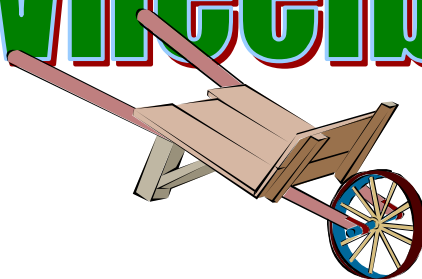


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## *YOUR GARDEN UNDER ATTACK ... HOW TO FIGHT BACK!*

Thursday, March 21—7:00 p.m.  
Warriors' Path State Park  
Duck Island Building

*Presented by  
Dr. Mark Windham*

*Distinguished Professor in Ornamental Pathology  
UT Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville*

Dr. Windham, a popular speaker known for his wit and wisdom and chair of the famed UTIA Dogwood Research Team, will assist Northeast Tennessee gardeners in avoiding plant diseases by making smart choices in selecting the best plants for the garden and utilizing the correct cultural practices. (See page 3 for Dr. Windham's bio.)



### **Directions to Warrior's Path State Park:**

From Interstate 81, Exit #59, travel north 1.4 miles on Route 36 and turn right on Hemlock Road and continue to the park entrance.  
Once in the park follow signs to the recreation building on Duck Island..

## March Events:

### Saturday, March 2

#### 2013 Rose Seminar

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—UT, Knoxville. Agricultural Campus. Plant Biotech Building

Attendees may choose four seminars to attend. Topics include: rose-growing basics, using organic fertilizers, knockout roses, companion plants for roses, propagating roses, identifying rose pest and diseases, rose chemicals and safety, and rose rosette disease. For more info:

<http://tennesseerosesociety.org> .



### Thursday, March 7

#### Herb Saplings Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Exchange Place

**Herb Basics and More.** We will review the basics of growing herbs and beginning herb gardeners are invited to attend. Then we'll talk about some exciting new and overlooked herb varieties you may want to try. Herb Saplings is a focus group of SAPS and meetings are open to any SAPS member.

### Saturday, March 9

#### 2013 Tree Keeper Program

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Steele Creek Park - Bristol, TN

Pre-registration required at 423-764-0231 (Crystal Key).

### Saturday, March 16

#### Southeast Regional Show—East Tennessee Daffodil Society Show

First United Methodist Church, 804 Montvale Springs Road, Maryville, TN. *Contact:* Lynn Ladd at 865-984-6688.

## DID YOU NAME THAT PLANT???

The answer to last month's quiz is:



Columnar hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata') is a medium strongly upright branched tree from Europe. This deciduous tree does not take up a lot of space (35-40 feet tall and 15-20 feet wide at maturity in 35-40 years). Dark green leaves turning off-yellow in the fall. This tree is becoming very popular around the Tri-Cities.

## April Events:

### Thursday, April 11

#### SAPS Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Kingsport Center for Higher Education, 300 W. Market St., downtown Kingsport

Tony Avent, owner of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, N C, will speak on "Perennials: What is New and Exciting and Often Overlooked."

### Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28

#### Spring Garden Fair

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5 :00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

#### Exchange Place Living History

Farm, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport

Thousands of plants for sale with an emphasis on natives, herbs, perennials, and heirloom plants, along with garden accessories and related crafts. The Fair will also feature garden talks, children's activities, ol' timey music and traditional foods, as well as demonstrations of springtime activities on an 1850s farm. For more information, call 423-288-6071.

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**Warrior's State Park**  
**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Nature Festival**

Although these wintry days are wonderful for outdoor exploration, many of us are looking forward to the warmth and new life of springtime. "We at Warriors' Path State Park are also looking forward to our 34<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Nature Festival."

April 19-21 will be a weekend full of nature discovery. You can participate in "mini-seminars" followed by outdoor guided walks on a wide range of nature topics, such as animal tracking, spring plants, stream ecology, and much more. Here is a link to the complete schedule of events: [http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/WarriorsPath/docs/spring\\_fest.pdf](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/WarriorsPath/docs/spring_fest.pdf)

This event is free, and no pre-registration is needed. Just come and enjoy a great springtime outdoors! For more info, please contact Marty Silver, Park Ranger-Naturalist, at 423-239-6786 or [Marty.Silver@tn.gov](mailto:Marty.Silver@tn.gov)

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## Green and Growing Seminars

**Green and Growing**, a series of lunchtime gardening seminars, will be presented from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on the first three Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. These free sessions, designed for both beginners and experts alike, are sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful, Kingsport Public Library, Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS), and Sullivan County Extension. The seminar topics are:

### **March 7 – Oh Deer! A Gardener's Guide to Outwitting Bambi!**

Christy Shivell, founder of Shy Valley Plant Farm, will share tips for gardening successfully despite the pressure of a growing and ravenous deer population. Christy will focus on plant selection and cultural practices that have been successful locally. Christy's love of native wildflowers, herbs and vegetable gardening will be apparent in this fun and informative presentation.

### **March 14 – Selecting the Perfect Small Trees for Your Landscaping**

*Kingsport Times-News* gardening columnist, Roy Odom, will show us how adding a small deciduous or evergreen tree to your patio, deck or entry way can add an instant focal point. Odom, who holds a BS in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, will cover cultivars, growth rates and growing requirements.

### **March 21 – Establishing a Community Garden**

Presented by Phil Ramey and Doug Hilton, Master Gardeners who have been instrumental in the development and continued success of the Harvest of Hope Community Garden.

For more information, call Keep Kingsport Beautiful at 423-392-8814.

## Dr. Mark Windham, Professor

The University of Tennessee

Entomology and Plant Pathology Department

Ph.D. from North Carolina State University

Major: Plant Pathology; Minor: Plant Breeding



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wit and wisdom, will assist Northeast Tennessee gardeners in avoiding plant diseases by making smart choices in selecting the best plants for the garden and utilizing the correct cultural practices.

Dr. Mark Windham is a research and teaching professor at the University of Tennessee. He is also an avid rosarian and past president of the local rose society in Knoxville. His research includes evaluating the disease resistance of roses, hydrangeas, gardenias, and Encore azaleas. He is a principal in the internationally famous "UT Dogwood Working Group" which has introduced 4 powdery mildew resistant and 1 anthracnose (*Discula*) resistant cultivars. Two new research projects include: Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut (*Juglans*) and rose virus disease infecting shrub roses nationally. He received his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and PhD at NC State University in Raleigh.

*A side note: He also teaches a popular undergraduate course at UT on SEC Sports.*

## Remember Brent and Becky's as You Select Your Summer Bulbs

Eager to have dahlias, gladiolas, caladiums, Oriental and Asiatic lilies, cannas, elephant ears, or betillias this summer? Check out Brent and Becky's selection of wonderful summer bulbs, and please remember that SAPS is participating in their Bloomin' Bucks fundraising program.

To order, just go to <http://www.bloominbucks.com> (no "g" in "bloomin") and select Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) from the pull down menu as the non-profit you want to support. You will automatically be taken to the Brent and Becky's Bulbs web site where you can make your selections. You can order prize bulbs and perennial companions, as well as books, tools, accessories and gift certificates. You get Brent and Becky's catalog prices, their great service and guarantees. And 25% of your sales will be donated back to SAPS to help us continue to bring in wonderful speakers! I



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**NOT AT GARDEN SHOWS/EVENTS!**  
**Thank you!**