is good through mid-Nov.