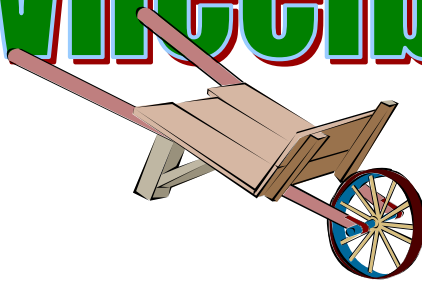


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Three Year Annuals

Presented by Hugh Conlon

Thursday, May 15, 7:00 PM

Kingsport Higher Education Center Auditorium
300 W. Market St., Kingsport

Some gardeners say that planting annuals every spring is a lot of work and expense. Others complain that perennials are "boring", looking the same year after year. Alternative - plant select perennials for 3-4 years. Good design and proper selection will provide a great color splash most of the summer with little maintenance. Many beautiful plant combinations from public and private gardens will be shown.

Hugh Conlon recently retired from the University of Tennessee where he served 33 counties in East Tennessee as Extension Area Specialist Ornamental Horticulture. Over the past 35 years Hugh has written hundreds of garden features and articles for magazines and newspapers and has been a frequent lecturer at commercial horticultural and gardening events. Hugh organized the first UT Master Gardener class in the Tri-Cities area in 1994. Currently, he posts articles on his website and garden blog, www.whatgrowswhere.com and continues to speak to Master Gardeners, garden clubs, and trade and professional associations.

Insectory Border Workshop

Thursday, May 22 5:30-7:30 PM

Exchange Place, Kingsport

Learn how to design and plant an insectory border that will attract beneficial insects to your garden on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, in a hands-on workshop led by Christy Shivell, owner of Shy Valley Plant Farm.

A insectory border is a garden plot of flowering plants designed to attract and harbor beneficial insects - predators, parasitoids and pollinators. Predators and parasitoids feed on many common garden insect pests and offer the gardener a safer, natural alternative to pesticides. Pollinators facilitate pollination so plants can produce fruits and vegetables. In this workshop you will learn what plants to use and other tips for making your garden alluring to these good guys.

The \$10 fee (free for Exchange Place garden volunteers) includes 2 insectary plants. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact 423-348-6570 or shyvalley@aol.com.

This workshop is sponsored by Exchange Place Living History Farm.

May Events:

May 1 - Herb Saplings meeting. Plant Relations. 7 PM. Julia Thie's home.

May 2-3 - ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE. Botanical Gardens at Asheville. Native plants propagated by the horticultural staff as well as plants, shrubs and trees from over a dozen regional nurseries and local garden clubs. www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org or 828-252-5190.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 2, 3, 4
25th Asheville Herb Festival. WNC Farmers Market in Asheville. Best selection of herb plants in the south-east. 828-301-8968, <http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/>

May 2-4 - 17th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire. South-west Virginia Higher Education Center, Interstate 81, Exit 14, Abingdon, VA. <http://www.gardenfaire.net/>

May 3 - Vegetables - Nutritional Requirements and Natural Pest Control with Earl Hockin Mize in Gray 10 AM

May 4 - Weed N Feed, 6 PM, Netherland Inn, Kingsport

May 9-10 - Shady Oaks Garden Club Flower Show. Gray Fossil Site

May 10 - Ramp Festival, Flag Pond in Unicoi County

May 10-11 - Blooms Day 2014 Festival and Market Place. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. UT Gardens on Neyland Drive in Knoxville. Garden goods, specialty plants, workshops, Kids Corner and lots more! www.utgardens.tennessee.edu

May 10 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Sullivan County, 9am til 1pm. Location: Sullivan Central High School, 131 Shipley Ferry Road, Blountville. For more information, contact Buck Johnson 423-279-2879. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items visit: <http://state.tn.us/environment/swm/hhw/hhwproducts.shtml>

May 15 - SAPS Meeting. Three Year Annuals with Hugh Conlon, horticulturist and garden writer. 7 pm, Kingsport Higher Education Center.

May 17 - Wayne Scott Strawberry Festival, Unicoi

May 24 - 18th Annual Jonesborough Garden Gala 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Downtown Jonesborough, TN. This year's theme is "Outdoor Entertaining" and includes a special ticketed morning seminar and brunch featuring a look inside the garden of local home owner and outdoor decorator Johnathan Adams, where you'll learn ways to transform your home and outdoor space by recycling antiques, throwaways and treasures. \$12 for garden tour and tea in advance, \$15 day of tour. \$20 for seminar and brunch. 423-753-1010.

May in the Jonesborough Arboretum

May 3 - 2-4 PM - Botany Walk with Jamey Donaldson, ETSU Herbarium curator

May 9 - 9-10 PM - Moth Watching night with Larry McDaniel, Steele Creek Park naturalist

May 24 - 1-3 PM - Butterfly Watching with naturalist from Mountain Empire Butterfly Club

May 31 - 1-5 PM - Visit the Garden and Arboretum

Herb Saplings

Plant Relations

Thursday, May 1 at 7 PM
118 Will Lane Road Gray, TN

At our May Herb Saplings meeting we will discover the unique signature of each herb as we tour the garden and make a take-home tea formula with Julia Thie, licensed acupuncturist and herbalist, at her home in Gray. We will explore the synergy of how herbs interact with each other and how they interact with us. We will start outdoors and then migrate to a porch setting to craft our take home and enjoy our treats. Bring an herbal snack to share, if you can.

Directions to Julia Thie's from I-26:

Take Boone's Creek Road Exit #17.

Turn in the direction of North Roan Street (left from the north, or right from the south).

At the second stoplight, turn left onto North Roan/Hwy 36. Go 1.5 miles and turn right onto Rockingham Road. The Living Word Church is on the corner.

Follow curvy Rockingham Road for 1.1 miles.

Turn left onto Will Lane Road. It is a dead-end street off of a 90 degree right. We'll post a sign.

Turn right into the second driveway, #118.

If you are coming from Hwy-36 directly, Rockingham Road is just north of Old Stage Coach Road.





June Events:

June 7 - One-day bus trip to Asheville for SAPS members.

June 7 - Evergreen in Kingsport Riverport Road 10:00 a.m. Herbs in the Garden with Joy Moore!

June 7 - Evergreen Johnson City, 10:30 a.m., Groundcovers for Dry Shade and Wet Shade Areas!

June 14 - Evergreen in Kingsport, Riverport Road, 10:00 a.m. Canning Veggies from the Garden with Karen Gibson!

June 14 - Keep Kingsport Beautiful Garden Tour Call 423-392-8814 for tickets and more information.!

18th Annual Jonesborough Garden Gala

Saturday, May 24, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

The 18th Annual Jonesborough Garden Gala will be held Saturday, May 24, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm in downtown Jonesborough. This year's theme is "Outdoor Entertaining" and includes a special ticketed morning seminar and brunch featuring a look inside the garden of local home owner and outdoor decorator Jonathan Adams. A master of reusing and recycling, Adams will demonstrate ways to transform your home and outdoor space by recycling antiques, throwaways and treasures along with offering outdoor entertaining ideas. Transportation to the morning seminar will be provided from the Garden Gala check in at the Jonesborough Visitors Center at 9:00 a.m. After the seminar, guests will be transported to the Stage Door in downtown Jonesborough for a Southern homemade brunch. Tickets for the seminar and brunch are \$20 and must be purchased in advance.

Garden Gala vendors will offer items for sale on the International Storytelling Center Plaza. The Garden Marketplace is free and open to the public beginning at 9 a.m.

Self-guided walking tours of the gardens begin at 12:30 p.m. Master Gardeners and Southern Appalachian Plant Society members will be at each location to answer gardening questions. Tickets for the garden tours and tea are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center by calling 423-753-1010.

Saturday in the Gardens Tour



Keep Kingsport Beautiful's popular "Saturday in the Gardens," fundraiser returns with a tour of 5 local gardens on Saturday June 14, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour is sponsored by Eastman Chemical Company.

This will be a day of self-guided garden tours featuring some of Kingsport's most beautiful private gardens: Rotherwood Mansion, Fry Garden on Wanola,

Rose Garden on Linville Street, Babb Garden on White Street and Harvest of Hope Community Garden on Charlemont Street.

Tickets for "Saturday in the Gardens" are \$25. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, 400 Clinchfield Street, Suite 100 in early May. Light refreshments will be included at one of the gardens.

Visitors to the gardens may tour at their own pace. Comfortable shoes are recommended for the garden tours. All areas may not be level or handicapped accessible. Tour at your own risk. No pets or strollers. Tour will be held rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, contact Keep Kingsport Beautiful at (423) 392-8814 or rclarey@kingsportchamber.org.

Keep Kingsport Beautiful is a partnership of the City of Kingsport and the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce. An affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, KKB has won more than 60 national, state and environmental awards.

Plant a Row for the Hungry

As you plan this year's vegetable gardens, why not add a row to help the hungry in our region? Second Harvest will accept fresh garden produce to distribute to needy families.





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17th Annual Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire
Let the Gardens Begin

May 2, 3, 4, 2014
 Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
 Interstate 81, Exit 14
 One Partnership Circle
 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 12 and under admitted free)

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

Reminder:

Weed and Feed at the Netherland Inn is
 Sunday, May 4th, at 6Pm.
 Bring Your favorite garden trowel, bucket,
 gloves, kneeling pad and a covered dish to
 share. We'll work an hour and feast at
 7:00. Drinks and utensils will be supplied.
 If you need more information, contact John
 or Nancy Scott at 230-0654.

Plant Auction

Saturday, May 3 at Sycamore Shoals State Park
 (n the auditorium) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

An exciting array of unusual ornamental & native
 perennials, trees and shrubs will be auctioned during
 this event. A great opportunity to add new species to
 your landscape! Sponsored by UT Extension, East TN
 Nursery Assoc., and the Eliz/Carter Co. Chamber of
 Commerce. Door opens at 8:15 a.m. to view plants and
 register. Auction begins at 9:00 am. Proceeds will be
 used to support the introduction of new and unusual
 plant material. For more info contact Keith Hart at
[423-542-1818](tel:423-542-1818) or wkhart@utk.edu