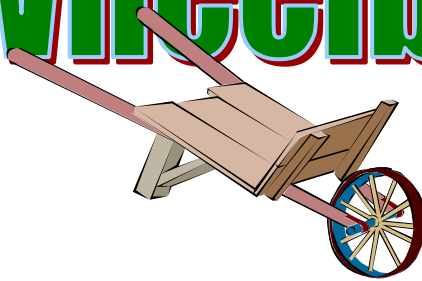


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Perennials: What is New and Exciting and Often Overlooked

Thursday, April 11—7:00 p.m.

Presented by
Tony Avent

*Renowned international plant explorer, garden writer,
and owner of Plant Delights Nursery*

**Regional Center for Higher Education Auditorium
300 W. Market St. in downtown Kingsport**



Tony has traveled around the world in search of new and rare plants to offer at Plant Delights, as well as finding great new introductions of North American native plants in no fewer than 43 plant-hunting expeditions closer to home. Tony founded his nursery to help fund the activities of Juniper Level Botanic Gardens, a display and research garden with over 17,000 kinds of plants located in Raleigh, North Carolina. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Tony was a student of the late famed horticulture professor J. C. Raulston, who instilled in him the quest for the newest and best garden plants from around the world. As a well-known speaker, Tony's reputation is for irreverent humor and absurd content, all in pursuit of nurturing a love of plants and horticulture. He has written numerous magazine, newspaper, and Internet articles, and for the last eight years has been a contributing editor to *Horticulture* magazine. He has also appeared on many television shows, including multiple appearances on *Martha Stewart Living*.

Come early and purchase your plants for Homegrown Tomato Fest IX in August. Many varieties to choose from, including many heirlooms locally grown by SAPS members.

April Events:

Saturday, April 6—9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

UT Gardens Spring Plant Sale

UT Gardens, Knoxville

Friday, April 12— 1:00 a.m.—2:00p.m.

Garden Fair — “Gardens and Things”

Johnson City Seniors’ Center

Speakers, vendors, plant and door prize giveaways.

FREE, but please register at 434-6237.

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14

16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center,
Interstate 81, Exit 14, Abingdon, VA.

<http://www.gardenfaire.net/>

Friday-Sunday, April 19-21

34th Annual Spring Nature Festival

Warrior’s Path State Park, Kingsport, TN

FREE. For more info, contact Marty Silver at 423-230-6786 or martysilver@tn.gov or check out the link:

http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/WarriorsPath/docs/spring_fest.pdf

Saturday, April 27— 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.

Spring Native Plant Sale

Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville

FREE. Contact: Ed Yost 865- 577-4717, Ext. 129, or eyost@ijams.org

Saturday, April 27, 10:00—5:00 p.m. and Sunday,

April 28, 12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.

Spring Garden Fair

Exchange Place Living History Farm

4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport

Thousands of plants for sale with an emphasis on natives, herbs, perennials, and heirloom plants. Also garden accessories and related crafts, garden talks, children's activities, ol' timey music, traditional foods, and demonstrations of springtime activities on an 1850s farm. For more info: 423-288-6071.

SAPS Tomato Plants Sale

Thursday, April 11

Regional Center for Higher Education
Auditorium—Kingsport

Prior to the Tony Avent SAPS program, you can pick from over 50 varieties of heirloom and hybrid tomato plants grown locally, just for SAPS members! From 6:00 pm – 6:55 pm.

Support SAPS’ Homegrown Tomato Fest (in August) by growing and entering your tomatoes in the Best Salsa and Best Tasting Tomato contests from these locally grown plants. The SAPS Tomato Fest is fun and educational for all participants. Any questions, call Nancy Scott, 230-0654 or Dennis Marshall, Tomato Fest Chairman, 288-3675.

May Events:

Thursday, May 2—7:00 p.m.

Herb Saplings Meeting

Exchange Place

Herbal cleaning products with Jerri Sunderland.

(No April Herb Saplings meeting - Spring Break. Enjoy all the great plant sales in the area.)

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 3, 4, and 5

Asheville Herb Festival

WNC Farmers Market in Asheville

Offering by far the best selection of herb plants in the southeast. 828-301-8968 or

<http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/>

Saturday, May 4—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Big Springs Master Gardener Association

Annual Spring Plant & Heirlooms Sale

Greene County Fairgrounds

Unique plants locally grown by Greene County experts, MG clinic. 423-798-1710 or mteague@utk.edu

Thursday, May 16—7:00 p.m.

SAPS meeting. Sylvia Elwyn will present "The Wonderful World of Succulents" at 7 pm at the Jonesborough Visitors Center.

SHADES OF GREEN 2013

Greeneville Garden Tour

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

\$12 in advance—\$15 day of event
(rain or shine—non-refundable)

A Project of Main Street Greeneville

423-639-7102

www.mainstreetgreeneville.org

SAPS Board Member, Eva Johnson, has suggested the following website for free seeds to attract Monarch butterflies: [http://](http://www.livemonarch.com/free-milkweed-seeds.htm)

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Knoxville Garden Trip

June 8, 2013

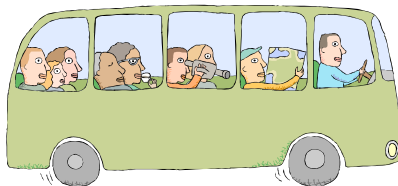
8:00 a.m.	Pickup in Johnson City area (Walmart in north Johnson City on Browns Mill Rd.)
8:30 a.m.	Pickup in Kingsport area (Ingles Store in Colonial Hgts.), less than 1 mile North of Exit 59, I-81)
9:45 a.m.	Brief rest area stop (on I-81 near Exit 2)
10:30 a.m.	Arrive at Dr. Alan Solomon's Garden ("Gaydos"), 2705 Riverside Drive, Knoxville. The garden is a "conifer heaven" with several hundred planted on large hilly property. It has undergone a complete redesign since SAPS' last visit in July 2009.
12:15 p.m.	Arrive at Knoxville Botanical Garden (KBG), 2743 Wimpole Avenue, Knoxville. Enjoy catered lunch and a brief 30 minute tour. The property was formerly Howells Nursery (founded 1786) and features many rare majestic trees and shrubs within the hundred year old stone walls which surround the property as well as stone buildings
1:30 p.m.	Arrive at Hella and Pete (Carl) Peterson Garden, 1072 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge. Features an Oakleaf hydrangea arbor, miniature hosta collection, tips on deer-proofing this four-season garden. Their was garden featured in a 2012 <i>Fine Gardening</i> issue
2:45 p.m.	Arrive at Faye Beck Garden, 2439 Hardin Farms LN, Knoxville. Tips on garden design from this recognized garden expert (see: 2013 Spring Quarterly issue of <i>Fine Gardening</i> magazine).
3:45 p.m.	Arrive at Stanley's Greenhouses, 3029 Davenport Rd., Knoxville. Full service garden center. Includes many hard-to-find plants.
4:15 p.m.	Bus trip home. Arrive Kingsport around 5:30 p.m. and Johnson City by 6:00 p.m.

Cost includes tour, transportation, lunch, and bottled water.

SAPS members: \$45.00

Non-SAPS members: \$59.00

Sign-up Deadline: Friday May 3, 2013 (5:00 p.m.)



Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail _____

If you wish vegetarian lunch option, check here ____.

For further information call Hugh Conlon at 423-282-9215 (home phone). Please send the registration form and your check payable to SAPS to the following address (sorry, no credit cards).

**Joy Moore
P.O. Box 87
Fall Branch, TN 37656**



CITY OF JOHNSON CITY

GARDEN FAIR

JOHNSON CITY SENIORS' CENTER
At Memorial Park Community Center
510 Bert Street, Johnson City, TN

Friday, April 12th — 11:00-2:00

PROGRAM TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

11:00- COMPOSTING with Ben Hunter
12:00-RAISED BEDS with Ruth Ann Ranker
1:00- HERBS & HEALTH with Barbara Desso
2:00-RAIN RECYCLING/BARRELS with Mara Holley

CHANCE TO WIN DOOR PRIZES AT PROGRAMS

VENDORS– TomBoy Tools, Stampin Up, The Chicken Coop, BC Mobile Spa, Rogers and Rogers Rabbit Run Farm, Chapos Chile Patch, John Watson and more

Plants and Tree Seedlings
FREE- PLEASE REGISTER 434-6237

KEEP KINGSFORT BEAUTIFUL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Keep Kingsport Beautiful is seeking volunteers to serve as judges for the **KKB Beautification Awards Program**. Do you like to work in your yard or home garden, consider yourself an amateur or master gardener? Belong to a garden club or Master Gardener group? Then this is for you! Judges will select one winner per month (May – September) from their assigned area, recognizing properties which set a positive example for beautification and a well maintained property. All necessary materials will be provided. Time requirement is approximately 1-1 ½ hours per month. Many Master Gardeners enjoying doing this as a way to earn volunteer hours. Anyone interested in serving as a judge should contact Robin Cleary at 392-8814 or rcleary@kingsportchamber.org.

'Thailand Giant' Elephant Ears, A Tropical Wonder

'Thailand Giant' elephant ears (*Colocasia gigantea*) is rated as an annual and is not perennial in East Tennessee (USDA hardiness zone 8-10). Get a head start by purchasing a young seedling from a mail-order nursery. When the plant(s) arrives, pot it into a 1 gallon sized pot containing good house plant media or compost rich garden soil. Treat as a house plant, moving it outdoors on warm days and back indoors when temps drop below 40° F. By mid-May it can be planted safely outdoors into a large wide-based container (10-15 gallon size) or in a compost-rich garden bed.

Thailand Giant grows best in full to partial sunlight (6 hours minimum). Keep roots moist, but not sopping wet. Over the summer it grows into a massive 8 to 9 foot tall plant with attractive grayish green foliage. In the garden individual leaves may swell to 4 to 5 feet in length and 3 to 4 feet wide if luxuriantly watered and fertilized. Feed with a water-soluble fertilizer such as Miracle-Gro™ or Daniels™ Plant Food, applied every two weeks until September 1st.

Clusters of large fragrant white flowers form early, but are mostly hidden within the enormous sized foliage. Its gigantic leaves and tropical presence are reasons for planting Thailand Giant. In a hot Tennessee summer it should be irrigated frequently, as much as 2 inches or more weekly if natural rainfall is unavailable.

In the fall, days before first frost, cut back the foliage, dig up the plant, and transplant into a large container. Store in a cool place (40 - 45° F) over the winter and keep soil (potting media) relatively dry. The crown should remain dormant until it is watered in early spring to restart growth.



Submitted by Hugh Conlon
UT Extension Area Specialist, Retired

Plant is sold by Plant Delights---Tony Avent, our April speaker. Photo credit: Courtesy Plant Delights Nursery.

Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

The 29th annual Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, Tennessee.

The event will feature thousands of plants for sale—perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs—with the emphasis on herbs, natives and heirloom plants (including a wide variety of heirloom tomatoes), along with garden-related arts and crafts. The Fair is also an educational and family event that fills the grounds and buildings of the historic site. Gardening experts will lead “Talks and Walks” and area Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer home gardening questions throughout the weekend. Heritage breeds of animals and the spring activities on a mid-1800’s farmstead will be featured as volunteers shear the sheep, spin and weave the wool, cook over the hearth, and shape iron over the forge. Children’s activities abound as volunteers help children create garden crafts and learn gardening skills, and area 4-H groups show their animals. Ol’ timey music and traditional foods add to the atmosphere.



The **Baaa...ck Porch Sale** will be filled with garden items, linens, pottery, furniture, doodads, gizmos, and thingamadoodles. If you have items to donate, call Exchange Place at 423-288-6071 (no clothes or shoes, please). Then come and shop for great bargains. Proceeds from the **Baaa...ck Porch Sale** help feed the animals.

The Fair strives to be as environmentally friendly as possible with recycling, composting, and re-using. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own plant carriers and to bring used nursery pots for recycling/reusing.

Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. For more information, call 423-288-6071 or check: <http://www.exchangeplace.info/>



Watch for a new page on the SAPS web site (www.saps.us) which will be set up for SAPS members to buy / sell / swap garden items!



“Weed and Feed” Sunday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. Netherland Inn



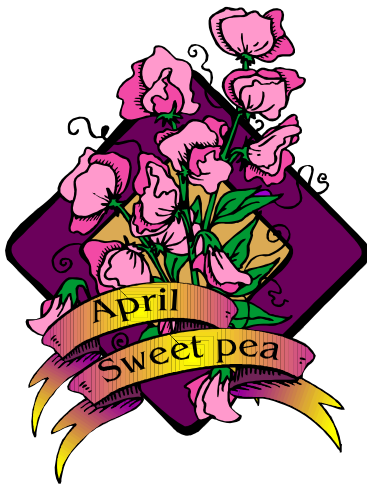
Help SAPS “touch up” the Netherland Inn gardens (corner of Lilac Street and Netherland Inn Rd.) in Kingsport for the season. SAPS provides two work evenings per season—the “Weed and Feed” in early spring and the “Wine and Weed” in late summer. Bring your garden tools for weeding and planting, and a dish of food to share. SAPS provides the wine, soft drinks and utensils for dinner. After about one hour of gardening, we relax, dine and enjoy the company of gardeners. It’s a lot of fun with Master Gardening hours received. Parking is behind the Inn off Lilac St. Any questions, call John Scott, 230-0654.



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Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden Jonesborough, TN

Friday, April 12—8:30 p.m.

Moth Watching Night with Larry McDaniel,
Steel Creek Park Naturalist

Saturday, April 13—1:00 p.m.

Butterfly Watching with Don Holt, Naturalist,
Mountain Empire Butterfly Club

Sunday, May 5—2:00 p.m.

Botany Walk with Jamey Donaldson,
ETSU Herbarium Curator

Saturday, May 25— 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Garden Gala Destination Day
with Frances Lamberts and Others

*For more info, contact Frances Lamberts
at 753-5288*

16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire Fifty Shades of Spring

April 12, 13 & 14, 2013

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
One Partnership Drive
Abingdon, VA

Friday and Saturday, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, 11:00, AM to 5:00 PM

\$6.00 per day

(Children under 12 admitted free)

Contact: Washington County Virginia Master
Gardeners, 234 West Valley St., Abingdon, VA
24210, 276-356-7871 or 276-701-1467,
fmwall@comcast.net. Website
www.gardenfaire.net

