

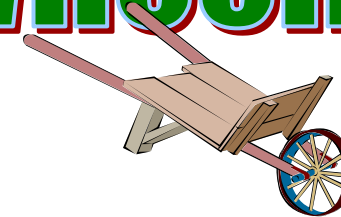


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## May SAPS Meeting

**Dr. Susan Hamilton**

Director of the University of Tennessee Gardens

### 2016 Gardening Trends and Hot, New Plants

**Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m.**

Kingsport Renaissance Center  
1200 E. Center Street in Kingsport

Learn about the new face of home gardening, what gardeners are into growing this year and new plants being introduced that gardeners will want to watch for at garden centers.

Dr. Sue is the Director of the University of Tennessee Gardens known as the “State Botanical Gardens of Tennessee,” where more than 100,000 visitors enjoy their beauty and education each year. The Gardens are important “proving grounds” where each year hundreds of different cultivars of trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials and herbs are evaluated for their landscape performance.

Dr. Sue has a BS in ornamental horticulture from UT, a MS in horticulture from Ohio State University, and a doctorate degree in adult education from UT. She is co-host of “Garden Talk” radio show that airs weekly. She has authored the book “The Best Garden Plants for Tennessee” and writes for the Knoxville News Sentinel, “Tennessee Farm & Home Magazine” and “Fine Gardening Magazine” and produces the UT Gardens monthly e-newsletter and bi-annual magazine. She enjoys plant and garden photography and regularly speaks to groups on various horticultural topics. She also is an avid gardener and enjoys traveling to visit gardens, nurseries and garden centers.

## New Growth

January through March is not a good growing season for gardeners in this area, but it was a good season for growing SAPS. We added these first-time members during the quarter:

- Jane Andrews/Rebecca Harr
- Diane & Bob Maleski
- Jay Shilling
- Skip Andrews
- Theresa Marlow
- Susan Summerville
- Joyce Beverly
- Pauletta McKenzie
- Lydia Fisher Sweatt
- Shirley Cecconi
- Darlene Neil
- Brent Tennant
- Julie Christian
- Glenda O'Neal
- Delette Walker
- Donna Fowler
- Charlee Overby
- Wade Whitaker
- Cindy Holmes
- Jerry Ramey
- Wendy Wolf

Please try to meet them and extend a warm welcome at an upcoming SAPS meeting.

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## Upcoming Events:

### April 30-May 1

*32nd annual Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair.* Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, from 12 - 5 p.m. at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Ore-bank 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 also features garden talks, children's activities, ol' timey music and traditional foods, as well as demonstrations of springtime activities on an 1850s farm. Adults \$3, children under 12 free. 423-288-6071 or [www.exchangeplace.info](http://www.exchangeplace.info)

### April 29 - May 1

*Asheville Herb Festival.* Western NC Farmers Market, Asheville, NC. Largest herb festival in the Southeast. <http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/>

### May 5

*Herb Saplings meeting,* 7 pm, Exchange Place. Christy Shivell will share the history, folklore and medicinal benefits of Peppers - Herb of the Year, along with a discussion of the many wonderful varieties available and how to grow them. Bring an herb snack to share.

### May 6

*BuzzFest.* 6-9 pm. Downtown Johnson City. Celebrate the invaluable life of bees and learn ways to support our native population in your own backyard through bee-centric beekeeping, cultivation and preservation of pollinator friendly gardens. <http://downtownjc.org/first-fridays/this-months-first-friday/>

### May 7

*5th Annual Plant Sale.* 9 am - 3pm. Visitor Center parking lot at Natural Tunnel State Park, 1420 Natural Tunnel Pkwy., Duffield, VA. Scott County Master Gardeners will be on hand with information on how to select plants

and to answer questions. Vegetables, herbs and flowers. 276-940-1643.

### May 7

*The Big Spring Master Gardener Association Annual Spring Plant Sale.* 8 am—1 pm. Greene County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, 123 Fairgrounds Circle in Greeneville, TN

### May 7-8

*Blooms Day Garden Festival and Marketplace,* UT Gardens, Knoxville. 9am-5pm. Specialty plants, unique garden goods, garden workshops, children's activities and more. \$8 per day per person or \$12 for both days. <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/>

### May 20-22

*Wilderness Wildlife Week.* Pigeon Forge, TN. Natural history, storytelling presentations, lectures, and hikes with dozens of regional experts. Free. 865-429 7350. <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events/wilderness-wildlife-week/>

### May 28

*Jonesborough Garden Gala* featuring a walking tour of Jonesborough's beautiful gardens, tea, workshops and vendors selling plants, arts and crafts. [http://jonesboroughtngardenclub.com/2016\\_GALA\\_POSTER.html](http://jonesboroughtngardenclub.com/2016_GALA_POSTER.html)

### June 2

*Herb Saplings Meeting.* "Lemon Herbs" with Jane Mullins. 7 pm at Exchange Place.

### June 11

*SAPS Meeting.* Garden Tour of Joy Stewart's Garden in Bristol, TN. 10 am

### June 18

*Kingsport Garden Tour* sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful

## Volunteer Opportunity

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Jonesborough Garden Gala. We are seeking volunteers to make this a wonderfully successful event. The Schubert Club and The Tuesday Garden Club organize and sponsor this event each year. The proceeds from ticket sales go toward community projects for each club.

This year we will have a wonderful Garden Market located in the heart of Jonesborough, with garden oriented items for sale. It opens from 9:00 -6:00. The Tea will be at the Sabin House on College Street. We will have two vans running to assist with transporting guests around town.

The SAPS Volunteers will be some of the greeters in one of our Historic Jonesborough Gardens for approximately 2 hours. First, you will come to the Visitors' Center and get a beautiful name tag, designed by Artist, Pat Smith. She has your name printed beautifully with an arrangement of dried flowers, all laminated onto a tag with a magnet for attaching to your shirt. Ladies, feel free to wear a pretty garden hat and comfortable shoes and clothes. Gentlemen – wear your garden hats, too. We just want you to smile and greet the guests and assist them if they need it. Most guests will just go on their own. There will also be Master Gardeners in most of the gardens to assist also.

By volunteering, SAPS members receive complimentary admission to the event and, of course, the fabulous Tea. Some SAPS members volunteer for this event every year, but we would love to have newer ones, too. It is an enjoyable way to see the gardens in Historic Jonesborough and have a wonderful afternoon.

If you want to join us on this special 20th anniversary, please call Pam Pope at (423) 571-7673 or email at [PamelaPope@gmail.com](mailto:PamelaPope@gmail.com). The date this year is Saturday, May 28, 2016. Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you.

## Help Wanted: Public Relations Co-Chair

SAPS is seeking help from a member to work with our present public relations person. Responsibilities would include but not be limited to: contacting local media outlets to publicize meetings and events (such as Tomato Fest and our trips) and distributing information at local gardening related events. No past experience necessary. For further information contact Earl Hockin ([ehockin@yahoo.com](mailto:ehockin@yahoo.com)) (432-817-5473)

## Plant Sale in Greeneville

The Big Spring Master Gardener Association will be holding their Annual Spring Plant Sale on Mother's Day Weekend, Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Greene County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, 123 Fairgrounds Circle in Greeneville, TN 37745 from 8 am to 1:00 pm. A wide assortment of pampered heirloom tomatoes and herbs grown in our UT Extension service greenhouse will be featured as well as special hard to find varieties of hot peppers and perennials. Ghost and Trinidad Scorpion peppers, lemon grass, French Tarragon, several types of basil, rudbeckia, coreopsis, lupines and spaghetti squash are just a few of the selections offered. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions about growing new plants. Informational booths will be featured as well. All monies collected from the sale support the many community projects ongoing in Greeneville and Greene County. For further information, please contact the UT Extension/ Greene County Agricultural office at 423-798-1710 or visit the Master Gardener website at [www.bsmga.com](http://www.bsmga.com)

## Plant with pollinators in mind!



- Plant natives. Native trees, shrubs, flowers, and vines evolved with native pollinators and provide them with their preferred food. If you use non-natives, avoid modern hybrid flowers, especially those with "double" flowers, and choose ones that aren't invasive.
- Plant in groups. Help pollinators find their favorite flowers by planting in clumps, rather than single plants.
- Plant flowers of different shapes and sizes. There are 4,000 different species of native bees in North America, and they are all different sizes. Providing a range of flower sizes means all bee species can find nectar and pollen using their tiny legs and tongues.
- Have a diversity of plants with a succession of blooms from early spring through late fall. Keeping the "restaurant" always open means you can support a wider range of pollinators whenever they fly into your garden.
- Include larval host plants in your landscape to support butterflies for their whole life cycle.

## SAPS Trip to Kentucky

### September 9—11, 2016

Join SAPS members in exploring some fabulous gardens in Lexington and Frankfort, touring a bourbon distillery, a tour and lunch at Shaker Village, shopping at one of Kentucky's top garden centers, and more. Questions or want more info: contact Earl Hockin 423-817-5473 or [ehockin@yahoo.com](mailto:ehockin@yahoo.com).