

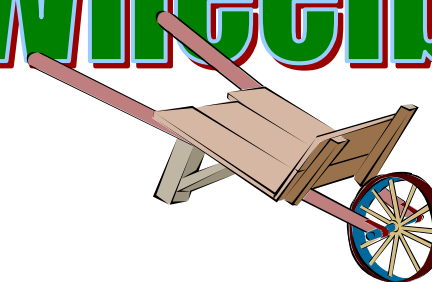


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Homegrown Tomato Fest X
A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS TOMATO
 Saturday, August 9, 2014
 8 - 11 a.m.
 Kingsport Farmers' Market

The Tenth Annual Homegrown Tomato Fest will take place Saturday, August 9, 2014, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Kingsport Farmers' Market, Center Street & Clinchfield Street in Kingsport. This celebration of the juicy red fruit features tomato contests, free tomato tastings (including many heirloom varieties), free tomato refreshments, culinary demonstrations by Food City and Earth Fare, tomato-growing advice, tomato recipes, activities for kids, and fun for the whole family.

Tomato lovers are invited to bring tomatoes to compete in the following categories: Best Tasting, Biggest, Prettiest, Ugliest, Most Bizarre, and Best Dressed, and salsa makers are invited to enter the Best Salsa Contest. Admission is free and there are no entry fees. Entry forms may be downloaded from the SAPS website, www.saps.us, or picked up at Downtown Kingsport Association (DKA) or at the event. Entries will be accepted from 8 - 9 am for all contests, and winners will be announced after 10 a.m.

Homegrown Tomato Fest is sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) and Downtown Kingsport Association.

Volunteers are needed to help slice tomatoes, staff the salsa booth, coordinate children's activities, etc. Your volunteer time counts for Master Gardener hours, if applicable. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dennis Marshall, Tomato Fest Chairman, at 423-288-3675 or dmarshall@chartertn.net

Master Gardeners Extend Invitation to SAPS Members

NETMGA will travel to UT Gardens and Plateau AG Research Station August 25-26, 2014. They will travel by chartered bus, tour UT Gardens, Beaver Creek Nursery, and Willow Ridge Nursery. They will continue to Crossville, TN, where they will stay over night. The next day will be filled with tours and workshops at Plateau AG Research Station in Crossville. SAPS members and friends are invited to attend this event.

The cost of the trip is \$135.00 double occupancy (\$180 single occupancy) and is due by **July 30**.

Please send your form and check to Pat Mazurkiewicz, 232 Cherry Street, Blountville, TN 37617-4743.
 Make Checks payable to NETMGA Treasury for \$135.00 for a double room. (\$180.00 for a single room)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-Mail address _____

For additional information: contact Jane Mullins at 423-737-7915(cell) or 423-212-0173(home).

July Herb Saplings:

Thursday, July 31 (Note different meeting day.)

Herb Saplings meeting 7 pm at Exchange Place. For our combined July/August meeting our special presenter - Sheridan Nice, from Mona Lisa Gelato in Johnson City and formerly chef/owner of the Epicurean Restaurant - will speak on cooking with herbs. Sheridan is a classically French trained chef who studied at the prestigious La Varenne Ecole de Cuisine in Paris and the Culinary Institute of America. Bring an herb snack to share if you can.

August Events:

August 2, 2014

Gardening with Children Symposium. 8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m. UT Gardens Knoxville. For teachers, Master Gardeners, volunteers and home-schooled families interested in learning more about how to enhance their curricula using garden-based learning. 865-974-7151 <https://utgardens.wildapricot.org/GWC>

August 22-23, 2014

Speaking of Gardening Symposium 2014, The North Carolina Arboretum. This popular event for horticulture professionals and garden enthusiasts, features nationally known experts with inspiring lectures on creative design, innovative horticulture practices, and unique plant specimens. \$165. Registration required. 828-275-1751. <http://www.ashevillegreenworks.org/speaking-of-gardening-2014.html>

Saturday, August 23

4th annual Wonder of Hummingbirds Festival, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville. Admission \$5, children under 6 free. See ruby-throated hummingbirds up-close at a banding demonstration by certified Master Bander. Banding provides a way to document hummingbird movement during migration. Speakers on nature topics, wildlife educational demonstrations, guided walks and vendors selling food and drinks, plants, locally made arts and crafts, bird feeders and supplies, garden items. <http://ijams.org/hummingbird-festival/>

September SAPS Meeting



September speaker is Dr. David Michener, University of Michigan botanist will be speaking at 4 PM on Growing Peonies and at 7 PM on Gardens of the World. David travels around the world on plant collecting trips. His primary work is on peonies. Both programs will be at the Johnson City Power Board Auditorium in Boone's Creek (on Hwy 354.) The evening program is free and the public is invited. The afternoon program is free for SAPS members and \$5 for non members.

September Events:

September 4

Herb Saplings "Building an Herb Box 101" with Bill Grigsby at 7 pm at Exchange Place. At this hands on meeting we will build 2'x 6"x 6" wooden planters from untreated pine. (Bill says untreated pine is better quality wood than pressure treated, but it will need to be sealed to extend its life.) Materials fee is \$9. To register for this workshop, contact Lizblakely@yahoo.com by September 1. Folks can attend without a reservation if they don't wish to make a box. Everyone is invited to divide some herbs and bring them to share to fill our boxes. Bring an herb snack to share if you can.

September 12-13, 2014

8th annual Heritage Harvest Festival, at Monticello in Charlottesville, VA. Celebrate the harvest and the legacy of revolutionary gardener Thomas Jefferson. Taste heirloom fruits and vegetables and learn about organic gardening and seed-saving at this fun, family-friendly festival held on the breathtaking West Lawn of Jefferson's Monticello. Workshops, hands-on demonstrations, and a variety of tours and exhibits. <http://heritageharvestfestival.com>

September 18

SAPS Meeting, 7 pm. Dr. David Michener, associate curator at University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, will present "Gardens Around the World." Johnson City Power Board Building. In a special bonus program at 4 pm at the same location David will speak on Peonies.

September 27-28

42nd annual Fall Folk Arts Festival. Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 5 pm. Harvest time activities on an 1850s farm, pioneer arts and crafts, ol timey foods, music, children's activities. Artisans will demonstrate and sell a wide array of traditional folk arts, and the Harvest Market will feature plants, autumn produce and seasonal crafts. \$3 for adults, under 12 free. 423-288-6071. <http://exchangeplace.info>



Looking Ahead:

Plant Swap and Silent Auction: Oct 11

Start planning now for the annual Plant Swap and Silent Auction to be held Saturday October 11th, 11:00am to 1:30pm at Rotary Park in Johnson City. Our event features many choices of seeds, herbs, perennials, shrubs and trees and even garden art, books, containers, etc. that members bring to share and is highlighted by a delicious pot luck lunch. The silent auction offers a chance to bid, in \$1.00 increments on some of the rarer or more spectacular plants which other members have shared.

An added feature this year will be a live auction of some very delightful garden related objects including some statuary.

You can start getting ready now by splitting and potting some of those perennials that are overtaking the garden, or take cuttings from plants and start them rooting in pots. Bring these to the swap to get something different in exchange. Also give some thought to unusual plants or garden related items you can donate for the silent auction.

Examples of some of the plants that have been shared in the past are: Chinese Flame Tree, Viburnums, Weigela, American Fringe Tree, chives, sage and other herbs, yellow primrose, Jacob's Ladder, Pine Knot strain of hellebores, and many other perennials.

If you have hesitated to attend this event because you felt that you do not have anything to share, please let this be the year to come to our annual event. We ask that you bring at least one item to share (plants, seeds, yard art, potting supplies ... even garden implements are all "sharable"). So mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun!

Besides a chance to share some of your plants or get some new ones you get to share lunch with fellow gardeners. Before swapping plants we sit down to a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share, bring it in a crock pot, make a garden salad, make your favorite side dish or dessert. Bring along a serving utensil. SAPS will provide drinks, ice, coffee, cutlery and dishware.