



The Wheelbarrow

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

Annual Gathering in the Garden Lecture

September 15th at 7 pm

Kingsport Renaissance Center

Internationally known plant breeder and horticulturist, Buddy Lee, will deliver this year's special **Gathering in the Garden** lecture:

“Encore® Azaleas and Other New Exciting Plants for Your Landscape”

In this informative program Lee will offer helpful care and planting tips for Encore® Azaleas, share the newest releases from the Southern Living Plant Collection®, and discuss new plant development and the steps that must happen before a plant is ready for the market. Please bring your questions; as always in Buddy's talks, questions and comments are welcome. Join us on a tour of backyard plant breeding techniques with one of the most respected plant breeders and horticulturists in North America.

Robert “Buddy” Lee is the creator of Encore® Azalea, the only azalea to bloom spring, summer and fall. Currently serving as Director of Plant Innovations for PDSI, the new plant innovation company that manages the Southern Living Plant Collection®, Buddy has over 30 years of experience in nursery management, breeding, propagation, and new plant development. He is active in numerous organizations, including the Azalea Society of America, the International Plant Propagators Society, and the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association. In 2000, the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association recognized his significant contribution to the industry by presenting him with a Professional Achievement Award; and in 2007, the Azalea Society of America awarded him the Society's Distinguished Service Award. Lee is a much sought after horticulture speaker in the areas of plant breeding, propagation and consumer oriented topics.

We invite you to bring guests to this special event.

September Events:



Thursday the 8th: Herb Saplings Meeting: 7 pm at Exchange Place. **Barbara Desso**, a transplanted New England organic Master Gardener, will speak of her experiences growing garlic in various zones and share techniques & tips for harvesting, culinary, and medicinal uses.

There will even be an opportunity to taste one of Barbara's signature recipes! Bring an herbal snack (something garlicky, perhaps?) if you can.

(Note later than usual meeting date due to Labor Day weekend.)

Friday-Sunday the 9th-11th: Fall Naturalist Rally at Roan Mountain State Park: See the website for a long list of activities, including special programs with well-known author Fred Alsop and the Gray Fossil Site geologist.
www.friendsofroanmtn.org

Monday the 12th: SAPS Board Meeting at the Netherland Inn, 6 pm. Please call Jenny Clemmer if you cannot

attend. 423.288.7615

Thursday the 15th: SAPS Annual September in the Garden Lecture: "Encore Azaleas and Adventures in New Plant Development"

with **Buddy Lee**, developer of the famous re-blooming azaleas. Invite a friend to this special meeting. Mr. Lee is bringing door prizes!

Friday and Saturday the 16th and 17th: Heritage Harvest Festival on the West Lawn of Monticello: America's "First Foodie", Thomas Jefferson will be there in spirit.



Saturday-Sunday the 24th-25th: Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival: Sat: 10-5, Sun: Noon-5

A tradition for 39 years! The Harvest Market will offer plants, autumn produce, and seasonal crafts. Picture harvest time on an 1850s farm with an emphasis on old timey foods, music, children's activities and living history reenactments. Artisans will be selling

an array of traditional folk arts. Master Gardeners are sought to staff a MG booth and help with grapevine crafts. To volunteer please call Joy Moore at 423.348.6572 or email her at jnjmoore@embarqmail.com Admission \$1/ \$.50 children.

October Events:

Saturday the 1st: SAPS Annual Plant & Seed Swap Please start gathering your seeds and identifying plants you'd like to divide and share.

The Swap will be held rain or shine at Rotary Park in Johnson City, 11 until 1.

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 car parking charge.

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 car charge. www.ncarboretum.org



The Recap

"I want to thank everyone that had a place in the biggest Tomato Fest yet. It was as if the flood-gates opened at 8 and the crowd stayed until 11. I had a wonderful time and I hope everyone else did as well. Another plus this year: we did not have to buy any tomatoes thanks to everyone's generosity!"

Dennis Marshall,
Fest Chairman

2011 Winners



Best Tasting Red or Pink:

1st Place (2 way tie)
• Wins All
Celia Cox
Dennis Marshall
• German Johnson-
Bobby Britton
Howard German
Nancy Scott

2nd Place (2 way tie)
• Big Mama
Church Hill Senior Center
• Mountain Fresh
Carol Faye Tunnell

3rd Place (6 way tie)
• Empire
Luther Kite
• German Pink
Jerry Burrell
Jim LaFollette
Carol Faye Tunnell
• Big Boy
Bobby Britton
• Beefsteak
Lorah/Tim Dragovich
• Celebrity
Jerry Burrell
Celia Cox
Church Hill Senior Center
• Brandywine
Donnie Foulk

Best Tasting Yellow or Orange:

1st Place
• Dolly Parton
Jerry Burell

2nd Place
• Big Rainbow
Lorah/Tim Dragovich
Luther Kite

3rd Place
• Carolina Gold
Joey Baldasano
Luther Kite

Best Tasting Multi-colored:

1st Place
• Golden Girl
Nancy Scott
2nd Place
• Mr. Stripey
Bobby Britton
Celia Cox

3rd Place
• Tye Dye
Karen Lewis

Best Tasting Other Types:

1st Place
• Lemon Boy
Karen Lewis

2nd Place
• Cherokee Purple
Jerry Burrell
Celia Cox
Church Hill Senior Center
Luther Kite
Jim LaFollette
Bobby Britton

3rd Place
• Pineapple
Nancy Scott

Biggest Tomato

1st Place -
Dennis Marshall
2nd Place - Luther Kite
3rd Place - Donnie Faulk

Prettiest Tomato

1st Place -
Joey Baldasano
2nd Place - Bobby Britton
3rd Place - Luther Kite

Ugliest Tomato

1st Place -
Joey Baldasano
2nd Place - Ann Moore
3rd Place - Bobby Britton

Most Bizarre Tomato

1st Place -
Blanche Patterson
2nd Place -
Thomas West
3rd Place -
Carroll + Faye Tunnell

Best Dressed Tomato

1st Place - Lulu Smith
2nd Place -
Joey Baldasano
3rd Place -
Marley Copeland

Salsa

1st Place - John Scott
2nd Place -
Lorna Henard
3rd Place - David Falin

Great News

We're both happy and relieved to announce that we have a new *Wheelbarrow* editor waiting in the wings for next year. Mary Zamiska of Johnson City has agreed to take up the challenge. We know you will all welcome her and help her in any-way possible.

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A few spaces are still available in the 2011 Master Gardener class now forming. Please call Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County Extension Agent, at 423.279.2713 for an application and further information. The \$165 fee includes 9 weeks of classes, an 800+ page reference manual, graduation ceremony dinner, a MG name badge, soil sampling kit, hand lens, notepad, carrying bag, and other related costs not listed in last month's write up. Don't delay, classes begin 9/13.

Unicoi County is seeking feedback on the idea of constructing a Community Farmer's Kitchen for gardeners. If interested, why not fill out their questionnaire? Space doesn't permit including it here, but you can contact

Brenda Warner at zblw14@goldmail.etsu.edu to receive one via email.

SAPS President Jenny Clemmer writes: "We had a marvelous group for Wine and Weed August 7th at Netherland Inn, with quite a few new faces joining the usual loyal crew. Thank you everyone for your support."

Recently seen on the A.Word.A.Day website:

Corolla: (noun) the petals of a flower taken as a group

*Etymology: from Latin, corolla, little garland
Usage: "Some plants shelter their pollen grains through a change in flower orientation or closing their corolla on rainy days"*